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Coming Events

All Meetings are scheduled for Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Regular Mtg. at 2:00 p.m.

- January 16, 2010 Anchorage, Cooperative Extension
 Speaker: Jaime Rodriguez
 "New Rock Garden Plants" Plants that are new to Alaska or the Horticulture Industry (unusual or untried)
- February 20, 2010 Valley, MTA Building, Palmer
 Planning the ABG Tufa Garden
 "Plants for Tufa Gardens" -This will be a group effort. Bring pictures, ideas to share to help decide which plants to order for the new Tufa Garden at ABG. Carmel Tysver has applied for a \$1,000.00 Grant from NARGS for this purpose.
- March 20, 2010 Anchorage, UAA, Rassmussen Bldg. (formerly the Business Admin. Bldg.) It's a green & gray 3 story Bldg. This is a Dual Meeting:
Part I. Amelia Walsh will show her short program that she presented at the NARGS Winter Study Weekend in 2009.
Part II. Jaime Rodriguez will present: "Hardy Low Rock Garden Plants of the Genus Synthris and Veronica"
- April 3, 2010 "Garden Day" at the Sears Mall. A Volunteer Sign-up Sheet will be available at the February and March meetings. If you have a specific time to volunteer, call Varna @ 333-8212.

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Coming Events Cont'd.

- April 17, 2010 Valley. MTA Building, Palmer
"Native Rock Garden Plants of Healy, Alaska"
Speaker, Verna Pratt
NOTE: This program is a predecessor of two summer field trips to the area. June 12 & 13 to see the plants in bloom and August 7 & 8 to gather seeds. (Camping is available and a motel is near by. Plans for such need to be made in advance.) Contact Verna for particulars.
- May 15, 2010 Alaska Botanical Garden Clean-up 1:00 P.M.
Clean up of the Rock Gardens at the Botanical Garden and planting the new Tufa Garden.
- May 22, 2010 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Plant Sale Anchorage
At Sally Karabelnikoff's home on Old Harbor Rd. Off Muldoon.
- May 29 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Plant Sale Valley
Florene and Doug Carney's Snowfire Gardens 3379 Inlet Vista Cir.
Off Mi. 5.2 Fairview Loop Rd.

From the President

Jaime Rodriguez, President

Hau'oli makahiki hou! Happy New Year! I confess I have Hawaii on the brain, because I will be spending the last week of January and first week of February there. Is it zone denial to wonder if any of the high alpine plants from 13,000 ft elevation on Mauna Loa might be hardy?

2010 promises to be an interesting year for the Alaska Rock Garden Society. We have the new tufa garden to plant at the Anchorage Botanical Garden. Later this spring we'll have a workshop about plants that grow well in Tufa.

I am excited about our planned seed collection trip to Mt. Healy in August. We have a few nice plants from when we went there in 1999. In my own garden *Douglasia gormannii* is getting nicer with each passing year. *Saxifraga eschscholtzii* got lost, and I want it back. We should all have the Alaskan *Eritrichiums* and *Synthesis*, and with any luck, we'll bring back seeds.

At our next meeting I'll be sharing my research into new rock garden plants gleaned from hours searching through catalogs and websites. Some of the plants are special selections of familiar plants. Others are so new to the horticulture world that only the names and place of origin are known. Hopefully the eye candy will keep us warm through the hundred days of January. (If you don't know about the hundred days of January, come to our January meeting and I'll explain it. Grin.)

Don't forget – it's time to sow the slow growers and slow germinators.

Jaime

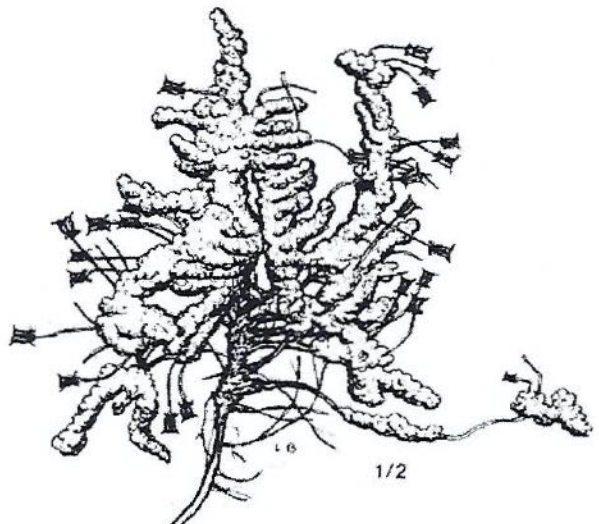
Plant Profile

By Jaime Rodriguez

Saxifraga eschscholtzii

This tiny grey-green saxifrage is native to Alaska and Canada, and is found mostly in the arctic or higher elevations in rocky tundra. Also known as Ciliate Saxifrage or Cushion Saxifrage, it has the appearance of a colony of tiny barnacles or coral. It is easily mistaken for lichen. The flowers are yellow and quite tiny. The leaves are alternate, and hairy. A good candidate for a trough, so it doesn't get lost

Saxifraga eschscholtzii



North American Rock Garden Society

Join today. NARGS is for gardening enthusiasts interested in alpine, saxatile, and low-growing perennials. Annual dues in the U.S. and Canada are \$30, payable in U.S. funds. VISA/Mastercard accepted.

Benefits of membership include: Rock Garden Quarterly with articles on alpines and North American wildflowers, illustrated in color photographs and pen and ink drawings; annual seed exchange with thousands of plant species; study weekends and annual meetings in either U.S. or Canada; and book service to members.

Join on-line at www.nargs.org

Or write: Bobby J. Ward, Exec. Secretary NARGS, P.O. Box 18604, Raleigh, NC 27619-8604, USA

Plant Swap a Huge Success!

The September 2009 Meeting had a program that may become an Annual Event. The plant swap was a huge success and fun for all. There was a wonderful variety of plants available for members to swap and everyone went home with new treasures for their gardens. Look for this program next fall and in the meantime set aside a few treasures that you would like to trade for something you don't already have. Many people brought real treasures including several saxifragas and lewisias.



NARGS 2010

Romancing the Rockies

The Marriage of Plant and Stone

July 11-14, 2010

Denver & Salida, Colorado

Exploration and field study of the "edaphic factor": how does limestone or granite substrate influence the flora and biodiversity?

Join the Rocky Mountain Chapter of NARGS for a trip to the **undiscovered** Colorado that is every bit as beautiful as—but somehow more pristine and authentic—than the famous resorts that grab headlines. The meeting is scheduled to coincide with the peak of the alpine season: come dance with *Eritrichium* and primulas on the very backbone of America!

Information at www.rmcnargs.org and more to follow.

A Work Party Sets Tufa into Garden at ABG

If you want to get a lot of work done in a hurry, call a rock gardener! A Fall work party hauled tufa, sorted tufa, and placed tufa in the new section of the rock garden at the Alaska Botanical Garden. The tufa, purchased by ARGS from Dave Taplin and Nancy Beck, was loaded and moved during one work party and placed at another. The garden is ready to receive plants that need exactly this type of environment. At the meeting in February members will be making suggestions for what to order and making commitments of plants they own to go into the new tufa garden.



Photo by Florene Carney

Carmel Tysver, Elaine Wardel, Verna Pratt, Jaime Rodriguez, and Madge Oswald behind the new Tufa Garden at the Alaska Botanical Garden.

Seed Exchange 2009–2010

Mark White

Welcome to another fine seed selection from the following Donors:

- #1; Kathy Swick
- #2; Verna Pratt
- #3; Kathy Zins
- #4; Les Brake
- #5; Mark White
- #6; Unison Hubbard
- #7; Debbie Hinchey
- #8; Florene Carney

Please consider being a donor next year and add to the diversity of our offerings.

SEED EXCHANGE ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

The above 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 your requests as it is easier to fill.

Substitutes or alternates at the bottom of the order sheet are welcome.

Take a lined sheet and add your Name, Address, E-mail address & or Phone #. then list your requests. Place in an envelope and address to:

ARGS SEED EXCHANGE

Mark E. White
35680 Glacier Avenue
Sterling, Alaska 99672

Please include \$3.00 to cover costs of mailing & envelopes; checks may be made out to: Mark E. White

Please include a personal Mailing label for the return seed packet.

Please have your order returned to us by the end of January. We will plan to fill your order and return to you by February 15th.

We will do our best to send your full order but please keep in mind that many of the items are of a small quantity. THANK YOU!



A			B		C		D		E
	Botanical Name	Ht. "	Color		Additional Description		Donor		
1	Aconitum napellus 'Album'	24 to 36	white		blooms July/August		3		
2	Aconitum napellus Album	30	white		White Monkshood		6		
3	Aconitum, sp.	12 to 18	dark blue		Dwarf Monkshood		8		
4	Aconitum, sp.	48-60	oyster blue		ARGS China tour 2000		9		
5	Adenophora bulleyana	48	china blue		Ladybells		4		
6	Alchemilla alpina	8	chartreuse		silky leaves		3		
7	Allium aflatunense	36	purple				7		
8	Allium aflatunense 'Purple Sensation'	30	violet/purple				3		
9	Allium azureum	18	blue		Blue Onion		7		
10	Allium karataviense 'Ivory Queen'	8	white				7		
11	Allium victoralis var. platyphyllum	24	pink		native		9		
12	Alyssum wulfenianum	4	yellow		long branches that sprawl		2		
13	Androsace carnea laggerii	3	pink w/gold eye				3		
14	Androsace carnea rosea	4	rose				3		
15	Androsace salicifolia	5	white		annual		2		
16	Androsace sempervivoides	3	bright pink w/yellow eye		spreads by stolens		3		
17	Androsace sp.	3	white				3		
18	Androsace, sp.	2 to 4	white?				8		
19	Anemone multifida	8	pastel yellow				9		
20	Anemone sp.	16	rose		maybe A. multifida 'Rubra'		7		
21	Aquilegia discolor	6 to 8	blue & white		reseeds readily		8		
22	Aquilegia 'Fantasy Pink'	t to	shell pink				8		
23	Aquilegia flabellata 'Fantasy'	10	pink				3		
24	Aquilegia McKana Giant	36 to 40	yellow/rose				3		
25	Aster alpinus	8	lavendar/blue				6		
26	Aster alpinus ?	7	lavendar				2		
27	Astrantia minor	8	white				9		
28	Boykinia richardsonii	30	white to light pink with dark eye		wild-collected		5		
29	Calceolaria faulklandica	6 to 8	yellow		pouch flowers		3		
30	Campanula latifolia	30	blue		doesn't spread like other Campanulas		6		
31	Campanula saxifrage	9 to 10	blue bells				8		
32	Clematis macropetala 'Jan Lindmark'	96	violet		columbine looking		3		

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34	Clematis 'Pixie Parasols'	4 to 6	bluish purple parasols	ground cover	8
35	Clematis recta purpurea	60	white	star-shaped	3
36	Clematis tangutica	96	yellow star shaped	vine or will ramble on the ground	5
37	Cremanthodium reniforme	18	soft yellow	Umbrella plant	4
38	Delphinium centurion 'Sky Blue'	72	poppy blue with white bee		3
39	Delphinium 'Pacific Giants'	84 to 108	purple with black bee		3
40	Delphinium, sp.	24-36	purple bi-color	ARGS China tour 2000	9
41	Dianthus 'La Bourboule'	2	pink	mat forming	2
42	Dianthus 'La Bourboule'	2 to 3	pink	mat forming	3
43	Dianthus 'Little Jock'	2 to 4	red center w/white petals		8
44	Dianthus microlepis ex Rogr Barlow	1	pink		1
45	Dodecatheon pulchellum	10 to 15	dark to light pink		3
46	Dodecatheon pulchellum	12	pink	Shooting Star	7
47	Douglasia montana ex RMRP	1	dark pink		1
48	Draba azoides	4 to 5	yellow	short basal leaves	3
49	Draba brevifolia	2 to 4	white	tight tiny rosettes	3
50	Draba sp.	2	yellow	similar to Draba alpina	2
51	Draba ventosa ex Roger Barlow	1	yellow		1
52	Edraianthus serbicus	2 to 5	light purple		3
53	Erigeron aureus 'Canary Bird'	6 to 8	yellow	long blooming; still blooming 10/21	6
54	Erigeron 'Azure Fairy'	15	lavendar/blue w/yellow center	very hardy; prefers poor soil	6
55	Gentiana asclepiadea	45	blue	Willow Gentian	4
56	Gentiana pumila delphinensis ex Roger Barlow	5	blue		1
57	Gentiana verna	5	blue		4
58	Geum triflorum	8	pink		9
59	Incarvillea zongdenensis	12	bright pink w/yellow eye		8
60	Iris setosa	18	lavendar		2
61	Iris setosa alba	24	white	white or lavender	9
62	Leontopodium alpinum	8	white		5
63	Lewisia pygmaea	2 to 3	pink stripe with yellow eye		3
64	Lychnis alpina	6	white		2
65	Lychnis alpina	2 to 6	rosy-purple		3
66	Lychnis calcedonica 'Rosea'	48 to 60	soft pink	Pink Maltese Cross	7

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67	<i>Lychnis viscaria</i>	8 to 15	pink	German catchfly	3
68	<i>Minuartia arctica</i>	1	white	floriferous; 5" tall in bloom; matt- forming	1
69	<i>Minuartia macrocarpa</i> ex Rhonda	1	white	large flowers once established; matt-forming	1
70	<i>Nomocharis pardanthina</i>	36	pink shades with dark blotches		4
71	<i>Paeonia veitchii</i> hybrid	48	pink		4
72	Papaver 'Loren's Grape'	24 to 30	grape		8
73	Papaver rhoeas	24	red	picked in Italy; 2nd generation Alaska	9
74	Penstemon halleri	4	purple	easy, well-drained soil, 8" tall in bloom	1
75	Penstemon procerus toimei	3	purple/blue	8" tall in bloom; Penstemon Society	1
76	Penstemon procerus toimei "Hawkeye"	3	pink	6" tall in bloom; Mt. Tahoma	1
77	Penstemon procerus toimei "Old Snowy"	2	white & pink	6" tall in bloom; matt-forming; Choice	1
78	Penstemon speciosus kennedyi ex Ratko	2	dark blue	6" tall in bloom; matt-forming; Choice	1
79	<i>Phyteuma villarsii</i>	6 to 8	blue sputnik		8
80	<i>Potentilla nepalensis</i> 'Miss Willmott'	10	red	has wide reach	6
81	<i>Potentilla villosa</i>	4 to 6	yellow		3
82	<i>Primula auricula</i>	7	mix		2
83	<i>Primula chungensis</i>	14	orange		2
84	<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris rubra</i>	8 to 10	red		8
85	<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris rubra</i>	8	red	very fringed	8
86	<i>Saponaria pumila</i> ex NARGS	1	pink	2" tall in bloom	1
87	<i>Satureja spicigera</i> ?	6 to 8	violet blue	subshrub	1
88	<i>Saxifraga bronchialis</i>	4	yellow	yellow spotted saxifrage; wild-collected	2
89	<i>Saxifraga catherhamensis</i>	4	pink spotted	1" mat; blossoms to 4"	8
90	<i>Saxifraga</i> 'Heartside Cream'	2 to 4	cream	mat	8
91	<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i> cartilaginia 'Foster's Red'	4	red	1" mat; blossoms to 4"	8
92	<i>Saxifraga</i> , sp.	4	white	2" mat; blossoms to 4"	8
93	<i>Silene acaulis</i> 'Tatoosh'	1	pink	mat	8
94	<i>Silene acaulis</i> 'White Rabbit'	1	white	mat	8
95	<i>Silene argaea</i> ex Rhonda	1	white	2" tall in bloom; pink & white striped bud/seed pods	1
96	<i>Soldonella lungovensis</i>	7	lavendar		2
97	<i>Symphanda</i>	2 to 6	violet	upside down flowers	3
98	<i>Synthesis missurica</i> var. <i>missurica</i>	7	blue		2
99	<i>Trollius pumilus</i>	6 to 8	yellow		8



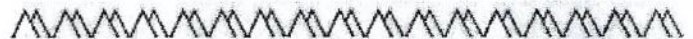
Start planning now for this exciting week-end! The Winter Study week-ends are a wealth of information and sharing.



"Alpine Trails:
From the Switchbacks
to the Suburbs"

March 5-7, 2010 — Medford, Oregon

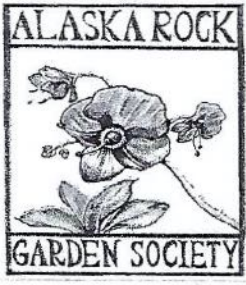
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Contribute to NARGS Image Library

NARGS is creating an image library and calling on members from all chapters to contribute. The first project will be to scan the 35mm slides from the NARGS Slide Library. "Please notify all your members that we need their photos. All photos will be accepted. If they are in a non-digital format (35mm or negatives) contact me to schedule a time when they can be scanned," writes John Serowicz, who is heading up the library. For more information, see <http://acnargs.blogspot.com/2009/08/contribute-to-nargsimagelibrary.html> or write to John at imagelibrary@mi.rr.com.

January Meeting is in Anchorage at the Cooperative Extension Office. January 16, 2:00 p.m.



Newsletter

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 Dues: \$15 US—Individual, \$20 US—Family/Canada, \$25 US—Foreign

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