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ARGS Piedmont Chapter Speakers' Program Announced for 1992-1993

Piedmont Chapter Vice Chairman Richard Hartlage has announced plans for our 1992-1993 speakers' program. All meetings will be held at 10:00 am on a Saturday at the Totten Center of the NC Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill, NC. Note that we have added an extra meeting (in October) this year. The list of speakers are as follows:

September 19, 1992

Rebecca Zinn

Chapel Hill, NC

"The Evolution of My Garden"

October 17, 1992

Bob McCartney

Aiken, SC

"Plants Appropriate for a Southern Rock Garden"

November 21, 1992

Robert Bartolomei

Bronx, NY

"The New York Botanical Garden's Rock Garden"

January 16, 1993

Normal Beal

Raleigh, NC

"From Forest to Fantasy"

March 20, 1993

Larry Thomas

Manhattan Chapter of ARGS

New York City

"Small Plants in Small Containers"

Mark your calendar now for these outstanding upcoming speakers.

Welcome to New Members: What is the Piedmont Chapter of ARGS All About?

by Bob Wilder

There have been about 30 new members who have joined our Piedmont Chapter of the American Rock Garden Society since March, 1992. I want to sincerely welcome them to our chapter and to the fellowship of a fine group of gardeners. We will publish a complete list of new members that have joined us since March, 1992 in our September, 1992 issue of *The Trillium*. For these new members I would like to outline the typical year of our chapter. For the 1992-93 year, there will be five program meetings instead of the typical four. They will be held in September, October, November, 1992 and January and March, 1993. All meetings are held at the Totten Center of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, NC at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of the month. Any changes in this schedule will be announced in the newsletter prior to the meetings. There are five issues of *The Trillium*, our chapter newsletter, per year. It is issued in September, November, January, March, and mid-summer.

A typical meeting of our chapter is as follows: check in prior to 10:00 am for your name tag, social period, opening announcements, speaker's program, closing announcements and business, plant "show and tell" time, refreshment break, auction of gift plants (plant mini-auction sale) and books and other activities. The meetings are typically completed by noon. Each person in attendance is asked to register. This record is useful to the chairman in various ways; for example, in dividing the alphabet for members' refreshments schedule.

Plants play a vital role in our chapter's activities since they provide the funds for obtaining speakers outside our membership. Our September meeting is very special in that, aside from our first speaker of the year, members contribute seedlings, rooted cuttings, plant divisions for the annual *members only* bargain sale. See more information on this sale in an article by John

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Dilley in this issue of *The Trillium*. At all other meetings (except September), members are invited to bring in a special plant or flower for a brief "show and tell" period. Many of these plants are frequently donated for the mini-plant auction that we have at our meetings (except September).

Sometimes members will share a book or tell us about a special gardening tool or perhaps a clever gardening hint they've run across. There may even be a gardening problem that you would like to share.

The social committee of our chapter supplies the coffee and tea at our meetings; members bring in "goodies" based on an alphabetize schedule of your last name. Because there are five meetings this year (1992-93), the following is a tentative schedule for persons to bring in cookies, breads, cake, cheeses, dips etc.: Persons whose last name begins with A - E should bring in "goodies" at the September meeting; F - H for October; J - M for November; N - R for January; and S - Z for March. If there are any refinements to the schedule, it will be noted in the newsletter.

We have a spring garden tour each year for our members. In April, we hold a nurseryman's day plant sale for the public (and for members, too). Any member of our chapter is eligible to participate (and be a nurseryman for a day!). The sellers donate 10% of the sales to our chapter. The month of May is when the chapter has its annual spring picnic and final business meeting of the year.

I encourage new members to fully take part in our chapter's activities during the year. Active participation is the backbone of our gardening group. May we develop a strong back!

NCSU Arboretum Sponsors Garden Symposium on Elizabeth Lawrence —A Southern Garden: Past-Present-Future

The NCSU Arboretum is sponsoring a fall garden symposium focusing on Elizabeth Lawrence and the 50th anniversary of the publication of her first book *A Southern Garden*. The symposium will celebrate the contributions that Miss Lawrence made to gardening and gardening literature. The symposium will be held Friday, September 25 through Sunday, September 27, 1992 at the NCSU McKimmon Center on Western Blvd. in Raleigh, NC. There will also be a dedication of the Elizabeth Lawrence Memorial Border at the NCSU Arboretum on Saturday afternoon.

Speakers on the program include Pamela Harper, Nancy Goodwin and Doug Ruhren, William Lanier Hunt, J. C. Raulston, Edith Eddleman, Ann Lovejoy, and Allen Lacy.

For a registration form and flyer on the symposium, telephone 919-515-3132; or write the NCSU Arboretum, Department of Horticultural Science, P.O. Box 7609, Raleigh, NC 27695-7609.

Plan Now for the Piedmont Chapter's Fall Seedling Sale

by John Dilley

Every September our chapter holds an annual plant sale to promote the exchange of interesting, rare, unusual, and hard to find plants among our chapter members. The sale is also a primary source of revenue for our chapter since the receipts from sale of all plants that are donated by our members go to our treasury.

As a plant contributor, plan to provide a dozen or so choice plant seedlings which would be appreciated by the other members. Plants can be propagated from cuttings, divisions, seeds, or bulbs. Clearly label each pot separately with the correct name. Plants will be priced according to size and rarity—generally between \$0.50 and \$2.00. Those plants which are extremely rare or hard to find may be priced at \$5.00.

Members who contribute plants to the sale will be allowed to choose two plants before the rest of the chapter members are permitted into the sales area. Last year our fall plant sale netted \$425 for our chapter treasury; let's exceed that amount this year.

By participating in this plant sale, we can continue to support our Piedmont Chapter. We will also be sharing and obtaining new plants from our fellow gardeners. So get busy now and pot up some plants for the sale. Remember, the plant sale will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1992 at the Totten Center at the NC Botanical Garden. It will be held immediately after our speaker's program. *And you must be a currently paid member of our chapter to participate in the sale.*

If you have any questions, give me a call at 833-1209.

Summary of Annual ARGS Meeting at Guelph, Ontario

[Piedmont Chapter Chairman Bob Wilder has supplied the following summary of actions at the Board Meeting of the ARGS at its annual meeting May 29-31, 1992. Seven local chapter members attended the three-day meeting which also consisted of excellent speakers and fine garden tours.]

1. Elected after nominations were: Norman Singer, President; Jim Jones, Vice President; Three year term Board of Directors: Margery Edgren (CA), Panayoti Kelaidis (CO), and Ev Whittemore (NC).

2. There will be no international meeting in 1996. Instead foreign members will be encouraged to attend either or both the annual meetings of the ARGS at Vail, CO on June 24-27, 1993 and Asheville, NC on May 6-8, 1994.

3. Financial support for officers of the national ARGS to attend three required meetings was approved.

4. Piedmont Chapter member (and current past president of ARGS) Sandra Ladendorf was appointed to a new position as Coordinator of Meetings Planning.

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5. Patricia and John Bender, Northwestern Chapter of ARGS, will handle the ARGS annual seed exchange for the next two years.

6. The ARGS Eastern study weekend is planned for January, 1993 in New Jersey; the Western study weekend is planned for February, 1993 in the San Francisco area.

Full details including minutes of the annual meeting are available from Bob Wilder. Contact him if interested.

Who Are We—the Piedmont Chapter of ARGS?

The Trillium is the newsletter of the Piedmont Chapter of the American Rock Garden Society (ARGS). It is published five times a year in January, March, mid-summer, September and November. The newsletter is distributed to all Piedmont Chapter members, to presidents and/or newsletter editors in each of the other 28 chapters of the ARGS; to the editor of the *Bulletin* (the national newsletter of the ARGS); and as sample copies to local prospective members.

Membership in the Piedmont Chapter is \$5 per year payable to the Piedmont Chapter ARGS and mail to our treasurer. (Membership in the national American Rock Garden Society is \$25) Our current chapter membership is 195 members. Advertising space in *The Trillium* is available for \$25 for a business card size ad (\$40 for a double-ad) that will run in 5 consecutive issues. Contact the editor to place an ad.

On an additional note: this issue of The Trillium is renewal time for most of you. How do you tell if your renewal is due? Simply check the four digit code on your mailing label on this issue. The 92 or 93 indicates the year (1992 or 1993); the second set of digits indicate the month: e.g., 07 means July. Thus 9207 means your membership expires in July of 1992.

For questions or comments on *The Trillium* contact its editor, Bobby Ward at (919) 781-3291. For questions on the Piedmont Chapter of ARGS, contact its chairman Bob Wilder at (919) 362-7115. The names of all the Piedmont Chapter officers, their addresses and telephone numbers are listed below:

Board Members for 1992-1993 of Piedmont Chapter of ARGS

Chairman: Bob Wilder, 1213 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607; telephone (919) 781-2255 or (919) 362-7115.

Vice-Chairman: Richard W. Hartlage, P. O. Box 7477, Durham, NC 27708; telephone (919) 490-9785.

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Joan Wall, 113 Collins Avenue, Hillsborough, NC 27278; telephone (919) 644-6422.

Spring Nurserymen's Sale: Volunteer(s) needed.

Spring Garden Tour Committee: Volunteer gardens and coordinator(s) needed.

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Coming in the September, 1992 issue of *The Trillium*:

-----A special Elizabeth Lawrence memorial issue that will include articles by Miss Lawrence, articles about her, and a special article on the correspondence she maintained with one of our chapter members (Linda Lamm).

----More details on our September (Rebecca Zinn) and October (Bob McCartney) speakers.

----Last chance for members to renew their membership and participate in the annual fall seedling sale.

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Chairman's Comments by Bob Wilder

In May 1992, our chapter closed out the year with a pot luck picnic hosted by Michelle and Tony Avent at their garden/nursery in Juniper Level, NC. The food was good, but the garden was delicious.

I am pleased to report that our chapter is in a very healthy state. There are 186 paid memberships. Attendance at our meetings is putting a stress on our meeting space, but we will survive. Membership dues must be paid before the September meeting to be eligible for chapter activities. Let's try for 100% renewals in August. The refreshment system and the plant mini auction last year were a great success. We will continue the same system and auction in the coming year.

It is time for all members to start preparing for the annual fall plant seedling sale at our September meeting. This sale is vital to our chapter fund raising since the membership dues barely pay for the printing and postage on the newsletter. So, start now to pot up seedlings or extra plant divisions or cuttings and bring them to our September 19th meeting. For more details on the plant sale, see the article on page 2 of the newsletter by John Dilley who is organizing the plant sale for our chapter this year.

We are only one chapter and a small part of the American Rock Garden Society. But much of the strength of our local group is derived from this national organization. Yet, only about 25% of us are paid members of national ARGs. I would like to see 100% membership in national for the coming year. Membership is \$25 and will bring to you four issues of the *Bulletin of ARGs*, participation in the annual seed exchange, superb meetings, and a chance to be supportive of the endeavors of our national organization.

May the goodness of gardening keep us active!

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