

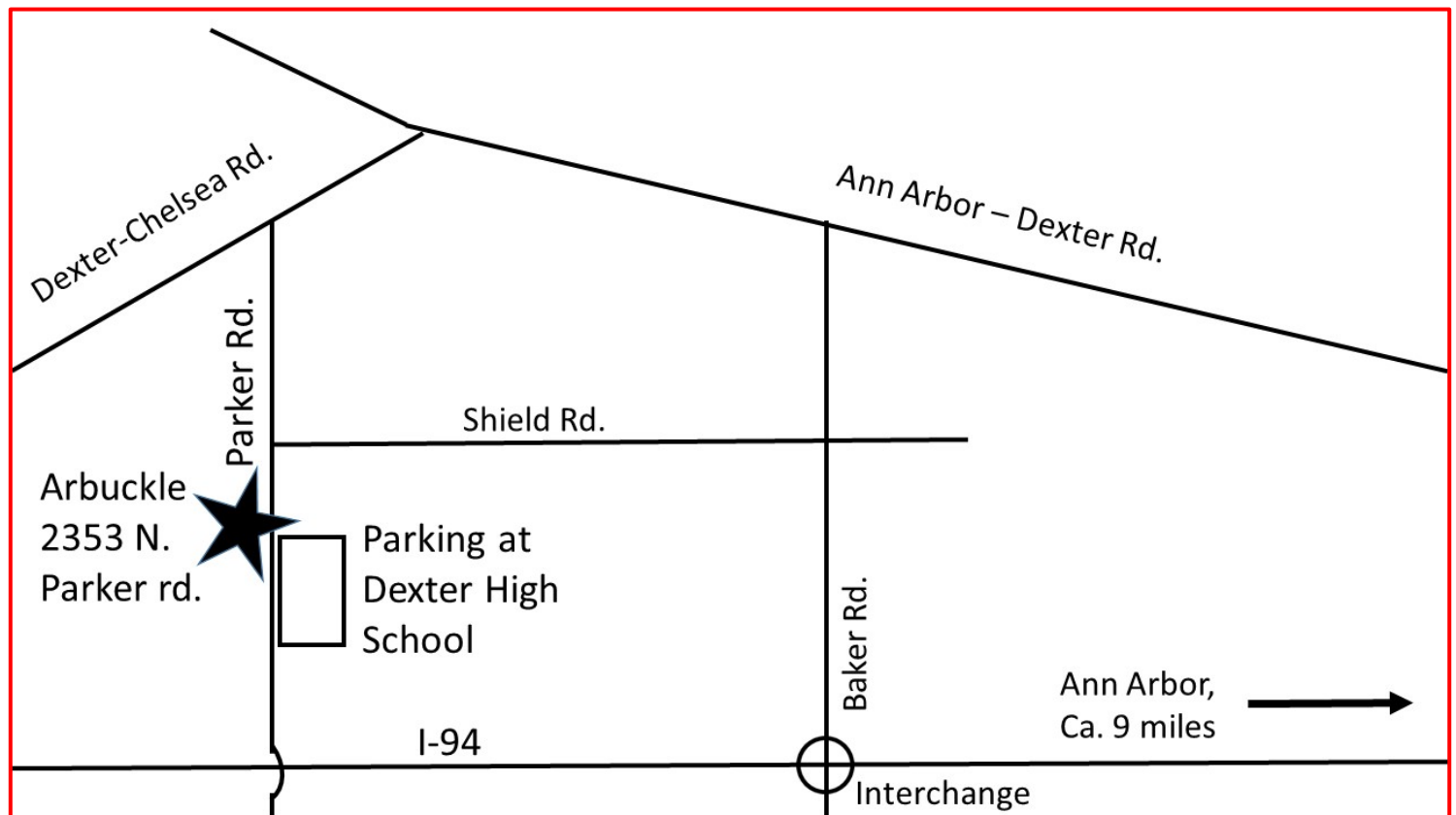
September 11, 2021 Fall Meeting and Plant Sale

This fall, we will be visiting Andy Arbuckle's garden in Dexter.

Andy writes: What I call my garden is the back half acre of a property purchased 6 years ago across from Dexter High School. In September you can expect to see a good many Dahlias tucked everywhere, some very tall grasses, bananas, cannas, and annuals in front of the usual redbuds, dogwoods, and smoke bushes, and whatever else can tolerate my scandalous clay. There is a pond beneath a deck, which I festoon with all manner of silliness this time of year. Winter is long: and you will see quite a few tropicals grown from seed under lights indoors during the dark time. My first small rock garden I added last year and contains nothing exotic, but the ability to grow a relatively large number of plants in a very small space chosen from a whole new pallet of alternatives has been rewarding and I hope to expand this next year. Enjoy.

ADDRESS: 2353 North Parker, Dexter

PARKING: Because parking is not possible on Parker, please park at the High School lot approx. 50 yards south of me on the opposite side of the street. If you want to drop off or collect items you should be able to turn around in my driveway. From the parking lot to the area next to the sale area anticipate a 200 yard walk.



PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for September 11th 20201:

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 alpiners, 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.