

## Q&A Esther Benedict NARGS Rocks What's New in Rock Gardening 2/25/2023

Abbie Zabar 12:41 PM

How do you stabilize styrofoam plate in the wind?

I usually grab a nearby rock and weight down one edge. You might try pinning the plate with metal landscape pins also.

Amy Goletz 12:50 PM

Is there a particular stone you need to use for a crevice garden? I know Razvan used slate. Is that the best? If Esther said what she used, I missed it.

We just went to the local stone yard and picked something thin and irregular. My husband says it is a gneiss type rock. I was more after a look than a type.

Rob Staniland in Calgary 01:00 PM

what do you use to acidfy your well water?

Sulfuric acid; can use citric acid also

hugh m 01:01 PM

The American Penstemon Society is meeting this summer in Washington state fairly close to your location. Do you grow any Penstemons? Some of our members may be driving by your location and might like to dropping in. A good many of the penstemaniacs are rock/crevice gardeners

We are in northern Indiana. I grow a few of a few; thats what our nurse is....a little of a lot of different things. Would love to have people drop in. We prefer customers to call ahead and make sure we are here.

Amy Goletz 01:07 PM

How short is a "short" soak in bleach? And why are you soaking in bleach?

2 minutes in 10% bleach solution. When stratifying seeds on paper towels in the fridge, I've notice some healthy looking seeds will develop mold and rot. Nothing proven here; just something I'm experimenting with.

Nina Stark-Slapnik 01:17 PM

How do u use oil dri?

It is a less expensive substitute for the Turface brand of calcined clay. I use it mostly in my seed starting mix of equal parts commercial peat based mix, perlite and Oil Dry.

Matt Mattus 01:18 PM

What is Hadite mix and rhizopon?

Hadite is expanded shale.

Rhizopon is the brand name for quick dissolving tablets containing 50 mg of the rooting hormone IBA in each tablet. I last ordered it from Hummert.

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Will Stafford 01:18 PM

Would appreciate some of these seed sources typed out if anyone knows

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And of course NARGS!

If anyone knows of other good sources I would like to know about them.

Cyane Gresham 01:20 PM

Did I see gardens in Esther's talk mulched with pine needles?

What you saw was under pine trees and I just leave the needles there. The one picture was cyclamen which likes the dry shade under the pine trees.

Carol Eichler 01:22 PM

So much info! Loved all the info on propagation. I know I will be listening to this presentation again and again.

Paul 01:24 PM

What amount of each ingredient do you use in papercrete mixture?

Sorry I had to cut this out because of time. We use 3 parts of wet, mushed up newspaper (I mean really mushed), 2 parts portland cement and 1 part perlite.

The draped pots is a mix of portland cement with a little perlite for texture mixed with enough water to make a thickish soup. I don't really measure on this one

Amy Goletz 01:35 PM

What is the difference between sharp or not-sharp pea gravel?

Sharp gravel still has squarish corners; not -sharp has been tumbled by nature (glacier, beach washed) and is more smooth and rounded. The rounded gravel tends to shift and slide around more when used as a mulch. I prefer sharp, but rounded is more readily available in our area unless it is limestone.