

Registration fee includes all programs, Friday evening buffet, Saturday evening banquet, and refreshments for Saturday and Sunday breaks. (Event hotel registration includes a complimentary breakfast)

Registration Per Person:	Total
Received by Feb. 9, 2012 _____ \$225 x _____	
Received after Feb. 9, 2012 _____ \$255 x _____	

1 Year NARGS family membership _____	\$30 _____
1 Year NARGS student membership _____	\$15 _____

(If you are not a member of NARGS, VIRAGS or AGC-BC, please add a 1 year NARGS family or student membership)

Guest: Friday banquet and evening program _____	\$35 _____
Guest: Saturday banquet and evening program _____	\$40 _____

Total Payment Enclosed _____

Banquet Meal Choices:	Registrant	1	2	Guest
London Broil	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chicken Tarragon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vegetarian (not vegan)	_____	_____	_____	_____

List any special dietary requirements. We will ask hotel catering to make arrangements, if possible _____

No registration is necessary for Saturday afternoon demonstrations. Non-registrant guests may attend the plant sale, book sale, and silent auction.

There is 25\$ cancellation fee until Feb. 23, 2012, and no refund after Feb. 23, 2012.

Please make check or money order payable in U.S. dollars to : **NARGS WWSW**
To use PayPal, please go to website and use links.

Send registration form and payment to:

Dan & Pat Montague, Registrars

647 73rd Ave NE

Olympia, Wa 98506

Confirmation will be sent to you as soon as possible. When possible, correspondence will be by e-mail.

Make a Vacation out of the trip!

The Puget Sound basin is defined by water and mountains and contains stunning scenery and bustling cities.

The Columbia River Gorge, the Vantage area and Gingko Petrified Forest east of the Cascades, Puget Sound beaches, and the San Juan Islands, all provide excellent hiking.

Train service is a convenient two blocks from the hotel, giving easy access to Seattle, Portland and Vancouver, B.C. Scenic ferry service from Seattle or Anacortes takes you to Victoria, B.C. or the San Juan Islands. From the bustling Pike Place Market to the Ballard Locks, Seattle provides gardens, museums, galleries, shopping, music, micro-breweries...

Closer to Everett there are flocks of snow geese and swans wintering in the Skagit Valley, beautiful Deception Pass State Park,

wineries to tour, and outlet malls. In Everett itself, there are numerous restaurants, pubs, and shops.

Everett's Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens include a rock garden, northwest natives garden, conifer garden, woodland garden, perennial border and more.

Specialty nurseries abound. One could spend months touring nurseries here and still not exhaust the possibilities. At www.specialtynurseries.com you can find listings for a day of nursery nirvana.

Whale watching tours for gray whales begin in early March from Anacortes. See www.seattle.gov/html/visitor/whales.htm for more information.



The Everett Events Center Conference Center houses the Pilchuck Glass Collection and the Shack Art Center showcases glass blowing. The downtown sculpture walk offers a display of public art.

The Future of Flight Tour at Boeing Everett and the Museum of Flight Restoration Center at Paine Field will fascinate aviation buffs.

The nearby town of Snohomish offers antique shopping. The Tulalip Resort Casino, also nearby, is located next to shopping outlets.

The Northwestern Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society invites you to

The 37th Annual Western Winter Study Weekend and NARGS Annual Meeting



ROADSIDE BOTANIZING

EAST OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS

March 9, 10, 11 2012

At the Everett Holiday Inn

Conference Site

**Holiday Inn
3105 Pine Street
Everett, Wa 98201**

A full service hotel including:

- Complimentary breakfast buffet
- Free wireless/wired internet
- Free parking
- Free business center

Please make reservations directly with Holiday Inn Downtown Everett
Call toll-free at 1-866-700-1188 or direct/international at 1-425-339-2000.
Mention "NARGS" to receive our discounted room rate of \$99 per night.

Welcome

This Study Weekend will focus on an area often overlooked: the flora of Washington and Oregon east of the Cascade Mountains. Here the habitat varies from forest to shrub-steppe, and from desert to riparian ecosystems. The Columbia River winds its way through this region, providing a broad canvas of remarkable habitats and plants.



Speakers

Our knowledgeable speakers will cover all aspects of the unique flora east of the Cascade Mountains — History, Biology, Geology and Growing and Propagation.

Ted Alway **Finding and Propagating Select Central Washington Natives**

Ted Alway operates Derby Canyon Natives, producing Central Washington native plants for restoration and landscaping.
derbycanyonnatives.com

Joseph Arnett **Looking for What Might Not Be There: Rare plants in the Wenatchee Mountains**

Joseph Arnett is the state rare plant botanist for the Washington Natural Heritage program. The focus of his work is to study and conserve rare plants and ecosystems.

Paige Embry **Fire, Floods, and Flora: How the geologic events of the past shape the plants of the present**

Paige is a geologist turned garden coach/designer as well as an instructor of horticulture. gardeningbasicseattle.com

Gwen Moore (Kelaidis) **Seed Collecting: From Bloom to Seedpot**

Gwen Moore is well-known to NARGS members as the editor of the Bulletin for 11 years as well as the former co-owner of Rocky Mountain Rare Plants. She is the author of several authoritative books on rock gardening.

Truls Jensen **Blue Skies Crying in the Rain: Eastside Plants in Westside Gardens**

Truls is co-owner of Wild Ginger Farm, offering a wide variety of alpines, rock garden plants, shrubs and miniature conifers, and also native plants of central Washington and the interior. wildgingerfarm.com

Jack Nisbet **A Remarkable Garden: David Douglas and the Attraction of Rocky Ground**

Jack Nisbet is the author of several works that explore the human and natural history of the Intermountain West. He has been called "one of the Northwest's great storytellers". jacknisbet.com

Paul Slichter **The Unique Flora Found East of the Cascade Mountains of Oregon and Washington**

Paul Slichter is a biologist and photographer who has explored much of Oregon and Washington, documenting the flora and fauna through photography.
Science.halleyhosting.com/nature/nature.htm

Attractions

Plant Sales

The Pacific Northwest is well known for its excellent specialty nurseries. Enjoy shopping for hard-to-find, must-have plants offered by the many vendors at our plant sale, as well as donated plants from our chapter members.

Phytosanitary inspection will be available for visitors from outside the U.S.

Book Sales

Browse through an extensive selection of gardening books in our used book section.

Silent auction

Bid on unique and special items carefully selected to entice the most reticent shopper.

Garden Tours

Both public and private gardens will be open for your enjoyment. Tour information will be sent prior to the Winter Study Weekend for those who plan to come early or stay late to explore the area.

Demonstrations

Experts in many areas will present short demonstrations on various gardening techniques.

Plant displays

View photographs, troughs, and plants from members' collections.

The NW Chapter website has additional information on the Winter Study Weekend at:
www.nargsnw.org

Or contact Ilse Burch at: Mail4IlseB@gmail.com
Or call 425-681-9341

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Single Family Registration Form 2012 Western Winter Study Weekend

Name 1 _____
First _____

Last _____

For name tag _____

Name 2 _____
First _____

Last _____

For name tag _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Prov: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country _____

Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Please indicate here if you do not wish to have your name, address and contact information printed with the list of attendees: _____

Are you a member of NARGS, VIRAGS, or AGC-BC? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a NARGS National Officer? _____