

## Progress Report

### NARGS – Norman Singer Grant

#### Rock Garden – Spencer Crest Nature Center

In 2008 Spencer Crest Nature Center in Corning, New York applied for and received a grant of \$2000 from the Norman Singer Endowment Grant to construct a rock garden at the nature center that would feature plants native to Colorado, but not exclusively so. In addition the Adirondack Chapter gave a grant of \$200.

The construction of the rock garden itself has been completed and a few plants have been planted. The rock garden has been built against the south side of the Rockwell Pavilion using flagstones as the backing. Rotarians helped to collect local stone also helped with the



construction itself. A mix of sand, gravel and soil was used in the lower part with builder's sand in the upper portion. A number of rocks have been imbedded in the sand to provide planting pockets. Four dwarf conifers have been purchased with the Abies concolor shown



above. The construction was not completed in time for planting the remaining conifers and they will be planted in early spring. They are: *Pinus aristata*, *Picea pungens* 'Victor' and *Pseudotsuga menziensis* 'Valdstejn'. In addition it is planned to purchase another dwarf *Picea pungens* *glauca* to plant on the west side of the rock garden matching the *Abies concolor* on the east side. A few perennial plants have been purchased locally and planted as well as an *Iberis sempervirens* and



a dwarf *Geranium* species from my garden. These are shown in the above photo. The remainder of the planting will be done in early spring using an assortment of rock garden plants many of which will be native to Colorado.

Expenses to date:	Flagstone	\$284.10
	Sand & Gravel	\$227.13
	Plants	\$164.80
	Total	\$676.53

Bob Rockwell died last March at the age of 97. He has left some monies in his will to the nature center. I have begun to plant an eastern native plant garden to the east of the pavilion with wildflowers and ferns from my garden and we have purchased and planted a

variety of trees and shrubs. This will be added to in the spring. We are considering creating a bog garden on the west side of the pavilion. These three gardens would nicely complement each other

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