



Bella and Barb on the chairlift in Bariloche, Argentina

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER of the North American Rock Garden Society November 2015

Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Nov. 21, 2015 Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA



Botanizing in Patagonia with Bella Seiden and Barbara Cooper

Rarely do we have the opportunity to armchair travel and botanize with such expert guides as Bella Seiden and Barbara Cooper. Driving over 2,800 miles in the late Spring of 2014, the women journeyed through steppe and mountains many days seeing only a few other vehicles! “The sheer size and beauty of Patagonia was truly amazing. We found the flora of Patagonia to be so unique and varied. There were many regions that supported widely different plants whose range and beauty was magnificent. We will share photos of the plants we were fortunate to view in their native habitats.”

Be sure to bring a friend. This will be an event worth sharing



The view from the chairlift at Bariloche



The high mountains in late Spring 2014

If you wish to sign up for the catered luncheon of sandwiches, salad and dessert at \$15 please notify Ellen Hornig at hornig@oswego.edu by Nov. 10th.

You can pay Ernie Flippo at the meeting.

If you prefer to bring your own lunch that's fine,



AGENDA

- 10:30 a.m.** Welcome – coffee, tea and cookies.
Members A-M, please contribute nibbles
- 11:00 a.m.** Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon** Catered Lunch or bring your own.
- 1:00 p.m.** **Bella Seiden and Barbara Cooper**
Botanizing in Patagonia

We need volunteers to pack seeds for the NARGS Seed Exchange

Seed packaging for the NARGS seed exchange will take place during the first three weeks in December, on dates to be arranged. We'll meet at my house (Ellen Hornig) in Shrewsbury or a different location, if that works better and can be arranged. We usually work for a few hours at a time, but any participation is appreciated. Training and supervision are provided - you don't need to have done this before. It's a nice opportunity to get to know some of your fellow chapter members better, as well as to make an important contribution to one of the national organization's best-loved activities. Please contact Ellen Hornig at [<hornig@oswego.edu>](mailto:hornig@oswego.edu) if you're interested in participating, and she will contact you directly, after the seeds arrive, to make further arrangements.

NARGS-New England Chapter Membership and Dues

Membership in NARGS-NE is \$10.00 a year payable January 1 to Ernie Flippo, 264Wales St., Abington, MA 02351. Payment may also be made in person at our meetings. We will begin collecting 2016 dues at the November Annual Meeting.

Local Chapters: –There are thirty-eight NARGS affiliated chapters active in North America. Chapter events include lectures, an on-line Newsletter, garden visits, field trips, demonstrations, and plant sales. These friendly gatherings provide a wealth of information; offer a source for unusual plants, plus the opportunity to be inspired by other gardeners in your region. Our Chapter meets 6 times a year, February, March, April, September, October and November, and organizes garden tours in May and June.

National Organization: We encourage you to join the national NARGS organization. www.nargs.org Dues are \$30.00 a year. Benefits include a seed exchange, a quarterly publication, and an on-line web site featuring an archive of past publications, a chat forum and a horticultural encyclopedia. NARGS national also conducts winter study weekends and holds their Annual Meeting in interesting places.

Support for NARGS national underwrites a **Speakers Tour** bringing internationally known speakers to North America. Local chapters have the opportunity to hear and visit with outstanding plants-people from around the world who present talks and workshops.

Directions to Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge

680 Hudson Road,
Sudbury, MA.

from Route 95/128 and the East: Take Route 20 (Boston Post Road) West through Weston. Turn right onto Rt. 27 and follow this into Sudbury. Stay straight on Hudson Rd. and go about 3 miles to Winterberry Lane on the right. The Parking/building is 0.4 miles in on the left.

from Route 1 495: Take Exit 26 to Rt. 62 for 6.5 miles as merges with Sudbury Rd and go another .5 miles on Hudson Rd. On the left is Winterberry Lane and the parking/building is .4 miles in on the left.

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