President’s Message

ALAN LAWRENCE

We are now well into winter here in the Upper Mid-West. Fortunately, the snow arrived way back in November and has been maintained by regular snowfalls to replace that lost by the not-too-frequent warm spells. We still have a good, deep snow-blanket to give insulation for the overwintering Primula plants here in my Upper Peninsula garden. The situation in my other garden in South Central Wisconsin is not so good, with very patchy snow cover. I lose more plants over winter in this location than farther north, and it’s all about snow cover. As our climate changes, it may become harder to get plants through colder winters with less snow, and hotter summers with less regular rainfall.

I have just received my Seed Exchange shipment and, as always, I ordered too many seeds, but how can I help myself with so many goodies on the list? It is one of the advantages of membership in APS that this amazing selection of seeds is available every year. I inevitably end up with more plants than I need, so many local gardeners and members of garden clubs that I visit receive lots of freebies. I usually overwinter my current year seedlings indoors for their first winter before planting them out in the spring. This year I have plenty of P.
cortusoides, P. elatior ssp. meyeri and P. polyneura. One of the latter has already started to bloom under lights in my basement. There is still a great selection of seeds available from this year’s Exchange, so visit the website and get tempted.

I guess by now we are all looking forward to spring, and this year our National Show returns to Tower Hill Botanic Gardens in Massachusetts and will be hosted by the New England Chapter, details below. As I will not be standing for reelection, this will be the last Show I will be attending as President and I would like to thank all of those hard working members who, through their efforts, have continued to ensure the success of this Society. I would like to wish all the new Board members every success in the future and hope to see you at the Show.

2015 APS National Show

The New England Chapter of the APS will host the National Primula Show at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA, during the weekend of May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Join us for the Annual General Meeting of the Society for a weekend of Primula gratification. Exhibit and see a lavish variety of beautifully benched plants. Find some treasured new ones for your collection from select vendors specializing in Primula. Enjoy the informative presentation by John Lonsdale, of Edgewood Gardens, <www.edgewoodgardens.net>. Share excellent dining experiences and information with other growers, and tour splendid gardens in the Worcester, MA area.

We are excited to have invited the North American Rock Garden Society chapter members in the region to exhibit Primulaceae such as Soldanella, Androsace, Cyclamen, Dodecatheon and Dionysia from their greenhouses and rock gardens and to join in the festivities during the show weekend.

As in the past, the Seven States Daffodil Society Show will be held at Tower Hill on the Saturday, providing a unique opportunity to view the finest cultivars and arrangements in a beautiful setting.

A Schedule of Events and Registration Form for the National Show will soon be available for downloading, printing and mailing from the website, at <www.americanprimrosesociety.org>. Mark your calendar now and begin anticipating your visit to the delightful 2015 Primula Show.

A Little Judging Advice

RHONDDA PORTER

Heading into Show Season, a little advice from our Vice-President:

On April 12th and 13th, 2014, the Vancouver Island Rock Garden and Alpine Society held their annual show and sale. As I was one of the Primula judges, I thought I might offer a few hints for those of you thinking of entering a Primula show. In addition to the general judging rules found on the APS website, there are a few things that make a good impression on judges:

1) Clean pots. Take time to clean the outside of the pot. Traditionally, exhibition plants are shown in clay pots. Plastic is becoming more accepted, at least in North America, but please clean them, and for a three pot class, make the pots the same kind.

2) No dead or dying foliage. Remove dead foliage and faded flowers. Ditto weeds.

3) No wildlife! Check for slugs, aphids, and other hitchhikers. In other words, make ‘em look pretty!
IMPORTANT WEBSITE NEWS!

MICHAEL PLUMB, WEBMASTER

1. Major Addition to the Website: The Quarterly Archives

When you log into the members’ areas from the home page, this is what you will now see appear at the top left of your screen:

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By clicking on ‘Recent Quarterlies’ you are able to read from this issue (Winter 2015) back to Spring 2010 (20 issues, five years’ worth).

By clicking on ‘QUARTERLY ARCHIVES’ you can now (at the time of writing) read nearly 200 (two hundred) issues, dating from 1943 to 2010. These archives are continually being added to, and will eventually contain a complete record of the quarterly publications. They contain a mountain of botanical and cultural information, and embody the very essence of our society.

2. Passwords and User Names

If you have forgotten your user name or password, please follow the instructions in the same area of the screen (‘Forgot your password? / Forgot your username?’). This function has recently been repaired. (My apologies to those of you who have been frustrated by this system in the past.)

If you do not yet have access codes (New members please take note), please contact ‘webmaster’ from the website, or email me at michelleplumb@yahoo.ca.

**Chapter reports**

**JUNEAU CHAPTER**

The Juneau Chapter met Saturday the 18th of October after the summer hiatus. We met briefly with no action items for follow-up. Ed Buyarski presented an interesting slideshow on *Primula* native to Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

The Juneau chapter will meet again on December 20 when Merrill Jensen will provide an update and slideshow on the Jensen-Olsen Arboretum. The Juneau chapter plans to meet bi-monthly or more frequently this winter and spring to expand *Primula* education and cultivation. President Paul Dick will seek to expand membership in the chapter in 2015 and raise community awareness of *Primula* species.

~ Paul Dick, President

**BC PRIMULA GROUP**

The BC Primula Group met four times in 2014. We watched the old BBC program about the re-creation of the Norwich Florists’ Feast of 1631 at the March meeting. The Group also sponsored the APS National Show in Portland, Oregon, in April. Four members
attended the National Show, helped set it up and minded the show tables during the two-day event.

At our meeting in September, held after the memorial service for member Ian Gillam, the group decided to have one major event in 2015 and perhaps one other meeting, but abandon the regular bi-monthly schedule, as there are only 5 members coming on a regular basis.

In order to promote growing Primula, the BC Group will sponsor a talk by Pam Eveleigh in April 2015, the topic to be: Modern Plant Hunting - How state-of-the-art technology can be combined with information about historic quests to find plants.

Pam will lead us through her personal experience of pursuing renowned people, places and plants to rediscover species not seen in over a century. Her research has resulted in modifications to the Genus Primula.

All are welcome to attend, and more information can be obtained from the BC Primula Group (martin951@shaw.ca).

~ Maedythe Martin, President

NEW ENGLAND

We enjoyed our usual schedule of events this year, starting with the January lunch meeting at Matt and Joe’s home and greenhouse where final 2014 show details were determined, and seeds and plants shared. Our dedication was proven by the fact that many of us had a frightening drive home through an unpredicted snowstorm.

The first weekend in May found us at our annual Primula Show at Tower Hill, with lots of captivating plants to see or buy, four brand new presentations by Chapter members, and very comfortable weather. The result of our round table discussion on ‘All Things Primula’ was the decision to start an open page about Primula on Facebook to encourage novices to grow them, and inspire growers to become more involved in societies, seed exchanges, and local chapter activities. Within a day, Amy Olmsted had set up the Primula Lovers Group, and within a week, it had over 100 members worldwide. That number, in December, is over 350.

Later in May, we met at the Berkshire Botanic Garden and refreshed the Primula garden with a few new plants, lamented some lost doubles and choice hybrids, and marveled at the lavish flowering clumps of P. sibthorpii, P. kisoana and P. sieboldii.

The September meeting featured a huge plant exchange and sale, and our open discussion led to some novel ideas for expanding interest in Primula. Since our Chapter has successfully shared speakers, meetings and a venue with the Berkshire Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, and many of our members are also active in NARGS, we decided to invite NARGS chapter members in the region to exhibit plants at our upcoming Primula Show and to enjoy many of the other show events. So far the reaction has been very favorable, with alpine and rock plant growers enthusiastic about being offered a chance to bench plants after several years without any judged NARGS shows. We hope to see many more genera of Primulaceae exhibited, and look forward to an exceptionally interesting and beautiful exhibit hall, increased numbers of visitors to Tower Hill, and more specialty plant vendors than ever.

A few members of the Chapter are again assisting Amy with the 2014 -15 APS Seed Exchange. We all appreciate the seed donations from members world wide, and this year can include some choice new species and hybrids as well as the old favorites. Be sure to check the APS website for the Seed List and order your seeds early to receive the best selection.

There is plenty of time to plan to attend the APS National Show during the first weekend in May near Worcester, Massachusetts, where the weather is unpredictable, but the Show is always a most enjoyable experience.

~ Judith Sellers
I’ve always found it interesting that in the wider botanical community, one does not need to look very far to find the theme of parallels. One such example that has been on my mind is the connection between Caroline Jensen and Rae Berry…

Rae Berry was a noted plantswoman who gardened in the Portland, Oregon area from the late 1920s until she passed away in 1976 at the age of 95. She was born in 1881, the only daughter of a successful businessman and philanthropist. As a teenager, she traveled the US, Europe and the Mid-East with her family and then went on an 18 month round-the-world odyssey with her aunt. By the time she married and settled down, she had become an accomplished gardener. She voraciously read all the English gardening journals, purchased goods from the most select nurseries and started purchasing shares in plant collecting expeditions to Asia. The list of explorers from whom she acquired seed reads like a who’s who list of the botanical giants of the day: Ludlow and Sherriff, George Forrest, Frank Kingdon-Ward and Joseph Rock. Out of the many Sinohimalayan species that she received from these expeditions, the ones she most anticipated were *Primula*. Being the superb gardener that she was, she soon had a substantial collection and wrote ‘Primulas in My Garden’, for The National Horticultural Magazine, the journal of the American Horticultural Society, in April 1932. This article detailed the growing conditions of the 61 species she had in her small garden. It was said of this collection that it was the largest *Primula* collection outside of the United Kingdom. By 1938, her collections had prospered under her care and she had outgrown the space in her garden. She and her family found and moved to a property in southwest Portland that would become the foundation for her legacy - the Berry Botanic Garden.

She was also a noted plant collector in her own right. On her collecting trips to Alaska and the mountain ranges of the western US and Canada, she gathered both plant and seed from rare alpine species. One of her favorites to track down was *Primula cusickiana*, the violet-blue beauty from the mountains of the Interior West. She sought this out often as it is difficult to maintain in cultivation due to its exacting cultural requirements. Rae Berry, like many of us, reveled in her time spent among the high peaks and traveled there as often as she could.

She focused on growing “exceptional plants” and her fame grew. As a founding member of the American Primrose Society (APS), she was a keen exhibitor at the early shows. An article in the July 1944 Quarterly describes what must have been a show-stopping exhibit with the wide variety she presented, from *P. auricula* to one of the wee species, *P. scotica*. In that same issue one can find the following reference: “…royal purple *P. pubescens*, hybrid of European alpine parentage, originated at an earlier date, was exhibited with success in 1940 at the Royal Horticultural Society in London under the name of *P. pubescens* ‘Rae Berry’. Thus the Society gains honor in the giving of honor…”

Berry Botanic Garden was officially formed in March 1978 to “preserve, maintain, disseminate, study and add appropriate plant material to the collections.” As many of her plants were discovered to be rare or endangered in the wild, the Berry Botanic Garden Seed Bank for Rare and Endangered Plants of the Pacific Northwest
was started and continues to this day as the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank at Portland State University. This seed bank was one of the first dedicated exclusively to conserving rare native plants.

In 1992, the greater plant world descended on Portland with the ‘Primula Worldwide’ international symposium that was held April 10-12 and coincided with the APS 50th Year National Show. It was presented by the APS, the Royal Horticultural Society and the Berry Botanic Garden. Co-sponsors included the American Rock Garden Society (now North American Rock Garden Society), Alpine Garden Club of British Columbia, Matsumoto Sakurasho and Primula Club of Japan, Scottish Rock Garden Club, Northern Auricula and Primula Society of England and the Alpine Garden Society of England. Quite the international contingent! Speakers were from North America, Japan and the UK and 14 vendors had a plethora of plants for sale. One of the attendees from Alaska was one Caroline Jensen...

Caroline Hoff was born and raised in San Francisco in 1918. Photos from her teen years show trips to the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. This may be where her love of plants began. Her professional career started at the US Geological Survey offices in Menlo Park; from there, she was transferred to the Juneau field office. In Juneau, she met and married Carl Jensen. They purchased a house downtown and she began her epic run of gardening. In 1961, Carl’s aunt, Irma Olson passed away and willed her homestead property to him and Caroline. Carl and Caroline moved “out the road” to what was then a quintessential bush Alaskan property. Photos reveal that it was quite utilitarian with little ornamentation. Caroline rolled up her sleeves and began transforming the property. Photos dated just a year later show a beaming Caroline in front of a planting of Digitalis over six feet tall. The Juneau Garden Club, of which Caroline was a celebrated member, began holding spring meetings/trips to see her gardens grow. Somewhere in these early gardening days, she discovered a passion for growing Primula and planted accordingly. One of her early success stories began with purchasing a pack of P. polyantha ‘Pacific Giants’ seed. The progeny of this original purchase (some of which still survive to this day) led to the growing of hundreds, if not thousands, of Primula that filled the beds she had carved out of the original homestead. She soon branched out and started growing P. denticulata, japonica, florindae and other species. She also discovered the APS (although we don’t know the exact year she joined) and learned as much as possible from articles in the Quarterly. Her library started to swell with any book related to Primula. She soon became one of the most knowledgeable growers of Primula and other garden plants in the region and shared her knowledge through garden club presentations and by authoring chapters in ‘Gardening in Southeast Alaska’. To further her Primula knowledge, she made the trip south in spring 1992 to Portland to attend the ‘Primula Worldwide’ symposium...

Hundreds of Primula enthusiasts descended on Portland that year for three days of presentations and tours. One of the tours which Caroline attended was to Berry Botanic Garden. She roamed the grounds and saw something which I believe must have sparked an idea - a way to preserve her enchanting property as a public garden. My speculation is based upon the fact that in the summer of 1992, Caroline embarked on the process of establishing a conservation easement which would eventually form the foundation for the Jensen-Olson Arboretum. Over the next five years, she...
drafted a comprehensive document stating that upon her passing and under the direct oversight of the Southeast Alaska Land Trust, the City and Borough of Juneau would take ownership of the property and open the Arboretum to the public. Caroline’s carefully crafted document outlines what can and can’t be done at the Arboretum as it is managed into the future. Learning from what Rae Berry had done, Caroline made one major improvement over the Berry Botanic Garden; she generously provided an endowment which will provide funding for future operations. Sadly, without that element in place, Berry Botanic Garden was forced to close its doors in 2011 due to lack of funding and sell the garden after 34 years. With that unfortunate turn of events, Rae Berry’s vision vanished except for the seed bank, which remains as part of Portland State University.

Two extraordinary plantswomen across time who, I believe, would have been the best of friends had they been fortunate enough to have spent time together over a cup of tea discussing their favorite primroses. I would love to have met either one of these visionary and extraordinarily talented individuals. I’ve followed in the footsteps of both of them, seen their creations and hope to have learned a thing or two from my observations. Coincidence that Caroline started her journey to founding a public garden from a visit to another garden? Probably not, just a parallel path to a similar end dictated by the plants that she dearly loved, enjoyed and wanted to share with others…

Parallels
Above: the Berry garden, taken by Orvil Agee in 1961 (top) and 1962 (bottom).

Left: P. ?, grown by Rae Berry, photo taken by Orvil Agee in 1958.

Above: Caroline Jensen’s garden in Juneau, Alaska

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Plant hunting in Nepal: Primulas around the holy Gosainkunda lake

Above: Harry Jans at the beginning of his adventure

Below: the wide variation in flowers from P. deuteronana

Left:
‘Caroline’s Blue’, a lovely clear blue auricula from Caroline’s garden. Photo by Merrill Jensen.

Right:
Caroline Jensen in her garden in the mid ‘60s, photo supplied by Merrill Jensen.
“Another nice Primula around the lake is Primula concinna, which makes very tiny rosettes, and they grow in dryer conditions on rocky slopes and crevices. The pale pink, sometimes white flowers, are almost stemless. A real beauty!”

Above: P. atrodentata

Below: Maybe a hybrid of P. aureata and P. deuteuronana?
As it sometimes happens, I got the opportunity to travel to Nepal for 14 days in June 2014. My main goal was a trek to the holy Gosainkunda lake at 4380m, an area only reached by a 3- or 4-day trek.

We (my wife and I) started in Kathmandu. After 2 days visiting the highlights in this bustling, dusty city, we drove by jeep to the starting point of our trek, Dunche (1960m). Because the journey by jeep from Kathmandu to arrive at Dunche took around 6 hours, and we only started our trek at 13:30h it was not good timing at all. It was at least 30C in the shade and the first day was a long, steep trek uphill! After 4 hours, going up all the time, in very hot weather, I was exhausted. We finally reached our first teahouse at Denaly (2625m) were we stayed the first night. After 3 more days walking, up and up, we finally reached our accommodation on Gosainkunda Lake. During our trek, we saw many Hindu pilgrims who were also on their way to the same lake. There was a 10 day Hindu festival at the lake and we were in the middle of them for 7 days! It was nice to see all the colorful people, but on
the other hand it was pretty busy and noisy in the accommodation, especially at night when you wanted to sleep.

The weather during the whole trip was reasonable to very good. Just one day we had quite a lot of rain.

One of the reasons to travel and to see plants at their natural habitat is to see how they are growing, what soil they grow in and what situation. From these observations you learn a lot.

The main reason why I chose to go to this lake was the chance to see *Primula aureata*. For many years this *Primula* has been in cultivation and I have seen it on many occasions as perfectly grown plants in full flower at plant shows of the Alpine Garden Society or the Scottish Rock Garden Society.

Through my contacts, I was able to get a plant and grow it in my low-land garden where it was not too difficult to propagate by division. But it was always difficult to keep it alive during the winter. As a result, I have not grown it now for several years.

Just after a 15 minute walk from the tea house (mountain hut) we hit the jackpot. There it was, *Primula aureata* and it was in full flower, too. The best plants grew in crevices of a very dark brown-black rock. Not a single plant grew without protection of an overhanging rock. In some places, several plants grew together in a small cave. Pin- and thrum-eyed plants both were to be seen, all mixed together. The variation of the flowers was amazing, from very large to small, most with a large white eye or sometimes an almost yellow eye. In the same area, but growing in the moist turf nearby, was another very attractive *Primula*. It was *Primula deuteranana*. Quite a lot of the flowers on these were already past their best, but after some searching, I found some plants with their flowers still in good condition. This *Primula* was sometimes hidden under the dead grass and easily over-looked. It needs a lot of moisture in the growing season and I did not find it below 4200m. The variation within *Primula deuteranana* is enormous. The flowers vary from almost white to deep pink, even some with stripes. Also the size of the flowers varies enormously. Where these two *Primulas* meet each other you can expect to see some hybrids with flowers and leaves which are in between the two parents.

Another nice *Primula* around the lake is *Primula concinna*, which makes very tiny rosettes, and they grow in dryer conditions on rocky slopes and crevices. The pale pink, sometimes white flowers, are almost stemless. A real beauty! *Primula primulina* is also present here, but a bit later to flower. Just a few plants showed their nice blue flowers, with “cotton ball” centers. Not only around the lake were the *Primulas* to be seen, but also lower down. One of the other “cave *Primulas*” was *Primula rotundifolia* (see right). These are always growing in spots out of reach of direct rain. This *Primula* has striking deep pink-purple flowers on 20cm stems and heart-shaped leaves which have a thick layer of farina underneath.

The last three *Primulas* seen on this trip were *Primula denticulata*, *Primula calderiana* ssp. *strumosa* and *Primula atrodentata*. *Primula atrodentata* grows in open slopes among dwarf rhododendrons around 4000m with *Primula calderiana* ssp. *strumosa*, with its striking yellow flowers on 15-20cm stems, seen as its neighbor. *Primula denticulata* grows here in its pale blue form in an open forest in a mossy bank.

As you can guess there are many more exciting companion plants growing around the Gosainkunda lake. For more information and images look at my website. www.jansalpines.com. All photos taken by Harry Jans.
Renewal Reminder

JULIA HALDORSON, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership in the American Primrose Society runs on the calendar year and includes four issues of our journal *Primroses*, the first issue being Winter, followed by Spring, Summer and finishing with Fall, the last issue for the year. As we are past the end of the calendar year, renewals for 2015 are now past due. This issue of the quarterly has the current list membership in it (unless a member requests otherwise) and members can use this list to see when their membership expires.

Renewing is an easy process at the American Primrose Society website, www.americanprimrosesociety.org. One can use PayPal, the membership application form found there or the renewal form tucked into the Fall issue of “Primroses”. Submit payment to our Treasurer:

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Renew today to enjoy another year of “Primroses” as well as the upcoming 2015 National Show, and the year-end Seed Exchange. You will not regret it! Thanks to all members for your continuing and generous support!

Questions about your membership? Contact me at julia-haldorson@ak.net.

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American Primrose Society

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 26th, 2014

The meeting was held online. Quorum and start at 6:10pm, EDST.
Board members present: Mark Dyen (Director), Alan Lawrence (APS President), Michael Plumb (Secretary and Webmaster), Julia Haldorson (Director and Membership Secretary), Merrill Jensen (Director), Jon Kawaguchi (Treasurer)

Regrets: Rodney Barker (President, New England Chapter), Paul Dick (President, Juneau Chapter), Rhondda Porter (APS Vice-President)

A. Approval of the Agenda (Michael / Mark)
B. Minutes of July 27th 2014 – accepted
C. Business Arising and Old Business

1. National Show:
   Mark announced that the New England Chapter is offering to organize the spring 2015 National Show. Dates and names of coordinators to be circulated later.
   MOTION (Mark/Michael) to accept the offer on behalf of the American Primrose Society. Carried.

2. Advertising the APS on NARGS Website:
   Michael reported that since NARGS has no advertising on its website, there is no possibility of a mutual website advertising arrangement. (A reciprocal arrangement does exist in the respective quarterlies.)

3. Nominations:
   No nominees have yet come forward. Alan urged the chapters to keep looking. Michael explained that he was resigning as secretary because he was currently occupying two voting positions (He is also webmaster) and his resignation would actually increase the number of board members.

D. Treasurer’s Report (Emailed before the meeting)

1. Income less expenses July 1st to September 30th 2014: ($1,312.57)
2. Income less expenses January 1st, 2014 to September 30th 2014: ($1,774.17)
3. Total liabilities and equity as of September 30th 2014: $24,886.56
4. The projected expenses for 2015 amount to $10,360, with projected revenue of the same amount. No further expenses than those listed should be approved. The society cannot depend entirely on donations to prevent losses.

5. Jon asked that members be made more aware in the quarterly and on the website that all payments (dues, seeds, etc.) must be made in US dollars. The society cannot accept Canadian funds as the exchange fees are prohibitive.

6. MOTION (Mark / Merrill): to accept the Treasurer's Report with dates amended to those given above in items D1 and D2. Carried.

E. Committee Reports

1. Seed Exchange 2013-2014 (Amy had sent a short financial report by email):
   a) The board noted that the organization of the SE was well on track. The treasurer had previously reminded the Seed Exchange Committee that their budget had a $1,000 limit.
   b) MOTION (Mark / Merrill): to accept Seed Exchange Report. Carried

2. Editorial Committee (Maedythe, by email):
   a) Alan reported that the fall quarterly was now at the new printer's. Alan will be visiting the new printer next week. The cost should be lower, and he expects the quality of printing will be better.
   b) In the change to a new printer, inclusion of the Membership List has been forgotten. This will be included in the Winter 2015 issue. ACTION: Julia will send Amy (Seed Exchange) and Michael (Website) the updated list for their purposes.
   c) Michael reminded the board that the latest quarterly is usually available to members on the APS website long before they receive it in the mail.
   d) MOTION (Michael / Julia) to accept Editorial Report. Carried

3. Website (Michael, by email and on line):
   a) The society cannot afford to pay for technical support; Michael will continue to manage the website, but without professional help.
   b) Members can now read Quarterly volumes 1 to 24 (July 1943 to Fall 1966 – a total of 94 issues) on the website. After logging in, members click on 'QUARTERLY ARCHIVES' in the main menu. (Note: This item appears only after logging in, and currently is for members only.)
   c) The posting has been a slow process because old quarterlies have to be scanned page by page into continuous PDF format for uploading.
   d) When members log in and click on 'Recent Quarterlies', they can read the Quarterly issues of the last five years, including the current issue.
   e) In his report Michael asked the board to decide whether all Quarterly issues posted to the website be kept for members only, or whether some, even all, be made public. The board did not respond at this meeting.
   f) The system for recovering forgotten user names or passwords using 'captchas' will be improved as soon as possible, provided technical help can be obtained.
   g) MOTION (Michael / Merrill): to accept the Website Report. Carried.

4. Membership (Julia, by email):
   a) A lot of renewals are due. One hundred and sixty-eight subs expire in 2014. Julia will be sending out reminders.
   b) Michael reported that a reminder notice had been placed on the website's Home Page.
   c) MOTION (Michael / Mark): to accept Membership Report. Carried.

F. Chapters

MOTION (Michael / Mark): to TABLE Chapter reports pending resumption of chapter activities. Carried.

G. New Business

None at this time.

H. Next meeting: Sunday, January 25th, 2014 at 6.00 pm ET (provisional time and date)

I. Adjournment: (Mark) at 7:14 pm EDST.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Plumb, Secretary
North American Rock Garden Society

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