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MAY 14: PARTICIPATE IN THE ACNARGS PLANT SALE! OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

David Mitchell, Plant Sales Chair

We are participating again in the Cooperative Extension Garden Fair and Plant Sale on May 14. Now is the time to pot up your divisions for our sale tables. Please use only soilless potting mix and remember to label every pot (common name and botanical, if known).

The May plant sale will return to the Ithaca High School on May 14. Our tables/booth are located in the new gym, same as last year, exact location TBD, so look for us. Sale hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (although we may sell out earlier). Set up is Friday beginning at 4 p.m. until about 7 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. You may arrive early Saturday to drop off plants and help complete the setup. This year we appreciate, if you can, to sign-up to help in advance. We most need people for set-up and clean-up. Of course, you are encouraged to jump in to volunteer at any time; there's always something to do.

David's driveway is available for drop offs any time before the day of the sale if you can't make it to the high school Friday or Saturday morning. The driveway is on the Washington Street side of the corner of Washington and Esty Streets (402 Esty Street), just one block past CFCU Community Credit Union. My phone number is (607) 342-3660 should you have any questions about the sale. Tompkins County Cooperative Extension can be reached at (607) 272-2292 or visit the plant sale website at [CCE Garden Fair](#).

If you are an ACNARGS member, you receive a 25% discount on all plant purchases. Haven't

re-upped this year? No problem. You can renew at the sale. Mary Stauble, our Membership Coordinator, will have an up-to-date list of members, in case you don't remember if you have paid yet for 2016.

PLANT SALE POTTING TIPS

John Gilrein

Here are some tips on potting up plant donations for the sale and other sale info:

- Dig plants as soon as possible; this will give them time to recover before May 14 so they will look lush and healthy. Wilted plants may recover, but are hard to sell.
- Don't dig plants that are too big to get an adequate rootball, better to dig out a more modest sized plant.
- The more unusual the plant, the more valuable it will be on our sale table. Our Chapter has a reputation at the Garden Fair for interesting plants. Really common plants are hard to sell. Check with David Mitchell if you have questions. Herbaceous perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees are all OK. Plants in flower sell well. It's hard to know what will sell well (and some years we all seem to bring the same species) but as a general rule don't bring more than 10 or 15 of any one species.
- No invasive plants. For example, we don't want purple loosestrife, goutweed, yellow archangel, *iris pseudacorus*, or Norway maple. These can be nice in the right setting, just not at our sale. If a plant is taking over your garden, it might be too aggressive.
- Use only soilless potting mix for potting; soilless mix has ingredients like coir, peat moss, perlite, vermiculite, and no actual soil.
- Water well after potting, and keep in a shaded area until the plants have started to recover from transplanting.
- Label each plant in advance; printing names in pencil is best. Use the botanical (Latin) name if you know it as well as the common name. Include the variety or form name if you have that. If you can print a flower photo to show the plant in flower, that's not required, but it's great for marketing. We'll have extra labels at the sale and we can help with identification there if there are plants you can't ID.
- Bring extra flats and boxes (various sizes OK, we need containers to fit anywhere between 2 small plants to 10 or 20 moderate size plants).

FROM THE CHAIR

John Gilrein, ACNARGS Chair

I have had a beautiful week off from work with sunshine, moderate temperatures, few blackflies, plants coming in the mail, and tasks galore to keep me from getting too far

into the novel I'm reading. Spring is a real upswing after winter - a time of hope, optimism, more sunny days, and plant life renewal going on all around us.

It was a treat to see several of our Plant-of-the-Month plants coming back and blooming, e.g. *Cyclamen coum*, *Corydalis solida*, *Hyacinthus orientalis*, and more. Also nice was seeing plants I started from NARGS seed coming up and blooming, e.g. *Alyssum ovirense* and *Draba* species. I know honeybees are having some difficulties, but there are still honeybees buzzing around, which was good to see. The Daphnes are not out yet, unfortunately, especially after hearing about so many beautiful ones at our last meeting.

In between some of the harder labors of this week (tree planting and pruning) I got quite a few plants potted up for our May plant sale. Our sales at the Garden Fair/plant sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and this pays for our speakers; the modest membership fee would not cover all of the cost of speakers. Please contribute to the plant sale as you are able, provide plants, volunteer to work, or both if you can. As a plant person, who worked the plant sale for years, it's always fun to be there selling plants and interacting with customers.

There are so many other vendors at the Garden Fair, and that's just more incentive to work at the plant sale (arriving early, you also get a good parking spot); it's the only opportunity to check out so many vendors/so many plants in one place. When you work the sale, you get time to shop! Don't forget the 25% member discount on your purchases from our table too.

One of the fun things about gardening is the plants that pop up in unexpected places, like the white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*) that sprouted in one of my troughs of saxifrages. Today I really felt like I was someone in the gardening world: I found Trillium seedlings growing in the lawn! OK, they may not bloom for years, but it was a very nice surprise to see their little mottled leaves in the grass (of course they are now transplanted into a pot with more conducive growing conditions).

I hope you all have a bountiful spring, and hope you can join in the fun on our garden tour at the cusp of summer.

John

SEEDLING EXCHANGE: A GROWING EXPERIENCE

Carol Eichler, Newsletter Editor

There were seedlings in generous supply at our April seedling exchange and even a few "for sale" plants. Thank you to all who made the effort (not inconsiderable) to sow, grow, and transplant their seedlings. It is because of your generosity that we can offer this exchange every year. To those who took seedlings (myself included), good luck growing them out. Many rock garden plants are slow to establish so patience is the word.

Because of their size, it may be best to continue to tend them in their pots or to maintain them in a nursery bed where they can receive your special attention. Doing a little "google" research as to the plant's preferences can also increase your chance for success. I use select troughs as my

nursery where I group the plants with their labels. Large plastic pots work well and plants can be overwintered in either container.

While my seedlings were too small to bring to the seedling exchange (not having the advantage of greenhouse conditions), hopefully some will survive and thrive through the summer so that I can bring them to the member sale in August.

TROUGH WORKSHOP MAY 28

Bill Stark



Bill's Styrofoam trough from 2015,
planted and beautiful

Mary and I are hosting a hypertufa trough workshop on May 28, from 9:30 am to 1 pm (or until done), at 232 Cedar Cove Rd in Lansing. At the last workshop we built heavy hypertufa troughs – so this time we're building lightweight (around 10 lb.) foam core troughs. The foam core is reinforced with fiberglass mesh and two coats of surface bonding cement and is then covered with a very thin layer of hypertufa. These troughs are lighter and easier to build than the 1st generation foam core troughs that we built at the first workshop. We like them because you can move them into your garage during the winter to protect your plants and they don't dry out as quickly during the summer.

Advance Preparations:

You have to get your foam core ready before the workshop! Here's what you have to do:

1) Get a foam box. (Bruce Sternberg notes that supermarkets, especially Wegman's seafood department, are a good source for them. Wegman's won't hold them for you, and they crush them a few times a day. If you're lucky you may be able to get a big one, but it's all hit and miss, depending what they have available at that moment. If anyone knows of other sources, please pass on the information through Bruce brucesternberg@gmail.com)

My last two troughs were made from 16" wide by 24" long Omaha Steak boxes that I bought at yard sales for 50 cents. You can also make a box from 1½" or 2" expanded or extruded foam boards that you can buy at Lowes or Home Depot and glue together with foam adhesive.

2) Optional – reduce the height of your box with a knife or saw. It's much easier to apply the fiberglass mesh if the top is level.

3) Optional – Fill in dents, holes and depressions in the foam box with Great Stuff Gaps & Cracks. Mist the Great stuff with water to speed its cure rate. Cut off the excess Great Stuff with a seriated bread knife or saw.

4) Use a hole saw or a narrow knife to cut a drainage hole(s) in the bottom of your foam box. I always use a single 2½" hole because I fit all my troughs with a drainage/aeration mat. We will have screen material to cover the hole(s) at the workshop.

5) Sand your box. Wear old clothes and a dust mask. Set up a card table in the middle of your lawn and have a shop vacuum nearby to clean off the box and yourself after sanding. Use 50 grit sandpaper on a small sanding block to sand all exterior and interior surfaces of the box. Sand until all surfaces are dull. Round off all edges to a minimum radius of ¼ inch. This includes the edges of the drain hole(s).

6) Vacuum and brush off all of the dust you just created and place your box in a black garbage bag to keep it clean and out of the sun. You'll later use the bag to cure your trough. You are ready!



This photo illustrates the next step after the instructions in this article. It shows the sanded core being wrapped with reinforcing fiberglass mesh. The core and mesh have been sprayed with an adhesive so they stick together.

Directions to our place:

From Ithaca, go north on Rt 34B, turn left on Algerine Rd, after 1 mile turn right on Cedar Cove Rd and bear right at all forks until you see our house with an aged copper green metal roof. We'll have a tent set up with tables underneath so a light rain won't bother us. Mary will have snacks and drinks and will run garden tours if desired. You're invited to bring a lunch – we have a picnic table and gas grill on the beach. You only pay for the cost of materials used. A good-sized trough should cost about \$10. I'm currently building a trough so that I can send attendees an accurate cost estimate and build instructions.

To Participate



Bill's latest (and still curing) trough using this method

If you want to attend, sign-up with Mary at the May 14 plant sale or e-mail us in advance at mes2@cornell.edu. Advance sign-up is appreciated so we have enough materials.

Editor's Note: For member's who can't attend the workshop or who don't want to do the "messy work," please refer to Al Deurbrouck's article "Making Styrofoam Troughs" in the Fall 2015 issue of The Rock Garden Quarterly as an alternative construction method. Bill says he doesn't use this technique because "I want a trough that can survive

contact with a wheelbarrow and that looks like a stone trough. Another important reason for reinforcing foam troughs is that when you load them up with your soil mix and stones, they're heavy. The weight could tear apart an unreinforced foam trough when you try to move it. I'd be hesitant to move such a trough into my garage in the fall and the plants would suffer during the winter as a result."

ROCHESTER AREA GARDEN TOUR: JUNE 18

John Gilrein, 2016 Garden Tour Coordinator

Our Adirondack Chapter garden tour event will be in the greater Rochester area/Monroe County on June 18, 2016. We will have 4 interesting gardens to tour, so it will be a full day of garden tours. The 4 gardens are Roz Bliss in Henrietta (a member of our Chapter); Jerry Kral, (well-known speaker on garden topics) and Betsy Knapp, both in the city of Rochester (trough maker and speaker); and Matt Szostek in Webster (plant lover who may sell Arisaemas).

Rochester is about 90 miles from Ithaca, so there will be more travel time involved than for the last few garden tours. There are several interesting nurseries to visit in the Rochester area, and interesting parks and natural areas in the event you choose to make additional stops. Full details will be sent via a special issue newsletter by early June which will include times, garden descriptions, addresses, and driving directions. If you want to car pool, respond to me (John Gilrein basecamp@alum.syracuse.edu) and I'll add you to a group email message so you can arrange to coordinate transportation.

ELISABETH'S DAPHNE PLANT LIST

Are you lusting after some of those daphnes shown by our April speaker, Elisabeth Zander? She has shared the plant list from her presentation below. Many are fragrant and most flower very early in mostly shades of pink. While they can be quite hardy, they favor well-drained soil and seem to prefer the protection offered by a big stone. They can also benefit from a heavy pruning when they start to get leggy. Though not cheap, they are highly desirable rock garden additions.

Now the issue is: where to find these plants. She suggested several mail order nurseries that offer the smaller rock-garden-type daphnes: Wrightman's Alpine Nursery, LaPorte Nursery, Arrowhead Alpines, and Joy Creek Nursery. Here's her plant list:

Daphne alpina	Daphne genkwa
Daphne arbuscula	Daphne glomerata
Daphne blagayana "Brenda Anderson"	Daphne jasminea
Daphne calcicola	Daphne jezoensis
Daphne circassicaΣ	Daphne kosaninii
Daphne cneorum	Daphne laureola
Daphne domini	Daphne malyana
Daphne gemmata	Daphne mezereum

Daphne oleoides
 Daphne petraea
 Daphne sericea

Daphne tangutica
 Daphne velenovskyi

DAPHNE CAUCASICA X DAPHNE CNEORUM = Daphne x burkwoodii
 DAPHNE CAUCASICA X DAPHNE SERICEA COLLINA = Daphne x transatlantica
 DAPHNE CNEORUM X DAPHNE ARBUSCULA = Daphne x schlyteri
 DAPHNE CNEORUM X DAPHNE PETRAEA = Daphne x hendersonii
 DAPHNE SERICEA COLLINA X D. ARBUSCULA = Daphne x medfordensis (x
 susannae)
 DAPHNE SERICEA COLLINA X D. CNEORUM = Daphne x napolitana
 DAPHNE PETRAEA X DAPHNE SERICEA COLLINA = Daphne kazbali (x rollsdrofii)
 DAPHNE RODRIGUEZII X DAPHNE SERICEA = Daphne x latymeriΣ
 DAPHNE PETRAEA X DAPHNE JASMINEA = Daphne x whiteorum

DESIRABLE DAPHNES

Harvey Wrightman, Wrightman Alpines Nursery; Reprinted by permission from
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One of the delights of late Autumn is seeing the *daphne velenovskyi* putting forth a few late flowers for the withering hours of the aniline light of November. Most of its leaves have fallen, but this fading burst of life, can make one stop and admire it, so different from the gaudy spectacle of May when its blooms overpower all the new green growth in a robe of pink. Whatever is the plant thinking?! It freezes solid at night (20 F); but the flowers never brown or drop. I mentioned this to Josef Halda once, who replied succinct manner, "...where it grows, it freezes every night." It seems ridiculous to assign a 'cold hardiness' rating to such a plant. Growing at 3000m in the Pirin Mt. of Bulgaria, it may even survive the magic number of -40 F, though I don't know.

It is one of the slowest growing daphnes, and takes well to any spot that is well drained. I tried growing it on tufa, but the plants did not like the constriction. I do think it would thrive in a clay crevice between rocks. In the garden we have plants in full sun, facing south and also on the opposite slope in considerably less light with little difference in flower production or growth.

Equally hardy, but entirely evergreen is the larger *D. arbuscula* and the derivative clones now offered - we have 4 ourselves. The smallest of these, *D. arbuscula* 'Muran Castle', is a compact



mound of the most verdant green one can imagine. Flowers are a pale pink and abundantly cover the plant in May. This clone has the distinct habit of rooting from the branches that touch soil - not all forms do this- and these branches can be separated and used for new plants.

Rick Lupp offers a form, *D. arbuscula* 'radicans', which is also quite dwarf. However, the needles are shorter and remind one of close relationship with *D. petraea*. By the way, *D. arbuscula* will grow in tufa quite well - not too surprising as it is a true chasmophyte.



A curious form of *D. cneorum* 'porteous' came by way of Barrie Porteous, which he believes is a dwarf form from the French Pyrenees. Completely prostrate, it looks more like a small willow with the red/brown stems exposed as it gets older. Typical white, very fragrant flowers adorn the branches. This plant is small enough to use in containers. Like *D. velenovskyi*, it does not grow in tufa well, but needs a coarse soil.

The hybrid *D. arbuscula* x *D. collina* named *D. x* 'Lawrence Crocker' is possibly the easiest of all daphnes available now. An intermediate form with gray/green leaves, dark pink/purple flowers of *D. collina* and is wonderfully fragrant. A bit larger than *D. arbuscula* it grows eventually 20cm tall and 30cm wide. It is easily controlled by cutting it back severely. This is, in fact, the best method for encouraging healthy growth and second bloom) and can be done to all daphnes.

Of the smaller hybrids now available, I like *D. x thauma* (*D. petraea* x *D. striata*) as it has a moderate growth rate and the white flowers are set off by the dark green leaves. *Daphne x whiteorum* 'beauworth', a cross of *D. jasminea* and *D. petraea* has large red/pink buds, opening to rose pink flowers. An easy growing plant with dark green leaves, it forms an attractive multi-branched shrublet. Another compact mat is *D. x schlyteri*, with parents *D. x leila haines* and *D. arbuscula* - it retains the darker flowers of *D. x leila haines*. It can be used as a low spreading mat. A regimental clip will encourage new growth and more flowers.





Daphne hybridization is very active and new intros are soon coming. I like especially the one's that Rick Lupp has created. He is very selective and names only the best. Two of these are named for his granddaughter, another for the superb plantswoman, Ev Whittmore. They are worthy specimens for any rock garden.

I have always been interested in how daphnes will grow on/with tufa and have found it is best not to make assumptions- the response is

quite individual. However, there is great promise in growing the smaller daphnes in narrow crevices, sandwiched with a clay/sand mix. In early April Halda planted some troughs for us in this fashion and though it froze solid every night for over a week, even the *D. calcicola* was unfazed - and everything was straight out of the green house. Since Halda and others have used this method for well over 20 years, it is time we in North America adopted it too. The best aspect of this method is it provides a less stressful environment for root growth, and almost as a bonus, the design and display possibilities take a quantum leap.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mary Stauble, Membership Coordinator

If you have not renewed for 2016, you should do it now so you'll get a 25% discount at the Ithaca Plant Sale! You can renew at the sale or via mail. The renewal form is at <http://www.acnargs.org/join.pdf>. Your membership status is reported to you in the email with the newsletter link. Contact Mary Stauble at mes2@cornell.edu if you have any questions.

Editor's note: We acquired no new members since the last newsletter, but expect we may entice a few at our plant sale. Did we mention members receive a 25% discount on plant purchases at our sale table?

WURSTER GARDEN: APRIL UPDATES

Carol Eichler, Newsletter Editor

We held our first Wurster work session on April 14. The garden looks much better after removing spent plant debris. It's amazing how much compost material we accumulated. Plant survival rate looked good thanks to our mild winter and the Pulsatillas were just beginning to put on their spring show. Other flowers are holding well thanks to the cooler weather we've experienced.



Pulsatilla vularis in bloom now at Wurster

Ellen Lane is a frequent volunteer at Wurster and this day was not exception. Thank you!

Although we were primarily focused on clean-up, we did a bit of weeding (how can one not?), and planting and transplanting. We are starting to develop the garden area around the bench with dwarf woody material.

We hope to schedule another workday soon and we can sure use more volunteers. Contact David dwm23@cornell.edu to be placed on email alert for any forthcoming workdays as they are scheduled.

Get ready for peak bloom which generally occurs now through early June. Photos will be posted at [ACNARGS Facebook](#) but of course the best way to see the garden is in person.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL: COLORADO HERE WE COME!

While this isn't exactly "national" news, it certainly is relevant to our Chapter. As of this printing, two members of our Chapter, Terry Humphries and Carol Eichler, are planning to attend the NARGS National Conference in Colorado this June. The news for us is that they are planning to share their experience with our Chapter by presenting one of our speaker programs (tentatively scheduled at this point for March 2017). On scheduled walks that range from montane to alpine they expect to see a great variety of flowers, following a winter of heavy snow cover. The Rockies are continuing to get new snow so let's hope the conference is timed right to catch a good display.

UPCOMING 2016 ACNARGS PROGRAMS

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 renovated Whetzel Room, 404 Plant Science Building, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

May 14: Our biggest plant sale/fundraiser of the year at CCETC's annual Garden Fair, Ithaca; sponsored by Cooperative Extension

May 28: Trough Workshop 9:30am – 1pm, hosted at Bill Stark and Mary Stauble's home. Open to ACNARGS members. Cost for materials used. Please sign up in advance. See article for details

June 18: Day Trip to Rochester Area Gardens. See article. More info will be forthcoming.

Please sign up in advance.
June 23-27: "Steppe to Alpines: A Higher State," NARGS National Conference and Annual Meeting in Denver and Steamboat Springs; sponsored by Rocky Mountain Chapter. Registration is now full but you can sign up for the waiting list.

September 17: Teri Dunn Chace, "Seeing Flowers," based on her best-selling, award-winning book of the same title

Oct.15: Jill M. Nicolaus, critterolost, author, and writer-contributor to Dave's Garden website. Topic to be announced

Nov.12: Elizabeth Lawson, Primroses

As we learn more details of our meetings they will be included in future newsletters, our blog, acnargs.blogspot.com, and our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/acnargs>.

CALENDAR OF SELECT GARDEN EVENTS

To have a garden event in your area listed send all pertinent information to Carol Eichler at carolithaca@gmail.com

May 6-15: Lilac Festival, Rochester NY

May 14: Garden Fair Plant Sale, sponsored by Tompkins County CCE Master Gardeners

May 17: After-the-Sale Sale 3-6pm, by Tompkins County Master Gardeners at CCE, 615 Willow Av., Ithaca. Pat 2 May 31.

May 17: Landscape Design Part 1, 6:30 – 8:30pm, Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, Ithaca. Fee

May 18: HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID - FILM & LOCAL INTERVENTION EFFORTS sponsored by Finger Lakes Native Plant Society, 7pm. at the Unitarian Church annex

May 21-22: Tree Peony Festival, Linwood Gardens in Pavilion, 9am-4pm. Also May 28-29 and June 4-5. Suggested donation. [2016 Tree Peony Festival](#)

June 1: Square Foot Gardening 6:30-8:30pm, Tompkins County Cooperative Extension

June 7: Trees and Shrubs for Difficult Sites, 6:30-8:30pm, Tompkins CCE. Fee

June 9: Seed Saving 101: 6:30-8:30pm, Tompkins County Cooperative Extension. Fee

June 15: The Partial Shade Garden 6:30-8:30pm, Tompkins County Cooperative Extension. Fee

June 18: Sycamore Hill Gardens Garden tour, probably 10am-4pm. Fundraiser. Fee

June 19: Southern Cayuga Garden Club Garden, 1-4pm, Aurora area. Fundraiser. Fee

June 23: Small Fruit for the Home Gardener, 6:30-8:30pm, Tompkins County Cooperative Extension. Fee

June 23-25: American Conifer Society's National Conference, Newark, Ohio. Info at www.conifersociety.org

June 24: Annual Plastic Garden Container/Pot Swap through June 27, 9-6pm everyday at Cooperative Extension, Ithaca (only pots and flats in good condition will be accepted. Canning Jar Swap is simultaneous

July 10: Fall Creek Garden tour, 11am-3pm

July 16: Dryden Garden & Art Tour, 9am-2pm

July 30 & 31: Buffalo Garden Walk, <http://www.gardenwalkbuffalo.com/>

August 6: Tompkins County Open Garden Day (5 gardens), Garden Conservancy benefit

August 12-13: American Conifer Society's Northeast Regional Meeting, Keene, New Hampshire. Info at www.conifersociety.org

Sept. 10: Gathering of Gardeners, Rochester

May 10-15, 2017: 3rd Czech International Rock Garden conference, Prague, Czech Republic; info at [Czech Rock Garden Conference on Facebook](#).

Finger Lakes Native Plant Society also schedules Plant Walks that meet at different times and locations. Topics vary from wildflowers to lichens to winter twig ID. For more information, call Anna Stalter (607) 379-0924 or Susanne Lorbeer at (607) 257-0835

ABOUT US - ACNARGS

We are an all-volunteer organization and one of thirty-eight NARGS affiliated chapters active in North America. Our annual Chapter activities include 6 program-speaker meetings, the Green Dragon newsletter, web and Facebook pages, garden visits, overnight garden trips, hands-on workshops, and 3 plant sales a year. Our meetings are informal, friendly gatherings that provide a wealth of information and offer a source for unusual plants, plus the opportunity to be inspired by other gardeners. The public is always welcome.

Chapter membership starts at \$10 a year based on the calendar year. Membership includes these benefits: newsletter sent to you electronically (or option by mail for an extra fee), opportunity to travel on our planned overnight garden trips, and plant sale discounts and member only sales, including Plant-of-the-Month sales. Download a membership form here: <http://www.acnargs.org/join.pdf>).

ABOUT NARGS NATIONAL

NARGS National is our parent organization: We encourage you to join (online at www.nargs.org) for only \$40 a year. Benefits include a seed exchange, a quarterly publication, and an on-line web site featuring an archive of past publications, a chat forum and a horticultural encyclopedia. NARGS National also conducts winter study weekends and holds its Annual Meeting in interesting places where attendees have the opportunity to visit gardens, and take field trips, often to alpine areas, as well as hear talks by outstanding plants people from around the world.

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If you want to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you!

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GREEN DRAGON TALES

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



One of Bill & Mary's rock gardens at their lakeside home