

NEWYORK METRO NARGS CHAPTERS MEETING AND PLANT SALE

Sunday, October 11

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

In person at The Center

208 West 13th Street (between 7th & 8th Avenues), New York, NY

Guest Speakers:

Judith and Felix Jones

Fancy Fronds Nursery

FERNS FOR THE ROCK GARDEN AND WOODLANDS OF NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Outdoor ferns that are hardy in the USDA zones in New York – the life cycle of ferns – the ways ferns reproduce and tips and methods for propagating them



This year, in lieu of the Tri-State Meeting, we're having a **NEW YORK METRO NARGS CHAPTERS MEETING AND PLANT SALE**.

The event will take place in the Center's spacious first floor auditorium, and we're hoping for a big turnout! We welcome all NARGS members and NARGS Chapter members, as well as Metro Hort members, their guests, and anyone interested in learning more about rock gardening, ferns and the North American Rock Garden Society. No registration is required.

Lori Chips and Don Dembowski will be vendors, and sales will take place both before and after the presentation.

The Center is easily reached by subway, and is a short walk from the 14th Street stations of the 1, 2 and 3 trains (at 7th Avenue), the A,C,E and L trains (at 8th Avenue), the F, M and L trains (at 6th Avenue), and the PATH line from New Jersey. For those of you driving in, street parking is limited but there are garages nearby.

JUDI DUMONT



JUDITH JONES has always had a knack with plants. The daughter of a surgeon and a desert flora botanist, her obsession with Victorian literature and furniture eventually led her to discover the wide world of Victorian fern cultivation and taxonomy, an affliction from which she has never quite recovered. She moved to Seattle to study children's theater but soon started working with ferns while volunteering at the Seattle Arboretum. Shortly thereafter she traveled to England, a hot spot for Victorian fern cultivars, and was fortunate to find a mentor in Jimmy Dyce of the British Pteridological Society. Since the 1980's, Judith has named and introduced several new cultivars of ferns, including her namesake "Fancy Fronds," a dwarf crested lady fern. Over the years she has become a leading expert on the identification of temperate fern species, constantly in correspondence with several other growers and botanists.

Judith began a mail-order fern business in 1981 selling ferns she grew from spore as well as division, and her company Fancy Fronds was born. What started as a short mail order list in 1981 became a full mail order fern catalog, with many editions until the last catalog printing in 2001. The Fancy Fronds website launched in 1995 (www.fancyfrondsnursery.com).

In 1995, the Jones family purchased a five-acre property in Gold Bar, a small town east of Seattle, so that Judith could erect her own greenhouses and expand her fern collection.

In addition to running the business, for the last thirty years she has been involved with the

Northwest Flower Show, building exhibits featuring unique statues, structures and props which now adorn the nursery. She is well past retirement age but nonetheless continues her botanical rampage with unabashed abandon and is quoted as saying "as long as I can lift a four-inch pot I will continue gardening!" Fancy Fronds is still a small family-run business, with Judith's youngest son and apprentice, Felix, managing the nursery in recent years to continue the tradition of sharing a world of fabulous foliage and fancy fronds.



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DON DEMBOWSKI

Hudson Valley Chapter

We invite all NARGS, NARGS Chapter and Metro Hort members, their guests, and interested members of the public.

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