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SPECIAL PLANT SALE ISSUE

David Mitchell, Plant Sale Coordinator

Editor's Note: For expediency you are receiving this special issue with information about our plant sale which is scheduled in less than 3 weeks. The May-June issue will be published in about two weeks.

This year our big Plant Sale is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th as part of Tompkins County Cooperative Extension's annual Garden Fair and Plant Sale. An Ithaca tradition since 1982, over 40 area vendors and gardening groups will be represented. The sale will return to the Ithaca High School on **Sunday, May 20**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This plant sale is ACNARGS biggest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds allow us to attract knowledgeable, high quality program speakers for our general meetings.

Now is the time to pot up your divisions. Please use only soilless potting mix and remember to label every pot. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help to make it a success. Please do what you can to help with the sale by either donating plants and/or your time.

Besides your generous plant donations, we need helpers for both set-up the day before, and day of, during the sale hours, and for clean-up at the close of the sale. Set up begins Saturday around 4 p.m. until approximately 7 p.m. – there's always plenty to do so many hands make light work. Bring your plants during that time or arrive early on Sunday. We'll be completing set-up beginning at 8 a.m. Our booth will be located indoors in the new gymnasium.

Our members receive a 25% discount on their plant purchase – what a deal! If you haven't yet renewed your ACNARGS membership for the calendar year 2018, you may do so at the sale (but why wait? Renew now!).

David Mitchell's driveway is available for plant drop-offs any time before the day of the sale if you can't make it to the high school Saturday or Sunday morning. The driveway is on the Washington Street side of the corner of Washington and Esty Streets (402 Esty Street) in Ithaca. His phone number is (607) 342-3660 should you have any questions about the sale. Tompkins County Cooperative Extension can be reached at (607) 272-2292 or visit the plant sale website <http://ccetompkins.org/gardening/garden-events/spring-garden-fair-plant-sale>.

If you are new to this event, you are in for sensory overload. Plan to arrive early for the best selections and to try anyway to get a decent parking spot. The CCE website contains a link to a map to the Ithaca High School.

Let's all work together to make this a successful sale for the Chapter, not to mention you'll get some exciting new plants for your garden. There will be rock garden plants as well as many perennials for sun and shade, and often there are trees and shrubs among our wealth of plant donations.

MAY 5 GARDEN INVITATION

A special invitation has been extended to our Chapter members to join the Berkshire Chapter's visit to Anne Spiegel's garden. If you go, you should plan to arrive promptly no later than 10am for a tour of Anne's fabulous garden together with lots of conversation. Bring your own lunch.

Anne's garden is located at **299 Maloney Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590**. The driveway to use is just past a long, long berm of bark chips and is also marked by a row of white pines on each side planted much too close together (Anne didn't do it). Please do not use the "back" driveway which you will see first on the way in. If you need written directions, email pondhick@verizon.net.

ANNOUNCING ACNARGS GARDEN TOUR JUNE 23

Save the date - Saturday June 23 – for a full day of garden visits in the greater Syracuse area. An itinerary and garden descriptions will be forthcoming in the official May-June newsletter. Your tour committee has scheduled visits to members' gardens: Dianne Bordoni, Donna Kraft, and John Gilrein, and to the gardens of Michael Brennan and Diana Smith, owner of Topiary Gardens, a nursery specializing in Japanese maples. We will hold the tour rain or shine. Plan for an early start and a full day of wonderful gardens to enjoy.

DANBY PLANT EXCHANGE

The 26th annual Danby free Plant Exchange will take place on Saturday May 19 from 1:00 to 3:00, at the Danby Fire Station on route 96B. This free event is an opportunity to swap, donate, and try new perennials, houseplants, seeds, annual seedlings, and anything else garden related. It is not necessary to bring a plant in order to get a plant, nor is it necessary to stay the whole time.

It's better to divide plants in advance so they don't suffer in the heat on the day of the Plant Exchange. Label what you bring if you can. Also, make sure there are no earthworms in what you bring. There is an invasive non-beneficial earthworm in our area that we don't want to spread. For more information contact Dan Klein at 272-7582, or danbydan@hotmail.com.

CALENDAR OF SELECT GARDEN EVENTS

To have a garden event in your area listed send all pertinent information to Carol Eichler at carolithaca@gmail.com

May 11-20: Rochester Lilac Festival. <https://www.rochesterevents.com/lilac-festival/>.

May 19: All About Alpines workshop, Stonecrop. Info at [Stonecrop Calendar](#).

May 19: Danby Free Plant Exchange, Danby Fir Station, 1-3pm (see article).

May 19, 20, 26, 27: Linwood Gardens Tree Peony Festival. Also June 2, 3. <http://www.linwoodgardens.org/>.

May 20: ACNARGS Plant Sale, Ithaca High School, 9am – 2pm. Many other vendors and exhibitors too as part of CCE's Garden Fair.

June 10: Southern Cayuga Garden Club Tour, Union Springs area.

June 23: ACNARGS Garden Tour. A day trip in the greater Syracuse area.

July 7: Open Days in Tompkins County. Four gardens open 10-4. Admission charged. Fundraiser for Tompkins County Community Beautification Program. More info when available at <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/open-days/open-days-schedule>.

July 8: Fall Creek Garden Tour.

July 14: Dryden Garden and Art Tour. Info when available <http://drydenbeautification.weebly.com/>.

August 18: ACNARGS picnic and members' only plant sale at Cass Park, Ithaca.

Cooperative Extension Horticulture Programs, located at 615 Willow Av., Ithaca. 607-272-2292. Unless otherwise stated, classes require pre-registration and have a self-determining sliding fee scale. More info at www.ccetompkins.org.

Finger Lakes Native Plant Society Meetings from 7-8:30pm at the Ithaca Unitarian Church annex (corner of Buffalo & Aurora, enter side door on Buffalo St. & up the stairs). More info at www.FLNPS.org. Plus FLNPS Walks meeting at different times and locations.

Cornell Botanic Gardens (formerly Cornell Plantations) calendar of events visit: [CBG Calendar](#).

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