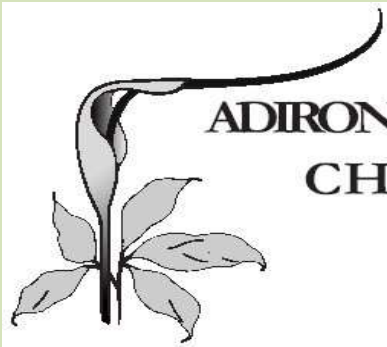




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AUGUST 15 : MEMBERS-ONLY PLANT SALE

Carol Eichler, Plant Sale Coordinator

Yes! Our August plant sale is rapidly approaching. **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, August 15th. Plant lovers, you do not want to miss this sale! Invite your friends to come. We are running a new membership special of \$5 for the remainder of 2026. Not only will they love the sale, they will be able to recoup this cost and then some with such great bargains on plants (and hopefully they will return to catch some of the great programs we have lined up for this fall).

Unfortunately, once again I will be traveling (Portugal this time) which means...more plants for you! Others will have to fill in for me. There should be no surprises as to our procedures. We're back at Myer's Park in Lansing, in our usual picnic shelter.

Step 1: Start now to pot up any extra gems from your garden or seedling pots.

Step 2: Arrive about 9 AM (some of you at least) to help set up at our usual Myers Park pavilion.

Step 3: Arrive by 10 AM if you are offering plants for sale.

Step 4: Sale begins no earlier than 10:30 AM. This should allow for some time to peruse the offerings and "plan your strategy."

Step 5: Be prepared to buy plants (they will be irresistible, even if you think you don't need them).

Step 6: Clean-up. We always need helpers!

Step 7: Dish-to-pass lunch beginning about noon. The chapter will provide beverages. Don't forget your own table setting.

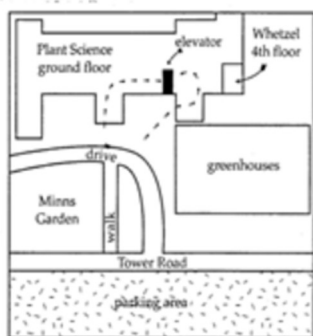
Remember! Sign-in as you arrive since that establishes your place in line for making your plant selections

As for potting instructions: Just remember to use soil-less potting mix (not garden soil or what is labelled as top soil). No need to bare root but chances are probable that the plants will carry jumping worm eggs. Buyer beware. Label your plants in advance please.

We'll plan to offer a silent auction table for very special plant donations. Pricing is by pot size more-or-less + \$1. Rock garden plants will have their own table with prices there starting at \$4. Hint: that's still a huge bargain.

Don't get lost! Here are the 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. If you are not a Lansing resident, you may have to pay an entrance fee.

Our regular meetings are held in Room 404 Plant Science, 236 Tower Road on the Cornell Campus.



Currently, the west wing of the Plant Sciences Building has been shut down for renovations. Other than having those hallways walled off, everything should look pretty much as it did last time you were here. Remember the elevator to the 4th floor and then exit right down the long hallway. You will be facing the Whetzel Room.

Just a reminder, we ask all attendees to be fully vaccinated.

Additionally, we will be following CDC, NYS, and Cornell covid protocol, which at this time does not require masks though you may choose to do so. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

FROM THE CHAIR

John Gilrein, Chair



Summer has returned to moderate weather after some very hot days, a few smoky days, and 2 periods of dry weather. I'm grateful for having adequate rainfall and living in an area not at big risk for forest fires.

It's a good time to think about collecting seed for the NARGS seed exchange. Seed for SeedEx normally gets submitted to arrive by November 1 of the year. Many of the late spring blooming plants are in seed now, which may be ripe or be

ripe soon. Summer bloomers may have seed ripe later in the summer. I've gathered seed of some poppies, foxgloves, and bishop's cap (Mitella) and hope to be collecting more. If the seed I collect is not brown (or black) and dry when collected, I let it dry indoors in an open bowl until it's ready for packaging. Almost any seed is worth considering collecting, except for things like common weeds, noxious plants, or anything invasive. The NARGS seed exchange includes rock garden plants, perennials, shrubs, trees and even a few annuals.



It's also a good time to pot up plants for our plant sale on August 15. Plants potted up early recover from transplanting and are attractive for us to buy. Hope to see you there!

One last suggestion for what to do in midsummer: buy your bulbs early, while the selection is still good. It's hard to think about fall and planting bulbs now, but it's better to buy early.

Enjoy your summer and see you soon!



MEMBERSHIP

Mary Stauble, Membership Coordinator

If you have not yet renewed for 2026 dues are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for a household. Only members can buy plants at our August 15 plant sale! (But see special membership offer for new members in the plant sale article!) Check my email announcement of the newsletter link for your membership status. The renewal form is at <http://www.acnargs.org/join.pdf>. Contact Mary Stauble at mes2@cornell.edu if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM NARGS NATIONAL

By Carol Eichler, Recording Secretary, NARGS

Did you get this email from NARGS recently (sent July 9th)?

NARGS will publish a directory of its members.

"Many NARGS members have asked how we can help get in contact with other NARGS members. In response, we are now **creating an electronic NARGS membership directory** that will be available only to current NARGS members. We require that you authorize NARGS to include your personal information (mailing address, email address, and phone number) in the directory. Please enter your email address, check the information that you would care to include in the directory, and enter your first name below to allow NARGS to include the information in our new directory. If you wish to opt out completely, we will include in the NARGS membership directory only your name, state, and country. Thanks for your help in allowing other NARGS members to be able to contact you."

Here's a link to the MailChimp survey **NARGS Directory Survey**. Respond by July 30th to be included. The directory, when completed, will be sent as a pdf – very secure – and is intended for personal use only. Your privacy will be protected.

Not a member of NARGS National? Take advantage of the current promotion to save on your first year membership here: [New member discount deal](#)

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 sel3@cornell.edu

2026 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 sel3@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 \$45 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.

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