

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)
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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER MEETINGS **meeting details below**

****SATURDAY, January 20: Our Annual Winter Potluck**

MEETING: 11:30 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

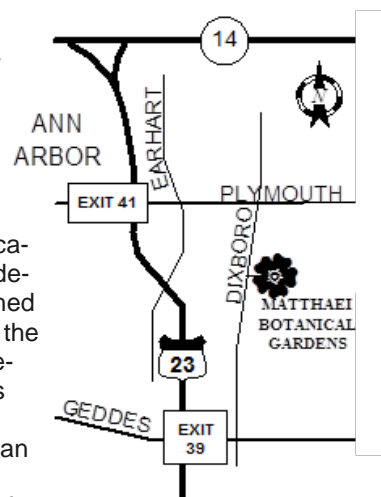
Janet Macunovich – Planting Well Even When Roots Aren't Right

Many of us know Michigan garden designer, author, and educator Janet Macunovich, our speaker, who will be talking about how to plant your garden effectively. Janet brings her vast experience planting wide ranges of gardens and, of course, roots are at the heart of almost all plants.

Janet is a well-known Michigan professional gardener, designer, author and educator. She began designing gardens for others in 1980, teaching a college garden design course in 1987, and published her first book in 1990. In 1985 Janet established Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscape design firm. In 1988 she expanded the business from part-time to full-time. Janet's formal education in gardening and design includes hundreds of hours of seminars and workshops at botanical gardens and educational institutions in several States. She has completed the Michigan State University Extension gardening program and is active in the community as an Advanced Master Gardener.

She sees education as a lifelong process and established The Michigan School of Gardening, where she was a director and senior instructor.

See <http://www.gardenatoz.com/> for a selection of her activities.



Please join us for this fun tradition, and for good food! As always, please bring a favorite dish to pass, and your own plates, cups, and cutlery. We'll take care of drinks.

Mark Your Calendars:

SATURDAY, MAY 5: SPRING MEETING & PLANT SALE at Mike & Libby Greanya's and Pat Byler's in Jackson. Details will be in the Spring Newsletter.

NARGS ANNUAL MEETING 2018: "Where Alpines Meet the Sea" St. John's, Newfoundland July 6-8, 2018. This ought to be a great meeting!

Volunteer to be our new Treasurer

I've been the treasurer for a number of years now – but poor health is conspiring to make it hard for me to continue. If you like handling money, here is your chance to join the world of finance, though on a small scale. The duties really revolve around regularly attending meetings, carting along a small box of money and records, collecting payments, and making deposits to our back account.

Along with this, there is keeping up the membership list on a spreadsheet and the name tags of current members. It's really quite basic – no MBA or prior experience needed.

On the job training will always be at hand!

Susan Reznicek

A program of interest on Thursday, Jan. 4 – 7:00 PM. Sorry for the late notice.

The Garden Club of Michigan and Friends of Detroit Film Theatre co-host a special screening of *Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf*, a new documentary about the internationally renowned Dutch master garden designer and plantsman Piet Oudolf.

\$10 general admission; \$8 seniors, students, DIA members

LOCATIONNL DFT Auditorium
5200 Woodward Ave Detroit, MI 48202

DIA program information:

[Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf](#)

Piet's website is here:

[Piet Oudolf](#)

Lorna Amsbaugh

We regret to report that one of our long time members, a friend to many of us, Lorna Amsbaugh, passed away Nov. 23, 2017. Many of us visited Lorna's beautiful garden over the years, and were grateful for all the plants she brought to our Chapter sales.

Here are also two events at Hidden lake Gardens that might interest people:

Conifers of the Great Lakes Region

JANUARY 30, 2018, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Robert Ayotte, naturalist, will discuss identification, biology, and ecology of conifers of the Great Lakes. A conifer tour at HLG follows the presentation. Program is included with admission to HLG (\$3 per person, free for HLG members).

MARCH 3, 2018 8:45AM - 4:00PM

Conifer Propagation Seminar

Join Hidden Lake Gardens staff as we share propagation techniques for some of the unusual plants of the Harper Collection of Dwarf and Rare Conifers. Learn the art and science of propagating conifers. Seminar includes hands-on grafting of 6 different plants plus 16 cuttings of various conifers, lunch, printed handouts, and tours of the Harper Collection and the propagation facility. Local nursery propagators on hand to guide participants.

Designed for the beginner, this seminar will share techniques even experienced propagators will appreciate. Conifer species will likely include *Abies*, *Ginkgo*, *Juniperus*, *Picea*, *Pinus*, and *Thuja*.

Space is limited - pre-registration is required – registration closes on February 26, 2018.

Early Bird Cost: \$100 per person / \$90 per person HLG members. After February 15, 2018, Cost: \$125 per person.

Call 517-431-2060 to register. Registration closes on February 26, 2018.

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

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