

ALASKA ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY



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CALENDAR

Sat., Aug 5, Seed Collecting at Lazy Mountain

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Sat., Aug 5, Open Garden Fundraiser for the China Expedition at the home of Teena Garay in Homer.

Sun., Aug 13, Seed Collecting at Arctic Valley

Meet at Civilian Parking area at Arctic Valley Ski Area at 10 AM. (fee area).

Sept. 9, 2000, NARGS Speaker, Steve Hootmen, on "Alpines of the Sino-Himalaya". 7 PM, Wilda Marston Theatre, Loussac Library. Cost---free to ARGs members, \$5 to non-members. Steve Hootman has studied botany and has a degree in Public Horticulture. Upon graduation, he was the Curator of a botanical preserve near Washington, DC for five years and then moved to Seattle, WA to work at the Rhododendron Species Foundation, where he is now the Co-Executive Director and Curator. His articles, *Collection Notes*, in that organization's Newsletter are noteworthy for their well-informed and articulate style. Mr. Hootman has participated in or led four expeditions into China and the Himalaya and, as a result, introduced over a dozen ornamental plants into cultivation. His own home is shared with his family and approximately 1200 plants. His talk is particularly timely, on the eve of our expedition to China.

Sunday, Sept 10, Trough Making Workshop, Anchorage Botanical Garden, 1 PM (allow 3 hours)

These troughs will be placed between the Old and New Rock Gardens to link them together. Participants should check in with Carmel Tysver, 522-3490 as we need to know how much of the ingredients to buy."

FROM OUR PRESIDENT, VERNA PRATT

Hi, everyone. Hope that your having a great summer. Let's finish it off with the following activities.

Seed Collecting Trips: Bring containers for collecting seed.

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UPDATE ON THE CHINA EXPEDITION

The team continues to prepare for departure as the date looms. The Chinese Embassy is issuing our visas. During the next month the team will gather supplies and equipment. We have one major fund-raising effort to go and we are near our target, but still needing more funds to really succeed with this trip.

Here is the breakdown:

So far the team members have spent approximately \$15,000 of their own money to pay for their airfare, passports, permits, vaccinations, Visas, etc. They have paid for their own tickets roundtrip from home to Kunming, in Yunnan, China – including their own hotel for the several days in Hong Kong at each end of the trip.

Our arrangement with Dan Hinkley provides all

travel, food and accommodation from Kunming, into the wilderness and back over 3 weeks, plus his fee, for \$2750 per person. For the ten members of the team this will total \$27,500 that we need to cover the basic cost of the expedition. Add to this approximately \$1500 for travel insurance and \$1500 for product insurance, plus \$2,000 for seed collecting and distributing supplies for a grand total of \$32,500 needed for the expedition. This does not include the \$15,000 spent on airfare by the team members. The total expedition will cost about \$47,500.

Our fundraising efforts have raised the following:

Seed share sales and garden visits: \$16,500
Pending: \$2000 in sponsorship seed shares
\$3000 in grant from NARGS.

These will make \$21,500 for funds on hand. We still need to raise \$11,000 for the expedition to occur. This is your last opportunity to contribute to the expedition either through purchasing a seed share or an outright donation. Any remaining balance will be covered by the team members.

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NARGS MEMBERSHIP

Reap the benefits of membership in the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS). Enjoy the informative full-color quarterly Bulletins, Annual Seed Exchange, Winter Study Weekends, and Annual Meetings. Dues are \$25/yr.

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ARGS Newsletter Dates

	<u>Submission date</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>
Feb/Mar issue	January 15	February 1
April/May Issue	March 15	April 1
Summer issue	May 15	June 1
Sept/Oct issue	August 15	September 1
Nov/Jan issue	October 15	November 1

This is YOUR rock garden society. The organizers and coordinators would like this society to be responsive to YOUR needs and desires. What topics would YOU like to see addressed in our monthly meetings? What would YOU like to learn (more) about? What speakers would YOU like to hear? What program topics would draw YOU to a meeting? Please address all comments, suggestions, requests, feedback, etc., to our program coordinator, Annie Nevaldine: anevaldine@corecom.net; 333-2100; or 4960 East Fifth Avenue,



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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KATHY MCFARLAND
MARY OTT
PEGGY PIPER
KATHLEEN C. SALMON
BILL & MARY SPIERS
NANCY & ED YARMAK**

Join Us!

We have about six meetings per year, plus Plant sales, Field Trips and a Seed Exchange. Our meetings are generally on the third Saturday of the month, Fall, Winter, and Spring, and rotate between the Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage. To Join, and receive this newsletter, send your name, address, Phone number, e-mail address and a Check payable to ARGS to :

Individual Membership \$15.00

Family Membership \$ \$20.00

Canada Membership: \$20.00 US

Overseas Membership \$25.00 US

Membership is for the calendar year and includes all issues of the newsletter for that year. Back issues are available at \$1 each. The ARGS Newsletter is published 5 times per year. We invite your contributions. Please contact Jaime Rodriguez, editor, P.O. Box 871394, Wasilla, AK, 99687; (907) 357-2747. e-mail: jaime@matnet.com

Anyone who has got a book collection/
library and a garden wants for nothing.

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Here is the information you will need to help out.

Standard Share – 25 pkts.	\$100.00
Full Share – 40 pkts.	\$200.00
Corporate Share – 90 pkts.	\$500.00
with larger quantities per pkt where possible	
Sponsor Share – 120 pkts.	\$1000.00
Listed as Sponsor in Public Relations material and post expedition book/documentary.	

Send your share order, seed preferences, payment or donation made out to:

Alaska Rock Garden Society
C/o Teena Garay
P.O. Box 2653
Homer, Alaska 99603

VERNA RECEIVES NARGS AWARD

Several officers of the Alaska Rock Garden Society kept a closely held secret the past several weeks. ARGS President, Verna Pratt was chosen for the Carlton R. Worth Award, to be presented at the NARGS Annual meeting this week at Mt. Rainier in Washington State.

CARLTON R. WORTH AWARD

Established in 1985, this award is given to an author of distinguished writings about rock gardening and rock garden plants in a book or in magazine articles.

Special preference is given to material published in the NARGS Bulletin. The recipient does not have to be a member of the Society.

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