

# SUNDAY 22 April 2012 Spring meeting with Fritz Kummert from Austria

Courtesy of the NARGS Speaker's tour, 2 talks bracketing a catered lunch:

*Searching for Plants in Albania & Our New Alpine-House & Crevice Garden*

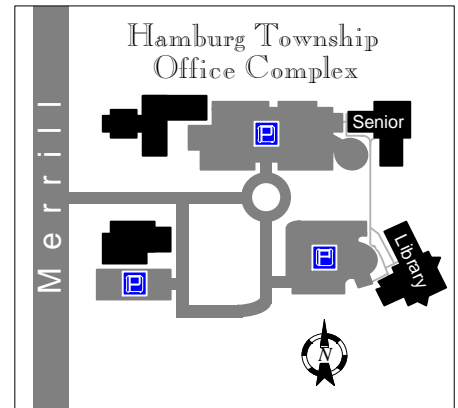
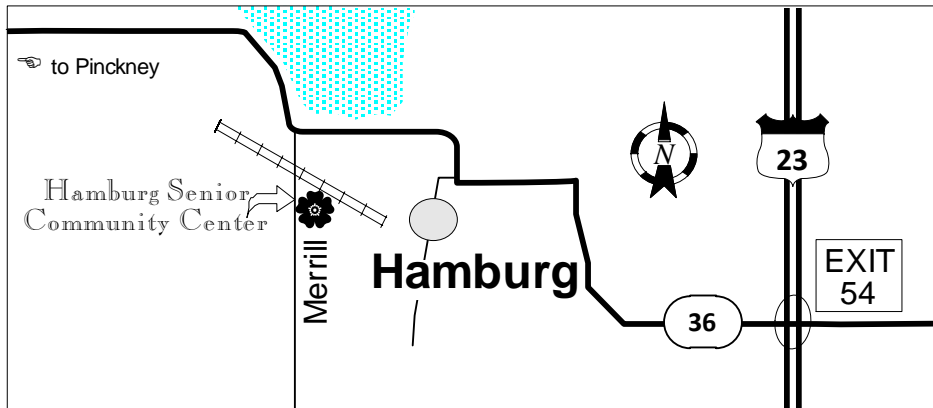
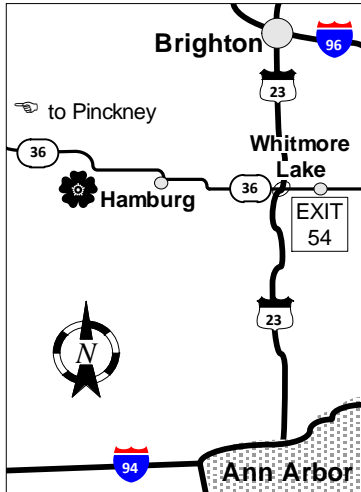
Note the change in day to **SUNDAY**

## Hamburg Senior Community Center

10407 Merrill Road, Hamburg, MI  
(810) 231-4226 (810) 231-1000 Ext 22

**BUSINESS MEETING: 10:30 AM TALK 1: 11:00 AM**  
**CATERED LUNCH: 12:30 PM TALK 2: 1:30 PM**

The Senior Center is west of the middle of Hamburg. From US-23 take M-36 (Exit 54) West. Go about 4.3 miles. Merrill Road is on your left, just after a small lake on your right. The Senior Center is part of the Hamburg Township complex on the left side of Merrill Road past the railroad tracks, 0.2-0.3 miles S of M-36. The driveway through the Complex ends at a circle. To the right is the Library and the Senior Center is the building on the left.



# SATURDAY 12 May 2012 Garden Tour & Plant Sale

Don & Mary LaFond

11836 McGregor Road  
Pinckney, MI 48169

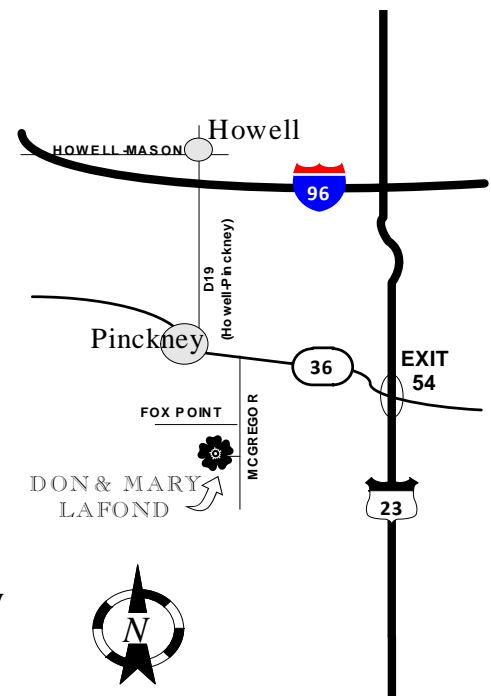
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**Garden Tour 11:00 – 1:30 PM**

**Bag Lunch**

**Plant Sale 1:30 PM**

From US23 exit at M36 heading W to Pinckney. Go about 10 mi to McGregor Rd by the High School. Turn S (left) following it to Don & Mary Lafond's which is just S of Fox Point Road. Park on Fox Point Road.



**SUNDAY, 22 APRIL 2012 Spring Meeting:** Come see Fritz Kummert, a well-known plantsman in European horticultural circles visiting us from Austria courtesy of the NARGS Speaker's Tour program. Fritz has a long history of gardening, having apprenticed in horticulture at the municipal gardens of Vienna, studied at the Horticultural College at Schoenbrunn at Vienna, and obtaining his degree in 1963 and his academic degree "Dipl.-Ing." (similar to M.Sc.) in 1968, after completing his studies at the Agricultural University at Vienna. From March 1969 to August 1980 he lectured as professor for "Non-hardy Ornamentals" at the Horticultural College at Schoenbrunn. From September 1980 until his retirement from the college in August 2008, he worked as a horticultural adviser for the Agricultural Chamber of Styria, the south-eastern province of Austria. From 1972 up to 1995 he lectured "Horticulture" at the Agricultural University in Vienna. Fritz grows Alpines due to his very early contact with growers of these plants. "I remember clearly some of my first plants, a non-flowering clone of *Primula ×vochinensis* and the wonderful *Saxifraga* 'Cranbourne.'" He gardens at Wohngraben, situated in the south-eastern part of Austria in the province of Styria (Steiermark) at an elevation of approximately 480 m, where he grows "a large collection of plants in a wide range, not really specializing in any particular genus." Many photographs of Baldassare Mineo's well-known book, *Rock Garden Plants: A Color Encyclopedia*, were supplied by Fritz.

**SATURDAY, 12 MAY 2012 Garden Tour & Plant Sale:** We are in for a treat with Don and Mary LaFond's garden in Pinckney. The siting of their house in the bowl of a former sandpit has been used to great advantage to develop a beautiful garden showcasing many rarities. Prepare to be amazed.

**PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for May 12<sup>th</sup>:** If you are a newcomer to our group, you will be surprised at the diversity, number of rarities, and size of our two yearly plant sales. They are one of the best things about being a chapter member, and offer the opportunity to get wonderful and unusual plants at very reasonable prices. Also, the sale is very important to the chapter, as it raises the funds for our excellent speaker program. But because of the size of the sale, we do need to have people try to follow certain rules to make the sale run smoothly and quickly.

#### **At home:**

- 1). Please pot or repot plants at least ten days before the sale. Otherwise, the plants may look ragged.
- 2). Please select appropriate plants for the sale. Interesting and unusual alpines, woodland plants, and small woody plants are ideal. No large, common woody plants, annuals, common perennials, and tropicals, please.
- 3). Before you bring the plants, label each pot, with the name of the plant [scientific name, if known, and cultivar or variety, if known]. On the back of the label put your name and the year. This allows people both at the sale or later to ask you about the plant. It also helps us when setting up the sale to talk to you if, for example, you have missed putting a price on the plant.
- 4). We ask people to price their own plants. You can price your plants at home, if you like, but please use a separate price label. The price labels are pulled out of the pots by the cashier to expedite adding up the total.

#### **At the sale:**

- 1) If you have not priced your plants at home, please use the chapter price labels provided to price each pot. Prices range from \$2 to \$6, but mostly are within the \$2 to \$4 range. Set your plants as close together as possible on the selling tables. You should try to get your plants to the sale a half-hour or so before the sale starts to get them set up and priced, if necessary.
- 2) Please tell the people running the auction how many plants you brought. For every 10 plants you bring, you earn one Red Label. Each Red Label entitles you to one "First Pick." This means that those who did not bring plants must stand back and wait for those with Red Labels to make their First Picks. The time for First Pickers to make their choices is limited to 3-5 minutes depending upon the number of First Pick labels given out. Keep in mind that you still have to pay for the plants.
- 3) Please let us know if you think you might have brought a plant or plants that you think might be of "Auction Quality." These are normally a) exceptionally rare and desirable plants not available commercially, b) plants available only at a very high cost, or c) large, well-grown specimens of highly desirable plants. We try our best to keep the auctions highly selective, and if you have plants selected by the people running the auction to be auctioned, you will get an additional Red Label for each plant.