

May 2025

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MAY 17, 2025: MEMBERS ONLY PLANT SALE

Carol Eichler, Plant Sale Coordinator

May is for the Plant Sale!

Get ready! Get set! Buy, buy, buy! Hooray! Our annual spring plant sale is almost here!

Once again, this is a members' only sale which means we get to keep all those great donated plants "in the family" so to speak. You can always count on something to match each gardener's taste, perhaps some plant you don't already have or more of one you love.

Save the date Saturday, May 17th Pavilion B at Myers Park, Lansing. This is the same large pavilion, near the marina, where we've held past sales. Be prepared for whatever weather Mother Nature chooses to deliver that day. Note: Unless you are a resident of the Town of Lansing, the park charges admission of \$7 per car.

Here are key things to keep in mind:

Bring plants: If you haven't already started, you should be potting up plants to bring, though contributing plants is certainly not a requirement to attend. We need buyers, too, and our plants will be priced to sell based on pot size.

- Potting logistics: Remove what soil you can and pot into soil-less potting mix. No extra precautions will be taken for jumping worms. Buyer beware.
- Label your plants in advance please. Latin name preferred, OK to include common name too.
- As a general rule, bring small numbers of a species (suggested 3 – 5)

It's good to be reminded that the sale supports our speaker program and plant-of-the-month. Have a friend who might be interested too? Bring them along, please.

Sale Day Schedule and Logistics

- 9:00 a.m. Setup begins. We need volunteers. Contact Carol (carolithaca@gmail.com)
- 10:00a.m. Arrive no later than 10 if you are bringing plants to sell. We ask that you first place the plants that you bring on the staging tables and then onto the appropriate tables, with signage indicating alphabetical order.
- 10:30 a.m. Sale begins no earlier than 10:30 (if we are ready earlier, you will have a chance to peruse the offerings and socialize, if we need a bit more time, we will start the sale later). Our sale procedure will be essentially the same as previous years (please refer to May 2022 Green Dragon at acnargs.org newsletter archives). To summarize briefly we call people up by order of arrival on the signup sheet (don't forget to sign-in). Initially we allow limited selections. That way we hope everyone gets a chance at their first-choice plants. After several "limited choice" rounds, the sale is opened to unlimited choices. Everything must go.
- 12:00 p.m. Sale concludes, cashier opens to take your payment, and clean-up begins (with lots of helpers this will go fast); if we finish earlier, we eat earlier! More volunteers are needed here!
- 12:00 Clean-up begins. I know folks may be hungry, but please everyone pitch in to clean-up first so that we can all dine together.
- 12:30-ish Dish-to-Pass Lunch, relax, socialize. No rush. We have reserved the pavilion for the whole day. The chapter will provide beverages. Remember to bring your own table setting!

Directions to Myers Park and the Pavilion: Take 34B (whether approaching from the north or south). Before the bridge over Salmon Creek, turn onto Myers Road, towards the lake. If you miss the turn, this road forms a loop so it intersects 34B again after you cross the bridge. The entrance to Myers Park is ahead at the stop sign on Myers Road. You will cross the railroad tracks. Pavilion B is located near the marina with ample parking available.

Carol Eichler, Plan Sale Coordinator, carolithaca@gmail.com. Contact me or John Gilrein if you have questions.



FROM THE CHAIR

John Gilrein, Chair

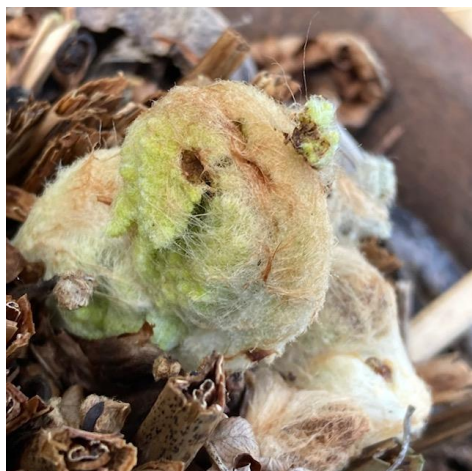
Iris Bucharica



Iris bucharica is a bulbous iris in subgenus *Scorpiris*, Juno irises (Juno irises all have bulbs rather than rhizomes). It's native to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan, areas in central Asia with a continental climate = hot summers and cold winters. I attempted planting it in the fall of 2022, but the supplier mis-identified the bulbs, which turned out to be another iris. Bulbs from Brent & Becky's planted in fall 2023 turned out to be the real thing. I planted 5 in my rock garden, which grew and bloomed well in 2024. This plant returned well this spring (the plants look vigorous) and has just begun blooming around mid-

April. This is a plant for well drained average to dry soil and sun, hardy to at least Zone 4, height 6-8 inches in bloom. It will go dormant in summer; thus, it's a very low care plant – no watering needed.

And below, just for the fun of it, the awakening of a fern.



MEMBERSHIP

Mary Stauble, Membership Coordinator

If you have not yet renewed for 2025 dues are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for a household - perhaps you will be able to take advantage of our member benefits in 2025! That includes our members only plant sale on May 17! Check my email announcement of the newsletter link for your membership status. The renewal form is at <http://www.acnargs.org/join.pdf> or you can renew at the plant sale. Contact Mary Stauble at mes2@cornell.edu if you have any questions.

PLANT OF THE MONTH :

Marlene Kobre, POM Coordinator

No POM this month. Shop the member plant sale instead!

NARGS & ACNARGS UPCOMING 2025 PROGRAMS

We will have an information table at the Master Gardeners plant sale on Friday, May 16 from 1 to 5 PM.

NOTE: As of now, we are meeting in-person at Cornell in the Whetzel Room and not recording the sessions.

CALENDAR OF SELECT AREA GARDEN EVENTS

For the latest information, visit the websites of these gardening organizations.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. Online class information:
ccetompkins.org

Finger Lakes Native Plant Society monthly meetings – a hybrid of in-person and zoom:
<https://flnps.org/> Recordings of past programs are available to view online.

Cornell Botanic Gardens: **<https://cornellbotanicgardens.org/explore/events/>**

Habitat Gardening in CNY, local Wild Ones Chapter: **<https://www.hgcny.org/>**

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club: **<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/LHBGC/>**

To have your garden event listed send all pertinent information to Susanne Lipari
selj3@cornell.edu

2025 ACNARGS BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACTS

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

Chair (aka head honcho): John Gilrein, **basecamp@alum.syracuse.edu**

Program Coordinator: Terry Humphries, **terryehumphries@gmail.com**

Program Committee Members: Would you like to help? Share your speaker suggestions!

Secretary: Currently rotating amongst "Responsible People"

Treasurer (aka CFO): Marlene Kobre

Plant Sales Chair: Carol Eichler **carolithaca@gmail.com**

Plant of the Month: Marlene Kobre, **mkobre@ithaca.edu**

Membership: Mary Stauble, **mes2@cornell.edu**

New Member Hospitality: vacant

Newsletter Editor: Susanne Lipari **selj3@cornell.edu**

Wurster Garden Coordinator: Carol Eichler

Wurster Volunteers: Elaine Caso, Ellen Lane, Sheila Stone; Others always welcome! Contact Carol Eichler if you wish to be added to the email list.

Book Order Manager: New NARGS program to offer NARGS' members select books at deeply discounted prices. New Chapter position. Looking for a volunteer!

Webmaster, Program Tech: Craig Cramer, **cdcramer@gmail.com**

ABOUT US – ADIRONDACK CHAPTER NARGS

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, occasional overnight garden trips, hands-on workshops, two plant sales a year, and frequent plant giveaways. 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 \$15 a year based on the calendar year. Membership includes these benefits: newsletter sent to you electronically (or option by mail for an extra fee), invitations to our garden day trips, opportunity to travel on our planned overnight garden trips, annual membership directory, and plant sale discounts and member only sales, including Plant-of-the-Month sales.

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 focused on rock gardening, and an online website featuring a wealth of information including current and archived Quarterlies, recordings of past study days and more. NARGS National also 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. More recently, NARGS is offering botanical tours each year, both within the US and abroad.

GREEN DRAGON TALES

Published eight times a year (Jan./Feb., March, April, May/June, July/Aug., Sept., Oct. Nov./Dec. Submit articles no later than the fourth Friday of the month preceding the monthly publication to Susanne Lipari, sel3@cornell.edu. Note: The next issue of *The Green Dragon* will be June 25.