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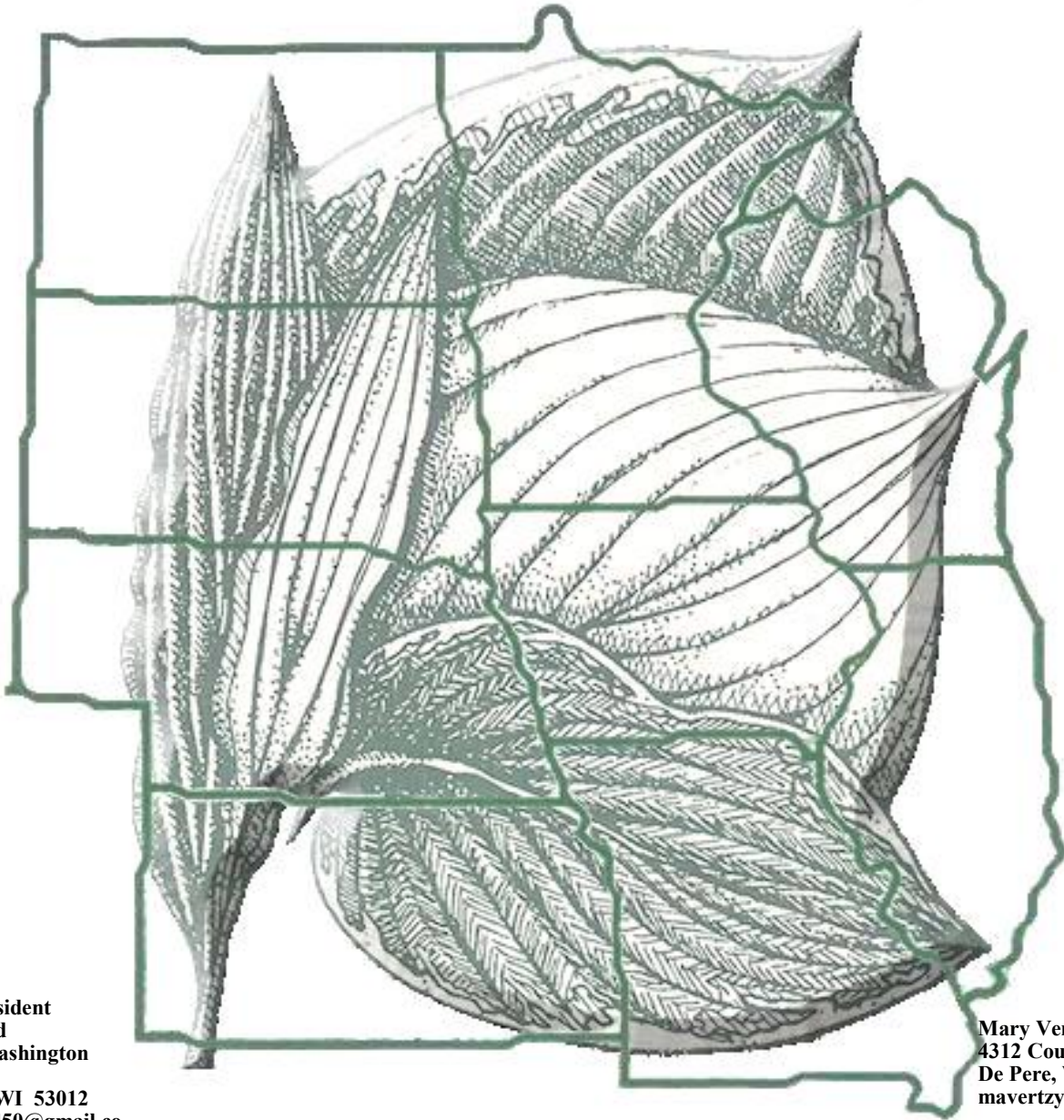
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WINTER SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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BACK TO THE FUTURE NORTH CAROLINA



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President's Message

Spring has finally arrived and as I write this on the last day of March crocus have already bloomed in my garden. Soon, hostas will be poking through and the gardening season will be in full swing.

In the last few weeks, my wife and I have been planning our summer, and this year it will include a trip to North Carolina for a visit to our daughter in Durham, the beach in Wilmington, and, coincidentally, the national AHS meeting in Raleigh. Bob and Nancy Solberg are hosting this year's event with the theme "Back to the Future." I look forward to a return to Tony Avent's Plant Delights Nursery, the tour gardens, and a side trip to the beautiful J C Ralston Arboretum. Plan on meeting me in Raleigh June 18-20. You may never again be able to attend a national meeting at such a bargain price.

After a couple weeks back in Cedarburg, WI to, no doubt, weed my garden, it's off to Dubuque, IA for the Midwest Regional Hosta Society meeting July 9-11. The Dubuque Regional Hosta Society invites you to "Rendezvous on the River." They last hosted the regional meeting in 2004 and I still remember the great time we had and spectacular gardens we visited. Can they top that experience 11 years later? You'll have to attend to find out!

I look forward to another great summer of sunshine, warm weather, and aggressive planting in my now 4 year old garden. I can't wait to see what new plants the vendors will have for us to purchase at the conventions. Here's to a season of grimy knees and dirty fingernails!

See you this summer.

Glenn Herold

MRHS President

Wanted

Host Societies for future MRHS Conventions. If your local group has never or not recently hosted a convention, please consider doing your part by hosting one of these convention openings, 2017, 2018, 2019.

An Overview of the 2015 Winter Scientific Meeting

By Lou Horton

The 2015 Winter Scientific Meeting was under new management and was held in a new location, namely the Northern Illinois University Conference Center in Naperville, IL. Needless to say, there was concern that the facilities would meet the group's needs and as always, there was concern about how the weather would affect attendance. Concerns on both accounts proved to be groundless.

Mark Rekoske of Richmond, IL. took over for Peter Postlewaite and assumed responsibility for choosing the host site for the meeting. Mark was aware that hotel related costs had been outstripping the revenue generated ever since the decision was made to provide presenters with compensation rather than ask them to bear the cost of their own transportation and hotel rooms. The Midwest Regional Hosta Society which sponsors and underwrites the Winter Scientific Meeting had been losing several thousand dollars a year on the event and Mark hoped to find a way to cut those losses while maintaining the quality of the amenities associated with it. He succeeded admirably. The NIU Conference Center is located only a little over a mile from our old location in Lisle, IL. The cost of its facilities was not only all inclusive but both the facilities and the food were an improvement over what hotels had previously provided at a lower cost per person.

As in the past, the Winter Scientific Meeting featured a group of fine speakers headlined by Bob Solberg of North Carolina and Mark Zilis of IL who always provide presentations which are thought provoking and insightful.

The 2016 edition of the WSM will involve some significant changes starting with the name of the event itself. There has been concern for some time that the name "Winter Scientific Meeting" imparts a connotation that the event deals with highly technical aspects of raising hostas and is not for the layperson. It was decided that a more "user friendly" name would be chosen by the members of the MRHS from a few choices submitted by the MRHS Board. To further encourage attendance by gardeners as well as hostaphiles, an effort will be made to include at least a couple of presentations not exclusively associated with hosta culture. Mark Zilis and Bob Solberg will continue to be featured presenters but there will be fresh viewpoints offered each year by the other speakers.

It was also decided to move the host hotel which in 2016 will be the Hampton Inn located directly across the street from the conference Center.

The date of the 2016 event will be Saturday, January 16th. Watch the MRHS newsletter and net site for further details later.

Sedges and Grasses for the Shade Garden

Glenn Herold

Cedarburg, WI

Glenn, the retired horticulture professor and current MRHS President, presented a very enlightening and educational talk on three families of grass related perennials for use in the shade garden. After presenting taxonomy of the Juncaceae (Rushes), Poaceae (Grasses), and Cyperaceae (Sedges), he shared photographs of some of each.

Two of his favorite Rushes for the shade are the Snowy Wood Rush (*Luzula nivea* 'Lucius') and the Corkscrew Rush (*Juncus effusus* 'Spiralis'). Each has a very distinctive look that adds interest in the shade garden along side Hostas.

Grasses that do well in the shade include Bulbous Oat Grass, Northern Sea Oats, and bottlebrush Grass. Several Japanese Forest Grasses were also highlighted. They included 'Aureola', 'Albo-striata', 'All Gold', and 'Beni-Kaze'. Glenn indicated that these varieties tend to be good choices for the shade garden, as they are not rapid spreaders.

Glenn also shared photographs and characteristics of some of his favorite sedges. Sedges or Carex, offer generally shorter, clumping habit in the shade garden. Some of those that were highlighted were 'Beatlemania', 'The Beatles', 'Treasure Island', 'Evergold', 'Ice Dance', 'Ice Fountains' and 'Silver Edge'. There were many more varieties presented.

The addition of Rushes, Grasses, and Sedges to the shade garden creates more interest through the added colors, textures, and variety of panicle or flower heads. Allowing them to remain in the garden over the winter also provides some interest to the garden during our dormant period.

Submitted by Barry R. Ankney

Rushes

Luzula nivea 'Lucius' (Snowy Wood Rush)

Juncus effusus 'Spiralis' (Corkscrew Rush)

Grasses for the Shade Garden

Arrhenatherum elatius bulbosum 'Variegatum' (Bulbous Oat Grass)

Chasmanthium latifolium (Northern Sea Oats)

'River Mist'

Elymus hystrix (= *Hystrix patula*) (Bottlebrush Grass)

Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' (Golden Variegated Japanese Forest Grass)

'Albo-Striata'

'All Gold'

'Beni-Kaze'

Sedges for the Shade Garden

Sedge characteristics

Carex caryophylla 'Beatlemania' (Mop Head Sedge)

'The Beatles'

Carex ciliatomarginata 'Treasure Island'

Carex elata 'Bowles Golden' (Tufted Sedge)

'Aurea'

Carex flacca (= *C. glauca*) (Blue-green Sedge)

'Blue Zinger'

Carex flagellifera 'Bronzita' (Weeping Brown Sedge)

Carex hachijoensis 'Evergold' (Japanese Sedge)

Carex morrowii 'Variegata' (Silver Variegated Japanese Sedge)

'Ice Dance'

Carex muskingumensis (Palm Sedge)

'Oehme'

'Ice Fountains'

'Little Midge'

Carex oshimensis (Oshima Sedge; Japanese Sedge)

'Evergold'

'Ice Cream'

Carex plantaginea (Plantain Sedge; Seersucker Sedge)

Carex platyphylla (Blue Satin Sedge)

'Silver Edge'

Carex siderosticha (Broad-leaved Sedge)

'Variegata'

'Banana Boat'

'Snow Cap'

Carex vulpinoidea (Fox Sedge)

Hybridizer's Perspective

By Rod Kuenster – a streaky kind of guy

Rod began with his hybridizing philosophy which is that he grows what he likes and he likes streaked hostas. But how did he get to this point? Rod has been gardening from young on, having grandparents that had a vegetable garden. Rod worked on farms in his youth picking berries, apples and veggies.

Rod has been married to Marnie for 35 years and they have three children, Abigail, Ben and Matilda. At their first home they had a small vegetable garden. Trees were also planted and the garden expanded, and as it did, Rod's interest turned to hybridizing daylilies. Predictably, the trees grew and as the shade increased the daylilies were phased out and hostas took over. Many of the earlier hostas were what Rod labels "greenies." Greenies are any hostas that are not streaked. Margined, centered, solid, they are still "greenies"! Did I mention that Rod likes streaked hostas?

Streaked hostas soon replaced the "greenies" as Rod planted 450 streaked hostas he obtained from other nurseries and other hosta aficionados. One of those contacts was Ed Elslager. Ed raved about the hybridizing benefits of Dorothy Benedict and Rod had found his future course to replace the other breeders' streaked hostas in his yard with those of his own creation.

The first of his own streaked plants was Cosmic Hippie, an F2 Dorothy Benedict seedling. The next generation brought Ma Breeder which produced better streaked seedlings. Many great photos accompanied Rod's presentations, illustrating the progression of his breeding program.

Discussion followed about planning crosses and setting goals, long term and short term: Long term will be several years and many crosses. Short term might be the next generation. What are you trying to produce? What would your ideal plant look like? Obviously, Rod's ideal would be streaked!

The main thing is to have fun. Don't make it a job.

Rod next described how he makes his crosses. And discussed the various ways of beating the bees. Mentioned were emasculating the flower, covering the scape with screen or bag, or just getting into the garden early which is Rod's choice. He then explained how he collects and plants his seed. All these were well described verbally and with photos.

Rod's own streaked hostas are his pod parents but he also has many plants including many "greenies" that he keeps as pollen donors. These may have the traits like better substance, wavy leaves or corrugation that

he wants to introduce into his breeding plants. Often he will use these for only one year and then move on to new pollen donors.

He is breeding in several different directions and since most of his breeders and his pollen donors have multiple genetics in their backgrounds, seedlings can vary greatly. Seedlings from the same cross or even the same pod can show very different characteristics.

Although some breeders use numbers for their seedlings, Rod prefers names. He has registered 40-50 of his plants.

Rod showed many photos of his very full growing area. This includes a shade structure at the rear of his lot that has multiple shelves holding 400 potted hostas. The sloping rear yard has terraced beds packed with hostas.

Many photos followed of a wide variety of streaked plants Rod originated. Did I mention that Rod likes streaked hostas?

Clearly Rod enjoys his hostas, especially the streaked ones but even a few “greenies.” He recommends talking to your hostas and if you do it with a beer in your hand that is even better. And, be sure to have fun, Rod certainly does.

Submitted by Owen Purvis

2015 Winter Scientific Meeting

Financial Summary

<u>Registrations</u>	106	
Revenue:		
Registration Fees	\$5,730.00	
Seed Auction Revenue	<u>\$1,465.46</u>	
Total Revenue:		\$7,195.46
Expense:		
Speaker Compensation	\$2,048.94	
Convention Center	\$4,793.47	
Miscellaneous-Printing & Support	<u>\$ 313.34</u>	
Total Expense:		\$7,155.75
Net :		\$ 39.71)

The State of the State of Hostadom

A review summary from a lecture given by Robert Soleberg

January 17, 2015

‘State ofs’ are generally perceived as tools to give both the good and bad situations confronting an organization. It is then topped with a shopping list and a ray a hope ending for the future. Bob’s state of the new hostas industry summary followed that template with a Winter Scientific audience hopefully leaving inspired as is Bob’s natural tendency when making presentations.

Bob sandwiched those positive AHS activities exemplified by on line auctions with regional and national meetings all displaying the strength of the AHS and the new hostas industry. The negative was mentioned in the discussion titled ‘End of the World’. This World’s end was created by the recent loss of two of the three major tissue culture supply companies for the nation’s local retail hosta nurseries. This loss was explained as the arrival of current new internet sources for plant material draining the traditional customer base. Aging gardeners and an aging America in general have led to fewer buyers. Fewer people are now available to man the organizational posts which help boost purchases through local organizations. Large cultivar purchases from past years have created mature gardens. These gardens are now unable to hold new purchases. Finally, cheap foreign labor undercut the American labor market with resulting price wars making it difficult for American tissue labs to make a profit.

The hosta industry is now rethinking itself based on current business structures beginning with tc labs, wholesalers and retailers, hybridizers and ending with the purchasing public. This future structure will reconfigure itself based on an evolving marketplace. The possibility of hybridizers marketing their products to the public through the internet or through a specific nursery team may return. This new model would then resemble the model prior to tissue culturing. Diminished wholesalers and tissue culture labs would follow. As a result inexpensive tissue cultured plants for both the wholesalers and retailers would follow. Future tc produced cultivars will rise due to lack of production created by the lack of labs.

Any future vitality of the new cultivar industry can only be assisted by collectors and hobbies involved with the social aspect of the industry, the local and national hosta societies. Bob listed assets necessary for individual societies to remain viable and promulgate the industry. For clubs to be viable they not only need leaders, but most importantly, dedicated workers. These will then generate speakers, plant sales, tours, and meetings. These events will then help generate new members. An added caveat, only the successful clubs will grow membership with positive meetings where negativity ie nematodes are not a focus. Meeting subject matter also

revolves about the genus hosta and not general garden topics ie birds or photography. Above all, board meeting topics are kept away from the general meeting.

Bob summarized the future of state of hostadom with several general possibilities. Possibility one will be an increase of new small tc labs to fill the just vacated void. Possibility two will be a return to divisions where clumps will be separated to create new sellable plants. The third possibility will be increased costs for both existing cultivars plus newly introduced plants based on a lack of supply. Bob's final possibility was a hoped for technology where demand will stimulate the creativeness needed for new and exciting hostas.

Winter Scientific attendees came away with two thoughts. Get out the pocketbook. Prices are going to rise. Thought two, devoted hosta gardeners will always find a way to 'keep the hobby party goin'.

Submitted by Randy Goodwin



Hostas on the Small Side

by Tom Micheletti

Tom presented information regarding the cultivation of small and miniature hostas and the special care needed for these varieties. Tom offered tips for growing small and minis both in ground and in containers. Special care to avoid winter heaving for those grown in ground was discussed.

Also he discussed and shared examples of containers and troughs that can be used for growing smaller hostas. Tom's method of storing container grown hostas included his method of watering in the winter by placing a snowball in each pot. As the snow melts, additional snowballs can be added; this provides winter moisture, without the risk of overwatering.

Companion plants for the smaller varieties of hostas was also covered. He provided some great photos of his own gardens with compatible companions for his hosta collection. He also offered some additional ideas for garden design using small and miniature cultivars. Ideas included grouping by "families", such as a collection of "mice" hostas. Additionally, use of miniatures hostas in "Fairy Gardens" was discussed and shown.

This was definitely another informative and entertaining presentation by one of our best known hosta experts.

Submitted by Barry R. Ankney





Your Input Needed

for Renaming the MRHS Winter Scientific Meeting

Based on input from many MRHS members who feel that "scientific" in the Winter Scientific Meeting held in Naperville, IL chases many would-be attendees away, the Executive Board has decided to change the name. This was a hard decision since the name has been with the January conference for over 20 years.

These are names that have been suggested:

- MRHS Winter Hosta Meeting**
- MRHS Winter Educational Conference**
- MRHS Winter Meeting**
- MRHS Hosta Educational Conference**
- MRHS Winter Conference**
- MRHS Winter Hosta Huddle**
- MRHS Winter Gathering**
- MRHS Friendship Conference**

If you like (or dislike) any of the above suggestions, or have a suggestion of your own, please email your proposed name to Glenn Herold at glenn.herold50@gmail.com

We will announce the final decision at the July conference in Dubuque.



Deeta Montgomery Award Winners

the "DeEtta Montgomery Outstanding Service Award" was established on July 13, 2007. It is to acknowledge a person or local society's contribution to benefit the Midwest Region. This award would be given at the discretion of the board or recommendation of a local society and would not necessarily be given every year.

2007	Deeta Montgomery (posthumously)
2008	Roger Koopmans
2009	Floyd Rogers
2010	Audra & Fred Wilson
2011	Irwin Johnson
2012	Tom Micheletti
2013	Carolyn Hamilton
2014	Bob Olson



Is your garden a home to the Sprites of Spring?

By Larry Tucker

We're all familiar with the Rites of Spring. How about the Sprites of Spring? With winter on the wane, you may have noticed evidence of these little folk, but don't confuse them with our outdoor nemesis, the vole, or our indoor adversary, the dust bunny.

I haven't been one to host the fairies, though I do believe they exist



Sprites of Spring, better known as garden custodians. Like leprechauns, these nymphs of nature rarely make themselves visible, but I've been told they do appreciate "hidey-hole" habitats in our stomping grounds. However, proceed with caution in your spring gardening, lest you tromp on one of these whimsical creatures surfacing for the season.

As you inspect emerging clumps of hostas, you may notice a "fairy ring," a lack of growth in the middle. This also is known as "centering out," where buds die, often due to lack of moisture. For those of you who believe in the little folk, that's where they danced in a circle.

Fairies often find garden habitats with the comforts of home. Before I dig any deeper into this topic, ask yourself: Would you trust an old-timer who grew up wearing knickers, eating food out of an icebox, patching inner tubes for bike tires and practicing penmanship with ink and blotter? Shari says I'm older than dirt, but I swear, I don't go as far back as fairies.

Whether you believe in them or not, fairies have been recognized for ages, sometimes as pixies, elves, imps or gremlins, to name a few. They manage good deeds and nefarious acts in stealth and silence, much to our surprise or chagrin. I'm quick to attribute many of my merry or maddening moments to little folk, but I must admit that some of those episodes could be traced to lucky, lackadaisical, coincidental, confused, clumsy, sloppy or simply "duh" decisions on my part.

Fairies have been known since the Middle Ages in England and France as *faeries*, *fayryes* or simply *fays*. You might imagine them as little angels or winged spirits, resembling Peter Pan's Tinker Bell or as tiny

versions of Santa's elves. Naughty fairies in Britain were imps. In Scandinavia, pixies or piskes were diminutive dwarfs, trolls or goblins. Scotland had similar sprites called brownies. Folklore describes many of these tiny tykes as woodland creatures with red hair, pointed ears and almond-shaped eyes, garbed in moss, grass and lichen. Though charming, most were reputed to be pranksters.

"Gremlin" was coined by British airmen to pin a muddled mission on some imaginary, invisible character or ghostly force. I have often assigned credit or blame to them. I did, in fact, know two gremlins, er, Gremlins, 40-some years ago, but that was when those pixie-size cars became economically essential.

My point today is that many of us would like to believe that fairies and their ilk creep into our lives. If you haven't noticed, there's an industry out there supporting the belief that little folk inhabit our gardens. Look at the endless supply of comforts provided by friends: miniature houses, benches, fences, arbors, swings, ladders, tables, chairs, signs, gates, tools, wishing wells, etc.

The hosta world also is strewn with evidence of their existence. We have 'Sugar Plum Fairy', 'Dixie Pixie',

'Fairy Frolic', 'Woodland Elf' and 'Little One', to name a few. I'm sure they all shed 'Tiny Tears'. Other perennial classifications show similar infatuation. Though not outwardly obvious, many retain names based on fairies, such as foxglove. Etymologists, who like me study words, say "fox" was a corruption of "folk's" and the flower resembled a thimble or finger-stall, hence "glove." One old-timey name for foxglove was "bloody fingers."



Hosta shows feature dish gardens, some with fairy furniture.

Now that gardening season is here again, take time to enjoy gardens that host the enchanting little folk. Also view a sanctioned hosta show, which is more than cut-leaf competition. You'll marvel at intricate dish gardens with tiny plants and miniature furniture. These shows are a feast for the eyes and the mind. They'll also tickle your senses about new possibilities in the garden. And they might even make you believe in the Sprites of Spring.

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The Quest for Red-Leaved Hostas

Hosta 'First Blush'

A few years ago, Hans Hansen and Tony Avent, two savvy hosta hybridizers, were circulating a picture of a hosta seedling displaying bright red color well into the leaves. It was exciting to say the least but alas, the seedling apparently had some faults that prevented it from ever coming to market. However, for hybridizers already working to extend the red petiole color up into the leaves of hostas, it was a grand preview of what could be. The quest for the illusive red-leaved hosta received a big boost and the race was on.

Now our friend and fellow Dixie Region hostaphile from North Carolina, Bob Solberg, has introduced his first red-leaved hosta, 'First Blush'. A seedling from Bob's *H. 'Beet Salad'*, it has a thin red margin on the leaves like 'Beet Salad', just much more dramatic. What really sets it apart, though, is the strong red "blush" which starts forming soon after the leaves unfurl and then extends across the leaf surface between the veins from the tip of the leaves down toward the petioles. Like red in so many hostas, the color is fleeting but according to Bob, it lasts up into the summer until temperatures in his garden reach about 92°F.



H. 'First Blush' is in low supply and high demand, so it is pricey as you probably might have already guessed. Bob's catalog lists it for \$75 which puts it beyond the reach of most hosta lovers. However, have patience. The price will come down over time. Is this a big step ahead in the quest for the elusive red-leaved hosta? As our hosta friends in Minnesota might say, "You Betcha!"

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Lollapalooza



Maple Leaf

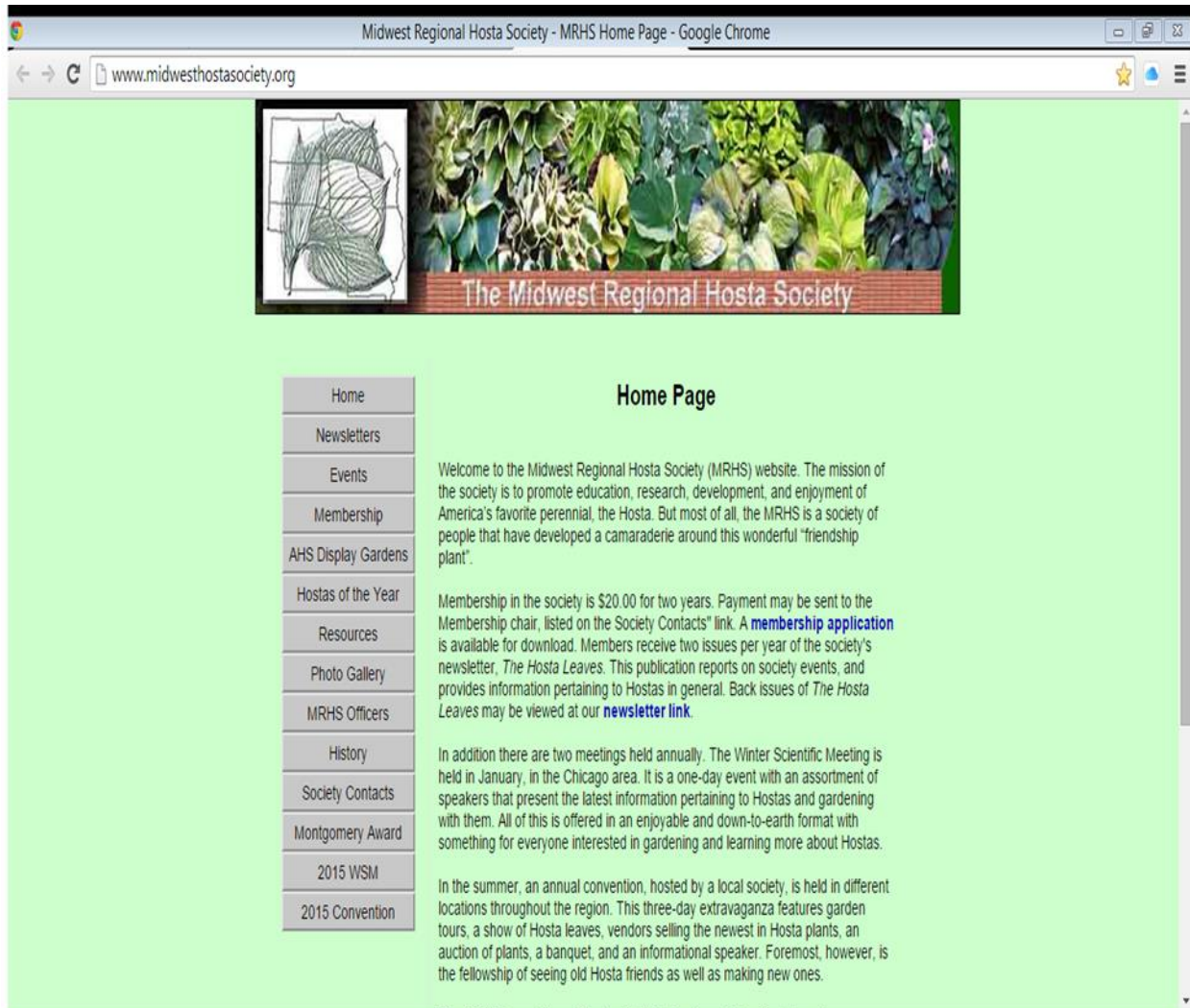


Five O'Clock Somewhere

MRHS Website Updated

After many years of faithful service to the Midwest Regional Hosta Society, Floyd Rogers decided to retire from his role as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. He passed the torch to Mary Vertz for the Editorship of the newsletter, and passed on the job of webmaster to Barry Ankney. Floyd wanted the website to be updated, so the process of reorganizing the website was begun.

It was decided to rebuild the website, rather than add to the existing site. So, the look of the new website, other than the banner is substantially changed. The new home page looks like this:



The main navigation menu is on the left side of the page. Simply click on the links to navigate to the selected page. Archived newsletters are available from the Newsletters Link. The Events Link provides information about both the Winter Scientific Meeting and the Regional Convention. By clicking on the Membership Link, you can print membership

forms for MRHS and AHS.

The AHS Display Gardens Link provides information about the AHS Display Garden Program and provides links to all of the Display Gardens in Region 5, listed by state. The Hosta of the Year Link lists the current and previous winners of the AHGA Hosta of the Year designation. The Resources Link provides links to educational information through the AHS Website and other resources of interest to hosta growers. The Photo Gallery Link takes you to the page where photos from the most recent Regional convention and WSM are displayed. Also some hosta photos and photos from the latest regional convention garden walks are available.

The MRHS Officers Link provides access to addresses and email links to your Board Members. The History page offers a history of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society as well as Bob Olson's History Article from the 2014 Newsletter. The Society Contacts Link provides contact information to all of the local societies in Region 5. The Montgomery Award Link gives information about the DeEtta Montgomery Outstanding Service Award and lists the previous winners. The 2015 WSM and 2015 Convention Links jump directly to those event pages.

I have tried to make the new website informative and easy to use. Your input about possible enhancements or additions is always welcome, so feel free to contact me with suggestions or comments. I want this to be your website.

Submitted by Barry R. Ankney, MRHS Webmaster



American Sweetheart

Welcome to the 2015 AHS Convention

Invitation

Nancy and Bob Solberg would like to invite you to come visit beautiful North Carolina next June and have nothing but fun at the 2015 American Hosta Society National Convention. It will be held in Raleigh, NC, June 18-20 at the Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown.

Our theme is "**Back to the Future**". We plan to combine the friendliness and simplicity of the conventions in the 90's while focusing on the future of hostas and hosta gardening. The Scientific Session will be a view of the best unnamed seedlings from hybridizers all over the world. There will be a containerized competition for seedlings and sports in the Hosta Show also, and the tour gardens will demonstrate the latest in hosta container gardening which is taking the South by storm. And **yes, we have buses for everyone**, because it is "greener" and for our tours they just make good sense.

Schedule

2015 AHS Convention dates are Thursday- Saturday, June 18-20, 2015 with optional tours on your own on Wednesday, June 17. See the [Schedule](#) "Schedule" page for schedule details.

Registration

Registration for the Convention is \$230. The deadline for registration is May 1, 2015. Go to the [Registration](#) page for details on how to register for the 2015 AHS Convention.

Hotel

Hilton North Raleigh North/Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, 919-872-2323. Special Double Room Rate \$105.00. Go to the [Hotel](#) page for more information how to make your hotel reservation and to link to the hotel website.

Tour Gardens

Scientific Session

Speakers

Hosta Show

Vending

Auction

Things To Do

North Carolina is a wonderful place to visit; it is called "Variety Vacationland". From the mountains to the coast there are memorable sights to discover and enjoy.

Finally, there will be the usual meetings, judging clinics and an Awards Banquet on Saturday night. We will also provide a list of public gardens and nurseries that you can visit before or after the convention on your own. For more information, go to the [Links](#) page.

Nancy and I hope you will plan to extend your stay here and make a vacation out of your trip. We promise you a different look at hosta gardening, here in the South, maybe a little more practical or maybe just a little more tropical. So bring your flip flops and we'll do the driving. Remember, it's all about having fun!!! Hope to see you there.
See you at the convention!

Bob and Nancy Solberg

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2015 AHS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

June 18-20, 2015 – Raleigh, North Carolina

BACK TO THE FUTURE - hosted by Bob and Nancy Solberg

1. COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT. PLEASE ENTER NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE.

First Name : _____ Last Name: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

2. HOSTA SHOW/JUDGING RELATED EVENTS

Do you plan to attend: Judging Clinic I (Wed. evening)? * Yes ___ No ___ Judging Clinic (Thurs. morning) II? * Yes ___ No ___
Judging Clinic III (Friday evening)* Yes ___ No ___ *A new Judges Handbook is required - downloadable for free at www.hosta.org
or available for purchase at the clinic (\$10.00). Check here if you like to purchase a Handbook: _____
Div. VI - Artistic Design and Div. VII - Specialty categories and specific instructions may be obtained through the AHS Web site,
www.hosta.org, or the 2015 convention web site, www.2015ahsconvention.com.
I plan to: Enter ___ Judge ___ Clerk ___
Please indicate number of entries you plan to submit in each Division:
I – Cut Leaf # _____ II – Container Grown # _____ III – Troughs/containers # _____ IV - Educational Displays # _____
Non-Competitive Exhibits # _____ VI – Artistic Design # _____ VII – *Specialty (Container): Unnamed Seedlings # _____ Sports # _____
*We reserve the right to limit number of entries; please see Show Rules.

3. REGISTRATION FEE

Full Registration (Wednesday through Saturday, including Thursday Bus Tour/Picnic at Plant Delights Nursery, Friday Breakfast
Friday Box Lunch and Tour Garden Buses, Saturday Breakfast, Bus tour to Green Hill Farm, Saturday Lunch and Banquet
Full Registration..... **\$230.00** \$ _____
Saturday Banquet Only (NO TOURS)..... **\$40.00** \$ _____
LATE FEE: Full Registration After May 1, 2015..... **\$50.00** \$ _____
NO REFUNDS AFTER June 8, 2015
Hosta Hybridizer? Do you plan to send Bob 3 seedling pics for the Scientific Session? Yes ___ Send to HostaBob@gmail.com
Friday box lunch requests (please circle one): Beef Chicken Vegetarian Gluten Free
Banquet meal requests (please circle one): Chicken Pork Vegetarian Gluten Free

4. MAIL THIS FORM AND REMITTANCE

Check Enclosed: Payable to AHS 2015 Convention: \$ _____ (Include Registration, Late Fee, Handbook if applicable)
Or Credit Card: Visa ___ MC ___ AmEx ___ Disc ___
Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Code on Back _____
Name as it appears on card: _____ ***\$10.00 Credit Card Fee**
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IN US \$ _____ (INCLUDE Registration, Late Fee, Handbook, Convenience Fee if applicable). Payment must be made in US funds and drawn on a US bank.

Mail to: Sandie Markland, Convention Treasurer, P.O. Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948-7539

5. I will donate plants or items for the Live Auction (proceeds to go AHS) Yes (approx. #)

6. HOTEL RESERVATIONS. Make reservations DIRECTLY with the hotel.

HILTON NORTH RALEIGH/MIDTOWN, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609-7330
Make your reservation at the **Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown** at www.3hilton.com or by calling **919-872-2323**. Tell them you are with the American Hosta Society. Group rate is \$105.00/Double Room, plus applicable taxes.

2015 MRHS Convention *A Hosta Rendezvous*



When: July 9-11, 2015

Where: Holiday Inn, 450 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001
563-556-2000 888-465-4329 (reserved Rate is \$124) [Hotel Information](#)

Gardens: There will be 6 gardens to tour on Saturday. Gardens include Jim's Hostas (Jim and Karen Schwarz), Mary Ann Emery, Don and Mary Kay Wood, Ed and Jean Schulz, David and Barbara Leifker, and The Hosta Leaf (Bob and Julia Hackbarth) (Optional Bus Tour with boxed lunch \$30 per person - limited to the first 50 paid advance registrants.) [2015 Tour Gardens](#)
Sunday - Optional garden tours (information provided at registration)

Dining: Thursday - Optional River Cruise with dinner (Prime Rib or Chicken) on the [Spirit of Dubuque](#). Special rate of \$50.00 per person. Limited to 60 registrants.

The following meals are included with your registration:

Friday - Dinner BBQ at the [Arboretum](#).

Saturday - Continental Breakfast and Evening Banquet

Registration: Printable [Registration Form](#).

Convention Schedule: Printable [Schedule](#).

Hosta Seedling Competition: [Seedling Competition Information](#).

Mark your calendar now.

For more information Contact Cheryl Hird 563-557-1535 [Email](mailto:chird5@mchsi.com) chird5@mchsi.com

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention 2015

HOSTA RENDEZVOUS

REGISTRATION FORM – Dubuque Iowa

Thursday-Saturday, July 9th, 10th & 11th, 2015



Holiday Inn

450 Main St. Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-556-2000 / 1-888-465-4329

Make reservations directly with hotel. Reserved rooms for the convention are \$124. Mention the convention for this block of rooms.

\$110.⁰⁰ Registration fee per person when postmarked on or before to June 15th, 2015.

\$150.⁰⁰ Registration fee per person when postmarked **after June 15th, 2015.**

Registration fee includes: 3 meals (Friday evening meal, Saturday: continental breakfast and evening banquet). Fee also includes hosta leaf show, seedling show, speakers, hospitality room, vendors, and the hosta auction!

Bus transportation to all six gardens **optional** at \$30 per person including a box lunch. Limited to first 50 paid registrations. Maps will be provided to everyone who wants to drive to the gardens.

Mail to: Don Wood, 902 Farrell Ct., Dubuque, IA. 52001
Phone: 563-556-5635 Email: DRHS4@hotmail.com
Make check payable to "Dubuque Regional Hosta Society" or "DRHS"

Please type or print below, as you want your convention badges to read.

Name :	
Include name with city & state in Convention attendants list?	Yes ___ No ___
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	
*Dinner choices, Sat. evening banquet: Pork ___ Salmon ___ Chicken ___ Veg. Lasagna ___	
Plants for Sat. MRHS Auction – All proceeds to MRHS	Donate plants? Yes ___ No ___
Hosta Leaf Show: Willing to judge? Yes ___ No ___	Compete in show? Yes ___ No ___
Cut-Leaf ___ Container-Grown ___ Trough/Container ___	Educational Display ___ Artistic Display ___

The 2015 Hosta Seed Growers Seedling Competition will be held during the 2015 Midwest Convention. Registration required and made directly with them by July 1 deadline. Registration form can be found on the Midwest Hosta Society website.

Optional Thursday evening Prime Rib/Chicken Dinner Cruise: Special \$50 rate for convention attendees. See cruise website for details: dubuqueriverrides.com. Boarding at 5:30, cruise 6:00 to 8:00. Minimum of 20 and maximum of 65 by June 9, if we do not have the minimum number by June 9, we will refund your payment at registration.

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you have special menu (vegetarian), dietary, bus seating or other requirements, please indicate your preferences on a separate sheet and submit it with this registration form. Our best effort will be made to accommodate these preferences. Our bus is not wheelchair accessible.
- If you would like confirmation of your registration, list a valid email address or enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- **Refund Policy:** Refunds are made for cancelations before June 1st, otherwise after the bills are paid if funds are available. Dinner Cruise refunds as listed above.

***Menu:** Stuffed Pork Chops,
Pecan Crust Salmon, Stuffed
Chicken Cordon Blue, Vegetarian
Lasagna. **Indicate in Dinner
Choices above.**

Registration –	Postmark by 6/15/15	\$ _____
Late Registration -	Postmark after 6/15/15	\$ _____
Optional bus tour Display Gardens / box lunch -	\$30/person	\$ _____
Thurs. Dinner Cruise (include e-mail to notify if canceled)		\$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT		\$ _____

NOTE: Dinner Cruise Registration deadline is JUNE 9

2015 MRHS Convention *A Hosta Rendezvous*



Hosta Seed Growers Seedling Competition

When: July 10-11, 2015

Where: Holiday Inn

450 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

563-556-2000 888-465-4329(reserved Rate is \$124) [Hotel Information](#)

Registration: Printable [Registration Form](#).

Seedling Competition Rules: Printable [2015 Seedling Competition Rules](#).

AHGA Hostas of the Year



2015 Hosta of the Year
'Victory'

**The
Dubuque Regional Hosta Society
In conjunction with
Midwest Regional Hosta Society
Proudly Presents**



To be held at:
Holiday Inn
150 Main St.
Dubuque, Iowa 5201
July 9 through 11, 2015

Show open to public Friday July 10, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday July 11, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Artistic Design Division is accredited by
The National Garden Clubs, Inc.

This Hosta Show is Accredited by
THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

Convention Schedule

Thursday, July 9, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Vendor setup	3 Meeting Rooms, 1 st Floor
9:00 a.m.	Hosta Show set up	Clarion, Dubuque Rooms
2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Registration	Main Lobby
5:30-8:00 p.m.	Optional River boat cruise	
4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Receive auction plants	Blue Moon Room, Lower Level
6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Preparation and entry for Hosta Show	Iowa Meeting Room
3:00- 9:00 p.m.	Vendor Sales	3 Meeting Rooms Main Floor
8:00- 10:00 p.m.	Hostality Room open	J.S. Deluxe 4 th Floor

Friday, July 10, 2015

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Preparation & entry for Leaf Show	Iowa Meeting Room
9:00 a.m.-12:00	Registration	Main Lobby
9:30 a.m. -10:30	Board Business Meeting	Goodtime Meeting Room
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Receive auction plants	Blue Moon Room, Lower Level
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Receive Seedling Show plants	Iowa Meeting Room
9:00 a.m.-11:00	Judging Clinic I	J.S. Deluxe 4 th Floor
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 7:00-10:00	Vendor Sales	3 Meeting Rooms Main Floor
12:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.	Speaker Josh Spece	Blue Moon Room, Lower Level
1:30-2:30	Speaker Sara Carpenter	Blue Moon Room, Lower Level
11:30 a.m.-12:30	Luncheon for Judges and Clerks	Dining Room, Main Level
12:30 -2:30 p.m.	Judging of Hosta Leaf Show	Grand Ballroom
2:30.-5:00 p.m.	Hosta Show open to public	Grand Ballroom
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Picnic Buffet Dinner served 5:30-6:30	Dubuque Arboretum
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Garden Tour info and ride share matching	J.S. Deluxe 4th Floor
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Seedling Show Viewing/ Ballot- ing	Iowa Meeting Room
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hostality Room open	J.S. Deluxe 4th Floor

Saturday, July 11, 2015

6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Sunrise Morning Buffet	Blue Moon Room, Lower Level
6:30 a.m.-7:00 a.m.	Load Bus	Front of Hotel
7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Tour Host Gardens	
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Vendor Sales	3 Meeting Rooms, Main Floor
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hosta Leaf and Seedling Show Open to public	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	- Vendor tear down Leaf and Seedling Show Tear down	Pick up by silent auction winners
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Cash Bar; View Auction Plants	
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet	Blue Moon Room, Lower Level
8:00	Auction; Business Meeting	Blue Moon Room, Lower Level
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hostality Room open	J.S. Deluxe 4 th Floor

GENERAL SHOW RULES

- 1. Anyone who wishes to exhibit may do so. However, Section and higher awards are limited to AHS or MRHS members. Any exhibitor who is not an AHS or MRHS member and wins a section or higher award will be asked to become a member. If the winner refuses membership, the Show Chair may either present the award to the next qualified entry or leave the award vacant.**
- 2. Entries will be received from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 9, 2015 and from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 10, 2015.. Entries received after 11:00 A.M. will be placed in a non-competitive exhibit area without exception. Judging will begin at 12:30 P.M. All entries must remain in place until 4:00 Saturday, July 11, 2015. Entries must be removed by 5:00 P.M. Entries remaining after 5:00 P.M. will be disposed of by the Staging Committee. Entry tags, ribbons, and awards may also be claimed from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**
- 3. Entry tags must be properly completed by the exhibitor. Incorrect entry tag information will be corrected by the Classification Committee and entries may be disqualified at the discretion of the Classification Committee.**
- 4. During the time of judging, only the Show Chair, Show Co-Chair, AHS Judges Chair, Judges, and Clerks are permitted in the immediate judging areas.**
- 5. Divisions I-Horticulture, II-Container Grown Hosta, III-Trough/ Container Gardens Arranged For Effect and IV-Educational Displays will be judged by panels of three to four American Hosta Society show judges including one master judge per panel. The American Hosta Society Point Scoring System will be used to break a tie in judging major awards. Each panel of judges will be the final authority of each class it judges.**
- 6. Division VI-Artistic Design will be judged by National Council of Flower Show Judges.**
- 7. All decisions of the judges are final.**
- 8. Care will be taken, but no responsibility shall be incurred by any person, group, or organization for any accidents, damages, injuries, thefts, or omissions or commissions of any kind or nature from this show.**
- 9. All entries designated as registered cultivars and species shall either be listed in the current year's AHS Hosta Show Classification List or shall have had registration data recorded in an official publication of The American Hosta Society by the date of the show in order to be considered registered for show purposes.**

10. For all show divisions, provided entries score the minimum points, each sub-class (or class if there are no sub-classes or section if there are no classes) is allowed the awarding of only one blue, one red, one yellow, and one white ribbon. In Division I, Sections I-V and Section XI, each registered cultivar or species constitutes a separate name sub-class. Each seedling or sport entry in Sections VI-X is a separate sub-class and is eligible for any ribbon. For Section XII, each unregistered named cultivar constitutes a separate name sub-class within each alphabetical letter class.

11. Division I – Horticulture (Cutleaf) Rules

Containers will be provided by the MRHS Hosta Society on a first come basis.

Bloom scapes are not permitted in this division.

Sections I – V (Registered Cultivars and Species), XI (Youth Exhibits) and XII (Unregistered Named Cultivars) require ONE leaf per entry. Sections VI – X require TWO leaves per entry. Sports shall be indicated on the entry tag as “Sport of (Name of Cultivar)”. Seedlings shall be indicated on the entry tag as “Seedling (Hybridizer’s Identification Number)”.

An exhibitor may enter more than one horticultural specimen in a single class provided each entry is of a different variety. Multiple entries of the same cultivar are not permitted. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.

Persons placing entries in Section XI-Youth Exhibits must be 18 years of age or younger as of the date of the show.

All leaves entered should be representative of the plant as a whole and should be taken from plants approaching maturity.

12. Division II – Container Grown Hosta Rules

Container-grown hostas must have been grown by the exhibitor and must be established in the containers in which they are grown. Only registered cultivars or hosta species may be exhibited in this division and only one hosta may be grown in each container. Container and plant must be clean. The plant should be centered in the container. Inner containers or container liners are allowed but must not be visible. Only one type of ground cover material is allowed per exhibit. Ground covers may be any natural non-living material such as bark chips or stones, or an indigenous moss of one variety only.

13. Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect Rules

Self – contained trough or container gardens of any size may be entered for judging as an arrangement.

Multiple varieties of hosta and other plant material may be used. Hostas must be a strong focal point of the entry. No artificial plant material is allowed. Plants and container must be clean. Accessories are permitted.

Individual plants need not be identified. However, if the exhibitor would like to identify the material, an identification ledger card to the side of the exhibit is acceptable.

14. Division IV – Educational Displays Rules

Educational displays must pertain to Hosta.

15. Division V – Non-Competitive Exhibits Rules

Entries in this division are not judged. The exhibit may be a single cut leaf, a hosta bloom scape, a container grown plant, or any other display deemed to be of interest to the show observers. However, the plant material must be hosta predominant, the exhibit must be tastefully presented, and the material must be in good condition. The Show Chair may refuse placement of any exhibit that does not meet these requirements.

16. Division VI – Artistic Design Rules

Hosta leaves must be the predominant foliage in the design. Some dried and/or treated plant materials and hosta blooms are permitted. No artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage may be used. Contrived flowers made from hosta leaves are permitted.

An exhibitor may enter one entry per class. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor but the design work must be the work of the exhibitor.

Staging for all classes will be skirted tables that are 30” deep by 30” wide and covered with white tablecloths. Back-ground is beige-colored walls. Overlays and accessories are permitted but should not exceed dimensions set in the class rules. The Artistic Design committee reserves the right to move an entry to improve spacing if the exhibitor is unavailable to do so. Pre-registration is required. Exhibitors are requested to register their entries in advance on convention registration or with Ed Schulz, at 563 556-6076 or email eschulz@bernhardtel.com. The Design Chair will provide additional class definitions, rules and requirements, and exhibition instructions upon registration.

In each class, the designer is asked to interpret the class title.

SHOW DIVISIONS

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE (Cutleaf)

Section I Giant-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section II Large-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section III Medium-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section IV Small-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section V Miniature-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section VI Giant-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings

Section VII Large-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings

Section VIII Medium-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings

Section IX Small-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings

Section X Miniature-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings

Section XI Youth Exhibits of Registered Cultivars and Species

Displayed in Alphabetical Order

Section XII Unregistered Named Hosta Cultivars

Displayed in Alphabetical Order

Entries in Sections I-X are to be displayed using the following Color Classes:

Class 1 – Green (All Shades)

Class 2 – Blue (All Shades)

Class 3 – Yellow (All Shades)

Class 4 – White Margined

a. Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center

b. Green to Blue Center

Class 5 – Yellow Margined

a. Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center

b. Green to Blue Center

Class 6 – Green or Blue Margined

a. Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center

b. Green to Blue Center (distinct from margin color)

Class 7 – Streaked or Mottled

Class 8 – Others (including early season variants)

DIVISION II – CONTAINER GROWN HOSTA

Section I Container Displays Not exceeding a Total Height or Width of 18 Inches

Section II Container Displays with Height or Width of Greater Than 18 Inches

DIVISION III – TROUGH/CONTAINER GARDENS ARRANGED FOR EFFECT

Section I Concrete Composite

Section II Ceramic, Terra Cotta, Bronze and Other Metals

Section III Plastics and all man-made materials

Section IV Natural Materials, Stone, Wood, Baskets, etc.

DIVISION IV – EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

DIVISION V – NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

DIVISION VI – ARTISTIC DESIGN

Class I Rendezvous Roundabout

Create a design depicting a meeting around a campfire. Design should be circular incorporating elements of harmony. Accessories permitted.

Class II New Diversity

Use only splashed, margined or variegated leaves. Dubuque was mainly settled by Germans and Irish immigrants. Now with 5 colleges and new industry diversity is very evident. Design should be free flowing and vibrant. Accessories Permitted.

Class III Trees and Green Valleys

Oak and walnut trees are still abundant in the tri-state area.

Design should express tree height and valley depth. Solid colored leaves only and only weathered wood and natural stone for accessories.

Pre-registration is required for exhibition in this division. Size of Artistic Design entries are limited to 24x30x36 high. Contact the leaf show chair for additional class definitions and requirements, and exhibition instructions.

SHOW AWARDS

Best of Show - Horticulture – Awarded to the best species or registered cultivar entry in Division I – Horticulture and is selected from the section winners in Sections I-V and Section XI. (Please note that entries in Section XII – Unregistered Named Cultivars are not eligible to receive this award.) This award is a large triple streamer blue and white rosette ribbon and a prize.

Best Seedling or Sport Award – Awarded to the best seedling or sport entry in Division I – Horticulture and is selected from the section winners in Sections VI-X. This award is a large triple streamer green and white rosette ribbon and prize.

Best Artistic Design Award – Awarded to the best entry in Division VI-Artistic Design. This award is chosen from the Best of Class winners in the division. The award is a large triple streamer blue and white rosette ribbon and prize.

Sweepstakes Award – Awarded to the exhibitor who wins the largest number of blue ribbons in Division I – Horticulture. (In case of a tie, count red ribbons, then yellow ribbons if necessary to break the tie.) This award is a certificate, and a medium triple streamer blue rosette ribbon and prize.

Grand Awards – Awarded to the best entries in Division II – Container Grown Hosta, Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Ef-

fect, Division IV – Educational Displays, and Division VI – Artistic Design. In order to win, entries must have scored 95 points. For Divisions II and III, Grand Awards will be chosen from the Section Award winners. These awards are medium triple streamer purple rosette ribbons and prizes.

Section Awards – Awarded to the Best of Section winners in divisions containing sections. All section award winners must have scored at least 95 points. These awards are medium single streamer purple ribbons.

Class Awards – Awarded to Best of Class winners in divisions containing classes. All class award winners must have scored at least 95 points. These awards are single streamer green ribbons.

The following ribbon awards are awarded in accordance with rules set forth by AHS:

First Place Blue Ribbons – Entries must score 90 or more points to receive this award.

Second Place Red Ribbons – Entries must score 85 or more points to receive this award.

Third Place Yellow Ribbons – Entries must score 80 or more points to receive this award.

Fourth Place White Ribbons - Entries must score 75 or more points to receive this award. AHS

Special Award – Best entry of H. ‘Victory’ , Hosta of the year for 2015

AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

POINT SCALES FOR JUDGING HOSTA

REGISTERED CULTIVARS AND SPECIES

DIVISION I, SECTIONS I – V and SECTION XI

Form 15

Size 15

Color and Pattern 25

Texture 15

Substance 15

Condition and Grooming 15

TOTAL POINTS 100

UNREGISTERED NAMED HOSTA CULTIVARS

DIVISION I, SECTION XII

Form 15

Size 15

Color and Pattern 25

Texture 15

Substance 15

Condition and Grooming 15

TOTAL POINTS 100

UNREGISTERED SEEDLINGS AND SPORTS

DIVISION I, SECTIONS VI – X

Distinction 50

Form and Size 10

Color and Pattern 10

Texture 10

Substance 10

Condition and Grooming 10

TOTAL POINTS 100

CONTAINER GROWN HOSTA

DIVISION II

Form 15

Size 15

Color and Pattern 25

Texture 10

Substance 10

Condition and Grooming 15

Container 10

TOTAL POINTS 100

TROUGH/CONTAINER GARDENS ARRANGED FOR EFFECT

DIVISION III

Variety 20

Condition 30

Arrangement 30

Container Relative to Arrangement 20

TOTAL POINTS 100

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

DIVISION IV

Educational Value 50

Theme, Originality, Materials Used

Staging 50

Arrangement, Attractiveness, Neatness

TOTAL POINTS 100

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

DIVISION V

Not Judged – No Scale of Points

ARTISTIC DESIGN

DIVISION VI

Conformance 20

Design 42

Artistic Concept 12

Expression 10

Distinction 16

TOTAL 100

SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair Ed Schulz

Show Co-Chair None

Classification Chair Bob Hird

Clerks Chair Jean Schulz

Design Chair Ed Schulz

Hospitality and Membership Chair Judy Mettler

Judges Chair Cindy Tomashek

Placement Chair Jim Huseman

Publicity Chair Mary Ann Emery

Registration-Exhibitor Assistance Chair Don Wood

Schedule Chair Jean Schulz

Staging and Dismantling Chair Ed Schulz

Tabulation Chairs Sally Stewart and Carolyn Hamilton

Midwest Regional Hosta Society

Minutes of the Board

January 16, 2015

Call to order 8:07pm

Present: Glenn Herold, Lou Horton, Barb Schroeder, Mark Rekoske, Mary Ann Metz, Barry Ankney

Approval of minutes from June, 2014 (Barb,Lou.) Approved

Treasurer's report

2014 Expenses came in under budget while income was greater than budget resulting in a surplus of \$781.09

Budget for 2015 projects a \$200 surplus

Convention updates

2015 - Dubuque

2016 - No site as of this meeting

Contact Phyllis Weidman 6 months ahead to schedule time for meeting

Don Dean would need to approve silent auction for MRHS

Contact Davenport (Sally Stewart) about 2016

Saturday Note: Thanks to Barb and the Illinois Prairie Hosta Society for volunteering to host 2016 in Champaign, IL!

Montgomery award

Two nominees were suggested and discussed. Lou moved to award Nominee #1, Mary Ann seconded; Approved unanimously, with one abstention.

Other

1. Elimination of free newsletters

9 comps now being sent to display gardens. This will no longer be done. Newsletter will be sent electronically if the gardens are interested.

2. Surcharge to those who receive hard copies of newsletters.

41 of 250 members receive mailed copies at a postage cost of \$2.15 each time plus printing cost . \$1486/year spent on mailing 82 newsletters

Proposed that we have 2 tiers of membership: \$10/year for electronic newsletters, \$30 to receive a hard copy. Moved by Barb to start this two tier membership cost in 2016, seconded by Lou. Approved unanimously.

Mentioned that it should be specified on the application form that the newsletter is electronic.

3. Nomination of officers for 2015-17

- a. President - must be replaced
Cindy Tomashek and Tom Micheletti were mentioned as possibilities. Glenn will contact Cindy first.**
- b. Vice President - Mary Ann must be replaced
Barry stated that he would volunteer.**
- c. Secretary - Katherine willing to stay**
- d. Treasurer - Barb will stay**
- e. Member at large - Pat Gwidt will remain.**
- f. Newsletter Editor - Mary Vertz, just getting started**

4. Barb proposed WSM being held in alternate years. Discussion followed.

Majority would like to see it continue annually.

Look for ways to reduce costs and increase attendance.

Barb spend lots of time this year entering seed auction data. Not interested in doing all that next year. Auction brings in about \$1000 per year. Will talk about continuing it or not at summer convention.

Rethink the WSM name; address this in summer.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Glenn Herold, President

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

ALL ACCOUNTS

Category	2014 Actual	2014 Budget	Difference	Notes	2016 Budget To be approved in June 2015
Income:					
Convention	\$9,322.96	\$4,000.00	\$5,322.96		\$5,000.00
Income-Interest	\$119.16	\$0.00	\$119.16		\$0.00
Membership	<u>\$2,312.29</u>	<u>\$2,210.00</u>	<u>\$102.29</u>		\$2,300.00
Subtotal	\$11,754.41	\$6,210.00	\$5,544.41	Actual over Budget	\$7,300.00
Expense:					
Award-Montgomery	-\$103.28	-\$200.00	\$96.72		-\$200.00
Awards-AHS	\$0.00	-\$100.00	\$100.00		-\$200.00
Grants	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	-\$563.20	-\$100.00	(\$463.20)	For U of I Plaque, and misc	-\$100.00
Newsletter	-\$1,486.74	-\$1,600.00	\$113.26		-\$1,600.00
Internet Site	-\$692.85	-\$200.00	(\$492.85)	Paid 5 years out	\$0.00
Winter Scientific 2014	<u>-\$6,212.84</u>	<u>-\$4,000.00</u>	<u>(\$2,212.84)</u>		\$0.00
Winter Scientific 2015	<u>\$2,640.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,640.00</u>		-\$4,000.00
Subtotal	(\$6,418.91)	(\$7,200.00)	\$781.09	Actual under Budget	(\$7,100.00)

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget
1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014 cont'd

Totals	<u>\$5,335.50</u>	<u>(\$990.00)</u>	<u>TOTAL Income was better than budgeted and expenses were lower than budgeted</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
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Account Balances:

Checking	\$24,120.43
Savings	\$0.00
Mutual Fund	<u>\$23,876.98</u>
Total Assets	\$47,997.41

Respectfully sub-
mitted,

Barbara Schroeder

Treasurer

December 31, 2014

Editor's Note:

A Big Thanks to Floyd for all the hard work he has put into developing our newsletter to what it is today. He has been great in passing on information to help me out with my first newsletter as editor. If you have any suggestions or articles for future newsletter, please send to mavertzy@gmail.com.

If you are getting this newsletter by "snail mail", please help save money and request your next newsletter be sent by email.

Happy Spring! Looking forward to seeing everyone in Dubuque!

Mary

AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

We invite you to join over 3,000 other hosta enthusiasts as members of the American Hosta Society. Members receive two issues per year of The Hosta Journal, which includes color photographs of hostas, reports on national conventions, scientific information concerning current research having to do with hostas, and advertisements of interest to hosta families. A third publication is the Online Journal. Membership checks should be made out to "AHS," and mailed to Sandie Markland, AHS Membership Secretary, P O Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Dues for one year are \$30 for an individual and \$34 for a family. Joining AHS will enable you to attend our national conventions. <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/>

Advertise in the
Hosta Leaves

Full Color Ads:			
Size	Single Issue	Full Year	Dimensions
Full page	\$275	\$475	6½" x 9½"
1/2 page	175	300	6½" x 4½"
1/4 page	90	155	3⅜" x 4½"
1/8 page	45	80	3⅜" x 2"
Black & White Ads:			
Size	Single Issue	Full Year	Dimensions
Full page	\$100	\$175	6½" x 9½"
1/2 page	55	95	6½" x 4½"
1/4 page	40	70	3⅜" x 4½"
1/8 page	30	50	3⅜" x 2"

Contact Mary Vertz for publishing deadlines and more details. (920) 336-7678 or mavertzy@gmail.com

Wanted

Host Societies for future MRHS Conventions. If your local group has never or not recently hosted a convention, please consider doing your part by hosting one of these convention openings in 2017, 2018., 2019

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY
SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

Mary Vertz
4312 County Road PP
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MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY

Our Regional Society is composed of over 300 members in AHS Region Five (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) and many members from other states. We publish a twice-a-year newsletter, hold an annual convention each summer, and hold the Winter Scientific Meeting each January in Schaumburg, Illinois. To join, or renew membership, please send a check for \$20 (ten dollars per year) to Barb Schroeder, .1819 Coventry Drive, Champaign, IL 61822.

This summer's convention will be held in Dubuque, Iowa and Champaign, Il in 2016. Our conventions include a Hosta Show; a Judges' Clinic; garden tours; speakers; vendors of hostas, companion plants, and garden art; a lively auction; a sit-down banquet; a buffet dinner; and lots of hospitality and fellowship!