

Alpine Line

NEWSLETTER

ALLEGHENY CHAPTER NORTH AMERICAN ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY 3RD QUARTER 2025

Message from the Chair

- Leslie Kaplan speaks to the membership on plans and happenings.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR
OBSERVATIONS FOR
CORRECTIONS,
IMPROVEMENTS AND
THINGS YOU'D LIKE TO
SEE MORE OF IN THIS
NEWSLETTER - AND
BEYOND.

Asplenium platyneuron
Ebony Spleenwort
55th Plant Sale in 2026



Primula, Joanne Burzese

Joanne Burzese winner of both the Claire Williamson Award (Best in Show) and Al Deurbrouck Award (Best Primrose)

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PLANT LABEL CORRECTION... THANK YOU CAROL PAPAS!

- I purchased several plants at the sale at Soergel's Market back in May. One plant was marked as a Coreopsis species. When it bloomed in my garden recently it was clear that the plant

was mislabeled.

The good news is the plant is really pretty. What drew me to purchase it was the narrow foliage with a touch of burgundy. The flowers are lemon yellow little stars, perched atop the needle-like foliage. After some sleuthing, I learned that the plant is *Lysimachia lanceolata*, commonly known as lance leafed loosestrife. It is an eastern North American native found in moist, partially shaded meadows. Per North Creek Nurseries L. lanceolata is adaptable in full to part sun and it grows 12-24 inches tall. It makes a fine groundcover plant and is not favored by deer. Sounds like a winner to me!

<https://www.northcreeknurseries.com/plant-name/Lysimachia-lanceolata->



Upcoming Meetings at locations listed. This schedule is current plan. Changes to schedule will be updated in newsletters or email.

JULY 12, 2025 – 10AM

Tour of Leslie Kaplan's Garden in Point Breeze

***JULY 19, 2025 – 10AM TO 2PM**

Bill Barnes holds a propagation work session for growing plants for 2026 NARGS 55th Annual Plant Sale. Please bring a lunch or dish for mid-day break. **Let us know if you plan to attend.**

JULY 26TH, 2025, 9:00AM TO 1:00PM

The Penn State Master Gardeners of Allegheny County are hosting North Park Garden in the Park in the demonstration garden at the corner of Wildwood and Babcock Blvd. Each group will be responsible for bringing its own table and chairs and a tent or canopy,

AUGUST 16TH, 2025, 9:00AM TO 1:00PM

The Penn State Master Gardeners of Allegheny County are hosting South Park Garden in the Park. A table setup for meet and greet. Volunteers and trough displays welcome

AUGUST 17, 2025 – 2PM

Annual Picnic; Plant Auction (Rain Date August 16th)

Location: Sue Colaizzi's Garden

Bring a covered dish; the club provides chicken, ribs, and drinks.

Bring labeled plants for the swap and a special plant or item for the live auction. Prizes are awarded for members' favorite troughs.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 – 2PM

Planting a Crevice Garden, Kevin Kelly

Location: **CHRIST CHURCH IN FOX CHAPEL OR HUB?**

Join Penn State Master Gardener Kevin Kelly for a presentation about crevice gardening. Kevin will take you through the process, of creating a crevice garden in a front yard or container and suggest ideal "beginner" plants for this type of garden.

OCTOBER 19, 2025 – 12 TO 3PM

Alpines from Around the World- Gardens of Scotland

Julia Corden, U.K. horticultural consultant and

botanical & garden tour guide

Location: Beechwood Farms

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 – 2PM

Annual Awards Banquet/Highlights from Members Garden

Location: Tentatively St. Joseph Church

DECEMBER 2025

NARGS Seed packing at the West View HUB

***BILL BARNES, ALLEGHENY NARGS PROPAGATION CHAIR**

Bill will run a work session to start next year's plants for the plant sale. He will be providing direction and hands-on planting to cover: **TRANSPLANTING SEEDLINGS, TAKING OF CUTTINGS, DIVISION AS A SOURCE OF PROPAGATION MATERIAL, SOWING SEEDS**

Contact Bill for questions **Let us know if you plan to attend**

Meeting locations:

West View HUB
435 Perry Hwy
West View, PA 15229

Leslie Kaplan's Garden

Bill Barnes Home

North Park Garden in the Park in the demonstration garden at the corner of Wildwood and Babcock Blvd.

South Park Theatre corner of Brownsville Road and Corrigan Drive in South Park Township.

Sue Colaizzi's Garden

*Christ Church in Fox Chapel
410 Christ Church Lane,
Pittsburgh, PA 15238*

*Beechwood Farms
614 Dorseyville Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238*

*St. Joseph Church
342 Dorseyville Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238*



“Kenton Seth, spoke of the qualities of rock gardeners...– both travelers and homebodies, seed collectors and propagators, earthy yet sophisticated in our choices, interested in resilience and diversity in plants... “

What draws you to rock gardening, and how can we spread our enthusiasm?

Dear Friends-

I just returned from the NARGS Annual General Meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming, followed by an extension into the mountains around Cody, Wyoming. Talk about a challenging environment! Swings in temperature from 40-80 degrees in July, only 14" of rain per year, (mostly Spring snow), constant wind and frequent hail. It makes me wonder how I am going to accommodate the 12 plants I brought back – a problem shared by many rock gardeners.

In 2000, Lauren Springer wrote in 'The Undaunted Garden' about plants that can withstand these conditions. How do we handle conditions in the upper 90s with high humidity in our rock gardens and troughs? I met Lauren on this trip in a Ft. Collins public garden that she helped to create and embarrassed us both by my hero worship and request to take her picture – I could not help myself!

During the conference one of the speakers, Kenton Seth, spoke of the qualities of rock gardeners in particular – both travelers and homebodies, seed collectors and propagators, earthy yet sophisticated in our choices, interested in resilience and diversity in plants... do we meet these definitions? What draws you to rock gardening, and how can we spread our enthusiasm?

This summer's schedule offers many opportunities to learn and grow together. The board is interested in encouraging opportunities to see each other's gardens. I volunteered to be the first on July 12 and will welcome feedback from all of you on how I can better develop my space for rock gardening. I hope that something will be blooming! Your garden does not have to be perfect or weed free to participate in sharing, but we can all learn from one another and celebrate what we have accomplished. Think about a date for next Spring!

Don't forget the Picnic on August 17 (16th rain date) and consider volunteer opportunities to promote the chapter at the North Park (July 26, 9am -1pm) and South Park (Aug 16, 9am-1pm) Master Gardener events. Let me know if you might be free to help.



See you all soon, Leslie Kaplan, Chair



Have you seen the postings Barb Kline is doing on social media?

We have never looked so good!!

Great people working together to make beautiful environments through gardening with rock garden plants.

Check it out!

During our meeting at DJs I asked members to send me a plant photo from their gardens. If possible, maybe once a month. Several members, Sandy, Sue, and Carol have sent photos and descriptions. I started a new hashtag, #chaptermembermonday. Those posts have gotten a good number of *views* and *likes*. I'd love to post pictures from our chapter members every Monday. The photo does Not have to be a rock garden....any plant you are growing in a trough, a rock garden, in your landscape or container. Please also name the plant and anything special about the origin or a story, anything you'd like to share about your gardening with others.

As for statistics, we peaked with views right after the Allegheny County Penn State Master Gardener page shared our post, on their page, about our participation at their Garden Marketplace in April. That post got almost 900 views. Our average number of views is 50 or less. This goes to show how sharing our Facebook posts attracts new followers. We also increased views to folks who had not originally followed our page.

In addition, we gained new Fb followers from that post, plus posts about our spring events. Since January we have increased our followers by 30, bringing our total followers up to 390.

On Instagram, we started posting in September 2024 and now have 89 followers, many international.

I usually post on Instagram and then those posts automatically share to our Facebook page. The exception is events; those are usually just on the Facebook page.

Please continue liking, commenting, and sharing the posts to your personal page...this is how we build a larger audience.

Many thanks, Barb

Aviary Rock Garden Update

As summer begins in the Aviary rock garden, the kaleidoscope of colors recede to be replaced by lush green foliage. The moss phlox, pinks, soapworts, and fairy foxglove blooms are gone, as well as the many varieties of iris. There will be plenty of color to appreciate in summer. The daphne is getting ready for a big second bloom. The bright yellow daisy flowers are just beginning to open on the slender leaved elecampane or sword leaved



Inula, *Inula ensifolia*, (now named *Pentanema ensifolium*).

I don't recall the source of this easy-care, herbaceous perennial, but it has been flourishing at the top of the large mound for many years. After seeing it grow well at the rock garden, we acquired a few for the spring plant sale. I've been growing one in my home rock garden since then.

Sword leaved Inula (*Pentanema ensifolium*) is a member of the Asteraceae family. It's native to the temperate regions of Europe. In summer, it grows into a bushy mound of deep green foliage 8-16 inches tall and 18-23 inches wide. It's covered with flowers over many weeks and attracts butterflies.

It grows well in full sun and normal, sandy or clay soil in a wide pH range and average to moist soil. It tolerates southwestern Pennsylvania’s hot and humid summers but can be susceptible to powdery mildew if the soil is too dry. At the rock garden, we deadhead the spent flowers to prolong bloom.

Spring is the best time to propagate by dividing clumps. Seeds are available for a compact form (*Inula ensifolia* ‘Compacta’) that grows no taller than 10 inches.

Photos of the Aviary rock garden in June were taken by Barb Kline. The Tiny Rubies *Dianthus* in one of these photos shows excellent spread and blooms since it was planted in spring 2024.



Volunteer members of the Allegheny Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) maintain this lovely rock garden for the public to enjoy. These delightful folks are available the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings of every month from 10am to 12pm, March through November, to discuss their gardening knowledge and the cultivation of rock garden plants as they tend to the maintenance of the garden. See Table for dates each month and make a plan to join them when you can.

July	August	September	October	November
10 & 24	14 & 28	11 & 25	9 & 23	13



NEW MEMBERS UPDATE

Welcome

New members are asked a few questions so we can begin to know them a bit. Their answers are shown below in this section.

GET TO KNOW THE NEW MEMBERS

- ❖ What are some of your favorite plants?
- ❖ Do you have a favorite garden that inspires you?
- ❖ If you could choose anyone as a gardening mentor, who would it be?
- ❖ What do you do when you are not gardening?
Other hobbies, travel, sports....



Ellen Ahmad

One of my favorite plants is the hosta. I love how different each plant is; the variety of colors, textures and variations, and I am intrigued by the miniatures. I am currently starting to collect them and trying to remember their names!

I am blessed to be a friend of Sue Colaizzi and am so excited each time she invites me to her beautiful garden. Her garden is truly a Pittsburgh gem, that is designed beautifully with such a variety of plants. Each time I visit, the garden looks different, because Sue is constantly planting new varieties and adding new gardens.

I am also blessed to be a friend of Nancy Knauss, with whom I have worked with for years and have learned so much from her. I am constantly texting her with plant photographs asking, "What is this?" She is SO knowledgeable and patient; she is a true mentor.

When I am not gardening, I am reading, doing jigsaw puzzles. playing pickleball, meeting friends and family.



Mary Ann Artman

Thanks for welcoming me. I've been wanting to join for several years but I don't live close to where a lot of your events are. I live outside of Greensburg. I grow all kinds of plants, from conifers to water plants to tropicals. I've fortunately been able to visit many great gardens. If I had to pick the one that I was most excited about, it would be Kew, outside of London.

For a mentor, I've often enjoyed following Martha Stewart's gardening advice.

I don't do anything as much as gardening. I'm active in three garden clubs and five garden organizations.



Davies Alpine House at Kew Gardens London UK

Toni Bezek

What are some of your favorite plants?



I love delphiniums, iris, zinnias, ranunculus and poppies. They are sentimental for me as my aunt and grandmother always had them in their gardens.

Do you have a favorite garden that inspires you?

My husband and I travel pretty frequently and always make a point of seeing some of the gardens. One of the most memorable was Leonardo da Vinci's vineyard and garden in Milan from 1498. It's not large or elaborate, but knowing he lived there while painting the Last Supper was very moving. That said, I live very close to the Aviary Rock Garden and one

day I spotted a fellow Allegheny County Master Gardener there working. When I learned I could join the club that maintains the garden I was sold! It's been a favorite place of mine since I moved to the city 10 years ago.

If you could choose anyone as a gardening mentor, who would it be?

It would be difficult to choose one person. Every time I'm with a Master Gardener I feel like I learn something new.

What do you do when you are not gardening? Other hobbies, travel, sports...

I have a small city lot, so I don't need a lot of time to garden. It's a good thing because I babysit my 18-month-old granddaughter two days per week, plus an occasional evening or weekend. Genealogy and travel are the two other things that I spend most of my time on. I've traveled to Europe to find distant relatives.

Tim Bezek

What are some of your favorite plants?

Peony and flax. I'm really looking forward to using the mini evergreens I've seen in rock gardens. I didn't know about those.

Do you have a favorite garden that inspires you?

I don't. I've visited many gardens, and appreciate them all, big and small, simple and complex. I'm not sure if this is considered a garden, but I love to see vineyards. There is something about the parallel row lines and how they contour to the landscape that really appeals to me. Plus, the end-product isn't bad either!

If you could choose anyone as a gardening mentor, who would it be?

I can't name anyone, but I hope to learn from NARGS.

What do you do when you are not gardening? Other hobbies, travel, sports...

Traveling as much as possible, home projects, exercise, grand-babies, and drinking wine.



Carol Papas

Fave plants: *Thalictrum rochebrunianum* for its foliage and delicate purple flowers. I also love *Spigelia marilandica* such a tidy habit and interesting flowers. As I age I am embracing shrubs more and more. I have 35 year old bottlebrush buckeyes (*Aesculus parviflora*) that are showstoppers in my garden every July. More recent favorites are *Cephalanthus occidentalis* (button bush) and my favorite conifer, *Thuja occidentalis* 'Jantar'. I do arrangements for the holidays and the Thuja adds fabulous color and texture to my efforts.



Inspirational Gardens: I was an "early adopter" of The High Line. I have images dating back to 2010 when my daughter moved to NYC. I also love Wave Hill in the Bronx and Chanticleer in Wayne, PA.

I have two **garden mentors:** Bobbie Smith and Sally Foster from the Fox Chapel Garden Club. Both are hands-on gardeners who have evolved to embrace native species and are highly opinionated...like me. If I could choose anyone? I like the style of Kelly Norris who has written about natural gardens and whose aesthetic I admire.

When I am not gardening. I am enjoying my grandchildren. I have eight of them, 8 years old and under,



including two sets of twins! I love to cook and am currently really into lifting weights. I have always been a "gym rat", but with age I have embraced the whole muscle-centric health thing. I weight train four days a week and love the quantifiable gains in weights and/or reps. Few things are as clear cut as getting stronger!

Maureen Karl

What are some of your favorite plants?

What month is this? My answer will likely never be the same from one to another. I am definitely partial to native trees and shrubs (though I confess that the ginkgo is one of my guilty pleasures), and I generally eschew annuals in favor of perennials. My current passion of the month is Prostrate Heath Aster (*Symphotrichum ericoides* var. *prostratum* 'Snow Flurry'). What could be more perfect for a rock garden-- a native ground cover that grows to only 4-6" tall, thrives in full sun, and is totally covered with tiny white blossoms (and pollinators) in early fall when so many other plants have finished their show?

Do you have a favorite garden that inspires you?

Kyoto Garden in Holland Park, London! Surrounded by bustling city but so scenic and peacefully quiet that you feel totally isolated. The roaming peacocks just add to the otherworldly impossibility of it all!

If you could choose anyone as a gardening mentor, who would it be?

Ellen Biddle Shipman, a landscape designer during the Arts and Crafts architectural movement in the early 20th century. Her focus on naturalistic design, lush planting, and creating an intimate relationship between house and garden is totally relevant today, as evidenced by the recent restorations of her original planting plans at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron, OH and at the Miller Edison cottage in the Chautauqua Institution, NY.

What do you do when you are not gardening? Other hobbies, travel, sports...

The only thing that beats spending the day in my garden is a leisurely afternoon wandering at one of the local art museum collections. Having spent 12 years volunteering as an information specialist at several of the Smithsonian art museums, I still schedule weekend trips and vacations based on what exhibits are showing where, and making art exhibit detours on regular trips to visit my grandchildren in the south and New England. I also enjoy answering questions for the Allegheny County Master Gardener Hotline, and I've recently renewed my interest in playing Mah Jongg – so count me in if anyone has a group that needs a fourth!

Maureen Karl's Photos:

I don't have a rock garden –yet, but one of my gardening goals is to eliminate a section (sometimes big, sometimes small, of lawn each year! Photo #1 is last year's project. It is about a 50 by 20 ft area, formally lawn, that borders my 'hedgerow'. We installed some boulders and river rock along the edge, and I am hoping to find more rock garden type plants to continue filling it in.

Ilex opaca 'Maryland Dwarf' —One of my current favorite native shrubs (and not easy to find). It is unique among American holly varieties in that it grows only to 3' high but spreads to 8-10' wide. It is a female cultivar and not known to be a prolific berry producer, but I have planted a "jersey Knight" in proximity to my 3 to see what develops

Diervilla 'Kodiak Red' is planted in front of a mixed hydrangea bed. It is a hybrid of the native bush honeysuckle and gets a beautiful red fall color. I like it because though the current yellow blooms are small, they are always buzzing with native bees.

Oakleaf Hydrangea is always a winner!



Don't forget to send Barb Kline your garden or plant pictures for posting on Instagram and on Facebook (aka META)

Mondays are a great day to post and to share!



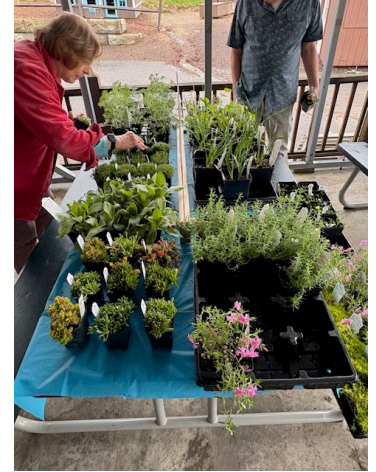
54TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE 2025



Nancy Knauss: Plant Sale Chair's Report:

It is hard to believe, but this May we celebrated the 54th anniversary of the Allegheny Chapter's Rock Garden Plant Show and Sale. The sale and show bring our chapter together and highlight the outstanding growing abilities of our members. It is amazing what we can accomplish as a team, which was demonstrated during the setup on Saturday evening before the event. It took several hours, but the plants were priced and arranged, the photography show was displayed, and tables were in place to accept the entries for the show.

- ❖ Special thanks to Michele Newton for organizing the show and beautifully arranging the special awards table after judging was complete.
- ❖ Thanks to our judges, Tristan Stayduhar and Sandy Feather, and our clerks, Judy Adams and Bobbi Diller.
- ❖ Thanks to Sue Colaizzi for artfully arranging the photographs for this year's contest. The photos were outstanding and an inspiration for all members to start taking photos for next year's show!



2026 plant sale.

Thanks to Sandy Feather and Karel Ulizio for their

Native Wildflowers to Know & Grow

Sandy Feather, Penn State Extension Green Industry Team

In total, 620 plants were donated and purchased for the sale, and we sold 75% of them. We netted approximately \$1000 for the club, but most importantly, we offered unusual rock garden plants to the public that are difficult to find in our area. Every trough made last summer was sold, which validates planning another trough workshop for this summer so that we can be well-stocked for the



presentations, which were well-received by both guests and members. And finally, a shout-out to Patty McGuire, who quietly and efficiently handles the finances. Here's to another successful Plant Show and Sale!



AND plant sales continued at Gardenfest again this year



ALLEGHENY CHAPTER OUTREACH

Several intrepid volunteers led by Leslie Kaplan stepped into the Master Gardeners' Garden Marketplace. They setup a table with large signs announcing the presence of NARGS in the Allegheny area. With well designed planted troughs and friendly faces they reached out to the public to invite them to know more about us and how we are bringing rock gardening and special plants to people in small trough plantings and in large crevice gardens.

They were successful at getting the word out and several people joined our group because of this exposure. Congratulations to all those working on these efforts.



Our next opportunity is a recent invitation from the MG group sponsoring Garden in the Parks in South Park on Saturday, August 16.

“The Penn State Master Gardeners of Allegheny County are hosting South Park Garden in the Park (“GIP”) on Saturday, August 16th, 2025, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the South Park Theatre which is located at the corner of Brownsville Road and Corrigan Drive in South Park Township.

The goal of Garden in the Park is to provide a venue for the public to learn about research-based gardening, related topics, and available resources. We count our community partners as valuable resources.

We are inviting the North American Rock Garden Society to join us in our efforts and become a community partner. We would provide a table and chairs under a tent, or, you can bring your own pop-up tent. We ask that the North American Rock Garden Society provide knowledgeable representatives to talk to guests, answer questions, and distribute literature. You are welcome to offer “give aways,” but no sales are permitted. There is no cost to the North American Rock Garden Society, and community partners are by invitation only.”

Volunteers needed...



TELL US ABOUT IT - Fall Run: A Gem of a Park, by Amanda Haney



Fall Run Park in Shaler is a magical place for wildflowers and birds. The hillsides are covered in Spring wildflowers, and the air is filled with bird song. A half mile up an easy trail, a two-story waterfall spills from the cliff.

Located in Shaler Township, just off Route 8, the park is on Fall Run Road, only three miles from the Fleming Bridge. A steep valley is shaded by tall trees and in Spring, water cascades off the clifftops. In early spring, the hillsides are covered in Dutchman's Britches and red Bloodroot, the steep hills. Jewelweed

among logs dotted with garter snakes

Be sure to start the app, *Merlin*, as soon as you arrive to identify birdsong.



and cream Wakerobin (*Trillium Erectum*). Bellwort, violets and Phlox are scattered on Later, *Cimicifuga*, Bladderwort and appear. In August, Blue lobelia blooms warming themselves in the sun.



Birds are hard to see in the high treetops, but by April, Tufted Titmice, Winter and Carolina Wrens may be singing. Other birds such as



Scarlet Tanager, Red-eyed Vireo and Chickadees populate the site.

Red-tailed hawks and bluejays scream at each other.

Louisiana Waterthrushes, Acadian Flycatcher and Eastern

Pheobe breed here. In late May, Acadian Flycatchers sit lower in the trees and may be visible for a short time in late May. Waterthrushes gather bugs along the stream when it is quiet. Hummingbirds hover over jewelweed.

Ebird.org website lists 74 species that have been seen and heard here. Kids and dogs romp below the falls and it is often crowded after 10 am. Fall Run is a great place for a stroll on a hot summer day.



**" BEST PRIMROSE - AL
DEURBROUCK AWARD -
JOANNE BURZESE**
PRIMROSE JUDGED BEST IN
CLASS 3. SPONSORED BY
NANCY KNAUSS, THIS AWARD
IS PRESENTED IN HONOR OF A
FORMER ALLEGHENY
CHAPTER MEMBER FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP
AND SERVICE AS CHAIR
MULTIPLE TERMS

**BEST PLANT IN SHOW – CLARE
WILLIAMSON AWARD, JOANNE
BURZESE**



PLANT SHOW AND PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

2025 ROCK GARDEN PLANT SHOW WINNERS

CLASS #1 ONE PAN ROCK GARDEN PLANT IN FLOWER

LYN LANG, AETHIONEMA GRANDIFLORUM

CLASS #2 ONE PAN NATIVE PLANT IN FLOWER, SUITABLE FOR THE ROCK GARDEN

JOANNE BURZESE, JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT

CLASS #3 ONE PAN PRIMULACEAE IN FLOWER, INCLUDING PRIMULA AND ANDROSACE

JOANNE BURZESE, PRIMULA

CLASS #4 ONE PAN BULBOUS OR RHIZOMATOUS PLANT IN FLOWER, SUITABLE FOR THE

ROCK GARDEN, **JOANNE BURZESE, CONVALLARIA ALBOSTRIATA LILY OF THE VALLEY**

CLASS #5 ONE PAN SUCCULENT INCLUDING SEMPERVIVUM, SEDUM, CACTUS, AND

CRASSULACEAE, **LYN LANG, SEDUM TERNATUM**

CLASS #6 ONE PAN ROCK GARDEN PLANT GROWN PRIMARILY FOR FOLIAGE, INCLUDING

HOSTA, SAXIFRAGE AND FERNS, **BOB DIETZ, DWARF HORSETAIL**

CLASS #7 ONE PAN DWARF SHRUB, TREE, OR CONIFER

BOB DIETZ, PROCUMBENS NANA JUNIPER

CLASS #8 ONE BOWL OF CUT FLOWERS OF ROCK GARDEN PLANTS, TO BE JUDGED FOR

QUALITY, DELICACY AND ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT, **NO ENTRIES**

CLASS #9 A TROUGH OF THREE OR MORE DISTINCT SPECIES ROCK GARDEN SUITABLE

PLANTS ARRANGED FOR EFFECT, **SANDRA CICCONE, ERIGERON URSINUS; DWARF**

GOATSBEAR; SEMPERVIVUM; SEDUM ERINUS ALPINUS

CLASS #10 MINIATURE GARDEN: A TROUGH OF THREE OR MORE DISTINCT SPECIES ROCK

GARDEN SUITABLE PLANTS ALONG WITH ACCESSORIES ARRANGED TO CREATE A MINIATURE

GARDEN LANDSCAPE, **BOB DIETZ, KINGSVILLE BOXWOOD; THUGA OCCIDENTALIS PRIMO;**

CHAMAECYPARIS 'JUST DANDY'; HINOKI CYPRESS, CHAMAECYPARIS 'GEMSTONE';

CHAMAECYPARIS 'MAUREEN'

CLASS #11 CHAIR'S CHOICE FOR 2025 – IRIS CRISTATA, **JOANNE BURZESE**

BEST IN SHOW JOANNE BURZESE

BEST TROUGH IN SHOW - AUDREY RAUCH AWARD WON BY BOB DEITZ SELECTED FROM
CLASSES 9-10. SPONSORED BY PATTY MCGUIRE, THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED IN HONOR OF
AN ALLEGHENY CHAPTER MEMBER WHO PIONEERED THE BUILDING AND PLANTING OF
TROUGHs IN THE TRI-STATE AREA. .





*PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST BEST IN SHOW,
MARIE TKACIK, SEDUM*



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NARGS ALLEGHENY CHAPTER ROCK GARDEN

The NARGS, Allegheny Chapter rock garden occupies a space next to the National Aviary on Pittsburgh's North Side. Members usually work at the garden the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

