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Schedule of Hosta events:

- **June 4th** - Harshbarger Bus trip to Pella, IA
- **June 5th** - Dubuque Hosta Festival, 11- 4. Mark Zilis will speak at 1:00.
- **June 23-25th** -The National Hosta Convention - Marlborough, MA....if interested, see www.hosta2011.org
- **June 25th** - Harshbarger Hosta Society's garden tour, lunch and auction...flyer attached.
- **July 7-9** – The Midwest Hosta Convention, Madison, Wi. If you are interested, please go to.. www.wihostasociety.com.
- **August 27** – Brucemore Garden and Art Show
- **Sept meeting...tba**

Wishing we all could attend the **National Convention** this year from June 23-25. It is being held in Marlborough, Massachusetts and many Midwest members are taking the Amtrak as their means of transportation! That could be a great experience in its self!

The **Midwest Convention** will be July 7-9 at Madison, WI. If you are thinking about attending, the cost before June 9th is \$144.00...after, it will be \$164.00. Many of our members are going...hope you will try to join us!

Brucemore Garden and Art Show is scheduled for August 27th. We will send more information on this...later. Please remember to pot up a few of your favorite hostas for the sale at Brucemore.

This is a brief newsletter as we are in between newsletter editors. Starting in August, we will welcome Jill Koch. We want to thank Mary Lowder for all the great work she has provided us the last several years! Thank you – Mary and Welcome....Jill!

~HARSHBARGER HOSTA WALK 2011~ Saturday, June 25th - 9:30 AM

Another summer is upon us with rain - heat - frost- winds! Mother Nature can't make up her mind as to what time of year this is! With the cool weather and rain, the gardens have been marvelous this spring, which leads me into talking about our garden walk!

The **Harshbarger Hosta Garden Walk** will begin at 9:30 on Saturday, June 25th. We will start the walk in the gardens at Solon, continue on to Cedar Rapids, then onto the Stone City area. From there we will travel back to Marion to gather at Jeanie and Gerry Geer's for our luncheon and auction. It will be an enjoyable day. Please wish for a warm beautiful sunshine...cool breezes...and NO rain!

If you went on the 2004 garden walk, you will remember the gardens of Richard and Norma Novak and Bob and Sharon Brogans. They were beautiful! There will be lots of stone, a water feature, hostas, views and interesting plants in their gardens. As all gardeners do...they have changed and rearranged!

Gordon and Joyce Emmons have also opened their gardens to us before. They have a backyard that goes up in the back and they have terraced it with railroad ties and many hostas. It is a really 'cool' garden....literally. If it is 90 degrees at your house, it will be 78 at the Emmons! You will see Gordon's birdhouses that he makes and all their hostas.

Pam and Duane Dresser live in the Stone City area on a large lot. They have woods in the back that surround a "hidden garden". You will love their front porch and her beautifully decorated garden. She describes her garden as "deer resistant with a flirt of hosta".

We will end our day at Dry Creek Hosta surrounded by hosta! Jeanie and Gerry live on and sell hostas from their 2-acre garden. They have over 1200 varieties of hostas, an excellent collection of ferns, daylilies and so much more. You will be able to see many mature hostas as you walk through their brick paths and sit up by the potting shed. We will gather down beyond the paths for our meal and auction. Please bring your comfy chair.

Our garden walk is open to the public, so please invite your friends and load up the car! We will be serving Pork sandwiches, side dishes, dessert and drinks. The meal for members is \$7.00 and for non-members it is \$8.00. **Please fill out the form and mail** to Judi Pohorsky, 1712 Morris Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52405 by June 20th. If you have questions, please call me at 319-396-6116 or 573-1717.

For the auction....we will need your help! If you would please bring a hosta ...or a few... that others would enjoy, we would appreciate. You may have some perennials to share, also. This will be fun, but we will need something to auction off! Thanks...in advance for doing this.

Judi

Harshbarger Hosta Walk

Directions

1-Richard & Norma Novak's Garden

2144 Mehaffey Bridge Rd NE - Solon

From south:

- North on Dubuque Rd to N Liberty
- Bear right on N Front St -0.7 mi
- *** (N Front becomes Front St/ Mehaffey Bridge Rd) - 0.1 mi
- Mehaffey Bridge Rd - 2.6 mi to garden

From north:

- I-380 South to Exit 4 to North Liberty
- Turn east/left on W Penn St. to North Liberty - 2.4 mi
- Turn left on N Front St - 0.5 mi
- Go to *** above directions and continue

From NE of Solon:

- Highway 1 south to Solon
- In Solon, turn right on 180th St- go 1.6 mi
- Bear left on Mehaffey Bridge Rd - go 2.2 mi to garden

2-Bob & Sharon Brogan's Garden

2164 Hill Dr NE - Solon

- Go east on Mehaffey Bridge Rd
- Turn right on Hill Dr. - go .5 mi

3-Gordon & Joyce Emmon's Garden

1357 Hertz Dr SE - Cedar Rapids

- Left @ Mehaffey Brdg Rd 3.1 mi
- Turn right on W Penn -2.2 mi
- Merge onto I-380 North - 16.4 mi
- Exit on Diagonal Drive to the east
- Diagonal Dr. changes to 8th Ave
- Cross the river - pass Mercy Hospital
- Keep right onto Mt Vernon Rd
- Turn right onto Memorial Dr. -.4 mi
- Take first right onto Hertz Dr. SE

4-Duane & Pam Dresser's Garden

24393 Stone Lane - Anamosa

- Back to Mt. Vernon Rd -turn right - 4 mi
- Turn left on 151/13 - 4.1 mi
- Follow 151 towards Anamosa - 10 mi
- Turn left onto Linn-Jones Road/CR-X28 for 1.1 mi
- Turn right on Fairview Rd/CR-X28 - .5 mi
- Take 3rd left following CR-X28 - 1.2 mi
- Turn Right onto Stone Lane - .02 mi
- Garden is on the right

5-Gerry & Jeanie Geer's Garden

Dry Creek Hosta

1070 Dry Creek Lane - Marion

- Back to Hwy 151
- Turn right onto 151 - 10.1 mi
- Cross over Hwy 13 into Marion -3.1 mi
- Turn right on 2nd St - .09 mi
- Take first left onto 8th Ave - .8 mi
- Take 3rd right onto Linnview Dr - .1 mi
- Take 1st left onto Dry Creek Ln -.2 mi
- Garden is at the end of Dry Crk Ln.

Harshbarger Hosta Society -
Garden Walk - Meal
(Please Print)

Name(s)_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone (home)_____ (cell)_____

Email_____

Meals are \$7.00 per member or
\$8.00 per non-member

Amount enclosed \$_____

Make check to: Harshbarger Hosta Society

Cash _____ or
Check_____

I will / will not bring hostas for the auction.

Mail check and form to: Judi Pohorsky
1712 Morris Ave NW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

For your information...

- Please send form to Judi by June 20th - we need count for the meal
- Invite your friends and family...just add names to this form
- Bring a hosta of your choice to auction off
- For your comfort...you should bring your favorite chair
- If you want a special beverage...please bring yourself
- Wear comfy shoes and bring an umbrella...to scare the rain away!
- We will be eating about or after 1:00 and the auction will start after the meal
- Be prepared to have some fun and see some beautiful hostas!