

# HUDSONIANA

September 2014

## CALENDAR

**Sept.13  
Saturday**

**Talk and Annual Picnic – 10:00 a.m. - Lyndhurst Carriage House, Tarrytown, NY**

**Todd Boland – “Alpines of the Canada-U.S. Peace Parks, Waterston National Park and Glacier National Park” followed by a picnic and plant sale on the patio.**

**Oct. 26  
Sunday**

**Tri-State Meeting – 10 a.m. – New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY**

**Mike Kintgen, Senior Horticulturalist of the Denver Botanical Garden – “Rocky Mt. Alpines” and “Rock Gardens of Europe”**

Admission and parking at the garden will be free to members attending the meeting. We will use the Mosholu gate entrance and park in the lots to the left near the meeting site, Ross Hall.

## CHAPTER NOTES

By: Don Dembowski

### TALK, PICNIC AND PLANT SALE

#### **Talk:**

The chapter’s annual picnic will be on the patio at Lyndhurst following a talk at 10 a.m. by Todd Boland.

Todd was born, and currently lives, in St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada. He graduated from the Memorial University of Newfoundland with a Masters of Science in 1992 with his discipline being Plant Ecology. Todd started gardening at the age of 10 with his own vegetable garden but that soon graduated to flowers. With the rigorous climate in Newfoundland, alpines seemed the ideal choice, so he built his first rockery at age 18. He has been cultivating alpine and woodland plants ever since.

Todd joined the Newfoundland Chapter of the NARGS in 1994 and is currently the chair. Todd has worked in many different fields of horticulture including working at a local nursery, landscaping, then teaching horticulture at a local community college. For the past six years he has worked as a research horticulturalist at the Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden.

He has authored many articles with excellent photos.

Todd’s other passion is bird watching. He has travelled to many parts of the world to see birds, taking the opportunity to ‘capture’ flower images wherever possible.

Todd comes to us as a part of a mini tour organized by Elizabeth Zander.

**Picnic:**

We ask that you bring either a salad or dessert. **Please RSVP (either to 914-738-1156 or [dembowsk@optonline.net](mailto:dembowsk@optonline.net)) by Wednesday, September 10 and let us know you will attending and what you will be bringing** (salad or dessert) so that we may prepare adequately. Also, please remember to bring plants for our sale. Now is the time

o divide many plants; and if you contribute you get first choice at the sale.

**Plant Sale:**

The Chapter has some excellent rock garden plants, many in 3” pots selling for \$3. One plant, *Silene schafta*, Shell Pink, has been blooming the whole month of August. It is a fine addition to the rock garden when not much else is in bloom. Another plant in the sale is for shade—*Mukdenia rossii*, with a very unusual “flower” (a round ball on a stem) in spring and red tips on the leaves in fall. We also have several varieties of dianthus, the yellow-flowered silver saxifrage ‘Ria’, a pink flowering arabis, *Saponaria ocymoides*, as well as others.

**PHOTO ALBUM**

*Silene schafta*, Shell Pink



*Mukdenia rossii*