

SISKIYOU SUMMITS

November 2021 Newsletter
of the Siskiyou Chapter, North American Rock Garden Society



NOVEMBER 9TH MEETING

Hope you all are enjoying this brilliantly colored fall and abundant rain. We can look forward to our first in-person meeting in many months, on Tuesday evening, November 9th. The usual place and time, 7:00 p.m. in Lidgate Hall, United Congregational Church of Christ, 1801 E. Jackson St., Medford. Please bring a mask and prepare to socially distance.

We'll discuss chapter business and plans for the upcoming season, also have Seed Exchange seed available. The November program will highlight tips and plants from recent issues of the NARGS Quarterly (See page 2 for topics)

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Winter Dreams, Summer Gardens sponsored by the Jackson County Extension Master Gardeners. The online programs are scheduled for Friday November 5th, Saturday, November 6th and Friday, November 12th. Cost of admission is \$20 total for all sessions; registration deadline is this Wednesday, November 3. Chapter member Eric Hagerman will talk about rock gardening on Saturday morning, November 6th, in a program called *The Nitty Gritty of Rock Gardening*.



November Program continued

Topics include:

- The new crevice and trough garden at Lake Merritt in downtown Oakland, CA, featuring troughs built using plywood molds and trough designs reflecting natural landscapes.
- Plant recommendations from NARGSA president Panayoti Kelaidis, including some “California Reds” and an interesting succulent (see news about the NARGS succulent and cacti online workshop below). Check out Panayoti’s November letter on our website homepage.
- Some thoughts about creating plant habitats using nurse rocks.
- Previews of upcoming NARGS workshops (Woodland Rock Gardens and Cacti and Succulents in the Rock Garden).

Photo above: Crevice garden in a ceramic container designed by Eric Hagerman. Featured plants include *Veronica armena*, Little Pickles iceplant (*Othonna capensis*), cobweb sempervivum, hardy iceplant (*Delosperma*), and eriodium.

MORE EVENTS

NARGS Rocks. In the Shadow of Stone, Woodlanders in the Rock Garden on November 13.

This is a virtual workshop. Registration is \$25 for NARGS members and you can watch the programs at your leisure after signing up here. NARGS is offering a special discount on membership if you are a non-member and sign up for this workshop.

Note: Congratulations to Leigh Blake for her article in the Fall 2021 Quarterly, ***Oregon Outcroppings***..



Other Programs

Botanizing the Trinity Ultramafic,
an online talk offered by the
Siskiyou Chapter, Native Plant
Society of Oregon, on Thursday,
November 18th. You can sign up
through the Siskiyou Chapter
Facebook page.

The speaker is retired Forest Service botanist Julie Kierstad, who worked on the Shasta-Trinity Forest and has discovered and described new Klamath Mountain subspecies. Julie relocated from Redding to southern Oregon this year. This is a Zoom program. If you would like to join an in-person group session to watch, email kmpyle2@yahoo.com and we'll find a location to watch the program together.





A view of the Old Pinnacles in eastern Pinnacles National Park near Hollister, California. There is fascinating geology to be discovered in this volcanic area, which is located on the edge of the San Andreas Fault.

Zoom technology: The UCC church that hosts our meetings plans to hardwire their internet connection, with our financial support. Chapter chair Jean Buck reports that the new technical improvements should be finished sometime in January. We hope to offer Christine Ebrahimi's program on the Warner Mountains via Zoom early in the new year.

Our deepest sympathies to chapter member Dave Dobak, who lost his wife Jan in August. Jan and Dave visited our chapter many times over the years and shared their garden travels with us. Jan will be sorely missed for her kindness, calmness and generosity. Dave has a new email address, **davedobak@gmail.com**