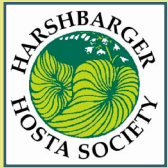




# HOSTA HERALD

2013 April Edition of the Harshbarger Hosta Society



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## Hello Hostaholics!

Another year...can you believe another spring is here! It seems I always mention the weather in my spring note to you...and every year the weather is so different. Last year it was summer already and this year, well... spring isn't even close!

Where do I begin with so many things going on from now until next summer. With the convention approaching we will all get to know each other a little better. This is a good thing as we have a great group of long-time and new Harshbarger members. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome the new members.

We have something new this year. Jay McWherter and Tim Cahill have taken on a new challenge and have started a Facebook page for Harshbarger, with pictures of our garden walks, bus tours and other fun things. To join in, go to Facebook and search for Harshbarger Hosta Society. They have had lots of viewers from all over and are having fun with it!

At our last meeting it was mentioned that because of the convention, we should cancel the bus tour and just have the luncheon and auction. Well...we talked this over and decided we will go ahead with both. This is such a fun adventure in the summer and something we all look forward to.

On June 8th we will take the same path we took several years ago by way of Independence and Oelwein. The first stop will be *In The Country Garden and Gifts* to visit the Spece family and on to Oelwein to see Gary Wittenbaugh's conifer garden. We all were in awe of this garden...not a hosta garden, but beautiful! There will be a few more stops along the way.

Then, on June 23 we will hold our hosta walk/luncheon/auction. We do have a couple gardens, but looking for a couple more. If you would like to share your garden, please let me know. We will have more information about this and the bus trip....but, mark your calendar for June 8th and 23rd!

I hope you all were able to attend the Bob Solberg presentation last October. He gave his talk on 'How to grow bigger and better hostas' to

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a room filled with very attentive guests. I am sure we all learned something new and now, once the weather warms up, we will use the knowledge he shared. Our hostas should be big and beautiful this year!

I encourage you all to attend the conventions this summer! The AHS National Convention will be held June 13-15 in Milwaukee and the Midwest Convention will be in Lisle, IL from July 11-13. These are all within driving distance and you will enjoy! If you cannot attend, please think about becoming a member of either or both of these societies.

For those of you that may not be aware, our Harshbarger members, Sue and Dave Kramer, recently suffered a severe setback. On the first day of spring they had a fire at their home from their wood-burning stove. This will be a busy spring for them as repair their damage and ready their nursery business for this year! I am sure you will all join me in extending our sympathy and offering a helping hand to Sue and Dave as they restore and rebuild.

With spring weather coming (really?) it will do our spirits good to get out and work in our gardens, but right now, we're still in our planning mode. Hoping you will be able to get out of this planning stage and into your gardens...soon! —Judi



## **HOSTA SALE - MAY 18TH**

A hosta sale will be held on May 18th at the Noelridge Hosta Structure from 8:00 to 1:00.

If you would like to

help or have hostas for this sale, please call Judi at 396-6116. The more the merrier!

While working your gardens this spring and dividing those big hostas...be sure to set several aside for the May 18th sale, the Hosta Walk/Auction, and Bruce more. This money will be used for our convention funding.

## **The Hosta Finder**

**Steve Greene's 2013 Hosta Finder has arrived and copies will be available for purchase at the Harshbarger Hosta Society spring meeting. The cost is \$17.00 (regularly \$20.00) per booklet. We have a limited amount, so if you want a copy saved for you, please call Nancy McWherter at 319-396-6972.**

## **Noelridge Hosta Garden - Clean Up**

As the weather warms up, we will be working in the garden at Noelridge. In April some grass will be turned over to begin the design of our hosta garden. Mother Nature will dictate when this will happen... but...on May 4th we will have a clean up date, making sure the garden looks good for Mother's Day Open House and our May 18th hosta sale. We will meet at the gardens at 9:00...hoping it will not take long.

To keep an eye on the progress of our garden...I will keep you informed on our website.

As we all know, a garden will not take care of itself...no matter how much you talk to it. With this in mind, I will have a sign-up sheet at our April meeting so that you can sign up to take care of our garden This will consist of weeding and making sure it is very presentable to the public. If we all pitch in...it will not be that much work for just a few!



## Convention Connection

### April 10th at 6:00

*First... A BIG THANK YOU* goes to the Russ O'Hara Hosta Society! Not only is our gift hosta, 'Czech It Out' a product of their member Trudy VanWyk, who has housed our 500 hostas all winter, but they have offered to pay for our gift plant out of their own society's treasure. This is a very generous offer on their part and we do so appreciate.

We are getting right down there with many things to do! I have counted the days... 438 to be exact...until the big day arrives.

We had a convention meeting in January that was very positive. We had a good discussion with those that attended and everyone had good ideas!

With that, we will be having another meeting on Wednesday, April 10th at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids. The room has not been decided, but will be posted in the front lobby. We will begin at 6:00.

We are in need of several chairpersons ....please, don't let this scare you off. There are many smaller things to do at this time and nearer the time of convention. We need your ideas...your comments...your help. Please try to attend to get caught up on the happenings and offer what you can.



# Harshbarger Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

6:00 Social Time  
6:30 Meeting begins

**Speakers:** Betty and Katherine Kelly

**Topic:** Entering the world of the  
“Hosta Leaf Show”

**Location:** Johnson County Master Gardeners extension office at 3109 Old Highway 218 South, Iowa City, IA. This building is located at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Betty and Katherine Kelly will introduce us to the ‘Hosta Leaf Show’. They will take us from the beginning to the end of what happens when you commit to showing your hosta leaf. This is part of the hosta world that many do not enter.

Betty and Katherine are members of our Harshbarger Hosta Society and are co-chairing the Leaf Show for our ‘Czech It Out’ convention in 2014. They are both judges for the Leaf Shows and have entered their own hostas in shows and have won many ribbons.

There will be hostas for sale...before and after our meeting. We have ordered these again this year from Q & Z. There will be new varieties for you to choose from.



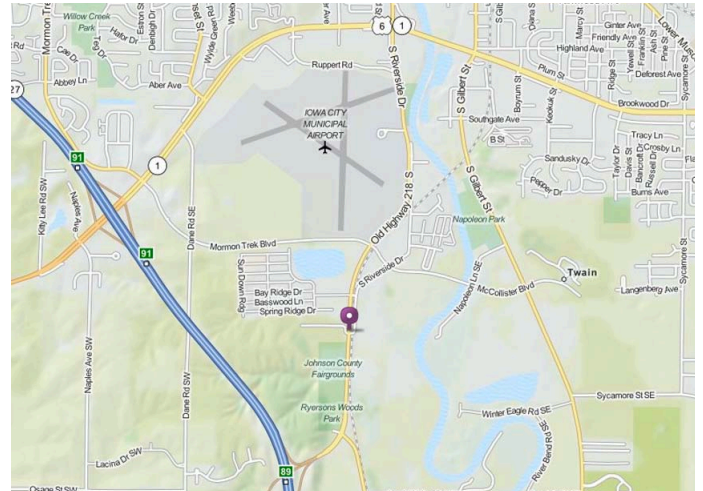
*This will be a  
fun evening  
for all!*

Johnson County Master Gardeners extension office  
3109 Old Highway 218 South, Iowa City, IA

## Directions From US-218 —

1. Take exit 89 toward Riverside Dr/Airport
2. Continue straight - .05 miles
3. Slight left onto Oak Crest Hill Rd SE -.02 mi
4. Turn left – it will be on the left .04 mi

We will try to have our banner near the building to make it easier to find.



## Midwest Regional Hosta Society

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society represents Region 5 of the American Hosta Society that includes 9 states. Our mission is to promote education, research, development and enjoyment of Hosta.

Membership in the society is \$20.00 for 2 years, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter. This publication reports on events and information on Hostas in general.

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# Harshbarger Hosta Society

## Secretary Report - Fall Meeting

### 23 Sept. 2012

The fall meeting of the Harshbarger Hosta Society was held at the Wickiup Conservation Center, north of Hiawatha, in Linn County. Following a lovely potluck lunch, Pres. Judi Pohorsky, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, with 28 members present.

I. The meeting started with a slide presentation on what the HHS did this year, taken and arranged by Jay McWherter. The last slide segued into an invitation to all, for the Bob Solberg talk, sponsored by the HHS. It mentioned the program would be presented on Saturday, Oct 13th, from 1:00-4:00 at Grant Wood AEA, in Cedar Rapids. The presentation is titled "Growing Hostas: The bigger the better!!" Bob Solberg is always fun and informative.

The program (with hand out), "Fall Garden Chores: To do or not to do!" was presented by master gardener, Becki Lynch. This was very informative as it was presented with our full drought conditions in mind. We greeted two new members present... Susie Quinn and Delores Hatch.

#### II. Reports:

1. No spring meeting report available.
2. A short treasurers report was given. There will be a full written report printed in the next newsletter.

#### III. Old Business:

1. Oct 21, set as fall clean-up day for our completed pergolas, at Noelridge Park with a 1:00 meet time. Please bring your gloves, diggers, rakes and spades. We will find a use for all of them.
2. A nominating committee is needed to find candidates for club officer elections in April. This executive committee has been in office longer than written in our by-laws. We also need to elect officers to head Membership and Historian as mentioned in our by-laws. All members are urged to step-up, volunteer, meet new people and have some fun.
3. The question was asked, "Has anyone ordered the Kinkaid markers, and how do you like them?" Several said they were expensive, but worth it. If one goes to

harshbargerhostasociety.org to order, the club gets a % of order moneys toward markers for its projects.

#### IV. New Business:

1. 2013 is the 25th Anniversary of the Harshbarger Hosta Society...the oldest Hosta Society in Iowa. We need a committee to plan a little celebration and past publicity. Betty Kelly volunteered to look into contacting charter member of HHS.

2. To make money for the club, should we have a big sale to the public, similar to Project Green? We would need a venue and publicity. Carol Petrucka will investigate the possibilities.

3. The executive committee bought plants from Q & Z Nursery this past season to help make money, which we did. Should we do this again? A motion was made and seconded, but a vote was not taken. The remaining plants from this purchase were sold prior to this meeting. They were sold at... one for \$10.00 or two for \$15.00. What remained was drawn for as door prizes, along with donated items at the conclusion of this meeting.

4. The Convention: "What's Been Going on in the Background".

- a. Kelly Norris has been scheduled as the main banquet speaker.

- b. The "Butterfly Lady" has been scheduled as an alternative mini-seminar speaker. Many of us gardeners are interested in all aspects of the garden.

- c. We had a look at items that would be great fillers for the "goodie bag" which all attendees to the convention receive. We all need to contact possible vendors for these items.

- d. Reldon Ramsey has acquired the convention hosta. It is a T.C.'d sport of a H. Dorothy Benedict seedling, developed and donated by Trudy VanWyk, of Pella. The plants will be sent within the next week and repotted and overwintered in the VanWyk greenhouse. A HUGE thank you goes out to Trudy and Reldon!

5. A friendship breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd at 9:00 at Perkins on 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids.

6. Handouts were given to members who are not members of the Midwest Hosta Society. A Hosta Journal was offered to all who are not members of the National Hosta Society as enticements to join.

The meeting was adjourned and door prizes drawn for.

Respectfully submitted,

Sec. Pro-tem  
Teresa Innis





**T**he Northern Illinois Hosta Society invites you to go to your calendar right now and reserve July 11 – 13, 2013, for next year's MRHS Convention "Hostamania!" in suburban Chicago. You might even want to come early and stay afterward, because three days of immersing yourself in hostas won't leave enough time to visit the area's attractions.

But you're probably interested mainly in the hostas, so let's talk first about what MRHS 2013 will have for you. At press time it looks like at least 10 vendors will be here, and 10 outstanding gardens will be on the tour. Of course there will be an auction and a leaf show. Seminars and side trips are in the planning stage; one of the latter takes advantage of the wealth of public gardens near the convention site: An optional tour of the Ball Seed Company's fabulous test and exhibit gardens, which are open free to the public only by appointment, is already on the books for those who might want a break from Hostamania!

Morton Arboretum is just five minutes from the convention hotel, and beautiful Cantigny Gardens is ten. Both are easily accessible to convention attendees who might want to visit them on their own. The Chicago Botanic Garden is farther, but its amazing displays are well worth a visit. All three provide complimentary admission to members of other American Horticultural Society gardens/arboretums, so be sure to bring your membership card from the one you belong to in your area. You can spend the money you save on admissions at excellent nurseries in the area; two of the best are within minutes of the hotel, and we're working on getting discount certificates for you.

Whether you come just for the convention or for an extended visit, you can make the convention hotel--the Lisle/Naperville Hilton--your base. It's located just off I-88 in Lisle, 25 miles west of downtown Chicago with easy access to the city via I-88 and the Eisenhower Freeway by car, or by commuter train from either Lisle or Naperville. The Hilton is giving a great room rate of \$96 per night for the convention. Add the free breakfast for hotel guests at Algauer's Restaurant, the swimming pool, workout room, free parking—you can hardly afford not to come!

**Schedule and registration forms are included in this newsletter or you can find at <http://mrhs2013.org/>**

# HOSTAMANIA!

MRHS CONVENTION - JULY 11 - 13, 2013

## Tentative Schedule

### Thursday, July 11

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Room</u>
8:30 am – Noon	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
8:30 am – Noon	Vendor setup	Regency
Noon – 6:00 pm	Registration	Atrium
	Auction plants received	Oak
	Free time to visit public gardens: nearby Morton Arboretum and Cantigny, others – see list on website	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show entries received	Regency/Pine & Spruce
1:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Vendor sales – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show entries received	Oak
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hostatality	TBA

### Friday, July 12

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	Atrium
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Vendor sales – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Hosta Leaf Show entries received	Oak
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Judges Clinic 1	Majestic
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Auction plants received	Oak
8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Optional Tour –Ball Seed Gardens	Off site
11:00 am – Noon	Judges luncheon	Majestic
Noon – 3:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show judging	Regency/Pine & Spruce
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Seminar I: How to Care for Your Hostas Tom Micheletti	Majestic
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Auction preview	Oak
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Seminar II: Topic TBA Mary Ann Metz	Majestic
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency/Pine & Spruce
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	MRHS Board Meeting	Lisle Exec. Boardroom
TBA	Silent Auction	Atrium
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Cocktails	Atrium
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner followed by auction	Majestic
7:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Auction – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Majestic
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Hostatality	Parlor 811

**Saturday, July 13**

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Tour gardens open (self-guided)	Facilitators in Atrium
	Registration	Atrium
	Vendor sales – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency
	Hosta Leaf Show – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency/Pine & Spruce
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Presidents' Meeting	Lisle Exec. Boardroom
4:00 pm - ?	Vendor and Hosta Leaf Show teardown	Regency
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Cocktails	Atrium
6:00pm – 7:00 pm	Banquet	Majestic
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Announcements, Awards, Previews	Majestic
7:30 pm	Guest Speaker: Mike Nowak	Majestic
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Convention Wrap-Up Meeting	Majestic
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hostatality	Parlor 811

**Sunday, July 14**

Morning	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
	Removal of remaining convention items from hotel	



PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION AND FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CONVENTION REGISTRANT

<b>HOSTA MANIA HEADQUARTERS (HMHQ)</b>	Hilton Lisle/Naperville 3003 Corporate West Drive Lisle IL 60532 630-505-0900 or 800-552-2599 Convention rate: \$96 + tax (includes breakfast at Allgauer's Restaurant, on-site), reserve by <b>6/20/2013</b> by calling the above numbers or using this direct internet link: <a href="http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NAPHIHF-CMRH-20130711/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG">www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NAPHIHF-CMRH-20130711/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG</a>
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**SPECIAL HOSTA MANIA CONVENTION EVENTS**

<b>SPECIAL TOUR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! Sign me up for the tour!	<b>FRIDAY JULY 12 at 8:30 am:</b> The spectacular Gardens of Ball are just minutes from HHMQ. They are not usually open to the public, so RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED for this FREE guided tour! More info at <a href="http://www.MRHS2013.org">www.MRHS2013.org</a> Preview the gardens at <a href="http://www.ballhort.com/ball/ball_gardens.aspx">www.ballhort.com/ball/ball_gardens.aspx</a>
<b>JUDGES CLINIC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! Sign me up for the clinic!	<b>FRIDAY JULY 12 at 8:00-11:00 am</b> An up-to-date handbook is required for the Judges Clinic and may be downloaded for free at <a href="http://www.hosta.org">www.hosta.org</a> <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to purchase the handbook (\$10) at the convention
<b>HOSTA SHOW</b> (See the show schedule at convention website)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I will judge!	
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I will clerk!	
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I will enter! Approximate Number _____ (NOTE: Maximum of 25 entries. Preparation begins Thursday July 11 at 1:00 pm)	
<b>AUCTION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! I will donate!	<input type="checkbox"/> Plants - approximate number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Non-plant items - approximate number _____
<b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHICKEN <input type="checkbox"/> PORK <input type="checkbox"/> VEGETARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL NEEDS: _____	
<b>SATURDAY BANQUET</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHICKEN <input type="checkbox"/> BEEF <input type="checkbox"/> VEGETARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL NEEDS: _____	
<b>ATTENDEE LIST</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES! Please include my name and address on the convention attendee list provided to all attending Hosta Maniacs	
<b>OTHER AREA GARDENS</b>	There is a wealth of other public gardens to visit on your own near HHMQ and around the Chicago area. Visit <a href="http://www.2013MRHS.org">www.2013MRHS.org</a> for a list. Don't forget to bring your membership card from your local botanical garden for reciprocal FREE entry to many of them.	

Visit our website for schedule and more late-breaking Hosta Mania information: [www.MRHS2013.org](http://www.MRHS2013.org)

**I'M A HOSTA MANIAC - HERE'S MY INFORMATION!**

Name (as you would like it to appear on your convention name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (for convention use only): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Saturday's Garden Tours will be self-guided. Parking is limited at many homes, so carpooling is recommended whenever possible and provides opportunities to better know other Hosta Maniacs! Hosta Mania Car Pool Central will be available at HHMQ to help form carpools, and you will be provided with explicit maps and precise driving directions.  
 If you know you will need a ride or that you can provide a ride, please let us know in advance!  
 I will need a ride  I will gladly offer a ride and can accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ passengers

Full Registration (postmarked before July 1, 2013):	\$119	_____	Send registration form(s) and checks payable to "NIHS 2013 Convention" to: Kristine James 523 E Calhoun Street Woodstock, IL 60098
Late Full Registration (postmarked July 1, 2013 or later):	\$149	_____	
Meals only Registration (Friday and Saturday dinners):	\$105	_____	
Judge's Handbook:	\$10	_____	
Total this registration form (please make a copy for your records):		_____	