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## MARCH 1 : LOUIS JORDAAN

*John Gilrein, Program Committee*



ACNARGS adjusted our February meeting date to take advantage of an opportunity to host an international speaker, Louis Jordaan. Mr. Jordaan is taking a trip to North America and will be speaking at other NARGS chapters as well. This is a rare opportunity, as he is not being sponsored by NARGS.

Louis Jordaan is a nature guide and environmental educator and runs an ecotourism enterprise and nature school, **Minwater Eco Adventures**, at Minwater ("Little Water"), a farm in the district of Oudtshoorn in the Klein Karoo ("Little Karoo"), in the Western Cape Province of South Africa. Activities are aimed at creating awareness of nature in general and the amazing diversity of wildlife in the Klein Karoo and the rest of South Africa, as well as the sensitivity of the natural environment and the need to conserve and protect it.

The Republic of South Africa is a hotbed of plant diversity, due to a variety of climates and elevation. Some of the interesting plants of RSA include tree heaths, *Agapanthus* (misnamed lily of the Nile), *Zantedeschia* (calla lily, including hardy ones), *Kniphofia* (red hot poker), and many others.

Join us at 1:00 p.m. on March 1<sup>st</sup> in the Whetzel Room (404 Plant Science Building, Cornell University-map at newsletter's end). Optional bring-your-own bag lunch and social time starts at Noon. Drinks provided. Goodies always welcome for sharing.

## FROM THE CHAIR

*Carol Eichler*

It may be cold outside but ACNARGS is sizzling hot with plans for 2014. The Board (otherwise known as “Responsible People”) met in January and, much like making garden plans in the off-season, we mapped out our hopes and dreams for the next 12 months.

The excitement begins with our very first speaker (note the change from our usual meeting date) coming from South Africa to broaden our knowledge of plants from that part of the world. The calendar notes the line-up of promising programs for the rest of the year.

You can anticipate our 3 plant sales/exchanges: the free seedling exchange in April and member only sale in August to be held at Buttermilk State Park, and the May sale as part of Cooperative Extension’s Garden Fair. Our popular Plant-of-the Month sale will return in March.

Bill Stark and Mary Stauble have offered to host a trough-making workshop at their home in late spring when their candelabra primroses are in bloom (date TBD). We are also looking into garden tours – at least one day-trip and hopefully an overnight excursion as well. Our newsletter and website will bring you more details as they become available.

Meanwhile, the garden season has already started for those of us who participate in the NARGS Seed Exchange. Speaking of garden hopes and dreams, it all begins with sowing those little seeds! This seems like an appropriate place to thank everyone who helped out with our portion of the Exchange. We packaged 150 genera of the more than 3,500 that were donated. It boggles my mind to think about how many people are involved to make the seed exchange happen each year. I’m proud that our Chapter committed to be a part of it this year and will do so again with the 2014 Seed Exchange.

I hope you find the year as promising as we do. I expect to see you soon and often.  
Season’s best,

**Carol**

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Mary Stauble*

Please welcome our new members!

Jonathan Latham and Allison Wilson from Ithaca

Carolyn Klass from Ithaca

Cynthia Lunine from Ithaca who joined at our November meeting

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP PRETTY PLEASE

*Mary Stauble*

The ACNARGS membership year runs the calendar year. So, unless you’ve already renewed or you’re a lifetime member (and we do have a few of those), your 2014 membership is due (Individual@\$10, Household@\$15, Business with business card listing@\$25). While it’s true that our meetings are free and open to everyone, there are advantages to becoming a member: our members-only plants-of-the-month at discounted prices, 25% discount on May plant sale purchases, participating in the members-only plant sale in August and participating in the April members-only seedling exchange to name four – any one of which can easily recoup the cost of

your dues. Plus, you become part of our network of eclectic gardeners eager to become better ones.

So why delay? Print and complete the 2014 Membership form here

(<http://www.acnargs.org/join.pdf>). Questions? Contact Mary at [mes2@cornell.edu](mailto:mes2@cornell.edu)

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO EXCHANGE SEEDS

*BZ Marranca*

Thank you so much all of you who have volunteered their seeds, time and effort to this year's Seed Exchange. We all depend on your cheerful generosity in making this NARGS benefit happen. I can't emphasize enough how much your support means. Thank you all.

Support comes in many forms. From donors to repackagers to distributors to website gurus, so many people have helped. Laura Serowicz has done an amazing job yet again as intake manager, creating both seed lists and handling all aspects of the seed exchange. Eighteen US chapters and /or individual US members participated in repackaging seeds.

Potomac Valley chapter's Dick and Freddi Hammerschlag and Betty Anne Spar were in charge of the main round distribution. Their chapter did yeoman like work getting everyone's seeds picked and shipped in a very timely manner.

The surplus seed distribution was again handled by Siskiyou chapter, led by Leigh Blake, Jean Buck and Baldassare Mineo. We thank all of you for your excellent work.

Daniel Dillion and Ben Burr helped many people navigate our new ordering system.

And a special thank you to our own members who helped package seeds: Ellen Lane, Terry Humphries, David Mitchell, Dan Otis, Lee Nelson, Michael Loos, Debi Lampman, Camilla MacLeod, John Gilreiiin, Christina Gomez, Harold Peachey, Pat Curran, Rosemarie Parker, Billie Jean Isbell, Carol Eichler, and Susanne Lipari.

Now that you have your seeds all sown, please keep in mind next year's seed exchange. I'm sure you all have fabulous plants you love to share with the rest of us. We'll be awaiting your contributions for the next seed exchange.

Happy growing!

## TIPS AND TRICKS TO SEED-STARTING

*Carol Eichler, Green Dragon Tales, February 2008 revised from Green Dragon, February, 2004*

While I make no claims to be an expert, I'd like to offer some tips and tricks from my own experience with growing plants from seed and more specifically from the NARGS seed exchange.

1. A sturdy four-shelf "workshop" shelving unit works well as a growing stand, is inexpensive, and provides a lot of growing space for small plants without taking up a lot of room. A sunny window simply does not supply enough light.

2. Use 2-row fluorescent shop lights – no need for the more expensive full-spectrum "plant" lights on the market. Mount them to the bottom of each shelf.

3. I keep the lights on 24/7. It's just easier – a no-brainer. And it's especially helpful to guarantee that seedlings enjoy literally life-saving “sunshine” as they emerge. They can get weak and leggy if they're deprived of this early light.
4. Position the lights 3-4 inches from the top of the plants. Hang them from the shelving with a chain to allow you to adjust the distance from the plants as they grow.
5. For potting medium you can't beat commercial seed starting soil mix. It holds moisture well – critical for seed germination, doesn't compact, and it helps promote vigorous root growth.
6. I fill small pots – 4-inch is my preferred size– with potting medium to about 1/4 inch from the top. I like to sow the seeds in rows. The “organization” makes it easier for me to handle small seedlings at transplant time. However, this may not be possible with really small seeds. Again the pot size allows plenty of space for root growth. These individual pots are then placed into plant trays. Be sure to label your pot with plant name and date.
7. I don't cover small seed but do pat them firmly into the soil so there is good contact. Then, I mist over the top, In the past I have layed a sheet of plastic over the tray to help keep the soil constantly moist but have found this tricky to navigate. Instead, I now buy a plastic cover that's made to fit over the plastic plant tray and it has worked beautifully.
8. I check once or twice a day to see what needs tending. Water? I mist to avoid over-watering which seems to be my biggest pitfall. Have seedlings emerged? I cheer. Do the lights need to be raised? Does anything need to be transplanted?
9. When seedlings are ready to transplant (first true leaves appear), I switch to a gritty soil mix that alpiners prefer – adding coarse sand or perlite whatever I have on hand – to commercial soil-less mix, operating on the premise that this medium is still a temporary home for the plant.
10. I transplant to 2-inch pots and can fit 2 dozen or more into a tray.

So what do I do with the pots of seed which haven't germinated? I know some alpine seed can takes months to years to germinate as well. I dutifully to care for them, take them outdoors when the weather allows, and let nature take over (with no success, I might add). For now, I'm content to play the odds and go the easy route. I am rewarded with enough success that I have more plants than I know what to do with. I bring the excess to the Chapter seedling exchange and that problem is quickly solved!

### **SEED GERMINATION REFERENCES**

Growing from seed this winter? These websites has fairly extensive seed germination information:

**[Tom Clothier's Garden Walk and Talk](#)**

**[Ontario Rock Garden Society Seed Germination Index](#)**

**[The Seed Site](#)**

The definitive work of course is Norman C. Deno's "Seed Germination Theory and Practice, 2nd edition” and his First and Second Supplements. They are available for free public access through the USDA National Agriculture Library.

**[Seed Germination Theory and Practice, Second Edition \(pdf\)](#)**

**[SGT&P First Supplement \(pdf\)](#)**

**[SGT&P Second Supplement \(pdf\)](#)**

## 2013 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR: THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ACNARGS

While my “Chair” comments were mostly looking forward, I want to take a moment to reflect on ACNARGS’ past year as a report to our membership. Overall, I see a strong Chapter with both an engaged membership and a stable financial base.

### PROGRAMS

Our 5 speaker meetings typically attracted between 35 and 40 attendees – almost half our membership. Because we keep records, I can state that compared with other years this is a very high attendance number. We know that attendance is affected by the speakers we book as well their topics thus we are committed to – and have the financial means to – continue to attract knowledgeable speakers on a variety to topics that encompass our Chapter mission. Our meetings are always free and open to the public and, in fact, are a great source for recruiting new members.

We also consider workshops and garden trips to be part of our programs. We held a greenwood propagation workshop in partnership with Cooperative Extension. We also sponsored a two-night trip to the Delaware Valley Area in (their) spring. Both were well attended. We didn’t manage any formal day trip but members were invited to the Stark/Stauble garden to be inspired by their *Primula japonica* in bloom.

### MEMBERSHIP

We had a total of 77 members at the conclusion of the year. While our membership has been higher in the more distant past, the quality rather than the quantity of membership may be more important.

We gained eleven new members which helped keep our total membership number stable, even though some members did not renew (usually for understandable reasons). We have to acknowledge that our membership is aging and that we need to be vigilant in attracting new members – of all ages. Do new members renew their membership? For the most part “yes,” however all of us could do a better job of making new members feel welcome to ensure that they renew. Retention is important.

Our May plant sale, aside from being our principle fundraiser for the year, raises our visibility in the community and has become another important way to recruit new members.

I thank those of you who may have encouraged your garden friends to join our Chapter. We all must continue to do so. I always say to my friends, (and I’ve not been the first to say this) “if you want to become a better gardener, you should join our rock gardening Chapter.”

### PLANT SALES

We offer ample opportunity to introduce our members to rock garden and other plants. Our free seedling exchange allows members to try growing plants not widely available in the trade. Our member-discounted May plant sale, Plant-of-the-Month, and our members-only August sale again make a wide range of plants available. And let’s not forget the plants given away as door prizes. Thank you to those who donated plants, bought plants, or both! Plants are us!

### NEWSLETTER

The ten issues of *Green Dragon* that you receive each year serves to link us all, whether or not you’re able to attend a meeting or other activity. While Kathy Purdy is the editor who puts it all together with flair, for each issue we rely on a number of contributors.

## FINANCIAL

While we do get some income from membership dues, it is our plant sales that raise the money that pays good speakers that entices people to join that keeps our Chapter going. It is all connected! For anyone who would like specific number amounts we are happy to supply them. For those who aren't "numbers people" suffice it to say we ran a surplus of income over expenses last year and, over the years, have built a "healthy" reserve fund to even out any years where the reverse is true.

## LIBRARY

We have been acquiring a number of gardening books and at this point a very loose honor system for checking them out. Currently they are stored by member Craig Cramer in his office in the Plant Science Building and carted to each speaker meeting (along with a number of other ACNARGS boxes of materials). This is a less-than-perfect arrangement and we've been hoping for a more permanent, yet accessible, space to store the books. Any ideas?

## WURSTER GARDEN

Do you realize how unusual it is for a local NARGS Chapter to have a public garden space? I continue to be amazed by the commitment from past members to build this garden. The garden is beautiful. David Mitchell has assumed primary responsibility for maintaining the garden, along with a handful of now-and-again volunteers. After years of good intentions the garden is in need of more attention. With the kind of garden resolve so common at this time of year, we plan to schedule some workdays this season and look for your participation.

## LEADERSHIP

My last word is one of appreciation for our members on the Board – otherwise known as "Responsible People." They are the engine that drives this Chapter, the "make it happen" people. Some of them have served for a number of years. I like to believe that others will step up to fill these important positions in the future. I thank these people and you should too: John Gilrein, Nari Mistry, Mary Stauble, BZ Marrance, David Mitchell, Terry Humphries, Kathy Purdy, Pat Curran, and Craig Cramer.

## WHAT TO DO DURING THE NEXT THAW

*Kathy Purdy*

It's been a roller-coaster winter and it's not over yet. But you know there will be thaws in between storms, so why don't you take advantage of them to...

**Observe where the snow melts first.** In fact, take pictures of those spots in your garden. This is useful information when it comes time to order bulbs to plant in the fall. Your earliest blooming bulbs and other early-blooming plants will bloom a bit earlier in the spots where the snow melts first.

**Prune.** It's really the best time to do so, even for spring-flowering shrubs. Oh, sure, you will lose the blooms on those branches, but you've spared the shrub putting energy into a branch that you're just going to lop off. And you may be able to force the branches that you cut.

**Start seeds that need stratification.** Okay, you really don't need to wait for a thaw to do this. But if, like me, you put them outside to stratify (sometimes called winter-sowing) and not in the refrigerator, it's more pleasant to set them out during a thaw. Nan Ondra has a great **outdoor seed starting guide** online.

## WHAT TO DO WHEN IT'S NASTY OUT

*Kathy Purdy*

Define nasty however you want to--too cold, too windy, too wet, too snowy, too icy--when the weather dictates that you remain inside, there are still gardening things to do, such as ...

**Browse catalogs, print and online.** It doesn't really matter if you buy anything, does it? It still helps take you to a greener place. But if I may make a suggestion? Use a spreadsheet to record what you do order, and include a column for Where to Plant. Then when the order arrives, and you invariably scratch your head and mutter, "Where was I going to put *that*?" you can consult your spreadsheet and get an answer. Whether or not it is a *helpful* answer depends a lot on how delirious you were from cabin fever when you placed the order.

**Ponder and revise your landscape as seen from the windows.** What can you do to make the view more interesting? "Plant more evergreens" is not the only answer, not by a long shot. **Prairie Winterscape: Creative Gardening for the Forgotten Season** has a lot more ideas.

**Sow seeds indoors.** Read Carol's article elsewhere in this newsletter for tips.

**Broaden your horizons.** Read an interdisciplinary garden book. Not a how-to, but one that combines plants and some other area of study, such as history—or literature. Four books that came out recently about authors and their gardens are **Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life**, **One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place** plus **Tell about Night Flowers: Eudora Welty's Gardening Letters**, and **Virginia Woolf's Garden**.

## LOOKING FOR A LITTLE DAY TRIP?

*Kathy Purdy*

Ithaca has so much to offer in the way of gardening events, that I hesitate to suggest traveling out of town for one. But sometimes a change of scenery is just what the doctor ordered. If you are looking for a gardening day trip, especially before the gardening season gets under way, consider attending one of the lectures that the Franklin Garden Club is hosting. Franklin is about an hour and a half from Ithaca, off the Unadilla exit of I-88. You could stop for lunch at the recently renovated **Sherwood Hotel** in Greene to break up your trip halfway. The lectures will be held at the Franklin Railroad & Community Museum, located at 572 Main St, Franklin, NY 13775, starting at 3pm, with light refreshments to follow. Donations are suggested.

The lecture series schedule:

February 22 – **Don Statham**, "The New Perennial Landscape Movement" Don Statham traces this international movement, from its founder, William Robinson, through the Arts & Crafts Movement with Jekyll, Johnson, and Sackville-West, to continental Europe and America with the contributions of Karl Foerster, Mien Ruys, Oehme Van Sweden, and finally, to the present day innovators Piet Oudolf, Tom Stuart Smith, Sarah Price and James Golden. Don is a garden consultant/designer/writer living in Delaware County. He writes a garden column for the Kaatskill Life magazine and has a **garden blog**. One of Don's gardens was **featured in the NY Times**.

March 8 – **Kathy Purdy**, "Colchicums: Autumn's Best-Kept Secret"

March 22 – **Sondra Freckelton**, "Art and Garden Design"

April 12 – **Diana Hall**, "Inspiration in the Spring Gardens of England and France"

April 26 – **Deirdre Larkin**, "Herbs Into Weeds: Medieval Medicinals Naturalized in New York State"

May 17 – **Steve Whitesell**, “Bulbs For the Longest Possible Bloom Season” Steve is a member of the Manhattan Chapter of NARGS.

May 31 – **Mel Bellar**, “Fall and Winter Interest in the Landscape.”

Many of the Franklin Garden Club’s members are garden professionals from NYC who have relocated to the Catskills. To conserve space, I only gave the speaker bio for the first talk. Contact **Kathy Purdy** for a flyer with more details.

## 2014 PROGRAM PLANS

*Mark your calendars! Unless otherwise specified, all local events start with a brown bag lunch at noon with the program following at 1 pm, and take place at the Whetzel Room, 404 Plant Science Building, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (see map on the last page).*

**March 1:** **Louis Jordaan**, *South Africa, a Diverse Natural Environment*.

**March 15:** **Harvey Wrightman**, *Crevice Planting*

**April 19:** **Betsy Knapp**, *Trough Planting Demystified*

**May 17:** look for us at the Ithaca Garden Fair and Plant Sale at the Ithaca High School.

Members get a 25% discount! Plan on volunteering for part of your visit.

**August 16:** Members-only plant sale and picnic.

**September 20:** **Judy Glattstein**, topic to be determined

**October 18:** **Mike Kintgen**, *Rock Gardening*, and *Alpines of Colorado and Wyoming*

**November 8:** John Gilrein, *A Tour of Newfoundland*

Details as we learn them will be included in future newsletters, our blog, [acnargs.blogspot.com](http://acnargs.blogspot.com), and our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/acnargs>.

## CALENDAR OF GARDEN EVENTS

### FEBRUARY:

**Getting Started with Vegetable Gardening**, Tues. Feb. 18, 6:30-8:30 pm, Pat Curran, TCCE (this class will be repeated Wed. March 12, 7-9 pm, at the Groton Public Library)

**Natural History of coevolution between milkweeds and their insect herbivores**, Anurag Agrawal, Cornell, Wed. Feb. 19, 7pm, Finger Lakes Native Plant Society meeting, Unitarian Church Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**The New Perennial Landscape**, Sat. Feb 22, 3pm, Don Statham, Franklin Garden Club Lecture Series, Franklin Railroad & Community Museum, Franklin, NY

### MARCH:

**Plants of South Africa**, Sat. March 1, 1pm, Louis Jordaan, Adirondack Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, Whetzel Rm., Plant Sci. Bldg., Cornell

**Community Beautification Training**, Mon. March 3, 6-8:30 pm, TCCE (Tompkins County)

**Native Plants Conference**, March 7-8, Ithaca, see Plantsmen Nursery website for details

**For the Birds! Garden Design to Create Bird-Friendly Habitats**, Fri. March 7, 5-8 pm, Borg Warner Room at Tompkins County Public Library

**Community Supported Agriculture Fair**, Sat. March 8, 12-3 pm, Boynton Middle School cafeteria

**Colchicums: Autumn’s Best-Kept Secret**, Sat., March 8, 3pm, Kathy Purdy, Franklin Garden Club Lecture Series, Franklin Railroad & Community Museum, Franklin, NY

**Introduction to Seed Saving**, Tues. March 11, 6:30-8:30 pm, Chrys Gardener, TCCE

**Getting Started with Vegetable Gardening**, Wed. March 12, 7-9 pm, Groton Public Library, 112 E. Cortland St., Groton

**Intro to Maple Sugaring with Sapsquatch**, Thurs. March 13, 6-8 pm, TCCE

**Clay Crevice Planting**, Sat. March 15, 1pm, Harvey Wrightman, Adirondack Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, Whetzel Rm., Plant Sci. Bldg., Cornell

**Community Beautification Training**, Tues March 18, 6-8:30 pm at TCCE



**Botanical Travels from Coast to Coast**, Wed. March 19, 7 pm, David Brandenburg of the Dawes Arboretum in Ohio, Finger Lakes Native Plant Society, Unitarian Church Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Garden Conservancy Open Gardens**, Hitch Lyman's Snowdrops March 22, 10-4, See Garden Conservancy website for details.

**Art and Garden Design**, Sat. March 22, 3pm, Sondra Freckelton, Franklin Garden Club Lecture Series, Franklin Railroad & Community Museum, Franklin, NY

**Nearby Gardens You Must See! Travel Slide Show**, Sat. March 22, 2:00-3:30 pm at TCCE, Carol Eichler of the Adirondack Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society

**High Tunnel Hoophouse Tours**, Sun. March 23, two sessions, either 11am-12 noon, or 12:45-1:45 pm, Lansing area

**Spring Into Gardening**, Sat. March 29, 9am-4pm, TCCE, one day-event on the theme of Gardening and Climate Change: complete schedule coming soon

**Worm Composting Class**, Sat. March 29, time TBA, TCCE

**Restoring Neglected Apple Trees**, Sun. March 30, 1-4 pm, Akiva Silver, Twisted Tree Farm, register at [akivasilver@yahoo.com](mailto:akivasilver@yahoo.com)

#### APRIL:

**Great Trees for Your Landscape**, Wed. April 2, 6:30-8:30 pm, Pat Curran, TCCE

**Citizen Pruner Training**, Mon. April 7, 21, and 28, 7-8:30 pm, TCCE, see Earthkeeper for details

**AgStravaganza!** Sat. April 5, 10-3, see Earthkeeper for details

**High-Density Crops for Your Garden**, Tues. April 8, 6:30-8:30 pm, TCCE

**English and French Gardens**, Sat. April 12, 3pm Diana Hall, Franklin Garden Club Lecture Series, Franklin Railroad & Community Museum, Franklin, NY

**Insect Pests in the Home, and How to Cope!** Tues. April 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, Carolyn Klass, TCCE

**"Giving" Trees**, Akiva Silver, Wed. April 16, 7pm, Finger Lakes Native Plant Society, Unitarian Church Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Trough Planting Demystified**, Betsy Knapp, Sat. April 19, 1 pm, Adirondack Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, Whetzel Rm., Plant Sci. Bldg., Cornell

**Beautiful Shrubs & Vines**, Mon. April 21, 6:30-8:30 pm, Pat Curran, TCCE

**Grow Your Own Spuds**, Thurs. April 24, 6:30-8:30 pm, 4H Acres

**Herbs Into Weeds**, Sat. April 26, 3pm, Deirdre Larkin, Franklin Garden Club Lecture Series, Franklin Railroad & Community Museum, Franklin, NY

**Earth Day**, date TBA

**Compost Fair & 4-H Duck Race**, Sun. April 27, 12-4pm, TCCE

#### MAY:

**Keeping Critters out of Your Garden**, Thurs. May 1, 6:30-8:30 pm, 4H Acres

**Gorgeous Perennials for Your Garden**, Tues. May 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, Pat Curran, TCCE

**Dividing Daylilies & Other Perennials**, Wed. May 7, 6:00-8:00 pm, Pat Curran, TCCE

>>**Garden Fair Plant Sale, Sat. May 17, 9am-2pm – SAVE THE DATE!!!**<<

**Bulbs For the Longest Possible Bloom Season**, Sat. May 17, 3pm, Franklin Garden Club Lecture Series, Franklin Railroad & Community Museum, Franklin, NY

**Discovering New Life in Great Smoky Mountains National Park**, Wed. May 21, 7pm, Finger Lakes Native Plant Society, Unitarian Church Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

#### GARDEN SHOWS/EVENTS in 2014:

**CNY in Bloom**, Syracuse, no show in 2014

**Philadelphia Flower Show**, March 2-9, 2014

**Gardenscape Flower Show**, Rochester: No show again this year; sale of the Henrietta Dome dragged on long enough that no show could be planned for 2014

**Plantasia Garden & Landscape Show**, March 20-23, 2014, Fairgrounds Event & Expo Center in Hamburg, NY

**Lilac Festival**, Rochester NY, May 9-18, 2014

**Southern Cayuga Garden Club Garden Tour** (King Ferry area), Sun. June 8, 2014, 1-5 pm (starts at King Ferry Winery with a free tasting with ticket)  
**Dryden Open Gate Garden & Art Tour**, Sat. Aug. 16, 9am-2pm (5 gardens for \$5)  
**Gathering of Gardeners**, Sat. Sept. 13, 2014, David Culp and Elizabeth Licata, speakers

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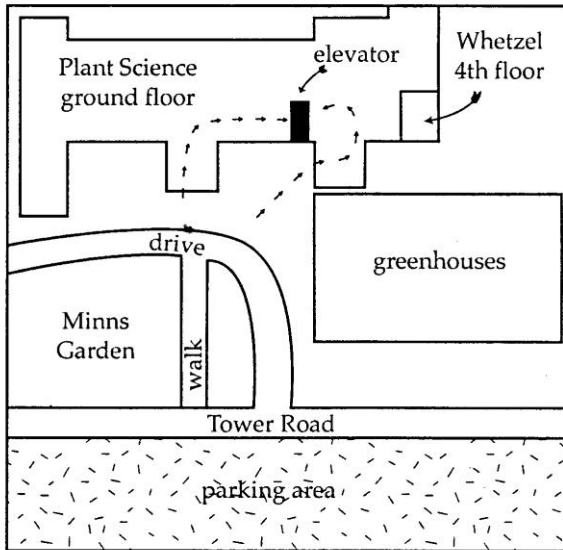
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### HOW TO GET THERE: MEETING ROOM MAP

The Plant Science Building is located at 236 Tower Road on the Cornell University Campus.



### GREEN DRAGON TALES

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Note: The next issue of *The Green Dragon* will be in March 2014.

Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream. ~Josephine Nuese