



Long Island Chapter

North American Rock Garden Society

2014 May Newsletter

May 4 - Plant sale 11 to 3 (set up 10)

Planting Fields

Annex Driveway, next to Parking Lot

(In case of rain, sale is inside Annex)



The chapter table will have some plants from nurseries and we are always eager for donations of items from your garden. We usually have an assortment of rock garden plants, some native spring beauties such as double bloodroot, solomon seal, lily of the valley as well as regular and choice perennials such as dwarf iris as well as daylilies, hellebores, hardy geraniums, hostas, and other shade plants and shrubs and small trees. All plants should be potted and labelled. It's a great chance to get some choice selections at reasonable prices.

Members who plan to sell their own plants, will pay 20% of gross receipts to the chapter. All plants must be labelled. If you have any questions please call Pat Merendino- (631) 643-0135.



Non members will be expected to pay the \$8 parking fee at Planting Fields; there is no additional charge for the plant sale.

Refreshments will be served.
Donations of snacks & treats PLEASE

**Car Pool Trip to Fort Tryon Park Manhattan Friday, May 9th,
2014 10AM to 4PM**

" Probably the best park in NY"



[Fort Tryon Park](#) is a breathtaking 67 acre site located at the tip of northern Manhattan at one of the highest elevations of the island featuring sweeping views of the Hudson River, George Washington Bridge and the Jersey Palisades.

Plans for the day include a guided tour of the recently restored [Alpine Garden](#) at 11AM, a break for lunch at the [New Leaf Restaurant](#) or you may bring your lunch and eat on the grounds. After lunch we will meet for a guided tour of the renowned [Heather Garden](#) which boasts 500 varieties of plants, trees and shrubs.

Carpools will leave at 10 AM from Christopher Morley Park, Seasingtown Rd N exit from LIE. The trip is officially over following the afternoon tour, around 2:30, and you and your car mates may decide how to spend the rest of the afternoon.

For those who have the energy to remain after the tour be aware that the Park Closes at 5:15 PM.

If you would like to join us please give a check for \$12 to Anne Mehlinger . Write: "Ft Tryon 5/9/14" on the check. Print, complete, tear off and bring check and form to the PLANT SALE. Questions -call ANNE at 516-798-1412

NARGS-LI Fort Tryon Car Pool Trip 5/9/14
Name _____
Home Phone _____ Cell _____
I Can drive _____ Need ride _____
Will ride with _____
I/WE Want a reservation for lunch at the Restaurant _____

Deadline May 4th at the Plant Sale. See you there. Thanks.

April 6 Meeting Review

by Carolyn Hyatt Basche



The meeting was a real treat! The sun was shining, temperatures neared 60 degrees and we were enlightened by Andy Brand of [Broken Arrow Nursery](#) in Hamden, Conn. The nursery was founded by Dick Jaynes after spending 25 years as a Plant Breeder and Horticulturalist at the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station. He specialized in Kalmias and Chestnuts.

Andy the Nursery Manager has been there for 25 years. His talks: “Spectacular Natives!” & “Diversity and Beauty from the Wilds of America.” He shared many marvelous pictures taken by him and his birder friend Jim Zipp. Andy stressed many times how butterflies rely on native plants. Some examples were Tulip Trees, corydalis, milkweed, Butterfly weed, Mt. Laurel and Chokeberry. His grand finale included additional pictures of native plants and butterflies accompanied by Ray Charles’s rendition of America the Beautiful! You Can’t beat that combo! Andy also shared catalogues and many treated themselves to his lovely selection of dwarf plants.

Editor note: Thanks Carolyn, we need others to volunteer to share highlights of meetings when Carolyn isn't available. Contact me KG

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John Bieber Memorial - NARGS LI Chapter is working with Planting Fields on the tree we are planting in memory of John. If you would like to donate, send a check made out to NARGS LI with notation John Bieber Memorial to Kathy Gaffney, 590 Concord Ave, Williston Park, NY 11596.

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Clark Garden Plant Sale May 2 & 3, 10 – 4. The Garden is located at I. U. Willets Rd., Albertson (next to the LIRR Albertson Station) between Roslyn Rd and Willis Avenue, south of the LIE or NSP.

COMING Chapter EVENTS

June 8 – NARGS LI Meeting, Planting Fields Greenhouse

Pecha Kucha, meaning chit-chat, members willing to share garden
Jewels of experience or adventure, please call or email Anne Mehlinger.
If you don't volunteer you may be drafted!!!!

July 20th, 2014 NARGS LI Chapter Picnic 1:30 – 5 PM

Home of Irene and Al Messina, Laurel Hollow. Rain Date- Sat. Aug. 9th
Members bring a Dish to Pass, club provides beverages. Details at June
Meeting.

Other NARGS LI Meetings at Planting Fields: 1:30 PM, Sept 14, Nov 16, Dec 7

Saturday, October 26 – Tristate Meeting, 10- 3

NARGS Speakers Tour : [Mike Kintgen](#), Senior Horticulturalist, Denver
Botanic Gardens, Location TBD.

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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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ NY Zip _____

Phone # ____ - ____ - ____ Email _____ @ _____

DUES: \$ 20 per family per year. Check made out to NARGS-LI First time new
members \$10.

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