

## THE NORTHERN OUTCROP

A Rock Garden Newsletter

May 2024

The Wisconsin-Illinois Chapter of NARGS invites you to the first meeting of the year. We will gather at Allen Centennial Gardens on Saturday May 18, 2024. This is a work/viewing event. Time – 9:30 AM until about noon. The Garden also has a Spring Preview scheduled for that afternoon which you could attend. Parking is free on Saturdays in surface lot #34. Parking in ramp #36 is \$1 per hour on weekends.

As usual, we are looking for volunteers for garden tours. No, you do not have to pull out each and every weed. We would just like to see your Madison area garden.

Some of you have said that you miss a Chapter Newsletter. Well, we need articles from the membership in order to publish. Look around your yard. How about a short paragraph about your favorite plant? Have you visited an interesting public garden? Do you have pictures of your travels that highlight plants in a new location?

Have a good growing season,

Dave Collura

Editor's note. All of us have plants that we love, gardens or parks we've visited, etc. Please share anything garden related no matter how short the blurb or article. I will edit for spelling errors and also for clarity, letting you know of any recommended changes, but the newsletter depends on you, our fellow members. Thanks! Jean Halverson



*Iris suaveolens rubromarginata*

This is a very short iris and the species flower is yellow. This form has brown/purple flowers and a very, very thin red leaf margin that is visible in a cool spring.

From Dave: We have a plant sale scheduled for September 21 at Lois Kinlen's house. Her garden has had a major update by Steve Lesch's Landscape Designs. Can't wait to see the yard!

## Fall meetings

October's meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> will feature a talk by Dave Nedveck. He will share tips for growing plants from seed. Speaking of seeds, I will bring left over seed packets from the NARGS seed exchange to the May meeting. These are free for our members.

November's meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> is usually a potluck social event. At this point we do not have a speaker yet.

December is our time to volunteer for the NARGS Seed Sorting and pizza eating day. The Date is to be announced.

(I hope to have both *Tulipa tarda* pulbs and *Iris suaveolens* as well as the *rubromarginata* form at our fall plant sale. Jean Halverson)



*Tulipa tarda*