

Newsletter

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NARGS Speaker Tour 2012 Introduces Fritz Kummert April 14th & 15th

The NARGS speaker for Alaska in 2012 is Fritz Krummert, who will be here for two speaking dates in April.

Mr. Kummert, a well-known plantsman in European horticultural circles, was born on June 8th, 1943 in Vienna, Austria.

After WWII his father, Alfred Edmund Kummert, worked as an employed garden and landscape architect, his mother Aula Maria Kummert ran a perennial nursery.

Fritz had his apprenticeship in horticulture at the municipality gardens of Vienna, studied at the Horticultural College at Schoenbrunn at Vienna,

and got his degree in 1963 and his academic degree "Dipl.-Ing." (Similar to M.Sc.) in 1968, after completing his studies at the Agricultural University in Vienna.

From March 1969 to August 1980 he lectured as professor for "Non-hardy orna-

the Agricultural Chamber of Styria, the south-eastern province of Austria. His clientele were 250 ornamental-growers.

From 1972 to 1995 he lectured "Horticulture" at the Agricultural University in Vienna.

Many photographs in Baldassare Mineo's well-known book, "Rock Garden Plants: A Color Encyclopedia", were supplemented by Fritz Kummert.

Fritz now grows al-pines in his garden at Wohngraben in the south-eastern part of

mentals" at the Horticultural College at Schoenbrunn. From September 1980 until his retirement from the College in August 2008, he worked as a horticultural adviser for

Austria in the province of Styria (Stelermark) at an elevation of approximately 480 m. He grows "a large collection of plants in a wide range, not really specializing in any particular genus."

Speaker Kummert in Valley & Anchorage

On Saturday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. at MTA in Palmer, Speaker Kummert will present "Highlights of a four Acre Garden in Eastern Austria."

Sunday April 15th at 2:00 p.m. in Anchorage

The program will be:

Georgia & Plants from the Caucasus.

Save
the
Dates!!

Wrightman Alpines Order

Verna Pratt needs your order by the March Meeting

For the past several years the Alaska Rock Garden Society has placed a group order with Wrightman Alpines. This saves everyone who orders on postage and for every \$50 we order they provide a free plant for the Alaska Botanical Garden Rock Garden.

If you aren't familiar with the Wrightman Alpines catalogue, go online to:

www.WrightmanAlpines.com. You can print out a copy or shop from the online catalog. Write down your plant name and number on a note that includes your name, e-mail address and phone number and give it to Verna at the March meeting or

e-mail to her at::

verna@acsalaska.net

Or mail to:

Verna Pratt

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Anchorage, AK 99504

In the past the Wrightman order has been one of the highlights of spring. The plants come in very good shape, so its like Christmas in May!



Penstemon fruiticosus v. serratus
"Holly" from Wrightman Alpines

March Regular Meeting

March 17th

The regular monthly meeting of ARGS will be March 17th at the Cooperative Extension Office in Anchorage.

Carmel Tysver will present a program on "Tufa". Carmel can be considered our local expert on all things Tufa as she has a beautiful Tufa Garden as well as many hypertufa troughs that are beautifully

planted and thriving. This is a form of rock gardening that requires lime loving plants. Part of the interest is the research required to put together a really perfect combination of tufa and plants.

If you haven't seen the Tufa Garden at

the ABG, put that on your list of "must dos" for the coming summer. On her trip to the Winter Study

Week-end this spring Carmel will be picking up new plants to add to that garden as well.

*The March Meeting is all about
Tufa/Hyoertufa/plants for Tufa!*

2012 Garden Tour

If you or someone you know has an outstanding rock garden in the Valley, we'd love to hear about it. Call Florene Carney at 376-5390 or email her at:

snowfire@mtaonline.net

Even years Rock Garden Tours are in the Valley, Odd years in Anchor-

age. This year we hope to have a wonderful representation of the rock gardens that are around the Valley. Guests are gracious, full of praise and love seeing what you are doing in your gardens. Please consider sharing. We also hope to put together a nice map of the local nurseries and special places that

visitors can go for lunch as they travel around to visit the gardens. Let Florene know of anything you think should be added to that list.

Sears Mall Garden Day

April 7th Plant & Garden Sale 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Sears Mall Garden Event is a full day of visiting with other gardeners who can't wait for spring.

Bring your plants, garden art, seeds or whatever is garden related that you would like to sell. The Club gets a percentage and you have a wonderful day.

Contact Verna if you can help out with the tables any time during the day

e-mail to her at::

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Things to consider bringing are:

Plants (rock & alpine)

Plants—Primulas

Plants—Trough type

Small troughs

Planters

Books

Garden tools

Garden art

Bird baths

The sky is the limit—come and have fun!

Plant Sale at Sally K's

May 19th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The biggest plant sale of the season is held at Sally Karabelnikoff's on Old Harbor Road, off Muldoon, each spring. Wild flowers, rock and alpine flowers, perennials, roses, clematis. You never know what will be offered.

This is a great opportunity to sell

some of your own extra plants as well.

You will want to come early as they sell out fast.

Bring plants from Noon on Friday the 18th to 9:00 p.m. or starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday the 19th.

Plant Sale & Open Garden at Snowfire Gardens

May 26th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Plant Sale & Open Garden at Snowfire will be on May 26th. Bring plants the day before or early in the morning on the day of the sale.

There will be knowledgeable folks to walk around the

grounds with guests and tables set up for presenting your plants, garden art, garden tools, tufa troughs, or any garden related item you'd like to sell. Since this is a Rock Garden Society event, we try to emphasize rock gardening, but often have plants from every genera.

*Bring a friend and a picnic lunch
and relax in the gardens while
you dine!*

Args Seed Exchange 2011-2012

Mark White

Ordering Instructions

Donors will have 1st choice as to selection of up to 20 seed packets; non-donors 15 seed packets. Please try to order in alphabetical order as it is easier to fill. Substitutes or alternates at the bottom of the order sheet are welcome. After filling out the Seed Order Form (copy it if you don't want to tear it out of the Newsletter) Place in an envelope along with a check for \$3.00 made out to Mark E. White and a personal mailing label for return of the seed packet then address to:

ARGS Seed Exchange
Mark White
35680 Glacier Avenue
Sterling, Alaska 99672

Please get your orders in as soon as possible and we will return as quickly as we can get them filled. Remember many items are in small quantity so the sooner you send in the better your chances are of getting your first choices. Thank You.



1	Botanical Name	Description	Donor
2	Aconitum (mixed)	36", dk blue, lt blue, white	Kathy Zins
3	Aconitum maximum	4'-5', purple, wild-collected Unalaska, AK 11/2011	Teena Garay
4	Aconitum neo-sachilense	18"-24"; blue	Mark E. White
5	Aconitum 'Red Wine'	8' vine, burgundy	Teena Garay
6	Adonis brevistylia	2', white, NARGS 2000	Teena Garay
7	Allium 'Sensation'	36", purple	Kathy Zins
8	Allium victoralis var. platyphyllum	2', creamy pink	Teena Garay
9	Androsace carnea rosea	4", small dark pink flowers on tight buns	Kathy Zins
10	Androsace carnea ssp Lagerii	3", pink w/gold eye, spring blooming	Kathy Zins
11	Aquilegia 'Barlows Black'	24"-30", pink & white	Kathy Zins
12	Aquilegia flabellata 'Pink Fantasy'	12", pink	Kathy Zins
13	Aquilegia vulgaris	18", purple, pink, white	Teena Garay
14	Aster sp.	12", lavender, Mt. Eddy, Ca.	Teena Garay
15	Astrantia minor	12", cream	Teena Garay
16	Calceolaria falklandica	6", yellow	Teena Garay
17	Campanula 'La Siocarpa' (Harebell)	6", soft blue	Kathy Zins
18	Cardiocrinum giganteum (CC7148)	6-8', white to cream flowers, Woodland	Mark E. White
19	Clematis ? Connata (CC7137)	Woody climber, nodding yellow bells w/recurved sepals	Mark E. White
20	Clematis ? Grata (CC7138)	Woody climber, clusters of fragrant, white flowers	Mark E. White
21	Clematis ? Ladakhiana (CC7135)	Woody climber, small, speckled yellow-orange flowers	Mark E. White
22	Clematis ? Ladakhiana (CC7136)	Woody climber, small, speckled yellow-orange flowers	Mark E. White
23	Clematis ladakhiana (CC7134)	Woody climber, small, speckled yellow-orange flowers	Mark E. White
24	Clematis macropetala 'Jan Lindmark'	8', rosy-mauve flowers w/deeper mauve streaks	Kathy Zins
25	Clematis macropetala 'White Swan'	8' vine, white or purple	Teena Garay
26	Clematis 'Paul Farge'	20', white flowers	Kathy Zins
27	Clematis recta 'Purpurea'	6-8', purple	Kathy Zins
28	Cremanthodium ellisii (CC7220)	High Alpine/Rockery, 12", yellow sunflower-like flowers	Mark E. White
29	Delphinium brunonianum (CC7216)	High Alpine, 15", light blue hooded flowers	Mark E. White
30	Dianthus grafianopocitanus 'La Bouboule'	Lt. pink over blue-green mats	Kathy Zins
31	Dryas octopetala 'Alpine Carpet'	6"; mat forming, glossy evergreen leaves	Mark E. White
32	Eryngium x. zabelii 'Donard Variety'	24", blue then silver	Kathy Zins
33	Geranium var.?	8-12", pink/violet bloom	Kathy Zins
34	Heracleum lanatum (Cow Parsnip)	3'-6', flat topped umbels of white flowers	Mark E. White

ARGS Seed Exchange List (Contd.)

35	<i>Incarvillea zhongdianensis</i>	15", pink	Les Brake
36	<i>Incarvillea zhongdianensis</i>	15", pink	Teena Garay
37	<i>Iris lactea</i> (CC7174)	Open location, 12', blue-violet to white flowers	Mark E. White
38	<i>Iris missouriensis</i> 'Claude Barr'	18'-24"; white, with yellow anthers along center of falls	Mark E. White
39	<i>Iris setosa</i>	2', purple, wild-collected Nome, Alaska 7/2011	Teena Garay
40	<i>Meconopsis quintiplinerva</i>	8", purple	Teena Garay
41	<i>Meconopsis sheldonii</i> 'Lingholme'	2', blue	Teena Garay
42	<i>Nomocharis pardanthina</i>	18", white to pink with pink spots	Les Brake
43	<i>Papaver alaskanum</i>	8", yellow	Teena Garay
44	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> 'Laurens Grape'	2', purple, annual	Teena Garay
45	<i>Peganum harmala</i> (CC7169)	Open location, 30", white flowers on single stems	Mark E. White
46	<i>Penstemon albertinus</i>	16", deep blue, delicate spires	Carmel Tysver
47	<i>Penstemon davidsonii</i> var. <i>praeteritus</i>	6", violet to lavender-blue upward facing blossoms	Carmel Tysver
48	<i>Penstemon procerus</i> ex. Nisqually Cream	2", creamy white flowers	Carmel Tysver
49	<i>Penstemon speciosus</i> <i>kennedyi</i>	4", white-throated, deep blue flowers	Carmel Tysver
50	<i>Penstemon washingtonis</i>	10", deep blue, tubular flowers in whorls	Carmel Tysver
51	<i>Primula florindae</i>	15", orange shades	Teena Garay
	<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i> <i>rubra</i>	6", deep ruby red flowers	Mark E. White
	<i>Rheum palmatum</i> var. <i>tangutica</i>	4', red	Teena Garay
54	<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i> 'Alpine Glacier'	1/2"-2" mats w/many small white flowers on 10-12" stems	Kathy Zins
55	<i>Saxifraga xurbium nanum</i> 'Dwarf London Pride'	1-1/4" rosettes that form a mat	Kathy Zins
56	<i>Stachys lanata</i> (Lambs Ear)	12-15", fuzzy leaves w/yellow flowers	Kathy Zins
57	<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	12", grass, annual	Teena Garay
58	<i>Thalictrum alpinum</i>	36", purple	Kathy Zins
59	<i>Waldheimia</i> ? <i>glabra</i> (CC7211)	High alpine, lavender daisy over club-like sedum foliage	Mark E. White
60	<i>Waldheimia</i> sp. (CC7212)	High Alpine	Mark E. White

Plant Profile:

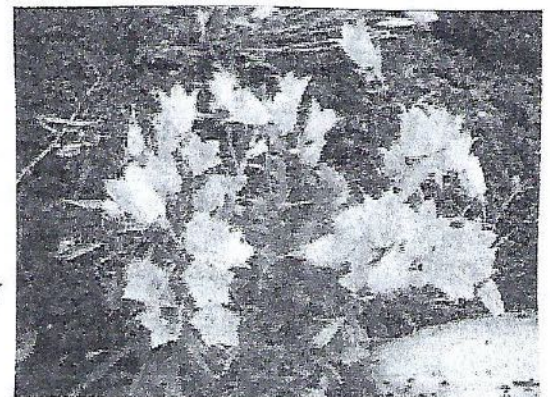
Lime Lovers

Florene Carney

If you are fortunate enough to own Baldassare Mineo's book, "Rock Garden Plants A Color Encyclopedia", you will find on page 266 a list of plants for limy soil. This might be the place to start looking for plants to put in your tufa or hypertufa garden.

From *Acantholimon* to *Viola delphinantha* the list is great fun to read and the perfect place to start your research to find plants that might be hardy here.

I have a list marked in blue highlighter in my book here are some favorites: *Androsace chamaejasme*, *Companula cochlearifolia*, *Campanula garganica*, *Campanula portenschlagiana* (These are all very small in spite of their big names). There are *Drabas*, *Dryas*, *Gypsophila*, *Kelsia uniflora*, *Leontopodium*, *Primula auricula*, *Primula marginata*, *Saxifragas*, and a long list of *Silene*.



Campanula Cochlearifolia (Fairy Thimbles) Mts. Of Europe often on limestone.

From the President

Carmel Tysver

Can you believe it is already the middle of February and time to finish purchasing seeds and getting plants ordered for spring planting. If you want to get any plants from Wrightman Alpines please send it in with the ARGS order as for every \$50 on the order they will send a free plant for the rock garden at the ABG. Their catalog is on line and very easy to use and they have lots of pictures. I wanted one of everything! Verna will be sending in the order after the March meeting which will be on the 17th in Anchorage at the Cooperative Extension office. You can give her the order then or email it to her. Remember if you start seeds to start a few extra to sell at the plant sales. As a club we are looking to purchase

plants also for the sales this year from nurseries out of state. The sales are in May with one in Anchorage and one in the valley.

On April 14th and 15th we are hosting a speaker from NARGS. His name is Fritz Kummert and is from Austria. He has not been to Alaska before and from the emails we have exchanged he sounds excited. If anyone has anything blooming at that time call me or send an email if it is alright to bring him to your garden. He is also a bird watcher so in anyone has a favorite spot please let me know. There will be a pot luck dinner after the Sunday talk so everyone can visit with him.

It is not too late to sign up to attend the WWSW in Everett, WA in March. In that area there should be a lots blooming

and with open gardens before and after the conference there should be a lot to see besides snow which we will still have here. So far I know there are 4 of us from Alaska attending.

The board has been trying to find ways to increase attendance at our meeting and if you have not heard we are purchasing a book each month from NARGS and having a drawing for it at each meeting. There have been some great books so far.

Happy Gardening

Carmel



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ARGGS Membership: New _____; Renewal _____; w/o Changes _____; w/change _____
 Dues: \$15 US—Individual, \$20 US—Family/Canada, \$25 US—Foreign

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____
 E-mail Address: _____ Telephone: () _____

ARGGS may share its membership list with like-minded, non-profit organizations. If you DO NOT want to receive these notifications, please check here: _____

Membership is for the calendar year

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