

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

You can always check our website for information: <http://glcnargs.com/>

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, May 15-16: Spring Garden Tours and Plant Sale

We will celebrate spring with two days of open gardens, and thus also be able to space ourselves appropriately. Please wear a mask. With being in the open air, we can be safe and meet all the guidelines.

Open Gardens Saturday, May 15, 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM – all in Jackson – see map insert

Spring Plant Sale: Saturday, at the Byler's, starting at 1:00 with a short business meeting. We will have Esther and Robert Benedict, of Benedict's Nursery, selling plants here the whole day as well. An opportunity not to be missed!

Pat & Rick Byler, 2202 Forest Park Drive, Jackson, MI 49201

Matt and Anne Marie Campbell, 1736 Probert Road Jackson, MI 49203

Libby & Michael Greanya, 2204 Vandemere Drive, Jackson, MI 49201

The Map insert will help with driving directions for those not using electronic devices

Parking for the Byler's/Greanyas: Please park on the north side of the road (no houses = swamp side) to avoid damaging the irrigation sprinkler heads. You can easily turn around to be facing the right way if you continue to Forest Park, where it is easy to make a U-turn.

Open Gardens Sunday, May 16, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Ann Arbor area; see map insert

Don & Mary LaFond, 11836 McGregor Road, Pinckney, 48169

Holly Pilon, 1920 Dexter Avenue, Ann Arbor 48103 (Noon - 4:00)

Tony Reznicek, 890 Wickfield, Ann Arbor 48105

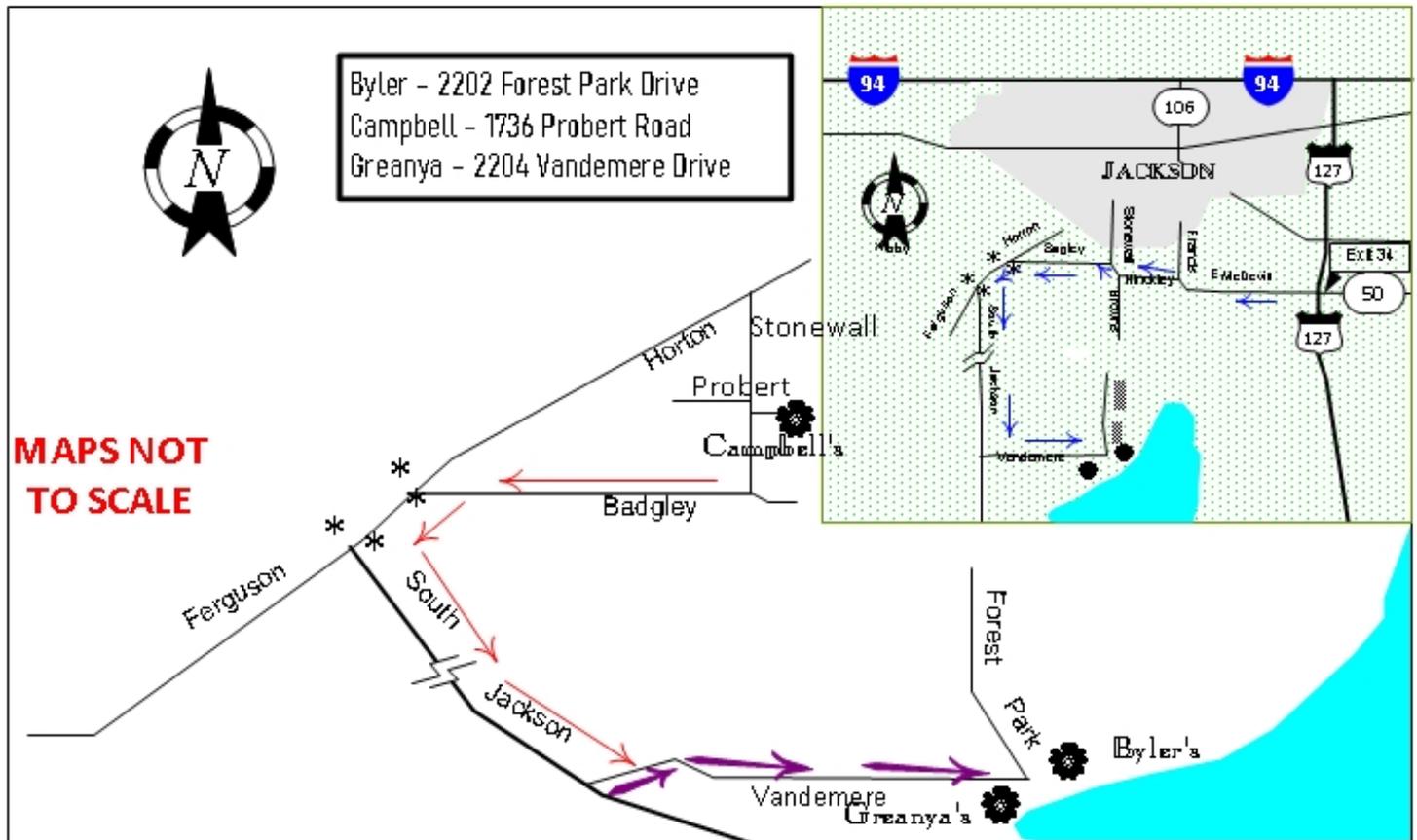
Jacques & Andrea Thompson, 7760 Crane Road, Ypsilanti 48197

NARGS ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Durango, Colorado, Aug 5-8. See the NARGS website or the Quarterly for details.

Maps for Saturday, May 15 open gardens 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM

The gardens for Saturday will all be close together, and the Greanya's and Byler's gardens are very close.



Notes:

Chapter Plant Sale plus sales by Benedict's Nursery will be at the Byler's; Our Chapter sale starting right after with a brief business meeting at 1:00.

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PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for May 15th 2021

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:

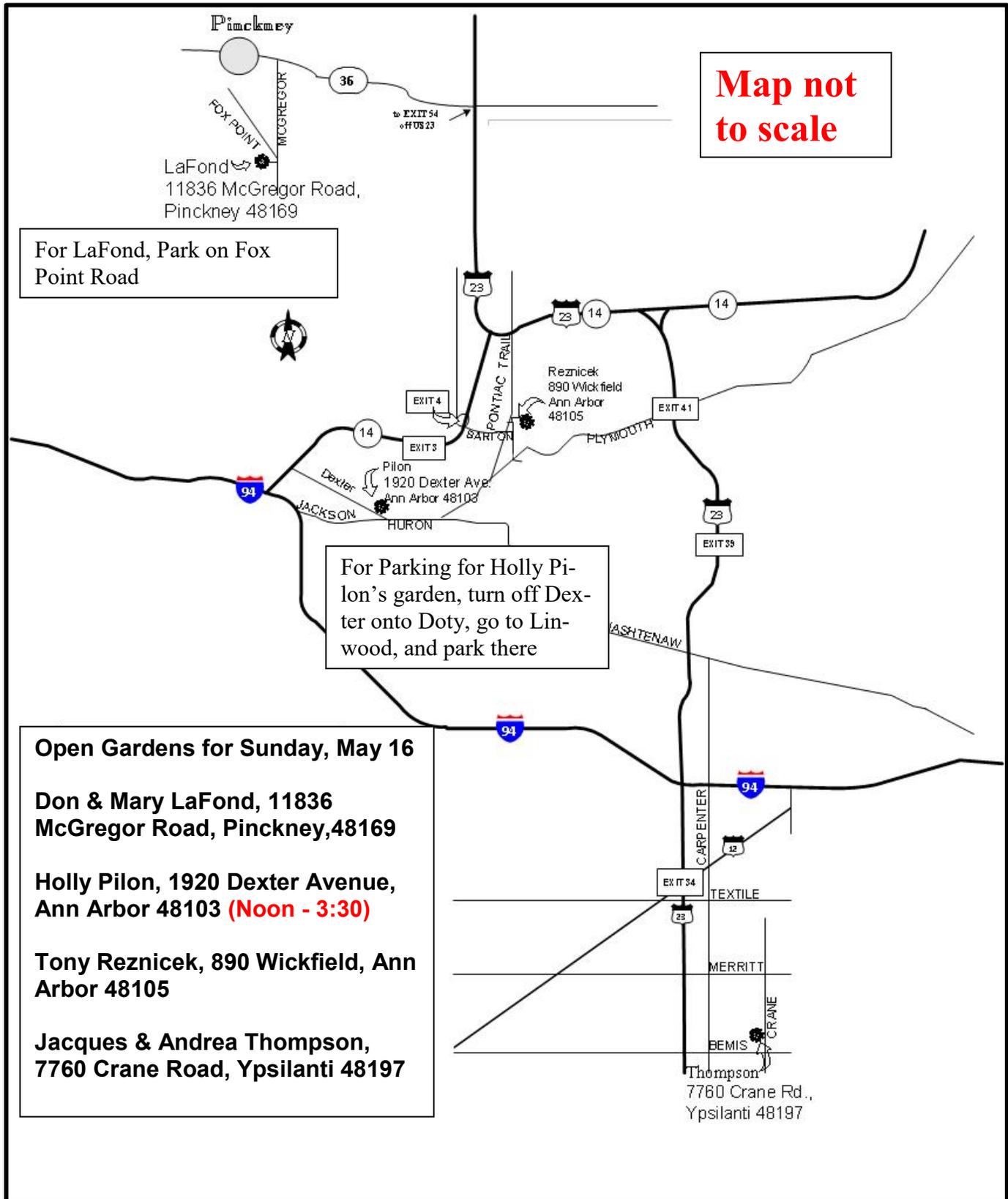
At home:

- 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 tropic-als, 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.

Map for Sunday, May 16 Garden Tours, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM



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Some pictures from the last few days for your enjoyment

Corydalis ainae

Pteridophyllum racemosum

Daphne laureola (fairly ugly)



Oxalis griffithii
(double form)



Chloranthus japonicus

Please send address changes to Bonnie Ion, 1456 Kensington Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48104

– bion@umich.edu

Do include your up-to-date email address.

Thank You.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

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Send \$10.00 per year (check payable to Chapter) to:
Bonnie Ion
Treasurer, Great Lakes Chapter, NARGS
1456 Kensington Drive
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OR pay in person at the next GLC meeting

We strongly encourage people to join both the Great Lakes Chapter and the National Organization.

National Organization:

Name: _____

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Send \$40.00 dues (check payable to NARGS) to:
Bobby Ward
Executive Secretary
North American Rock Garden Society
P.O. Box 18604, Raleigh, NC 27619

OR pay through the NARGS website:
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