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Newsletter

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Calendar of Coming Events

Mark your calendars for all the exciting events coming up:

Saturday, February 16, 2013 - 2:00p.m. Anchorage, Cooperative Extension Classroom. Mike Monterusso, Gardens and Facilities Manager for the Alaska Botanic Garden will present "Profile of a Green Roof System - Sedums & More"

Saturday, March 16, 2013 - 2:00 p.m. Palmer, MTA Conference Room. NARGS Speaker Jim Locklear, Dir. of Conservation, Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha NE; Author of *Phlox, A Natural History and Gardener's Guide* Presentation : "The View from Phlox Mountain."

Sunday, March 17, 2013 - 4:00 p.m. Anchorage Cooperative Extension Classroom. NARGS Speaker Jim Locklear, "Naming and Taming the Flame."

Notes from the President

This spring for ARGS is adding up to a busy season. In March we are hosting Jim Locklear via NARGS. He will be here for talks on the 16th and 17th. Jim has written the book "Phlox" which is available from Timber Press. Form the titles of his talks the slides will be colorful.

We will also be hosting Chris Chadwell in June. Chris is known for his travels and seed collecting in the Himalayas. Several of our members have bought seed shares from him and I have the pleasure of having a few of his plants. While here he is very interested in visiting gardens, nurseries and hikes to view the wild flowers. May we will again have our plant sales in Anchorage and the Valley. The Anchorage sale will be the 18th with the place to be decided as yet. In the Valley it will be at Carney's again on the 25th. For those who will have plants but do not want to take them to the Valley we will also have a table at the ABG for their opening of the season.

There will be a trip to Thompson Pass to view the flowers and enjoy the views I hope. I have been there when it rained so hard we never left the motorhome and then when it is nice there it is breath taking. Hope for the latter.

Looking forward to spring!
Carmel Tysver

Plant Profile: The Genus Sedum

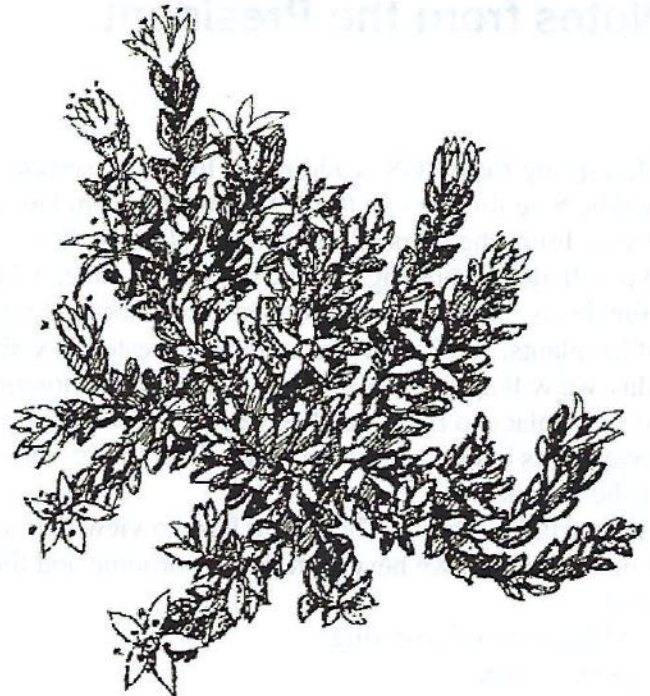
Sedum is a large genus of flowering plants in the family Crassulaceae, members of which are commonly known as stonecrops. It contains around 400 species of leaf succulents that are found throughout the Northern Hemisphere, varying from annual and creeping herbs to shrubs. The plants have water-storing leaves. The flowers usually have five petals, seldom four or six. There are typically twice as many stamens as petals.

A number of species, formerly classified as Sedum, are now a separate genus Hylotelephium.

The leaves of all stonecrops are edible. The leaves on one stonecrop common in Alaskan gardens, *Sedum acre*, contains high quantities of piperidine alkaloids which give it a sharp, peppery, acrid taste and make it somewhat toxic.

Sedum kamschaticum is one of the hardiest, and typically has yellow or orange flowers, though a pink variety is also being shared around. There is a nice variegated leaf form that does not self-sow as much as the plain species.

Most Sedums thrive on neglect and poor, dry, rocky soil.



Wrightman's Catalog Order

Verna will be collecting orders from members to combine for one big order to Wrightman's. Use the Wrightman Alpine's Nursery website at www.wrightmanalpines.com to see their current list. Prices run from \$5 to \$10 per plant and are nice plants. Members who ordered last year were pleased to get bonus plants that could be used at the Botanical Garden. Verna would like to have all orders by March. This is an opportunity to order some of the plants that you have been yearning for, but couldn't find locally.

Botanical Latin - Colors

Alba, albus, albidus = White

Argentea, argentus, argenteus = Silvery

Atropurpurea = Dark Purple

Atrosanguineus = Dark Blood-Red

Atroviolaceus = Dark Violet

Atrovirens = Dark Green

Aurantiacus = Orange-red

Aureus = Golden

Azureus = Light Blue

Brunneus = Brown

Carneus = Flesh Colored

Caerulea = Deep Blue

Caesius = Blue-Gray

Citrinus = Yellow

Coeruleus = Dark Blue

Coccineus = Bright Red, Scarlet

Flava, flavum = Yellow

Glaucus = Covered in Gray Bloom

Griseum = Gray

Luteus = Yellow

Miniata = Reddish

Niger = Black

Porphyreus = Purple

Sempervirens = Always Green

Rosea = Pink

Rubens, ruber, rubra, rubrum, rufus = Ruddy Red

Virens = Green

Viridus = Green

Xanthinus = Yellow

Seed Exchange Seed List

As in the past the diversity of seeds from our contributing members is amazing. A special thank you to the following Donors is in order.

Verna Pratt
Kathy Zins
Joyce Glaze
Jaime Rodriguez
Carmel Tysver
Teena Garay
Mark White

All Donors will be given first choice off the seed list. Please list up to (15) choices with (5) alternates and send via mail to:

Mark E. White
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Or E-mail: mewhite@ptialaska.net

1	<i>Aconitum hemsleyanum</i> "Red Wine"	6' climbing	dark wine-red	Joyce Glaze
2	<i>Aconitum septentrionale</i> 'Ivory'	36"	white	Joyce Glaze
3	<i>Androsace americana</i>	1"-8"	white	Kathy Zins
4	<i>Androsace carnea</i> var. <i>alba</i>	2"	white	Verna Pratt
5	<i>Aquilegia</i> 'Pink Fantasy'	12"	pink	Kathy Zins
6	<i>Aster alpinus</i>	6"	deep violet	Verna Pratt
7	<i>Bergenia</i> sp.	12"-24"	magenta	Kathy Zins
8	<i>Briza media</i>	60cm	light green	Jaime Rodriguez
9	<i>Caltha leptosepala</i>	12"	white	Joyce Glaze
10	<i>Campanula barbata</i>	10-30cm	blue	Jaime Rodriguez
11	<i>Campanula glomerata</i>	12"	violet	Kathy Zins
12	<i>Clematis</i> 'Blue Bird'	10'climbing	blue	Kathy Zins
13	<i>Clematis koreana</i> 'Brunet'	2M	Purple	Jaime Rodriguez
14	<i>Clematis macropetala</i> ex 'Pink Form'	2M	Pink	Jaime Rodriguez
15	<i>Clematis macropetala</i> ex 'Blue Bird'	2M	Blue	Jaime Rodriguez
16	<i>Clematis scottii</i>	15-30cm	blue	Jaime Rodriguez
17	<i>Clematis tangutica</i>	2M	Yellow	Jaime Rodriguez
18	<i>Delphinium</i> Magic Fountains	75-90cm	White/Dark Bee	Jaime Rodriguez
19	<i>Delphinium</i> sp.	6-7'	China expedition	Kathy Zins
20	<i>Delphinium</i> sp.	8'	Dark blue w/black bee	Kathy Zins
21	<i>Corydalis sempervirens</i>	24-30"	Annual/biennial	Mark White
22	<i>Digitalis</i> sp.	30"	yellow	Kathy Zins
23	<i>Dodecatheon alpinum</i> var. <i>alpinum</i>	8"	pink	Mark White
24	<i>Dodecatheon dentatum</i>	15-30cm	White	Jaime Rodriguez
25	<i>Dodecatheon</i> sp.	8"	white	Kathy Zins

Seed Exchange Seed List, continued

26	<i>Douglasia montana</i>	3"	pink	Carmel Tysver
27	<i>Draba brevifolia</i>	6"	white	Kathy Zins
28	<i>Draba paysonii</i> var. <i>treleasei</i>	2"	yellow	Verna Pratt
29	<i>Echinops ritro</i>	90-120cm	blue	Jaime Rodriguez
30	<i>Edrianthus graminifolius</i>	2"	white	Verna Pratt
31	<i>Eryngium</i> 'Big Blue'	30"	iridescent blue	Joyce Glaze
32	<i>Eryngium giganteum</i>	1.5M	White/Silver	Jaime Rodriguez
33	<i>Eryngium giganteum</i> 'Miss Wilmott's Ghost'	24-30"	White/Silver	Carmel Tysver
34	<i>Gentiana lutea</i>	24"	yellow	Mark White
35	<i>Gentianella</i> sp. Ex ARGS 2000	60-90cm	Blue	Jaime Rodriguez
36	<i>Glaucidium palmatum</i>	24"	pink	Joyce Glaze
37	<i>Glaucidium palmatum</i> 'Alba'	24"	white	Joyce Glaze
38	<i>Heuchera rosea</i>	8"	pink	Verna Pratt
39	<i>Ligularia sibirica</i>	2M	Yellow	Jaime Rodriguez
40	<i>Lilium martagon</i>	48"	red	Joyce Glaze
41	<i>Lilium pumilum</i>	18-24"	red	Mark White
42	<i>Lychnis alpinus</i>	5"	pink	Verna Pratt
43	<i>Lychnis Flos-Jovis</i>	18"	red	Joyce Glaze
44	<i>Meconopsis baileyi</i>	36"	blue	Joyce Glaze
45	<i>Meconopsis</i> 'Lingholm'	30"	blue	Joyce Glaze
46	<i>Minuartia</i> sp.	2"	white	Verna Pratt
47	<i>Papaver rhoeas</i>	24"	red	Carmel Tysver
48	<i>Polemonium</i> ?	36"	white	Kathy Zins
49	<i>Primula cockburiana</i>	15-30cm	Orange	Jaime Rodriguez
50	<i>Primula cortusa mattioli</i>	15"	violet	Kathy Zins
51	<i>Pulsatilla tarozovii</i>	15"	dark purple	Carmel Tysver
52	<i>Ranunculus parnassifolius</i>	6"	white	Mark White
53	<i>Rheum palmatum</i> 'Tanguticum'	3'	red	Mark White
54	<i>Scutellaria alpina</i>	15-30cm	Purple	Jaime Rodriguez
55	<i>Thalictrum delavayi</i>	90-120cm	Lavendar	Jaime Rodriguez
56	<i>Trollius</i> ?	4'	yellow-green	Kathy Zins

Orders will be sent out up to March 2, after which the surplus will be sent back to the chapter for distribution at future meetings.

Calendar, continued.

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April - The Mall at Sears, Anchorage, Date TBA

May 11 - ABG Rock Garden Clean up (Thaw permitting) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

May 18 - Anchorage Plant Sale, at Sally K's, 7435 Old Harbor Ave, Anchorage. 9:00a m - 4:00 pm

May 25 - Valley Plant Sale, Snowfire Gardens, 3379 Inlet Vista Circle, Wasilla. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

June 8 - Anchorage—Garden Tour (Kathy Zins, Carmel Tysver, Marilyn Barker)

June 15 - Palmer—Chris Chadwell

June 16 - Anchorage—Chris Chadwell

July 19-21, Road Trip, Thompson Pass and Valdez.

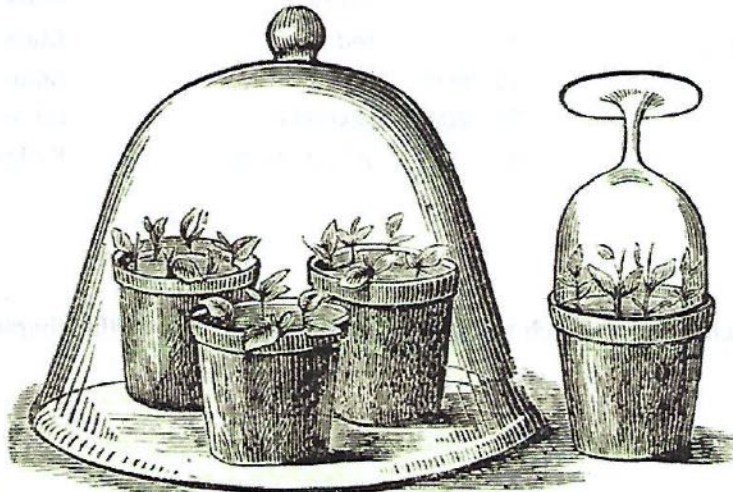
August Date TBA, Arctic Valley Seed Collecting

September 21 - Anchorage, Plant Exchange

October 19 - Valley, TBA

November 16 - Anchorage, TBA

December 21 - Valley, Christmas Party



"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream."

- Barbara Winkler

Tell Us What You Want

This is YOUR rock garden society. We would like to be responsive to your needs and desires. What topics would you like to see addressed at our monthly meetings? Please address all comments, suggestions, etc. to Carmel Tysver, garden@gci.net, 907-522-3490 .

Join or Renew Your Membership (Now is the time to renew for 2013)

To join the Alaska Rock Garden Society, fill out the form below and send, along with a check payable to ARGS to: Alaska Rock Garden Society, PO Box 244136, Anchorage, AK 99524-4136

ARGS 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: (_____) _____ - _____

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Membership is for the calendar year _____

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February Meeting of The Alaska Rock Garden Society

"Profile of a Green Roof System - Sedums & More"

by Mike Monterusso, Gardens & Facilities Manager for the Alaska Botanical Garden

February 16, 2013: 2:00 P.M.

Cooperative Extension Office, 1675 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

The February Meeting of the Alaska Rock Garden Society will be held at the Cooperative Extension in Anchorage. The Regular Meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. Guest speaker, Mike Monterusso, Gardens & Facilities Manager for the Alaska Botanical Garden will present "Profile of a Green Roof System - Sedums & More," covering the design, construction, establishment, and maintenance of different types of green roof systems.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this meeting!