

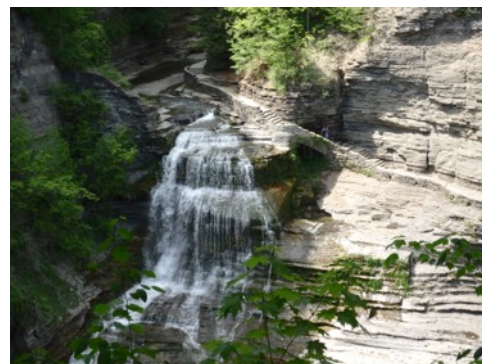
**Foresight 2020: Exploration and Innovation**  
**NARGS Annual Meeting**  
**June 18-20, 2020**  
**on the Cornell University Campus, Ithaca, New York**

**Hosted by Adirondack Chapter NARGS**  
**Co-sponsored by Cornell Botanic Gardens**

While many of the details of the 2020 AGM are still to be finalized, here are our preliminary plans:

**Field Trips:**

- Thursday pre-conference, we will offer a day of Chapter members' gardens to visit.
- Chartered buses will offer two tour options on Friday with each including a moderate hike in one of Ithaca's famed gorges to observe the exposed geology dating back to the Devonian Period. Tours will also include visits to choice private gardens in the area.
- On Saturday, docent-guides will be roving throughout Cornell Botanic Gardens along the twelve specialty gardens located near the Nevin Welcome Center. Travel a bit further afield to enjoy the rolling hills, trails, and specimen tree collections of the F. R. Newman Arboretum, recently voted the most beautiful college arboretum in the U.S.
- Free time Saturday afternoon will allow further exploration of the Cornell campus and beyond; a variety of on- and off-campus options will be provided including other campus gardens and trails, the Johnson Art Museum, Laboratory of Ornithology, the Cascadilla Gorge Trail, and more.
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**Evening Presentations:**

- Cornell Botanic Gardens staff will introduce various aspects of the Gardens including its twelve theme gardens, the Arboretum, and diverse plant collections. The Gardens encompass over 4,000 acres of natural and cultivated landscape and continue a long leadership role in environmental conservation and education.
- Harry Jans, rock gardener extraordinaire, plant explorer, world traveler and author will deliver two talks over two days, one of which will focus on his recent excursions in South America.
- Kaj Andersen will discuss work performed in the alpine gardens at Bangsbo Botanical Garden in Denmark, working alongside Zdeněk Zvolánek and volunteers to build the world's largest crevice garden.
- The annual meeting and awards announcements will be held on Friday.



**Plant Sales:** Specialty nurseries will offer plants for sale on Thursday and Friday.

**Registration Fees:** The conference cost is estimated to be \$400. General registration will be announced in late 2019 or early 2020, along with the complete conference agenda. Lodging options and costs will be in-line with previous conferences.

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**Meals:** Thursday dinner through Saturday lunch are included with registration. Saturday dinner will be on your own (suggestions provided) before reconvening for the closing lecture by Harry Jans.

**Lodging:** The following information is provided to assist with estimating total conference costs. Full details will be available in late 2019 or early 2020. All lodging is within 5 miles of the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport.

- **Cornell Dormitory-style Lodging:** A block of dorm rooms has been set aside on North Campus with your choice of single or double air-conditioned accommodations, located just steps away from the dining facilities and lecture hall. Approximate costs, subject to change, will be \$86 or \$60 per person, per night plus tax. Early conference-related arrivals may check-in Wednesday, June 17 but check-out is required by Sunday morning, June 21.
- **Motel Lodging:** A limited number of rooms have been set aside at two near-by motels. Special group rates will be available ranging in cost from \$130-140 per night plus tax. This rate can be extended for the two days preceding (June 16-17) and/or two days following (June 21-22) the AGM dates. Free parking is available at the motels. Limited on-site shuttle service is offered free for air travelers to and from campus.

**Travel Options:**

- **By Air:** Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport is served by American, Delta, and United Airlines. In addition, there are airports in Rochester (100 miles from campus) and Syracuse (60 miles).
- **By Car:** Ithaca is located in the Finger Lakes region of central New York. Many NARGS chapters are located within a day's drive to Ithaca. Note: there is a daily fee for parking on the Cornell campus. The current rate is \$7 per day, but is likely to increase in 2020.
- **By Bus:** options through Shortline, Greyhound, or Big Red Bullet. Public transportation within Ithaca is limited.  
Uber, Lyft, and private taxi services are available.

**Need more reasons to attend?** Ithaca is a great place to visit. It makes many Top 10 Lists. Here's a recent article that might further entice you to come...and to plan to stay a few extra days: why Ithaca is one of the best small cities in the U.S. (we didn't write the article either). Click [HERE](#)