



# Long Island Chapter

North American Rock Garden Society

## 2014 February Newsletter

**February Meeting Date Changed to Joint Meeting with LIHS**

**February 16, Hay Barn, Planting Fields**

**1:30 Arrival, 2:00 Speaker**

**Rick Mikula, That Butterfly Guy**

**Butterfly Gardening for 2014**

**Rick Mikula** has been raising butterflies and moths for over 30 years and invented the concept of re-leasing them at weddings and other events. He is currently President of Butterfly Rescue International, a past president of the International Butterfly Breeders Association, and past Vice President of the Canadian Butterfly Breeders and Exhibitors and past Secretary and Treasurer for the New Jersey Lepidopterist Society. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Center for Landscape Design and Stewardship and is a habitat consultant to many schools, parks, businesses, museums and zoos. Rick has written several books including the award winning “The Family Butterfly Book” “The Butterfly Fandex” and “Garden Butterflies of North America” and served as staff writer for several magazines such as “Organic Gardening,” “People Places and Plants” and “Environment Pennsylvania”. Rick has appeared on many TV shows including Animal Planet, The Discovery Channel, Home and Garden, and as a consultant for CSI Las Vegas. He has also designed several live butterfly exhibits such as The Hershey Butterfly House, Clyde Peelings Reptiland and Dollywood and served as a habitat consultant to many others.

Butterflies are disappearing at an alarming rate. Come see Rick as he demonstrates how to reverse the trend by implementing the latest techniques to not only attract butterflies but how to help them to thrive.

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**Please bring refreshments & raffle donations.**

## John Bieber 1931 -2014

On January 18, 2014 we lost John, a NARGS member for 44 years and expert grower and propagator of rock garden plants. For the last 30 years, he specialized in Daphnes. He was a Charter Member of NARGS- LI Chapter and served as its Chairman for many years and was the founder and president of the Daphne Society—leading it to international recognition. He lectured extensively in the Northeast and taught at local Arboreta. In 2007, he earned the NARGS Award of Merit.

In spite of many honors and recognition, John was known to all of us as the kind, friendly, always smiling, humble mentor---always with a word of encouragement and wonder. He was an expert carpenter, devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. On Thursday mornings, you would find him leading volunteers in the Daphne Garden at Planting Fields, advocating for its restoration, which was accomplished in 2006, and always supplying his crew with coffee and bagels or donuts. We miss him, dearly!!!

NARGS LI is accepting donations for a tree as a memorial for John to be planted at Planting Fields. Please send your donations to NARGS LI, Kathy Gaffney, Treas., 590 Concord Ave, Williston Park, NY 11596. Put John Bieber Memorial in the memo line on the bottom of the check.

Daphne Garden, Synoptic Garden, Planting Fields Arboretum



John Bieber &  
Mel Young  
Summer 2013

It's time to plan for some new additions to your Garden!

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**SEED EXCHANGE**



2013-2014 Seed List

The new web ordering program is now up and running on the website. <https://www.nargs.org/seed-exchange>  
Save money by Joining NARGS and support the national speakers Tour, which we benefit from every year !

Planting Fields Arboretum

*Camellia*

**HOUSE WEEKEND**  
2014

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
& SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
10:00AM – 4:00PM



**Future NARGS LI Meetings: Start time change to 1:30 pm**

**March 16, 1:30 pm Greenhouse, Planting Fields**

**Speaker : Gelene Scarborough** has worked at **Wave Hill** for thirteen years, where she has been Curator of the Alpine House and the Wild Garden.

During her time at Wave Hill she has previously been responsible for the Shade Border, the dry garden, the Herb garden, and as an intern and early on as a full-time gardener, spent time helping out in the other gardens and throughout the grounds as needed. On her roof garden in Manhattan, she also grows a myriad of plants.

With Gelene's assistance we are planning trip to Wave Hill this Spring.

Wave Hill is a spectacular garden oasis and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades. [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org)

**April 6, 1:30 pm TBD**

**May 4 - Plant sale 11 to 3 (set up 10:30) Annex, Planting Fields**

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**Don't miss out on these dates, if you haven't sent your renewal—do it TODAY or bring to the meeting.**

**NARGS LI Chapter Renewal Form – 2014** Please Print. Use this form also for address and email additions or changes.

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**DUES: \$ 20 per family per year. Check made out to NARGS-LI**  
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