

# Where Alpines Meet the Sea

[NARGS](#) Annual Meeting, St. John's, Newfoundland, July 6-8, 2018

Hosted by the Newfoundland Chapter



Welcome to Newfoundland, the far east of North America! Eastern Newfoundland is a land of botanical extremes: boreal forest of balsam fir, black and white spruce with associated northern woodland plants; a multitude of bogs and fens were grow a multitude of orchids and insectivorous plants; and rocky barrens of the coast which house wind-swept contorted trees and plants of an alpine nature more in common with high elevations of the New England Appalachians. We have the largest population of North Atlantic summering humpback whales, some of the largest seabird colonies of eastern North America, and are along the passing route of icebergs calving off glaciers in Greenland. This NARGS venue provides participants with a chance to visit one of the most hauntingly beautiful regions of North America. Newfoundland is truly where alpiners meet the sea.

The summer 2018 NARGS meeting will take advantage of the [Memorial University of Newfoundland Conference Facility](#). Accommodations will be available in [Macpherson College](#), opened in 2013, whose private rooms offer modern and comfortable accommodations. Dining areas and lecture theaters are within a couple of minutes' walk from the College. One of the main highlights from this meeting will be a visit to the Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden, an informal garden with 13 themed gardens including rock gardens, crevice garden, alpine trough display, and alpine house.

Our guest speakers hail from the coasts of eastern and western Canada as well as Scotland. The plants discussed will be alpiners that can tolerate months of snow and overall wetter climates, with examples from the wild and how they perform in the garden. Day trips will introduce participants to the plants of the eastern Newfoundland coastal barrens and peatlands. Book sales and author signing for the field guides *The Trees and Shrubs of Newfoundland and Labrador* and *Wildflowers and Ferns of Newfoundland* will be available. Before the conference there will be open gardens. Consult the Winter issue of NARGS Rock Garden Quarterly for more details. To register visit the NARGS website at <https://nargs.org/news/2017-12-11/registration-open-newfoundland-meeting-and-post-conference-tour>

The conference registration fee is **CAD \$495.00 Canadian or USD \$415**. Registration for the conference will close as of June 1, 2018. The price of the conference fee includes access to the speakers' presentations, field trips, and the following meals: opening dinner banquet on Friday July 6; breakfast and box lunch on Saturday July 7 and breakfast, box lunch and closing dinner banquet on Sunday July 8.

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