



# Long Island Chapter

## North American Rock Garden Society

### 2014 June Newsletter

**Sunday June 8 – NARGS LI Meeting, Planting Fields Greenhouse,  
1:30 PM**

**Pecha Kucha, meaning chit-chat, members share Jewels of experience or  
adventure in 8 minute snapshots.**

**Joe Haber - Rhododendrons & Azaleas**

**Henri Leclerc - Unlikely Invasives**

**Anne Mehlinger - My "Rock" Garden**

**Leslie Leber - Three Months on a Mountain Top in Costa Rica**

**Al Wasner - Favorite Websites**

**Raffle – Regina Conlon - Donations please!**

**Refreshments will be served at the beginning of the meeting. Carolyn Hyatt  
will coordinate, new member Franklin Rothenberg will assist. Clean up help  
needed.**

**Donations of snacks & treats PLEASE**



**May 4 Plant Sale – Great Success Thanks to our  
Buyers, Sellers & Donors. Our Expert Shopper  
Don brought some choice selections from 3  
nurseries and his garden. Other donations to the  
chapter sales tables: Pat & Charlie Merendino,  
Anne Mehlinger, Henri Leclerc, John Bieber, Frank  
Rothenberg and Kathy Gaffney. Thanks to Pat and  
Charlie - Refreshments, Regina Conlon - Cashier;  
Cathy Bird - Publicity & Pictures, Joe Haber and  
Don Ohl - signs: and all others who helped, &  
Anne who coordinated it all with Adam and the  
Planting Fields crew! Net profit = \$592.04**

**Car Pool Trip to Fort Tryon Park Manhattan**  
**Friday, June 13, 2014 (Rain Date June 20) 10AM to 4PM**  
**" Probably the best park in NY"**



[Fort Tryon Park](#) is a breathtaking 67 acre site located at the tip of northern Manhattan at one of the highest elevations of the island featuring sweeping views of the Hudson River, George Washington Bridge and the Jersey Palisades.

Plans for the day include a guided tour of the recently restored [Alpine Garden](#) at 11AM, a break for lunch at the [New Leaf Restaurant](#) or you may bring your lunch and eat on the grounds. After lunch we will meet for a guided tour of the renowned [Heather Garden](#) which boasts 500 varieties of plants, trees and shrubs.

Carpools will leave at 10 AM from Christopher Morley Park, Searingtown Rd exit 37N from I-495. The trip is officially over following the afternoon tour, around 2:30, and you and your car mates may decide how to spend the rest of the afternoon. For those who have the energy to remain after the tour be aware that the Park Closes at 5:15 PM.

If you would like to join us please give a check for \$12 to Anne Mehlinger. (All those who paid for our cancelled May trip, you are automatically signed up.) Write: "Ft Tryon" on the check. Print, complete, tear off and bring check and form to the June Meeting. Questions -call ANNE at 516-798-1412

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NARGS-LI                      Fort Tryon Car Pool Trip

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

I Can drive \_\_\_\_\_ Need ride \_\_\_\_\_

Will ride with \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE Want a reservation for lunch at the Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline June 8 meeting See you there. Thanks.

**NARGS LI Chapter Picnic**  
**Sunday, July 20th, 2014 1:30 – 5 PM**  
**Home of IRENE & AL MESSINA, 1430 Ridge Rd, Laurel Hollow**  
**Rain Date- Sat. Aug. 9th**

**Members bring a Dish to Pass, club provides beverages.**  
**RSVP to Pat Merendino- (631) 643-0135.(Rain Date Sat Aug 9)**

**Come enjoy Ospreys nesting on the dock, a rock wall, six chickens, and "many photo ops." Irene has some special places for MASON BEES (she talked about them at last September's meeting) and Al might give you a tour of his Orchid House.**

**Directions:**

**From Points west and North** on Long Island take **Northern Boulevard** heading **EAST**.

After passing through East Norwich (Big Intersection with 2 left turn lanes) Rothman's is also on the left. **This is Route 106**. Continue straight on. Pick up directions at the \*\*\* below

**OR**

From the **Long Island Expressway** take **Exit 41 North** or From **Northern State Parkway** take **Exit 35 North**

**Go North** on **Route 106**, (bear **RIGHT** at the Fork towards **OYSTER BAY**)

Continue North until the intersection of **Rte. 25A/Northern Blvd.**

Make a **RIGHT** turn onto **Rte 25A / Northern Boulevard**.

\*\*\*The **3rd** light will be **COVE ROAD**. Signs on the right side of the road indicate:

**SAGAMORE HILL Historic Site**. Continue thru next light, but move into the small left turn lane.

**TURN Left** onto... **LAUREL HOLLOW ROAD**. ( If you pass the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery, you have gone too far.)

**LAUREL HOLLOW ROAD** forks.....**stay to the RIGHT** on **Stewart Rd**. You will pass a school on the left. At the end of the road make a **LEFT** onto **MOORE'S HILL ROAD**

Make the **1st RIGHT** onto **RIDGE ROAD**

**Follow the road for approx. 7/10 of a mile. You will see a curving white fence**. Two mailboxes marked 1428 and 1430 are on the right. (**1430 has red, white and blue reflectors on it.**) On the other side of the driveway, a sign indicates 1434.

Turn **RIGHT** down this driveway. Pass a house on the left, a tennis court and pass another house on the right and **continue straight down until you get to 1430 Ridge Rd**.

**From the East on Northern Blvd, turn Right on MOORE'S HILL Rd, just after Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory—pick up directions above at Moore's Hill Rd**

## [NARGS Annual General Meeting](#)

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**August 28 – 30, 2014**

[Eldorado Hotel & Spa](#)



**Evening Programs & Day time Taos Ski Basin Field trip ( 1 day)**

**Private Garden Tours & Hiking and Botanical Garden Visits – other daytime**



**The Conference Registration Fee includes all programs, Taos field trip and lunch, reception hors d'oeuvres each evening, Friday evening buffet, and Saturday evening dinner.**

**Registration received by June 30, 2014 - \$325/person**

**Registration received July 1 to August 24, 2014 - \$350/person**

- **Annual membership required \$ 30 if not already a member**
- **Room rates start at \$199 double occupancy; rate can be extended 3days before and after conference.**

**Future NARGS LI Meetings at Planting Fields: 1:30 PM,**

**Sunday Sept 14 & Nov 16, Speaker TBD**

Anne Mehlinger requests your assistance and ideas for speakers, Please contact her at (516) 798-1412 annm36@gmail.com

**Sunday December 7 Holiday Party**

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**Saturday, October 26 – Tristate NARGS Meeting, 10- 3**

NARGS Speakers Tour : [Mike Kintgen](#), Senior Horticulturalist, Denver Botanic Gardens, Location TBD.

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**Garden Tour- Northport Historical Society**

**Sunday, June 29th, 12:00-4:00** - For more information, call the Society at 631-757-9859 Or Carolyn P. Hyatt @ 631-261-6099

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If you haven't sent your renewal—do it TODAY or bring to the meeting. Not sure? Call Pat at 631-643-0135 – if you paid she gave you a membership card!

**NARGS LI Chapter Renewal Form – 2014** Please Print. Use this form also for address and email additions or changes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ NY Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES: \$ 20 per family per year. Check made out to NARGS-LI First time new members \$10.**

Mail checks to:

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