



UW Arboretum

Wisconsin Spring Garden Gala NARGS Study Weekend Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 in Madison, Wisconsin

We've put together a mix of talks, tours, and choice plant shopping to satisfy every plant enthusiast.

FRIDAY, MAY 19th

- We kick off with a meet, greet, shop, and eat at The Flower Factory, an enormous perennial nursery with the Midwest's largest selection of perennials. They have more than a dozen large hoop houses and outdoor benches – including a large hoop house devoted just to alpines. You'll have time to load up on plants! Check them out at www.theflowerfactorynursery.com.
- We'll enjoy a Midwestern Pig Roast (with vegetarian options). The meal will have all the fixin's, including local craft beers.
- There will be an overview of the conference, as well as a talk by Nancy Nedveck, owner of The Flower Factory, on choice plants. We'll also have a book signing by our Saturday night speaker, Joseph Tychonievich. His latest book *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style* will be discounted 40% from list price.
- The bus will leave the hotel for The Flower Factory at 4.30pm. You'll have shopping time until dark.

SATURDAY, May 20th

• **Klehm's Song Sparrow**

Farm is a legendary destination for Midwestern gardeners. It features a truly enormous collection of rare and specialty perennials, especially peonies, iris, and hosta along with choice ornamental trees, shrubs and vines. This nursery is normally mail-order only, but we've arranged this special opportunity for you to select your own plants and take them with no shipping charges. Google them to see more of what you'll have to choose from. <songsparrow.com>



Kinlen garden

- **Sandgren garden, Madison.** You've never seen a garden like this one. With rare woodies and choice perennials embedded in a wonderland maze of four hundred tons of enormous boulders.
- **Kinlen garden, Madison.** You'll be entering the dream garden of a true, longtime plant fanatic, with examples of how to grow choice plants spectacularly well on a tucked-away city lot.
- **UW Madison Allen Centennial Garden,** with a great scenic rock garden right in the heart of one of the nation's most beautiful college campuses.
- **University of Wisconsin Arboretum,** a jewel of the city, with vast plantings in the 35-acre Longenecker Horticultural Garden and several others, including dwarf conifers and several world-class woody plant collections. You can expect to see many of the lilacs, crab apples, magnolias, and redbuds in bloom.
- **Evening program and meal** will be at the Arboretum Visitor Center. After dinner, two speakers will share their gardening experiences.
Steve Lesch will present a talk – *The Design & Construction of an Urban Open Forested Rocky Glen* – on the Sandgren garden. Steve

has been designing and installing residential landscapes in the greater Dane County area since 1973.

The second Speaker will be **Joseph Tychonievich** who earned his BS in Horticulture from Ohio State University, went on to work for Shibamichi Honten Nursery in Saitama, Japan, wrote a book, *Plant Breeding for the Home Gardener* (Timber Press, 2013), and spent two years at Arrowhead Alpines. His latest book is *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style*, just out from Timber Press. Copies can be purchased at a 40% discount on Registration (see Registration Form).

LOGISTICS

- The hotel of choice is the Radisson Inn, with a double room rate of \$109 plus tax. It's located at 517 Grand Canyon Drive, (608) 833-0100.
- Conference fee is \$190 (until April 19), which includes all meals, transportation, and admissions.
- Our conference handouts will include information on a range of interesting places to see on your own while you're in the area:

International Crane Foundation <www.savingcranes.org>

Rotary Botanical Garden <www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org>

Prairie Nursery <www.prairienursery.com> (web orders only; retail outlet closed in 2017)

Madison's Olbrich Botanical Gardens <olbrich.org>

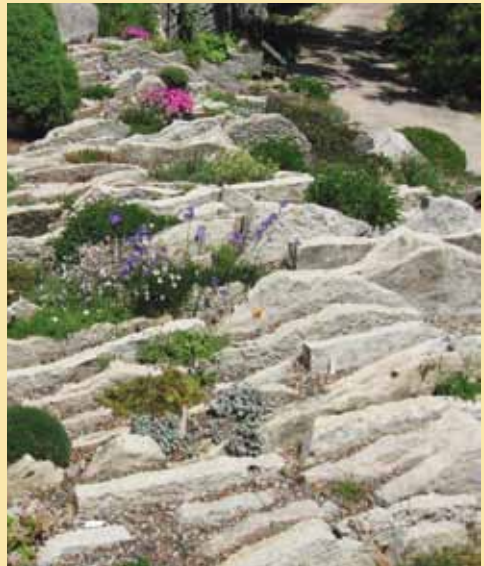
Prairie Enthusiasts sites <www.theprairieenthusiasts.org>

Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin
<www.taliesinpreservation.org>

Epic Systems – a large
healthcare software company
with remarkable landscaping

Selected private gardens

Register and put us in your calendar now. It will be a fun Wisconsin spring meeting with lots of wonderful and unusual plants.



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Sandgren garden

Additionally I grant to NARGS, its representatives and employees, the right to take photos of me and my property in connection with any NARGS sponsored event. I authorize NARGS to use photographs of me, with or without my name for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

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