

**GREAT LAKES CHAPTER**  
North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)  
**WINTER NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2016**

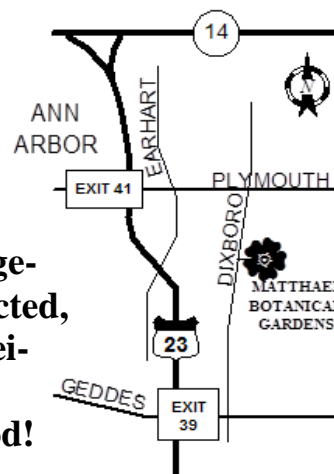


**CALENDAR OF CHAPTER MEETINGS** \*\*meeting details below\*\*

**\*\*SATURDAY, January 16: Our Annual Winter Potluck**

**MEETING:** 11:00 AM – ca. 3:00 PM  
**PLACE:** **Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium**  
– see the map below right  
**Potluck Lunch:** 12:00 NOON  
**Beverages provided. Please bring a dish to pass!**  
**Business Meeting:** 1: PM  
**Program** 1:30 PM

This year, we will be reviving a tradition we have not invoked for several years – we will have a program consisting of short vignettes by members. We have lined up a half dozen or so members to give brief “mini talks” about topics like seed raising, trough landscaping, etc., but if you have a project you have done in the garden, a genus you are working with, or a technique you have perfected, we would be delighted to have you also give a brief talk, either with PowerPoint slides (just bring a USB stick) or not. Please join us for this fun tradition, and for good food!



**Mark Your Calendars:**

**\*\*SATURDAY, MAY 14: SPRING MEETING & PLANT SALE at Barb & John Haman’s. Details will be in the Spring Newsletter.**

## **Notes from the President Jacques Thompson**

Greetings Great Lakes Chapter members. I do hope everyone's holidays were grand, and that the major winter storm of December 28th, has left your gardens as unscathed as it did ours, (a half day of sleet followed by a good bit of rain.)

I want to remind everyone that our traditional January Pot-Luck meeting will be held at Matthaei Botanical Gardens on Saturday, January 16. In addition to bringing a dish to pass, I would like as many of you (who feel comfortable to do so), to give some thought about sharing with the rest of the club, a few thoughts about any garden topic that is of particular interest to you. This could be about a recent or up-coming project in the garden, a plant species, a methodology that's proven to be successful, or a new or other-wise book or publication that others should be made aware of. It's a matter of each one's own preference, but should you wish to include images in your mini-presentation, please let me know if you'll be using a flash drive or slides so

that we can arrange to have the necessary audiovisual equipment on hand.

Also there are a number of important club related issues which need to be discussed, i.e. possible expenditures of club funds, (briefly discussed at our last meeting), the chapters contribution/payment to the National from last May's Annual Meeting. As well, we will report on a number of recent changes as well as proposed changes at the National level that will affect all NARGS Chapters.

Your opinions and thoughts are important to our club's progress forward. I do hope to see all of you at this important event.

**Please send address changes to our Treasurer, and please include your up-to-date email address.**

**Thank You.**

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