



Several of our members will be attending the **National Convention in Nashville, TN, June 13-16**. We'll be taking notes for our 2014 Convention.

Rochester, MN is the site for the **Midwest Convention July 12-14<sup>th</sup>**. This is a good chance for you to see a convention in action...and it is close.

**Brucemore Garden and Art Show** is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to pot up a few of your favorite hostas for our sale. We will send more information about this...later.

**June 2012**

**~HARSHBARGER HOSTA WALK 2012~  
Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 AM**

If we could all have a 'garden wish'...would it be 'rain'? It would be one of mine! Now...I do mean rain before the day of our 2012 Hosta Walk!! If you remember last year, we received most of the moisture during the auction but... that did not stop the fun we had. Let's all wish for a beautiful...cool...rain-free day for this year's Hosta Walk.

**The Harshbarger Hosta Garden Walk will begin in Iowa City**

Our first stop will be to visit the garden of **Philip and Julia Mears**..They live on a corner lot... in an older house... on the east side of Iowa City. There have always been too many mature trees to grow vegetables, so they started growing hosta about 1990 and have experienced most of the stages of the enthusiasm.

Philip says "I counted my varieties. I made charts with pictures. I labeled them and kept my own lists of my favorite ten. I had too many for a while and they were too close together. I still have a few lists. Some are still too close together. When I want to get a few new ones, some have to go and it seems like there have been quite a few new ones recently. But, I have some wonderful mature specimens. I really enjoy the tiny ones. I have mixed in daylilies and liliium, along with a few pinwheels."

They are looking forward to your visit.

Our next garden is **Ken and Mary Lowder's**. It was last year that Mary gave a program about the makings of her garden...now we will be able to see the real thing! Ken and Mary moved to this 2.5 acre wooded lot in 1985. After many years of trying to garden in too much shade, they started removing trees around the house and terraced the slope. Mary discovered hostas in the mid 90s and has expanded her collection since. Ken started renovating the woodland 4 years ago, removing the invasives that had taken it over and felling junk trees. The return of native species has been gratifying. Ken will give woodland tours for those interested.

From Iowa City we will head to Cedar Rapids and enjoy **Richard and Candy Altorfer's** garden, which is backed up to Bruce more. Their garden was once the compost/pasture to Bruce more. It is a structured garden with many shrubs, but focused on the rose garden. Hostas abound in the pine forest, front garden and the pines in the back. Instead of parking in the driveway, they would prefer you to park on Linden Dr., just south of their driveway.

From there we will make our final stop at **Colette Janisch's** for our lunch, auction and...oh, yes...her gardens. We'll take a break from the harsh sun and step into a gargoyle haven filled with over 550 hostas, many large and fully mature. If petite is your fancy, bend your ears to try and hear the laughter tinkling through the mini hosta fairy garden.

Wind through the labyrinth made by greyhound's feet where over 400 stately daylilies look out at the various griffins, suns, cherubs, other fanciful objects and sayings scattered throughout the 1/4 acre of gardens. In the haven protected by Gargoyles are companion plantings of lilies (>175), heuchera, ferns, bee balms, coneflowers, astilbies, epimediums, peonies, hibiscus, wildflowers and many more perennials. If you are weary of feet, there are lots of seating stops along the pathways for those who have already had a long day walking in the other gardens. Color, structure and harmony juxtaposed with native thriving ~weeds!~ will hopefully inspire and comfort your gardening endeavors.

**Our garden walk is open to the public**, so please invite your friends and load up the car! We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, side dishes, dessert and drinks. The meal for members is \$5.00 and for non- members it is \$7.00.

**Please fill out the form and mail** to Judi Pohorsky, 1712 Morris Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52405 by June 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please call me at 319-396-6116 or 573-1717.

**This year we will have some hostas for sale.** We have a few left over from our spring order and want to offer them to our friends at a good price.

**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 Garden Walk Directions

## 1-Philip Mears Garden 1507 E College Iowa City, Iowa.

From Cedar Rapids- I380 & I80 intersection is under construction - you may want to avoid

- Starting at Coral Ridge-go east on I-80
- Exit 244 for Dubuque St-keep right
- Continue to E Jefferson St-turn left
- Turn right on Evans St for one short block
- Veer left onto Muscatine Ave-drive about 3 blocks
- Left onto E College St
- 1507 is on corner of College and Fairview

## 2-Ken and Mary Lowder Garden 4364 Treefarm Lane NE Iowa City, Iowa

- Go west on E College-cross Muscatine Ave
- Turn right onto S. Governor St
- Turn right onto N.Dodge St/Hwy 1.
- Turn left onto Prairie Du Chien Rd NE/Summit St - 2.4 miles
- Turn right onto County Rd F8W/Newport Rd NE
- Slight right onto Treefarm Ln NE (gravel)
- Drive about 50 yards, turn left
- Drive down hill to end of lane
- Parking will be interesting.
- Try not to block dead end lane

## 3-Richard and Candy Altorfer 221 Forest Dr SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa

- Go west on Newport-back to Prairie Du Chien Rd
- Turn right onto Linder Rd NE
- Slight left then take on-ramp on right onto 1-80W
- Merge onto 1-80 W-
- Merge onto 1-380 North
- Exit on Diagonal Drive/19A to the east
- Diagonal Dr. changes to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Cross the river - pass Mercy Hospital
- Keep right onto Mt Vernon Rd
- Turn left onto Forest Dr. SE
- Turn left onto Blake Blvd SE
- Slight turn onto Forest Dr SE
- You will need to park on Linden Dr.- before you reach their home
- Altorfer's live between Linden Dr. and the back entrance to Bruce more.
- It is the one with circular drive in front.

## 4-Colette Janisch 1023 Memorial Drive SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa

- From Linden Dr., turn left onto Forest Dr.
- Follow Forest Dr. to Mt. Vernon Rd SE
- Turn left on Mt. Vernon Rd SE
- Turn right onto Memorial Drive SE
- House is .01 mile from corner on right
- You can park in front of house or across the street in CVS parking lot

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

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home)\_\_\_\_\_ (cell)\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Meals are \$5.00 per member or  
\$7.00 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 52405

**For your information...**

- Please send form to Judi by June 25<sup>th</sup> - 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 for 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
- In order to be considerate of our hosts, please take relief stops between visits
- Be prepared to have some fun and see some beautiful hostas and gardens