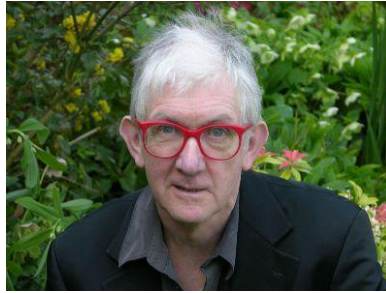


North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) - New Editor Selected



The new editor of the NARGS *Rock Garden Quarterly* has been selected: it is Malcolm McGregor of East Yorkshire, England. Malcolm has been a NARGS member since 1996, is the former editor of the Scottish Rock Garden Club's *The Rock Garden*, and the author of recently published book, *Saxifrages*, from Timber Press. In 2004, Malcolm received a NARGS Norman Singer Endowment Grant to study saxifrages in North America. Many NARGS members also know Malcolm from three NARGS speaking tours of more than twenty chapters.

Apart from North America, Malcolm's botanizing trips have taken him to many parts of Europe as well as Turkey, Morocco, the Himalayas, Vietnam, and Western Australia. He has contacts with plant fans in many countries and intends to use them for the continuing improvement of NARGS *Quarterly*. Malcolm is scheduled to take over the *Quarterly* at the beginning of July. To contact him, please write to: [mmcg at mmcg.karoo.co.uk](mailto:mmcg@mmcg.karoo.co.uk) (replace 'at' with the @ sign if you wish to contact Malcolm)

Malcolm McGregor will replace Jane McGary who wishes to end her nine-year tenure as NARGS Editor at the end of June 2010.

Grazyna Grauer
President, NARGS

Malcolm McGregor writes:

2009 has been a good year for me - our first grandson was born in Washington DC in May and we've just got back from visiting DC for his first Christmas - and now I look forward to taking over as NARGS Editor during 2010; a job I'm delighted to have the opportunity to take on.

NARGS has a major place in world rock gardening. Obviously most of its members are from the U.S. and Canada where there are great chapters that provide an exciting although sometimes distant focus for members. But there are NARGS members in 33 other countries around the world who obviously don't get to chapter meetings but who value the expertise of the Quarterly together with the great Seed Exchange. So it's a great honor to be trusted to take on the job.

Any new Editor says much the same thing - that it's going to be exciting; that the success of the Editor depends on what contributions they get sent ... and so on. But it's true ... it really is exciting. It's a great way to start a new year looking forward to taking the Quarterly forward after the great work done by Jane McGary and before her by Gwen Kelaidis. Every editor of any publication makes changes - I certainly will, just like a new coach of a sports team - and anybody who knows me would expect nothing less - but this isn't the place to talk about that in detail. You'll see changes when they happen from the Fall issue onward.

And it's quite true that any editor stands or falls by what they are sent - sometimes out of the blue, sometimes after a bit of arm-twisting (or downright flattery) - so please get in touch. Travel articles, native plants, building a rock garden, how to sow seeds, book reviews, guides to your local plant-sites - there's really no prescriptive list -- if it's interesting, it's in -- great writing and great pictures on the subject we love. What more can you ask for?

I'm sure there will be those who say "Well, I'll wait and see ... and why do we want a Brit anyway?" ... but then at least I'm not from another part of the country, or the other side of the border... or worse still, the next door county ... what could be worse than that!

Taking over the editorship of the Rock Garden Quarterly is a challenge that is exciting but one that I feel confident I can manage. Obviously the fact that I am not a North American resident will seem like an issue for some members but it has the advantage that I have no rooted sense that North American rock gardening is founded in one particular geographical tradition. Some of the most invigorating aspects of North American rock gardening are the enormous vitality and eclectic approaches to design and planting that are shown across the continent. I hope that I can help bring the

sense of that excitement into the Quarterly.

Malcolm McGregor

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