

HUDSONIANA

February 2020

CALENDAR

February 8

**10:00 – “Woodland Treasures” – *Don Dembowski*
Lyndhurst Carriage House**

REMEMBER

**BRING IN PLANTS FOR
SHOW AND TELL**

Bring a breakfast item to share

A talk about some of the many shade plants that can be grown here in our climate. Many flower early spring bringing us out of winter with bright colors. Familiar and not so familiar plants like trillium, arisaema and Solomon’s seal collected over many years—how to grow and to propagate.



Trillium cuneatum



Stewartia malacodendron

March 14

Mike Wilson – “The ABCs of Rock Gardening”

April 4

Flower Show – Lyndhurst

April 18

Lori Chips “Troughs—Gardening in the Smallest Landscape”

April 25

Stonecrop Plant Sale – Cold Spring

May 9

Plant Sale at Lyndhurst

Chapter Notes

By: Don Dembowski

Seed Exchange:

Many thanks to those members who helped with the seed sorting in December: Jacques Mommens, Hedi Eulau, Jane Moyer, Chris Murray, Ernie DeMarie, Mark Womack, Kenny Salstrom and Kathy Gaffney. The day was enjoyable since we were able to visit with one another as we completed the task.

The seeds we ordered are being sent out and are arriving in mailboxes now. Growing from seed needs to be encouraged. It simply contributes to our understanding of how these plants grow. Another important reason to grow from seed is that rock garden plants are becoming **less** available. The big

wholesale nursery, Sunny Border in Connecticut, which was a source for many well-grown, inexpensive alpinists has gone out of business. Their plants were sold by many nurseries, Stonecrop and our chapter. This makes seed growing that much more important.

Garden Vitis:

Thanks also to Alex Kenner and Rick Plate who volunteered to have their gardens on the May 16 garden tour sponsored by the Watnong Chapter.

Lucky find:

I must confess that as I walk around I can't avoid checking out people's trash. The other day in Pelham I noticed heaps of dianthus in the lawn refuse of a neighbor. I had often admired this neighbor's garden and marveled at how nicely the dianthus spread over the incline at the front of her house. Many of those thrown out had roots, so I picked them up and potted up 40 pots. I think these are the double pink called 'Rachel.' I've wanted to get them started at Lyndhurst for some time.



The Rockeries:

Rick Plate, Mark Womack and I are in discussion with the director of Lyndhurst, Howard Zar, about the Rockeries. These are the sites in back of the mansion that have a great view of the Hudson with beautiful rocks that were situated there many years ago. We are exploring the establishment of rock gardens there. We will be able to discuss this in more detail at the upcoming meeting.

A WALK AROUND THE GARDEN IN A MILD (SO FAR) WINTER



Salix gracilistyla 'Mt. Aso'



Witch hazel 'Jelena'



Galanthus 'Mrs. McNamara'

Early and flowering despite ice coating, originally found in Dylan Thomas' mother-in-law's yard in Wales