



HOSTA HERALD

2012 Late Winter Edition of the Harshbarger Hosta Society



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Hello My Hosta Friends,

I am hoping all of you have enjoyed this remarkably warm winter and will welcome springtime...even though we really didn't have a winter!

I want to thank all of our Harshbarger members that attended the January 31st meeting, and a thank you to the Marriott for supplying the room and treats. We had 28 members present and many others that responded, but could not attend. We began with a tour of the hotel, which will be perfect, and then had a very positive discussion about the convention. Those present voted, by secret ballot, (24-4) to host the National Hosta Convention in June 2014. Now, the fun begins!

We will be holding another meeting at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids on February 29th at 6:30 pm. We hope everyone will attend. There are several things that we will be discussing and we need everyone's input. Topics we will be discussing are: the theme, touring gardens and the gift hosta.

Most conventions have a theme that highlights their city, or area, and they use that theme through the convention. We will use this theme for decorations, naming the gift plant, entertainment, etc. When thinking of the theme, try to picture how you would follow through with it in all aspects.

We have visited so many beautiful gardens in this area over the years; however, we will have to narrow it down to about 8 gardens for the Friday and Saturday tours. If you have a garden you would like on the tour, or know of one that we have not visited that should be on the tour, this is a night to share it with us. We will generate a list of the gardens the and a committee will visit these gardens sometime in June. We will also have optional gardens for the attendees to visit on Sunday, after the convention.

Many of our members are hybridizers and have some beautiful unnamed hostas growing in their gardens. Actually, anyone may have an unnamed special hosta in their garden, and this may be a good time to share it for our gift plant. This plant would be TC'd and be given to each of our attendees. We would like to name this hosta to go with out theme.

See you this Saturday...if not then, hopefully the 29th! —Judi

Other things are happening, too!

- We will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday, February 25th at 9:00 am at Tommy's.....393 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- I have secured a spot for our bus at Klehm's Song Sparrow! You all keep telling me you want to go back...so keep your calendar open for June 2nd.
- Our spring meeting will be April 17th at the Coralville Library, starting at 6:30 pm.

Meeting to Host the National Hosta Convention in 2014

The Harshbarger Hosta Society held a meeting January 31st to vote on holding the National Hosta Convention in 2014. It would be held on Tuesday thru Sunday, June 11th 2014 thru June 14th 2014. The meeting was held at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids at 6:30 p.m. with new members Kay Ciha, Lory Patrilla and Bev and Tim Thornton being introduced by Judi Pohorsky. Twenty-eight members were present.

Judi introduced Sue Snyder, representative of the Marriott, who gave us a tour of the facility and the possibilities we would have available for the different events during the convention. We saw the Cedar Room, the Atrium which could hold several events, including registration, meet and greet, displays and vendors, the Banquet/Ball Room (600-800 people capacity) which can be divided into four different rooms for events. Sue showed us the very nice pool/spa area and the exercise room with a variety of high end equipment. A Hickory Room could be used for the leaf presentation, Rosewood Room for vendors with its own restrooms and access

to an outdoor area for ironwork and rock vendors etc. A large coat room could be used for raffle items and to lock up equipment needed during the event. We visited the Hospitality Rooms (very nice rooms for special guests) and a variety of other areas excellent for leaf cleaning (leaf show), meetings and the silent auction. We were shown guest rooms available at a reduced rate of \$114 a night with double rooms with queen beds and single rooms with king beds. A room usually rents for \$160 to \$180 a night. A great deal for everyone!

We returned to our meeting room for discussions held on our thoughts on the facility and of the possibilities and ideas we had for the convention. We discussed the projected financial implications with many questions and answers being voiced. We talked about the committees needed with chairman and co-chairs needed with helpers and a list of first things first and a number of specialty needs to fill such areas as baking, sewing, sales and other talents. After much discussion it was decided to hold a closed vote. All 28 people in attendance received a ballot and the voting commenced. After all votes were collected and counted it was unanimous with the vote being: yes—24 votes and no—4 votes. Discussion was held on when

THE 2012 HOSTA FINDER

Steve Greene's 2012 Hosta Finder has arrived. This year's edition features over 175 pages with 3,900 cultivars. You will also find individual prices from over 45 nurseries, average price, cultivar size, color, flower color and credits in the latest edition.

Twenty copies will be available for purchase at the Harshbarger Hosta Society spring meeting. The cost is \$14.

to hold the next meeting and some people signing up already for committees as chairs, co-chairs and or helpers. We hope that everyone will be as enthusiastic about hosting the National Convention as we are and each and every one of us will pitch in to make this an event a success. It will take a village and we are more than able to step up to this task with everyone helping out.

The next meeting for the convention will be held 6:30 p.m. on February 29th at the Marriott Hotel on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids. We hope everyone will be able to attend to give us your thoughts and ideas and to be able to sign up for committees to assist those who have already volunteered their time and efforts. —Lorri Hughes



AHS National Convention

Nashville, Tennessee, June 13-16, 2012

www.hosta2012.com

"Hostas, Friends and Music" will be a time for visiting with old friends, making new ones, experiencing Nashville and of course, seeing Middle Tennessee gardens.

Old HHS News—September Meeting



Judi Pohorsky, Bill and Jean Snyder cleaned and spruced up the hosta bed at Noelridge Park. A BIG kudos to them for their time and effort.

The fall meeting/potluck of the Harshberger Hosta Society was held on September 18, 2011 at noon. The event was held at the Wikiup Learning Center in rural Toddville. The members started arriving for the social hour from 12 till 1. The potluck began at 1:00 with lots of good food to be had. Several recipes were requested from members so if you happened to be one of those members be sure to get those submitted. Everyone will appreciate them.

Lois Cahill gave the treasurer's report with reference to the 38 people going on the bus trip, 55 people attending the garden tour with \$800 being raised at the auction. Bruce more netted another \$443 and two new members signing on.

Judi Pohorsky presented a letter from Collette Pogue, an old member now living in New Mexico, thanking us for the newsletter and updating us on her activities.

Jill Koch was announced as being the new editor of the news letter so anyone having information or articles they would like to include, please submit them to Jill. She would appreciate them.

Mary Lowder is looking into a web designer for the new web site. There was a motion to maintain the website for 3 years at a cost of \$216.00. Rick Innis seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed. Marlys Anderson suggested to look at other web sites for ideas.

A discussion was held about new by-laws. Jeanie and Liz will work on these this winter.

Judi Pohorsky purchased a canopy for special events. It proved to be very useful at Bruce more. Lorri Hughes made a motion to pay for the canopy and Lois Cahill seconded it.

Reldon Ramsey talked to Bob Solberg about coming to the October 12-13, 2012 meeting. Mary Lowder proposed that Bob Solberg be asked to be the guest speaker at the meeting, Carol Sears seconded. Group approved.

A discussion was held about selling hostas at Noelridge at Easter and on Mother's Day, weather allowing. Will try and contact Cindy Hadish about putting articles in the Gazette about our activities and events. Carol Sears proposed selling hostas at Noelridge on Mother's Day. Jay McWherter seconded. Group approved.

Judi Pohorsky talked about the American Hosta Society possibly holding the National Meeting here in 2014. Up to 400-500 people would attend. Our members would be involved with the planning and execution. It was approved, but more discussion will be held.

Discussion held on when to have the fall breakfast. It was decided to be held in Iowa City on Saturday, October 29th.

Jay McWherter gave a talk and demonstration on Virus X—a virus attacking and devastating hostas. He supplies test strips to those people who had brought hosta leaves for testing and showed how the testing is done and the results. Very interesting for those of us who attended the meeting.

Meeting adjourned around 5:00.
—Lorri Hughes



Midwest Regional Hosta Society 2011 Convention in Madison

Rick and I didn't get into Madison until about noon of Friday but were met by friends who came in Thursday to visit relatives. After check-in, the afternoon was ours. We packed the back of the van with friends and headed out exploring. Sorry for the "bucket" seat Reldon, but real seating was not an option as space was needed for plant purchases.

What the great vendors couldn't supply in our favorite variety plants, visit to the local nurseries satisfied the plant gluttons in our group.

The long, hot trudge up to the park for the Friday night picnic was enough to almost lose your appetite, but that "almost" never happens. We shared a table with new friends from Michigan and on the return trudge visited with new friends from Illinois.

The auction was fun. We always take hosta to donate, nothing new, odd, or very special, but I always enjoy what the "expert" auctioneers say about each item to sell to the bidders.

The hostality room, not so much, but I'm usually so bushed, I don't partake anyway.

Breakfast Saturday morning, not too good, but the goodies in the gardens made up for it.

Usually from every garden you visit, there is something inspirational you take away. The things that come to my mind; from Kaly Creek, home to Doug and Jennie Post, great dogs. It was very hot, the Posts had lost a lot of trees from storms and flooding. I found a shady spot, sat down, and was greeted by the nicest dogs. The Ed and Chris Schulz garden had a great potting shed and I had to look up H Rosedale Elizabeth Stratton. Liz was my first mentor in the Harshbarger Hosta Society and I had to see if the hosta stood out in the garden as much as the gardener.

We enjoyed cold water and wonderful munchies under a magnificent climbing hydrangea at Frank Greer's garden, Under White Oaks. A beautiful cluster of H. Olive Branch welcomed us into the garden of Tom and

Rosemary Kleinheinz. We got a line on some fertilizer that seems to do wonders - if the specimen of H. Pineapple Upside-Down Cake is an indication. Ed Lyon welcomed us to his packed garden (he used the description) and onto a comfortable Victorian wrap-around porch.

Each of us know what a labor of love our own gardens are, and definitely appreciate the work it takes to get these garden tours ready. Thank you to all who share themselves with bus loads of gawkers.



The cut-leaf show and the Midwest Review is always interesting.

Ed Lyon, also a garden host, was the keynote speaker after the banquet. Ed is Director of Allen Centennial Gardens in Madison. He asked the question, "Do we really need another hosta?" You can imagine the response; but brought up other questions about hardiness and sustainability of rapidly produced and introduced plants like hosta and heuchera into the market.

We couldn't visit all of the optional gardens before heading into the sunset. WE did stop by Heidi Carvin's. She had a great patch of prairie. We stopped at Charlie Anderson and Ralph Pelkey's garden. They were busy working, and we stopped at Jeff and Penny Miller's, Land of the Giants – awesome!

The whole idea of a convention, a coming together is mostly about friends reconnecting over a shared passion, hosta. —*Teresa Innis*



HOSTA COMPANION

Helleborus x hybridus
aka Lenten Rose

A hosta garden isn't complete without interplanting some exciting companions that share similar light and soil conditions. Adding other plants can add seasonal accents of color into the hosta garden!

Hellebores are striking perennials that add an exotic flair to the shade gardens. It was the 2005 Perennial Plant of the Year, according to the Perennial Plant Association.

Hellebores or Lenten Rose, forms a sizeable, compact clump of tough leathery, evergreen foliage set with masses of large, nodding, but-cup-like blooms in early spring. Blooms come in shades of white, cream, pink, rose, maroon, purple or red — sometimes flushed with green. They even make spectacular

cut flowers. Display them by floating the blooms in a decorative shallow bowl!

The perfect placement for hellebores is in an area shaded by deciduous trees, with full sun when they flower, and protection from summer heat during their dormant period.

Mulch well with leaves and provide shelter from harsh winter winds. Adequate moisture, particularly in spring is essential—but don't over water once established! They thrive in fertile, well-drained loam and hate dry shade. The Lenten Rose is hardy to Zone 4, with protection.

Caution: The plants can be toxic if ingested and may also be a skin irritant. However, this attribute makes them quite resistant, to deer and other garden pests!

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*Welcome our new
HHS members!*

Marlys Anderson

Judy Bemer

Carol Glandon

Lorri Hughes

Julia Anne Johnston

Greg & Coleen Kint

Dave & Jill Koch

Lory Patrilla

Fran Potratz

Richard & Dorothy Powell

Reldon Ramsey



HARSHBARGER HOSTA SOCIETY SPRING MEETING

APRIL 17TH, CORALVILLE LIBRARY, 6:30 PM.

**Presentation on Yard Art
by Judy Stevens**

**Some people call it recycling;
Some people call it yard junk.**

Judy calls it yard art.

Share ideas to add a whimsical touch to your yard.

Enjoy pictures of other people's yards.

**Learn a few hands-on techniques
for creating your own art.**



AHS 2012 National Convention Registration

June 13 – 16, 2012 Nashville, Tennessee
 Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Hosta Society
See Web Site for more information: www.hosta2012.com

Name (as it will appear on your name badge): _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State (or Country if outside U.S.) _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 E-mail ** _____ Phone _____
 **Registration confirmation will be sent via e-mail only.

JUDGES CLINICS: Please note which clinic(s) you will attend. A current handbook is required and may be downloaded for free at www.americanhostasociety.org
 ___ Clinic I: June 13 at 5:30 pm ___ Clinic II: June 15 at 6:15 pm ___ Clinic III: June 15 at 8:15 pm
 ___ Check here if you want to purchase the Handbook for \$10 at the clinic.

HOSTA SHOW: See Schedule at www.hosta2012.com . I plan to: ___ Enter ___ Judge ___ Clerk
 Please enter number of entries in each category you plan to submit: (Limit of 25 for Division I)

Division	I – Leaf Show	II – Containers	III – Troughs	IV – Education	VI – Artistic
Number of entries					

Optional Wednesday Tours – ONLY CHOOSE ONE:

1. Garden Tours of Nashville – visit a private garden, Cheekwood and The Parthenon.
 Box lunch included. \$55 _____
2. Civil War Sites in Franklin, TN – visit the Carnton Plantation and its Period Gardens,
 the Carter House, and the Lotz House. Box Lunch included. \$65 _____

Convention Registration – ONLY CHOOSE ONE:

- ~~1. Early Full Registration (postmarked by 1/31/2012) _____ \$229.00 XXXXXXXX~~
2. Full Registration (postmarked 2/1/2012 through 4/14/2012) \$249.00 _____
3. Late Full Registration (postmarked 4/15/2012 through 5/15/2012) \$280.00 _____
4. Meals only \$165.00 _____

Payment by Credit Card is available to ALL Attendees

If paying by credit card add a Convenience Fee of \$10.00 \$10.00 _____
TOTAL AMOUNT (Include Optional Tour, Registration and credit card if applicable) Payable in US \$ _____

If paying by check make payable to “AHS 2012 Convention”
 Send payment and form to:

2012 AHS Convention, Registrar
 P.O BOX 2648
 Brentwood, TN 37024

If paying by Credit Card: Name on Card _____
 Choose one: Visa _____ Master Card _____
 Card# _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 digit code on back _____

DINNER OPTIONS: please choose one
 _____ Regular
 _____ Vegetarian
 _____ Gluten Free

For questions, email: hosta2012@comcast.net or call 615-794-4153

Hotel: Reserve by May 21, 2012 for convention rate of \$149 + tax: Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 Phone: 615-889-9300 or 888-403-6781 mention “**HOSTA**”; to link to Hotel Web site, go to www.hosta2012.com

2012 MRHS Convention - "Operation Hosta"

2012 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention Registration Form
July 12-14, 2012, Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rochester, Minnesota
Hosted by: Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeast MN, Inc.

To register, mail one completed registration form per person.

Include check payable to "SOGHS/2012 MRHS Convention" or you can pay online with a credit card (additional \$5 convenience fee) at: www.soghs.org/2012mrhsconvention/

REFUND POLICY: NO Refunds will be made after June 9. Make a copy of this form for your records.

Name (as you want on your badge) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: _____ Email: _____

HOTEL: Ramada Hotel and Convention Center
1517 16th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902

For reservations call (507) 289-8866 or Toll Free 800-552-7224. Mention MRHS Convention for convention room rate (\$109 pool side, \$99 other, plus tax) through 06/11/2012. Rate not available on-line.

Publish my name in Convention
Attendee list? Yes _____ No _____

*Confirmation will be sent by e-mail only. For questions email prestonplants@aol.com.

Meals include: Friday Evening Buffet, Saturday Tour Box Lunch, and Saturday Evening Banquet
Saturday Evening Banquet choice: Chicken Walleye Vegetarian
 I request all vegetarian meals I request gluten free meals

I will donate plants or items for the Friday night auction. Approximate number _____
Auction proceeds go to MRHS. Please support MRHS with a donation!!

HOSTA LEAF SHOW – Preparation time Thursday 7/12/12: Noon – 5, 7-10 pm and Friday 7-10:30 am

Check if you plan to: Enter (Limit 20 leaves per exhibitor) Judge Clerk

Judging will begin Friday, July 13, at 12 Noon Check below if you plan to enter:

_____ Cut Leaf (limit 20 entries) _____ Trough Container for Effect
_____ Container Grown _____ Educational Display
_____ Artistic Design _____ Non-Competitive Exhibit

Judges Clinic I, Friday, July 13, 2012, 8:00 -11:00 am

I will attend Judges Clinic I

A current **Judges Handbook** is required. You may download the free Judges Handbook at www.hosta.org.

Check here if you want to purchase the official handbook/binder at the clinic (\$10.00 payable at convention).

Please select

- \$135.00 – Early Full Registration (before June 7, 2012)
 \$150.00 – Late Full Registration (after June 7, 2012)

Full Convention Registration: \$ _____
Thursday Garden Picnic: \$ _____
Total Registration \$ _____

Send form and check to:
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Check payable to:
SOGHS/2012 MRHS CONVENTION
 *Paid online with credit card
*must mail or email registration form

OPTIONAL GARDEN PICNIC, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 6-8 PM
At Camp Creek Farm (Cindy and Mike Tomashek) near Preston, MN,
in the heart of southeast Minnesota bluff country; includes busing,
BBQ picnic, hosta gardens and renovated barn.

\$15.00/person