



Long Island Chapter

North American Rock Garden Society

September October 2014 Newsletter 5

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Saturday September 6 - "Dwarf Conifers" - Jay Angle

1:30 PM Greenhouse Classroom,
Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY

Jay owns Jay's Nursery, Watertown, Conn, where he has display Dwarf Conifer gardens and does both design & installations. He propagates Dwarf Conifers on a small scale and brings in lots of rare plant material from [Iselin Nursery](#) in Oregon.

Jay is a regular at the Stonecrop Spring Plant Sale with many choice selections. He will share his experiences and also have some Dwarf Conifers for sale!!

Please bring donations for the Raffle and Refreshments to share!!

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Future Dates:

Sunday, September 14, 7 PM NARGS LI Open Board Meeting, NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!! 32 Frankel Rd, Massapequa - Details p. 3

**Sunday, October 26, 10 – 2 Tristate NARGS Meeting, NY Botanical Garden,
NARGS Speakers Tour: Mike Kintgen, Senior Horticulturalist, Denver Botanic Gardens - Details p. 2**

November 16 - 1:30 pm Meeting, Planting Fields – speaker TBD

December 7 - 1:30 pm Holiday Party, Planting Fields

**Tristate Meeting - Sunday, October 26, 10 am to 2 pm
“Rocky Mt. Alpines” and “Rock Gardens of Europe”**

NARGS National Speakers Tour: Mike Kintgen

[Ross Hall, New York Botanical Garden](#), Bronx, NY

Mike Kintgen, Senior Horticulturist at the [Denver Botanic Gardens](#) where he oversees the Alpine Collection and nine gardens including the Rock Alpine Garden, and South African Plaza.



Mike has worked full time at DBG since 2004, but has volunteered and helped out since the mid 1990's. In 2012 he finished a two year project to get DBG's collection of alpines recognized in the North American Plant Collection Consortium through the American Public Gardens Association.. He has been a member of NARGS since 1993 (age 12) and is currently president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of NARGS. Travel opportunities since a young age have allowed him to observe alpines in Alaska, Hawaii, Argentina, Morocco, Spain, the Alps, and throughout the American West.

Mike began gardening at a young age with a specific interest in alpine and rock garden plants, especially cushions and buns, along with the genera Eriogonum, Penstemon, Phlox, Saxifraga, Dianthus, Gentiana and Androsace. He currently gardens in both Denver and Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The two different climates allow him to experiment with a wide range of plant material.

Meeting format is morning talk, lunch & plant sale, 2nd talk. Bring your lunch or purchase in the garden. Free Admission & Parking at NYBG, if you show NARGS LI membership card and this newsletter.

Anne Mehlinger has offered to coordinate carpools to NYBG for the meeting. If you can offer a ride or need one, please sign up at the September Meeting or Email Anne at annm36@gmail.com

Thanks Irene and Al MESSINA
for sharing your wonderful home
and gardens for our July Picnic.
The turnout was as spectacular
as the setting!!!



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Update on Tree Memorial for John Bieber: We have collected over \$1000 and have contacted Planting Fields to arrange selection and planting. Thanks to Judy Basse, Steven & Dale Berkley, Betty & Susan Budd, Perry Crescimanni, Bruce & Rosalie Elkin, Joe & Dorothy Haber, Hudson Valley NARGS, Carolyn Hyatt, Henri & Barbara Leclerc, Yetta Levine, Manhattan NARGS, Anne Mehlinger, Pat & Charlie Merendino, David & Silvia Siegel, Paul & Frances Vecchio, Werner & Trudy Wiegand, Barbara Zotz for contributions. If you would like to donate, mail a check made out to NARGS LI to Kathy Gaffney, 590 Concord Ave, Williston Park, NY 11596. John Bieber Memorial on the memo line.

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Congratulations to NARGS LI members David & Sylvia Siegel, who were honored by the **Queens Botanical Garden** at its **Rose Gala.**

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NARGS LI OPEN Board MEETING Sunday, September 14, 7 PM, NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!! Anne Mehlinger's Home, 32 Frankel

Rd, Massapequa, NY 11758 (Directions: Rt.135 south to Merrick Rd. east 1.7 miles to Right turn onto Biltmore Blvd, Straight on Frankel to #36 on the left.)

AGENDA: What is the future of NARGS LI??? In order to continue we need a President, Vice Chair for Programs, Secretary, Trip Leader, Raffle Chair, Audiovisuals Coord, & help behind the scenes with items for the Newsletter, arranging for Speakers & Set up and Clean up at Meetings.

WE NEED ACTIVE MEMBERS ON THE BOARD!!!! Otherwise, we can't continue, Come with your energy & ideas.

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Ecology tip of the Month:

**Don't waste water.
Every drop is precious.
Use your dehumidifier
water in your garden!**

-- Franklin Rothenberg

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