

**New Member Portal, Gardens Tour Returns, NARGS  
Coming to Town--The Gardens are Happening!**

# **News**

***From the Durango Botanic Gardens***

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## **GARDEN MAINTENANCE BEGINS, YOU'RE INVITED!**

Like the daffodils, crocus, and other early spring bloomers, the DBG Garden Maintenance team, led by Lynn Mitzlaff, are back in the gardens. They're sprucing up the gardens in anticipation of a lot of visitors this year as more and more people try to shake off the winter doldrums and pandemic dust and get outside again. If interested in helping us in the gardens, you will find a

hearty welcome and a great place to meet people with like interests. You also learn a lot about gardening. Interested in helping? Contact Lynn Mitzlaff at [durangobotanic@gmail.com](mailto:durangobotanic@gmail.com) or call us at 970-880-4841.

### NEW IN 2021, A RESOURCE FOR DBG MEMBERS

The highlight of the **Durango Botanic Gardens'** (DBG) recent Member Week, March 21-27, was the introduction of a new member benefit—the **Member Portal**. Found at our website, [durangobotanicgardens.org](http://durangobotanicgardens.org), under the Membership tab, the portal is designed to be an evergreen resource for DBG members containing a wide array of articles, videos, and audios designed to be a practical and interesting resource for garden enthusiasts.

Annette LeMaire, DBG board member and director of membership and Heather Roberston, DBG member, created this valuable new resource for members as a way of expressing appreciation for sticking with us during the pandemic. LeMaire and Connie Market, DBG treasurer, maintain our rapidly growing list of members.



*If you missed our March 27 live Zoom event for members, you can still watch the entire event at the portal. Click image above to visit the Member Portal.*

### MANY OF YOUR TULIPS, DAFFODILS HAVE AN EXOTIC PEDIGREE

Read Mike Smedley's take on the interesting history that surrounds some of early bloomers in this [blog post](#).



### **TOUR THE GARDENS, MAY 14-15, OR ANYTIME!**

The American Public Gardens Association (APGA), of which DBG is a member, is calling May 7-16 ***Go Public Gardens Days***, a time to celebrate the community building spirit of public gardens. To join in that celebration, DBG is setting aside two days, May 14 and 15, to offer docent-led tours to individuals and groups. (THIS EVENT CANCELLED)

Interested in learning more about our fascinating gardens? Consider a short tour with us any Saturday morning, beginning in April and usually through September, when we have a docent-on-duty in the gardens. Visit with us at the Library Demonstration Garden, behind the Durango Public Library.

We also welcome group tours. A tour of the gardens is a great way to find a fresh, interesting venue for your board meeting, club, or other

organization. The Durango Chamber of Commerce will be visiting with us on May 26.

If you'd like more information on tours, individual or group, contact us at [durangobotanic@gmail.com](mailto:durangobotanic@gmail.com) or call us at 970-880-4841.

## **DURANGO HOSTS NARGS ANNUAL MEETING**

Durango is not often on the national stage but it will be **August 4-8, 2021**. That's when Durango will host hundreds of rock garden enthusiasts from the **North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)**. The organization's Annual General Meeting, including an array of lectures, and workshops and visitors from North American and beyond, will take place at Fort Lewis College. With our Four Corners region representing a kind of botanical mother lode, a number of tours and outings are planned to get outdoors and enjoy the richness of our botanical treasures. The Durango Botanic Gardens will host a breakfast for meeting attendees on Saturday morning, August 7. We will also provide tours for meeting attendees. Local NARGS members, Mike Smedley, Lisa Bourey, and Jeff Wagner, are heading the Durango Host Committee.

If interested in learning more about joining NARGS or attending the meeting, visit their website at [nargs.org](http://nargs.org). DBG will need volunteers to help with this event. Save the date if you think you would like to help. We will be reaching out this summer for volunteers to help with our breakfast and tours—it should be fun and you will learn a lot about rock gardens. [Register or get more information.](#)

**COMING SOON, REGISTRATION OPENS IN MAY**

# *Gardens on Tour 2021*

Saturday, June 26

9am - 4pm

Featuring

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*Online Sales (limited sales, credit card only).*

Visit: [durangobotanicgardens.org](https://durangobotanicgardens.org)

Pick-up wrist bands and guide booklet at  
the Durango Public Library

Friday, June 25 from 12pm—5:30pm

Saturday, June 26 from 8am—12pm



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