

PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for September 23rd, 2017:

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.

The first thing is to start now thinking about what you will propagate and get ready for the sale. Then:

At home:

- 1). Please try to 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, and 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. The officers will be glad to advise on appropriate pricing.
- 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.

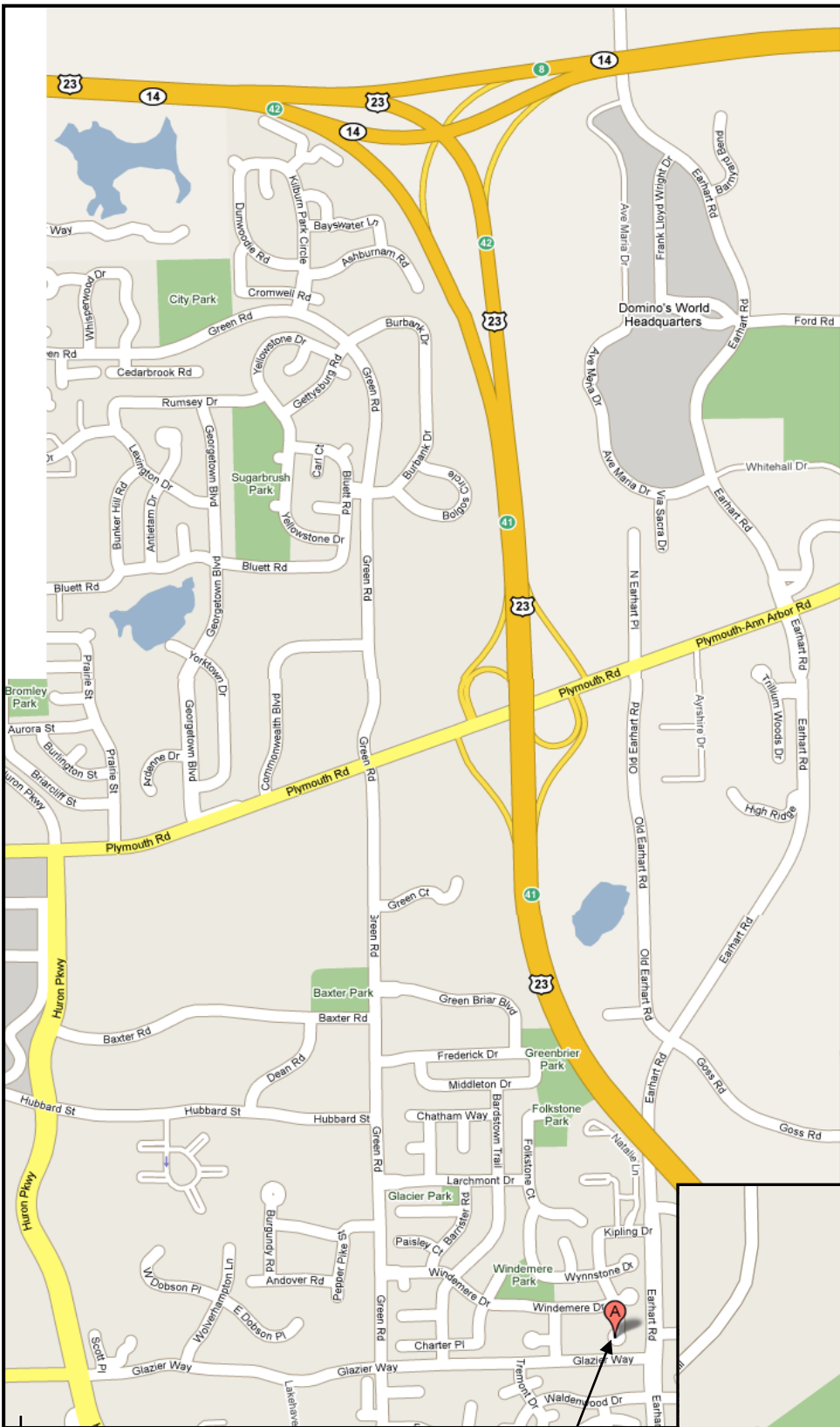
Saturday September 23rd Garden Tour and Plant Sale 11:00 AM – ca. 3:00 PM; plant sale at 1:30.

Ed and Colleen Weiss are pleased to host the next NARGS Great Lakes Chapter meeting this September at their home in Ann Arbor. Relatively new to the world of Alpines, they have been planting these unique plants over the past five to six years. Their introduction to the plant world began with their collecting unique and diverse conifers. All this planting activity takes place in and around large boulder walls creating a unique back yard environment. The Alpine garden, is a work-in-progress, that begs a compliment to the conifer slogan “I haven’t met a *Chamaecyparis* I didn’t like” to “There isn’t a *Saxifraga* we wouldn’t plant.”

Directions:

Take 14 West to US23 South (Left) on US23 move to right lane and take first exit (Plymouth Rd) turn Left (East) on Plymouth Rd (cross Expressway) then Right (South) on Old Earhart Rd to end... then Right (South) on Earhart Rd. (cross over Expressway again) then Right on Kipling Dr. After a short distance, Kipling Dr. turns left and becomes Fairmount Dr. Take Fairmount all the way to the end... We are the house at the end with a large driveway

Inset:



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