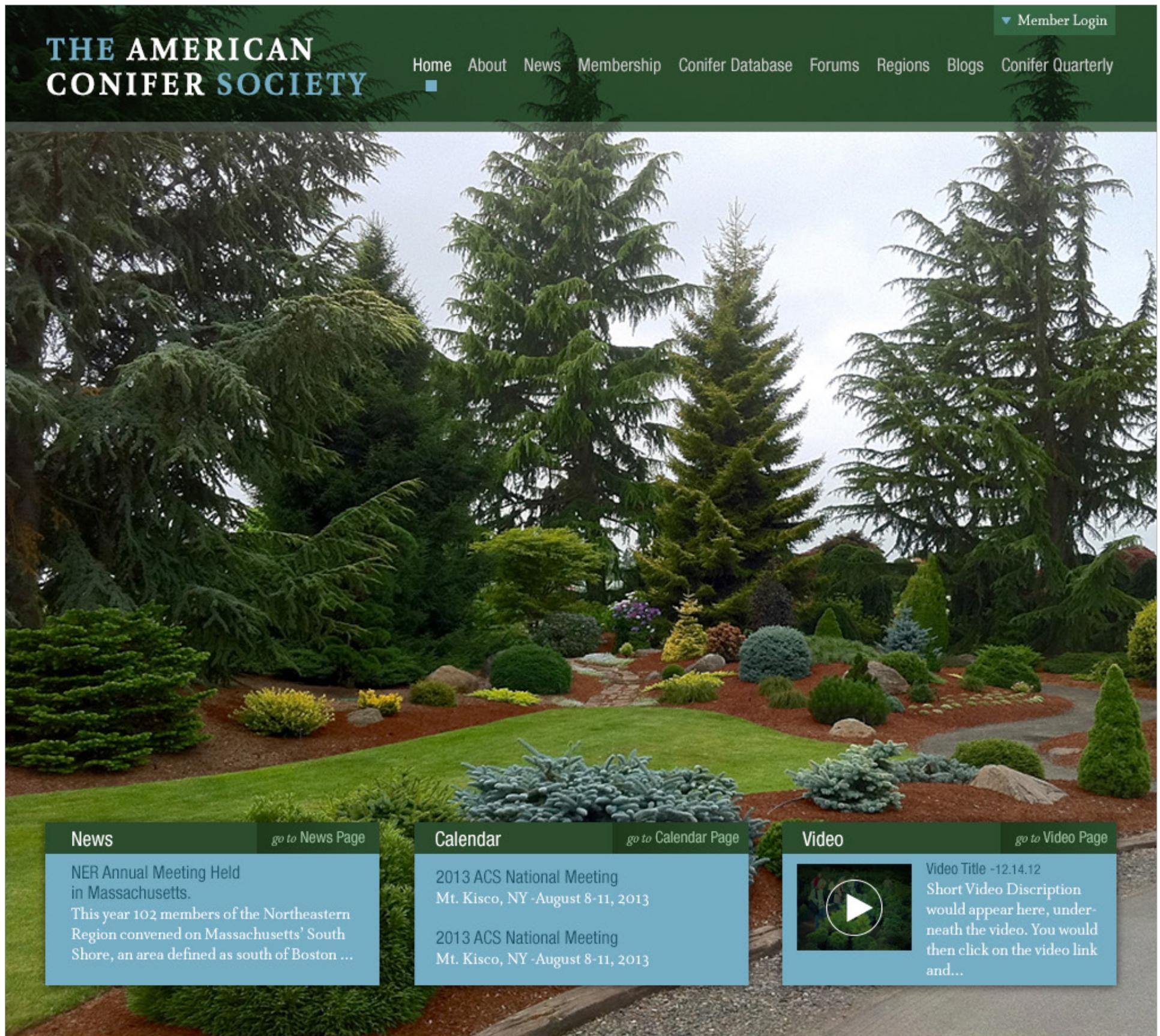


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About Our Organization

The mission of the American Conifer Society is the development, conservation and propagation of conifers, with an emphasis on those that are dwarf or unusual, the standardization of nomenclature, and the education of the public.

Founded in 1983 [link to History], ACS is organized into four geographical areas (Northeast Region, Central Region, Southeast Region and Western Region) with a National Business Office in NC, ACS conducts a number of meetings and programs in support of its mission including:

- ∅ **Collectors Conifer of the Year** (CCOY) program offers members an opportunity to select a rare dwarf and/or full-size cultivar that is shipped direct from growers each spring. Proceeds from these sales benefit the ACS Scholarship fund.
- ∅ **Grants & Merit Awards** are given annually at the national meeting to individuals in the industry and private sector who have made significant contributions to the field of conifer collecting, propagation, education, horticultural research or public service.
- ∅ **Membership** is open to individuals, corporations and institutions. Members can search the ACS current membership roll [here](#).
- ∅ **Publications** Conifer Quarterly is glossy publication with a global perspective that is a benefit of membership in the ACS. Additionally, the Regions publish their own quarterly newsletters that are focused on the activities within their part of the country which are delivered by e-mail as PDF files. Selections from these publications are available on this web site to the public; an archive of all digitized content is available to members.
- ∅ **Reference Gardens** are created with a grant by the Regions to an existing public garden in their geographical area to create a collection of dwarf conifers. The grant is supplemented by ACS national but the specific program is administrated by Regional management.
- ∅ **Scholarships** are awarded for the study, development, preservation, promotion and appreciation of conifers with emphasis on the dwarf and unusual conifers in landscapes and gardens available to the public.

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NER annual meeting held in Massachusetts

By Sean Callahan

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This year 102 members of the Northeastern Region convened on Massachusetts' South Shore, an area defined as south of Boston and before Cape Cod extends its' crooked arm into the Atlantic, for its annual meeting September 14-15.

Headquarters was in Rockland, MA. at the Holiday Inn. This is the backyard — literally as well as figuratively — of Coniferous Contemplations' esteemed editor, Suzanne Mahoney (and her always willing and ever patient husband, Mike), who planned the weekend event and then had everyone over for lunch in their garden on Saturday.

Friday night's dinner speaker was Brent Markus, the thirty-year old wunderkind landscape architect (Markus Specimen Trees, with practices in Chicago and Boston), nursery operator (Rare Tree Nursery [wholesale] and Conifer Kingdom [retail]) and Cornell Ph. D candidate. (He didn't tell us about his One of a Kind Cuff Links, LLC, which deals in luxury contemporary and antique cuff links — but that's for another presentation.)

Brent's illustrated talk focused on the importance of color and contrast in the conifer landscape and was amply illustrated by examples of completed projects that include many of the unique specimens he grows at his Oregon nursery and ships to his work sites in the Midwest and East. He also demonstrated that he is not averse to using Acer palmatum for counterpoint in his conifer-centric gardens and, not surprisingly, he is growing all types of Japanese maples for this purpose as well.

Saturday morning, under glowering skies, our bus departed for the first garden of the day, that of Mark and Vera Anderson in Hanover MA. Their New England farm-house-style home is located on a one-acre corner lot in the suburbs where Vera, a long time perennial lover, has recently become interested in conifers. In The central water feature of the Anderson garden has a Blue Atlas Cedar that appears to be fishing for carp.

what she described as a work in progress, Vera and Mark have, in the past five years, gradually reshaped their back yard with specimen conifers as focal points. but also as shielding borders to their neighbors' property. Unfortunately the sky opened up shortly after the buses arrived but the Anderson's newly constructed "summer house" (i.e., storage and work space) provided a convenient shelter from which to observe their handi-work.

A principal feature of the back yard was a koi pond inhabited by some lunkers that were 24 inches or more and a remarkably situated overhanging blue atlas cedar that defied gravity — or maintained its precarious position because its root ball was restrained by cleverly positioned deadmen buried out of sight.

The Albin house is in a clearing in the woods reached by conifer lined paths.

The rain stopped by the time the busses reached the Duxbury garden of Rochelle Albin who, some 20 years ago, moved into this home in a glade at the bottom of a small wooded valley. She selectively cleared the native pine and understory plants, including plenty of

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Pinus nigra 'Helga'
(Dwarf Austrian Pine, 'Helga'; Helga Dwarf Austrian Pine)

A very slow-growing dwarf pine with stiff, deep green needles and contrasting white buds. It starts as a short compact cushion or bun shaped tree but grows more upright and irregular with age. Found as a witch's broom in a mature plantation of Pinus nigra by a Dr. Simon in Marktheidenfeld, Germany, in 1965.

Size: Dwarf: 1-6" (8-15cm) per yr., 4-6' (1m-1.8m) at 10 yrs.
USDA Zone: 4 (-30 to -20 F / -34.4 to -28.9 C)
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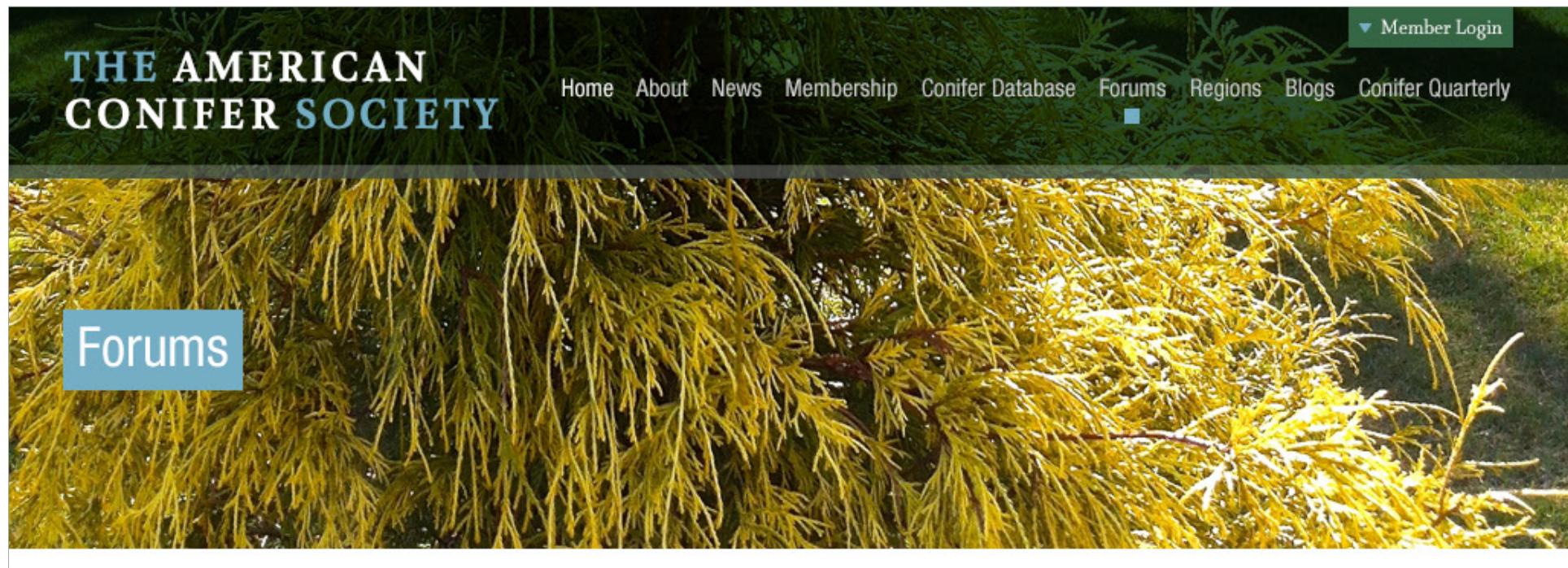
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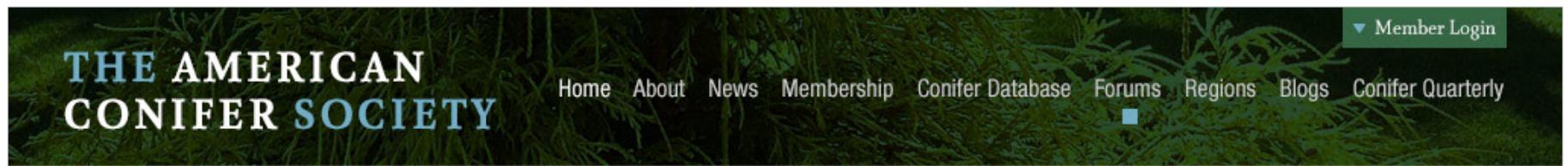


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The Chubb Harper Collection at Hidden Lakes posted in General Discussions by SeanC



Hello,

As you no doubt know by now, one of the highlights of the National Meeting was our visit to MSU's Hidden Lakes Gardens in Tipton, MI, which was the recipient of ACS stalwart Chubb Harper's prized collection of rare conifers. Since 1983 they have been maintained in a special five-acre site that we pored over for several hours on Friday. We were given marker flags and everybody was asked to leave a flag in the ground at their favorite specimens. Here are mine; click on the thumbnails for a larger view. I'm sure other attendees will be posting theirs here soon. If you missed the meeting, let us know your favorites and we'll forward the results to ACS' Steve Courtney at Hidden Lakes.

Allbest,
Sean



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Northeast Region

The Northeast Region (NER) encompasses ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD and DL.

Current NER President: Toby Feller

NER Newsletter Editor: Suzanne Mahoney

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(CNR) encompasses MN, IA, MO, AK, TN, LA, MS, IL, WS, MI, IN and OH.

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Current WSR President: Joe Carli (OR)

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Our Living Christmas Trees

By Sean Callahan in [Editor's Blog](#)

JAN 14 2013

Every year, since we moved to Maine in January of 2005, we've had a living Christmas tree. We bring it inside for a few days so it won't come out of dormancy then put it back outside and eventually into the ground where they have been growing ever since, each labeled with the year when they were the centerpiece of our holiday celebration. It would appear to be an environmentally correct thing to do: A green Christmas.

I tell people that it's a way of creating a marker of that special time of the year for the children. It's something they can recall not just in old snapshots but, when they are playing out in the yard months and years later and notice the tree, it's a reminder of those special times in their childhood. When showing visitors around and the kids come to the island beds where these trees reside, this piece of family lore is usually retold. [READ MORE](#)

Long in the Needle

By Sean Callahan in [Mulch](#)

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Here in the Pinus strobus State our pines are graceful enough with their 5-inch needles. However, I've planted a few from Bhutan that come bundled with 8-inch needles, fairly humbling my Maine natives. The object is to get the swaying, shimmering effect that only comes with long leaf species, my favorite being Pinus wallichiana 'Zebrina.' [READ MORE](#)

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