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MRHS President's Message

Spring, 2018

Winter is not yet ready to give up its grip here in Chicago. As I write this, with the official start of spring just four days away, the forecast is for a mix of sleet, freezing rain, and snow this evening and into tomorrow morning. I guess I should not complain, as it has been a relatively mild winter here, especially compared to what our friends in the northern part of our Midwest region have experienced this year. Still, I am looking forward to spending more time outside without the heavy coat, scarf, and gloves.

Last fall, we tried out a new idea. Rather than holding a Winter Conference last January, we held a Fall event in September in Davenport. While nearly everyone in attendance who gave feedback was pleased with the event, attendance fell short of what we had hoped. With the help of a dedicated long-time member of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society, Jack Barta, MRHS has decided to revive the Winter Conference for 2019 in a new venue. Jack is busy planning an event to be held February 2nd in Milwaukee. At this point, I do know that there will be a full compliment of speakers on Saturday, February 2, 2019. The hotel arrangements are being finalized, and a special room rate will be available for Friday, February 1st and Saturday, February 2nd. Hotel guests will have a full buffet breakfast included in the hotel cost. A hospitality room is planned for Friday and Saturday nights. A hosta seed sale is being planned. Classrooms for the Saturday presentations will be located within the hotel. More details will be available within the next few weeks, so please check the MRHS website, <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/events.shtml> for more information, as it becomes available.

We hope that all of you can attend "*Hostas Play in Peoria*" July 12, 13, and 14. We will be meeting at the Par-A-Dice Hotel and Casino in East Peoria. The local Central Illinois Hosta Society (CIHS) is putting together an event that you will not want to miss. Beautiful gardens, a Leaf Show, the Seed Growers Show, the auction, a convention gift plant (*Hosta* 'Playin' Peoria'), and multiple vendors will satisfy your every wish for *Hostas*. The Peoria area offers multiple venues for exploration with everything from professional Peoria Chiefs baseball to the Caterpillar Visitors Center, where you can operate simulators of many of the Caterpillar products. The Peoria Zoo, Wildlife Prairie Park, with its Bison and Elk herds, the Peoria Riverfront Museum, multiple restaurants and, of course, the Par-A-Dice Casino, for those of you inclined to wager, await your exploration. Most importantly, you will find the local members of the CIHS to be warm, welcoming, and helpful.

The registration form is included in this newsletter. As an incentive for early registration, the MRHS Board has decided to offer a drawing for two paid registrations. Here's how it works. Register for the convention and pay your registration fee by May 31, 2018. At the Friday night Banquet on July 13th, prior to the live auction, the two local co-chairs of

the Peoria Convention, Debbie McCollum and Penelope Bocelli will draw two registration numbers (the number on your Convention Badge). The drawing will be supervised by the MRHS President. You must be present at the banquet to win. MRHS Board members and convention speakers are not eligible to win.


The two lucky winners will receive a check for \$165.00 to reimburse their registration fee. Be sure to register and pay your registration fee on or before May 31, 2018 to be eligible for the drawing. Good luck to all of you!

One other incentive for attending is being offered. All current MRHS Members who attend will be given an additional one-year membership in MRHS at no cost. Any MRHS current member who attends the convention must talk to Barb Schroeder, the Membership Secretary to receive this added benefit.

We look forward to seeing you this summer in East Peoria, Illinois. Also, mark your calendar for 2019 to join us in Green Bay, Wisconsin for our first joint convention with the American Hosta Society.

Yours in the Friendship Plant,
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(MRHS is 42 this year!)



*Come join us for
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The Central Illinois Hosta Society is hosting this year's Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention.

For complete information about the convention, visit the Midwest Regional Hosta Society webpage at <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/PeoriaConvention.shtml>. There you will find everything you need to register for the convention and arrange your hotel reservations.

We will be gathering at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria, Illinois on July 12, 13, and 14 for three days of fun with your friends and your favorite plant. We will have seven gardens open for tours for those registered for the convention on Friday. On Saturday, five gardens and several nurseries are open for tour for convention registrants.

We have some great Educational Seminar Speakers. On Friday at 2:00 P.M. "What Works for Me" Jack Barta, the owner of *Jack's Hostas*, Cedarburg, WI. On Friday at 3:00 P.M. "Miniature Hostas" Josh Spece, the owner of *In the Country Gardens and Gifts*, Independence, Iowa and AHS Webmaster. Our Saturday Seminar at 2:00 P.M. "The Hot Hostas of Tomorrow" Rob Mortko, owner of *Made in The Shade Gardens*, Olathe, Kansas and past Executive Vice-President of AHS, and at 3:00 P.M. "An Overview of Hosta Species" Tom Micheletti, Past President, American Hosta Society and Northern Illinois Hosta Society and Owner of *The Hosta Patch* for many years.

Your full registration fee includes a banquet on Friday night, followed by a live auction. The Midwest Auction has always brought in some fabulous new plants, many one of a kind hostas that are donated by members. Additionally, there will be a great selection of newer varieties and your old favorites, companion plants for your shade garden, garden art, and other items that will complement your garden. The auction following the banquet is free and open to the public.

Our Keynote Speaker at the Saturday Evening Banquet is Glenn Herold, Professor Emeritus, Illinois Central College and Past President of CIHS and MRHS. His topic is "Hostas Through the Ages". Glenn will trace the history of hostas from about 1600 into the 21st century. He will also talk about the Classic Hosta Collection, one of the display gardens at the Illinois Central College Arboretum, featured on the garden tour.

The committee in charge of vending has assembled an impressive and diverse group of vendors for this convention. Some of the hosta vendors are; *In the Country Gardens and Gifts, Jack's Hostas, Made in the Shade Gardens, Skylar's Hostas, Uniquely Hostas, and Land of the Giants Hosta Farm*. Other vendors will feature a variety of companion plants and garden goods.

Don't forget about our special optional event on Thursday evening. We are sponsoring a bus trip and Bar-B-Q at Hornbaker Gardens in rural Princeton Illinois. Members may either ride the bus or provide their own transportation. Registration for the bus and Bar-B-Q costs \$40.00. Members can provide their own transportation and sign up for the Bar-B-Q only for \$18.00. Rich Hornbaker is providing the space for us along with the tent tables and chairs for the Bar-B-Q at no cost to us. If you have never visited Hornbaker Gardens, I highly recommend that you avail yourself of the opportunity to enjoy one of the best hosta nurseries in Illinois, if not the Midwest. It has been a favorite stop for me for over thirty years. Check out the Hornbaker website at <http://hornbakergardens.com/>. Check out their selection of hostas at http://hornbakergardens.com/plants/Hosta_plants. They list 546 different hostas for 2018.

If you have never attended a Midwest Regional Convention or an AHS Convention, this is your opportunity to experience the excitement of congregating with hosta lovers from throughout the Midwest region and beyond. Most important of all is the opportunity to connect with hosta enthusiasts from throughout the nine state Midwest region. Come and see old friends. Come and make new friends.

If you are a current MRHS member, check in with Barb Schroeder during the convention to have her give you an additional one-year membership for free, just for attending the convention. And, MRHS is sponsoring a special drawing for all MRHS members who register and pay for their registration by May 31, 2018. See details of the drawing and eligibility at <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/Drawing.shtml>.

The Central Illinois Hosta Society has been working very hard to ensure that this convention is one to remember. If you have questions, email me or give me a call.

MidwestHosta@gmail.com or 309-678-4119.

Barry Ankney, President
Midwest Regional Hosta Society





You are invited to attend the 2018 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria, July 12, 13, and 14, 2018.

Full Registration includes two banquets, one with a guest speaker, four educational seminars, a convention Hosta plant, and program booklet. Also included are a live and silent auction, vending featuring the latest Hosta and companion plants, Hosta Leaf and Seed Growers Shows and two days of fabulous garden tours.

The registration form is included in this newsletter.

Complete Convention information is at
<http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/PeoriaConvention.shtml>

We have a large selection of vendors with the latest in hostas, companion plants, and garden items.

Questions? Call 309-678-4119

"Hosta Associates"

Pepper Anyone?

By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

When spring arrives in the upper Midwest, most trees have yet to leaf out and hostas have yet to emerge from their long winter nap, but the woodland floor is alive with action. Taking advantage of this short interval of sunny conditions under the barren trees is Cutleaf Toothwort, *Cardamine concatenata*. *Cardamine* is from the Greek word kardamon, which refers to its close relative, cress. *Concatenata* means linked together in a chain or series, which is the way that this plant grows and colonizes. The name toothwort, meaning "tooth plant," describes the underground stem of the plant, which has bumps on it that resemble teeth. It's this creeping underground stem that causes Toothwort to form large colonies on favorable sites.

Native to every state east of the Rocky Mountains, Toothwort is a common sight in the woodland. It prefers rich, well-drained soil in part shade. If you grow it in your home garden, give it plenty of organic matter. Emerging from the underground stem, called a rhizome, is a 6 to 12 inch stalk that forms a whorl of three leaves, with each leaf divided into three narrow, sharply-toothed segments. In a typical Wisconsin spring, the flowers appear in April and May. A cluster of four-petaled white to light lavender flowers reach above the foliage. Like Spring Beauty, a neighbor on the forest floor, the flowers are able to reflect UV light, making them easily seen by pollinating insects. The stigma of the flower, which accepts the pollen, is held above the anthers, which produce the pollen. As a bee approaches a flower to collect the pollen, contact with the stigma cannot be avoided, thus resulting in the transfer of pollen from a previously visited flower to the stigma. This efficient method of cross pollination helps to prevent the species from becoming weakened through inbreeding.

Within three weeks of blooming, the fruit of Toothwort has ripened and been dispersed by the plant. This usually coincides with the leafing out of the trees and emergence of shade-tolerant, ground-dwelling forbs (herbaceous flowering plants) and shrubs. A short while later, the leaves of Toothwort turn yellow, shrivel, and die, leaving the plant to lie dormant underground until the next window of opportunity the following spring.

Another common name for Toothwort is Pepperwort, which refers to the taste of the rhizomes. The flavor of Toothwort can be sampled by carefully pulling up a stem, then chewing the lower white part that was underground. Rhizomes were commonly used in salads by pioneers. The Iro-

quois ate them either raw with salt or boiled. Perhaps you'd care to try the delicacy "boiled buffalo tongue with horseradish." The wild horseradish used for this dish could not have been the horseradish with which we are all familiar, for it is an import. The horseradish that Native Americans used was none other than the familiar Toothwort.

Toothwort is only one of many native woodland wildflowers that make excellent companions for the later emerging hostas. Others include Virginia Bluebells, Spring Beauty, Trilliums, Trout lily, Twinleaf, and Bloodroot. All emerge early and usually die down to the ground before or just after hostas have made their spring entrance.

Whether you call it Toothwort, Pepperwort, or Wild Horseradish, *Cardamine* is a beauty in the spring woods. Sometimes the best things in life come in small packages.

Author's Note: I am now periodically entering many of the articles I have written over the last 6 years for our local newspaper in an on-line blog. Check them out at <https://thecottagegardener53012.wordpress.com>

Cardamine concatenata (Toothwort)



Glenn Herold



July 12-14, 2018
Peoria, Illinois

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention

Hosted by Central Illinois Hosta Society
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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION AND FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT.

Name (as you'd like it to appear on your name badge) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (while at convention) _____

Email _____ **Registration confirmation will be sent via email only.

SPECIAL HOSTAS PLAY IN PEORIA CONVENTION EVENTS and SITUATIONS

OPTIONAL EXCURSION – Shopping and a Bar-B-Q at Hombaker Gardens in Princeton, IL. Thursday 3:30-9 PM

Sign me up for the excursion including chartered coach transportation. (Seating is limited.) Cost: \$40.00

Sign me up only for the Bar-B-Q. I'll provide my own transportation. Cost \$18.00

JUDGES CLINIC I – Thursday 1-4 PM **Note: A current handbook is required and may be downloaded for free from the American Hosta Society website www.hosta.org

I'll attend the clinic. I'd like to purchase the handbook with binder for \$10.00 at the convention.

HOSTA SHOW – Indicate below if and in what capacity you would like to participate.

Enter Clerk Judge

Please indicate the approximate number of entries you'll submit in each division you plan to enter. (Limit of 30 entries per household for Division I)

I-Cutleaf _____ II-Containers _____ III-Troughs _____ IV-Education _____ VII-Specialty _____

**Note: To submit Division VI-Artistic entries please pre-register by contacting Emaxwell@HoerrNursery.com

AUCTION – Friday 7:30-10 PM

Yes, I'll donate items. Plants [approximate number ____] Non-plant items [approximate number ____]

SELF-DRIVE GARDEN TOURS – Friday and Saturday 7 AM – 1 PM both days

I'll need a ride. I'll gladly offer a ride and can accommodate ____ passengers.

FRIDAY BANQUET OPTIONS (choose one): **SATURDAY BANQUET OPTIONS** (choose one):

Vegetarian Chicken Pork Vegetarian Chicken Salmon

**On the back of this form, list any serious dietary restrictions.

**To see updates, the complete schedule, cancellation policies, Hosta Show rules, banquet option details & more hotel information, visit <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/events.shtml>. Have questions? Email camorris2017@gmail.com

Full Registration includes two banquets with guest speakers, four educational seminars, a convention Hosta plant and program booklet as well as the auction, vending, Hosta Leaf and Seed Growers Shows and two days of fabulous garden tours.

Hotel – Par-A-Dice Hotel and Casino in East Peoria, IL. Reserve by June 14, 2018, for the special rate of \$119.00 + tax. This includes WiFi and Friday/Saturday breakfast. Book online at paradicecasino.com/groups or call 1-800-547-0711 and use the code "0712HOS" to obtain the convention rate.

Full registration (postmarked by May 31) – \$165.00	\$ _____
Late full registration (postmarked June 1-30) – \$190.00	\$ _____
Full registration for children (aged 16 and under) – \$96.00	\$ _____
Hombaker Gardens including transportation – \$40.00	\$ _____
Hombaker Gardens with Bar-B-Q only – \$18.00	\$ _____
Handbook for optional Judges Clinic I – \$10.00	\$ _____
TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT	\$ _____

Please make check payable to **CIHS** and mail registration form(s) and check to:

Carol Morrissey, Registrar
340 N Third Ave
Morton, IL 61550-2180

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2018 MRHS Convention July 12-14
Preliminary Schedule - Revised 01.14.18 pamb

ACTIVITY	START	END	LOCATION
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018			
Vendor Set-up	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Plaza Room
Leaf Show Set-up	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Rooms C & D
Prep/Leaf Show Entries	11:00 AM	6:00 PM	Room E
Registration	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Sm. Prefunction Area
Auction Plant Receiving	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Ballroom A
Judges Clinic 1	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Boardroom
Vendor Sales	1:00 PM	9:00 PM	Plaza Room/Pref. Area
Optional Special Event	3:30 PM	9:00 PM	Hornbaker Gardens
Registration	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	Registration Desk
Car Tour Instructions	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	Registration Desk
Hostality	9:00 PM	12:00 AM	4th Floor Suites
FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018			
Breakfast (Hotel Guests only)	6:15 AM	7:45 AM	Banquet Room A
Garden Tours Open	7:00 AM	1:00 PM	East of River
Registration	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration Desk
Prep/Entry for Leaf Show	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	Room E
Photo Booth	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	Registration Area ?
Seed Growers Set-up	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Ballroom B
Luncheon for Judges & Clerks	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Board Room
Seed Growers Show	12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Ballroom B
Silent Auction Open	12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Pref. Area-Bet. B&C
Auction Plant Receiving	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Ballroom A
Leaf Show Judging	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Rooms C & D
Vendor Sales	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Plaza Room/Pref. Area
Seminar 1	2:00 PM	2:45 AM	Rooms 1 & 2
Seminar 2	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Rooms 1 & 2
Leaf Show Open to Public	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Rooms C & D
Viewing of Auction Plants	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Ballroom A
Registration	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Registration Desk
MRHS Board Meeting	4:30 PM		Board Room
Seed Growers Winners Announced	5:00 PM		Ballroom B
Cash Bar	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Prefunction Area
Banquet	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Ballroom A & B
Auction	7:30 PM	10:00 PM	Ballroom A & B
Hostality	9:00 PM	12:00 AM	4th Floor Suites

ACTIVITY	START	END	LOCATION
Saturday, July 14, 2018			
Breakfast (Hotel Guests only)	6:15 AM	7:45 AM	Ballroom A
Garden Tours Open	7:00 AM	1:00 PM	West of River
Photo Booth	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	Registration Area
Seed Growers Show	12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Ballroom B
Silent Auction	12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Pref. Area-Bet. B&C
Vendor Sales	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Plaza Room/Pref. Area
Leaf Show Open	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Rooms C & D
Seminar 1	2:00 PM	2:45 AM	Rooms 1 & 2
Seminar 2	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Rooms 1 & 2
Vendor/Leaf Show Tear-down	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Plaza Room/Pref. Area
Silent Auction Closed-Winners to Pay Up	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Pref. Area-Bet. B&C
Seed Growers Tear-down	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	Ballroom B
Cash Bar	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Prefunction Area
Banquet	6:00 PM		Ballroom A & B
Business Meeting/MRHS Award(s)	7:00 PM		Ballroom A & B
Key Note Speaker	7:30 PM		Ballroom A & B
Hostatality	9:00 PM	12:00 AM	4th Floor Suites

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Optional Garden Tours	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	
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Tour Gardens

Rainbow Garden

An artist's palette cannot contain the variety in color that is there to behold in the garden of this couple. What a transformation from their first garden – a small bed of roses! That was fifty years ago.

Fifteen years ago, this couple built their current home and did all of their own landscaping on the property, including the trees. Hostas were planted wherever they could find a little shade. As the trees have grown, the hosta beds have expanded.

In addition to hostas, they enjoy an assortment of other perennials and flowering shrubs. Roses, delphinium, heuchera, lilies, hydrangea, astilbe, baptisia, clematis, along with hostas are some of their favorites.

AHS Display Garden – Illinois Central College Arboretum and Gardens

Established in 1980, the Illinois Central College (ICC) Arboretum and Gardens began with a modest hosta collection. In 1983, Roy Klehm of Klehm Nursery provided a huge boost to the hosta collection with a significant donation. Following Klehm's initial contribution, contributions from Green View Nursery, Hoerr Nursery, Tom Michelletti (Hosta Patch Nursery, retired), and others, the collection grew to over 300 taxa and was one of the gardens on display at the 1996 AHS convention. I

n 2000, a Classic Hosta Collection was added. We initially limited the number of plants in this garden to 32. Additional classic hostas were added in 2014 to include the Benedict Garden Performance Medal Winners and more classics. The gardens also include specific beds dedicated to the Hosta of the Year winners, to Mary Chastian Lakeside series hostas, and to Robert Solberg and Mark Zilis hostas. There is also a bed dedicated to hostas of Japanese and Korean origins, as well as, a bed of only small and mini hostas for viewing. Yet another contributor, White Oak Nursery, generously provided over 100 popular varieties in 2017!

Hilltop Garden

One hosta – that's all it took to get this couple hooked – and thus began their addiction. Their first hosta came into their yard about 20 years ago during the construction of their house on a steep lot. Their daughter-in-law planted a hosta in the side yard. The following spring it was lovely and the hosta obsession has blossomed from there. The current collection includes about 600 varieties.

As with everything, things change. An ice storm took out many trees allowing more light to penetrate the yard. They are now able to expand their collection to plants that are more sun-loving. They have also discovered that some of their hostas actually enjoy the sun.

This couple believe gardening is good for the soul as well as the body and are looking forward to sharing their garden with MRHS attendees.

A Tranquil Sanctuary

On this small lot rests a 100-year-old Arts and Crafts bungalow, but the yard has been shaped and molded ever since these gardeners moved in twenty years ago. Like the interior of the home, the garden has been developed in that style, with strong architectural form, formal structure, lush planting and a strong presence of native woodland and prairie plants.

The garden is formed with a series of spaces that include an entrance garden, a column garden, a patio garden, a shade garden, a vegetable border and a sun border. The back is laid out axially with a central flagstone path connecting the back door with the back gate. Through the length of the garden, walls and benches run parallel to the axis to both emphasize and strengthen the axis. Overlying and fragmenting the flagstone path is a bluestone patio shifted from the axis to create more depth.

An arbor gate, covered with bittersweet, acts as an entry into the rear gardens. The profile of the arbor was designed to reflect the angled window framing of the house. In the shade garden, an arc of hydrangea and a stone bench form a circular space, representational of a council ring. Throughout the garden, especially with the hosta and ground-covers, there are rich under-plantings of spring bulbs, wildflowers and fall crocus. This extends the seasonal interest, especially into the early spring as the garden first awakens.

Whimsical Garden

In the past twenty or so years they have been hosta gardening, this couple has made a radical shift in their hosta displays. In the beginning, their landscaping began by planting mostly Royal Standard hostas in a circular ring around each of the twenty trees in their front yard. This mimicked a neighbor's yard that employed a Japanese gardener. – That looked pretty classy! However, this homeowner got dizzy every time he mowed the yard, so he decided there must be a better way to landscape.

At one point, the couple joined the CHIS and took the opportunity to go on the club's bus trip to Champaign, IL. After visiting the Weber and Metz gardens, Connie told Dan, "Get rid of the grass and plant hostas." Naturally, Dan replied, "Yes, dear," and the transformation began. every time he mowed the yard, so he decided there must be a better way to landscape.

Dan would remove some grass, plant hostas, repeat. He would see what worked, what looked good, add some companion plants, move this, throw in some hardscape and yell at the deer. This couple would also visit CIHS member gardens and go on bus trips to glean additional ideas. The garden is always evolving, changing, and reflecting their current interests and passions. They look forward to their time in the garden and look forward to having others visit and enjoy as well.

Mounds of Opportunity

Hosta gardening was the farthest thing from this homeowner's conception of the ideal garden. She was raised by a mother who lovingly tended a large sunflower garden. So over twenty years ago, when Carol was ready to start her own flower garden, she rented the large shade area in the back yard of her home. She was inspired, however, by a former high school classmate's beautifully designed shade/hosta garden.

The previous owners of the property had completed a room addition with a basement underneath. A portion of the soil was left mounded between two soft maple trees in the back yard. This is where her hosta garden began.

It has been asked if someone helped with the design of the garden and she responds with, "It evolved. I would carve out a new garden space, gain confidence then start a new one."

The Variety Garden

This approximately one acre yard is a work in progress. For these gardeners, their love of hostas has grown over the fifteen-plus years they have been collecting and so has the need to develop additional planting areas. On display are over 300 varieties which they work together to maintain.

Hostas are only one of the plethora of floral attractions to be found in this garden. Thanks to the combination of sun and shade, they are able to grow a wide variety of plants. Also gracing the yard are dwarf conifers, daylilies, and hydrangea to name a few. This couple loves to share their passion for gardening with all who step into their piece of paradise.

A Step Back in Time

Situated on a corner, covering nearly an acre of land, the gardens surround the original Victorian homestead. The gardens have evolved for over 100 years, lovingly tended over those years by five generations, beginning with the original German immigrant family who built the house. The house and gardens are steeped in historical lore and were one time a scene of grape vineyards and a wine garden.

A large collection of hosta thrives here, thanks to the passion of the previous gardener, Romaine Franzgrote, and many of the trees and shrubs are 50 to 100 years old. A walk around this garden reveals a constantly changing canvas of trees, shrubs, perennials, herbs and annuals, growing in several connected areas of full shade to full sun.

The present gardeners have been adding their own touches for over 30 years, and are committed to preserving the sense of beauty and place that embraces the house and their family.

Garden on a Hill

As a child, this gardener found delight in growing zinnias, marigolds, and other flowers from the seed starter kits she was given. Through the years, her passion for sun-loving perennials grew as did the size of her flower gardens. Her gardening life changed in the 1980's when she moved to a home with a yard having practically no sun. A friend shared some lancifolias with her. That was all it took to become a hostaholic! She moved several more times, toting starts of her beloved lancifolia with each move, before settling into her current location.

The couple has expanded the garden many times to its current design, which now features over 250 different hosta varieties in about a quarter acre space. Maybe the most striking feature is a pergola, which replaced a number of oak trees, which died leaving one of the hosta beds in full sun. A friend offered to build the pergola to replace the oaks, which was a real challenge. It was built over the existing hosta bed, which varies from three feet to fifteen feet in depth. Another issue was that there is a drop in the elevation of about ten feet from one end to the other. This was a challenge, but it was accomplished without having to move a single hosta. The pergola's intricate design is impressive for its adaptation to the terrain and its varying height.

The garden features a number of hosta beds mingled with a large variety of companion plants, hydrangea, conifers, evergreens, and rhododendron. Since there are no flat areas on the property, which overlooks a small lake, the gardens are terraced with one garden spilling into the next. Sun-loving perennials are still a favorite. So in addition to the many hosta beds, a large perennial garden is featured in a sunnier location on the property.

Small, but Mighty

Much of 1998 was spent establishing this garden. That's when seventeen varieties of hosta were introduced to the yard and they have not been divided since! Every year they have added to the garden, including 3 selections from the American Conifer Society each year.

The focus of the garden is conifers, Japanese maples and sedum. This includes about 120 dwarf conifers, 30 Japanese maples and 40 sedum. Hostas are planted on the north side of the home under a canopy of Japanese maples. The plants are labeled with the botanical name, date planted and the source of the plant material. Only two large trees call the property home, so most of the garden is in full sun, which works very well for the conifers and sedum.

The Japanese Maples do very well on the north side of the home because this area is cooler in the spring and the new growth starts later in the year. The Japanese maples planted on the south and west sides of the home have been killed by late spring frosts, since they start to grow earlier in the spring due the warmth of this southern or western exposure. The Japanese Maples on the north side also provide excellent shade for the hostas.

Roth Daylilies

Transforming the yard at the family farm into a daylily delight takes time, talent, and resilience. This gardener put all those together to create a three-acre patchwork of colorful blooms. Nine years ago, she purchased 800 established clumps of daylilies.— Then, the work began. Garden plots were tilled and soil amended; holes were dug; plants were dug, hauled, and planted. The work has increased ever since. And today, the garden is home to more than 3,000 varieties!

During the blooming season, much of the day is spent pollinating the plants. The pollinating seems to have “blossomed,” as there are now thousands of seedlings.

Plans are to create an expansive butterfly garden on the property, as well.

Backyard Bliss

This one acre wooded lot hosts a spectacular array of garden treasures. In 2000, this couple moved into their newly built home. Three years later when she started planting beds around the perimeter of the house, the “hosta gardening bug” hit and the only solution to the condition was to continue adding to the collection. So in 2007, a hosta bed was added to the front portion of the wooded area of their lot. Since then a gradual progression of plantings has continued to the end of the lot.

Over 300 varieties of hostas are all identified with metal labels. The garden includes an assortment of clematis, hydrangeas, irises, helleborus, hibiscus, lilacs, roses, and many other sun-loving and shade-loving perennials and shrubs. Highlighted features

include a white limestone, s-shaped stairway leading down a large sloped hosta area to even more showcased hosta beds, a fire pit, and a 32-foot wooden bridge over a creek. Across the bridge, white limestone steps lead up to an arbor and more hosta beds.

You will enjoy exploring the aesthetic mix their garden offers.

Luthy Botanical Garden

The Botanical Garden was opened in November 1951, while the hosta garden was started in the late 1990's and redesigned in 2003. The rather modest 60' X 120' Hosta Glade is shaded by the large oaks of the woodland garden in the six-acre Luthy Botanical Garden. It is naturalistic in design, using curvilinear lines and sweeping masses. The planting, started in May 2003 and was completed by that fall. Over the years, it has expanded and changed to accommodate the loss of two large oaks.

This hosta collection places a greater emphasis upon the tried and true performers that a home gardener can utilize with great success. Many of the best cultivars, for the home garden, are those that tend to be vigorous growers, show some slug resistance and/or exhibit sun tolerance.

The garden displays hosta within a mixed border, planted with trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, and bulbs. Within the garden, shrubs like boxwood, witchhazel, black jetbead, panicle hydrangea, virburnum and spirea, serve as a backdrop for the hosta, providing both structure and seasonal interest for the garden. In spring, the garden glows with daffodils underplanted among the hostas and shrubs. A small clearing, created among the hosta, provides a quiet refuge from which to admire the garden or a favorite hosta. Hostas bearing fragrant flowers, like 'Fragrant Bouquet', 'Fried Bananas', 'Royal Standard', 'Honeybells', and 'Aphrodite', are planted around this space to tantalize the senses. With this garden, the goal is to promote the development of knowledge and interest in hostas.

Celestial Garden

Fostered by the examples of parents, grandparents, and a dear aunt, this couple's love of gardening began as youths. The "hosta passion" began in 1987 after going on a garden walk. It opened a whole new and amazing world, desiring to create the "feel" of what was felt in those gardens. In the beginning, they had two hostas – the "green and white" and the "white and green", chrysanthemums, hens & chickens, marigolds and other annuals...plus, a vegetable garden.

The week of that 1987 tour, one of the hosts shared five new hosta plants – H. 'Gold Standard', H. 'Lancifolia', H. 'Chinese Sunrise', H. 'Birchwood Parky's Gold', and H. 'Royal Standard' – with the couple. Not knowing any better, a small bed was created by the shed under the existing soft maples. Soon after, the swing set was removed, the sandbox emptied and the sand tilled in to enlarge the bed. Each year thereafter, they removed more grass for additional beds until even the vegetable garden was all hosta.

There is a quote that says "One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth." This gardener would expand that further and say "one is nearer their friends and family in the garden than anywhere else on earth!" Why does she say that? Some friends once said hosta should be called the "Friendship Plant" and they were so right! They have made a new world of friends since 1987 and shared so many wonderful experiences.

Since being in a garden is being close to God, friends and family, this couple likes to think of their garden as a Celestial Garden or Heaven on Earth – a place to come and relax

(even while working). It is a place of tranquility and peace, where spirits can be refreshed. It is a place of magic, a place to reflect and enjoy all the things they dream of...to be at peace with themselves and to reach out to nature and the galaxy of the sun, moon, and stars. So, it is no surprise they have the hosta of the heavens included in their collection – H. ‘Sun Power’, H. ‘August Moon’, H. ‘Blue Heaven’, to name a few.

There are many angels in this Celestial Garden – for example, H. ‘Blue Angel’, H. ‘Guardian Angel’, H. ‘Archangel’ – whose impact and influence lingers daily and provides the couple with wonderful memories in this Illinois Prairieland.

The Master’s Touch

This yard is an oasis of refreshment in this otherwise ordinary neighborhood. Thirteen years ago, when this couple bought their house, the yard was a disaster – no grass, full of weeds, no desirable plants. Though the new homeowner had worked at gardening nurseries in Illinois since emigrating from Mexico when he was 19, he didn’t have any personal home gardening experience. Trial-and-error best describes his method of learning to fashion his yard into a masterpiece.

This gardener works diligently to save plants in the mark-down section or those headed for the compost heap. The Master carefully provides a generous supply of TLC to each treasured find. He wraps containers generously with burlap before tenderly placing them in the garage for their winter’s nap. It takes many hours of preparation for winter storage, but the plants fail not to perform their best for the Master who lovingly cares for them.

Transforming this one time “desert” into an oasis has provided this homeowner with great delight. He spends countless hours planting, pruning, amending, and watering his garden. But he takes the time on summer evenings to simply sit out in his yard to relax to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He looks forward to sharing the joy with you, his guests.

*Optional
Thursday
evening
event*



MRHS Convention Speakers

Keynote Speaker - Saturday Evening Banquet

Glenn Herold - Professor Emeritus, Illinois Central College and
Past President of MRHS

“Hostas Through the Ages”

Glenn will trace the history of hostas from about 1600 into the 21st century. He will also talk about the Classic Hosta Collection.

Educational Seminar Speakers

Friday 2:00 P.M. “What Works for Me”

Jack Barta - Owner of *Jack’s Hostas*, Cedarburg, WI

Friday 3:00 P.M. “Miniature Hostas”

Josh Spece - Owner of *In The Country Gardens and Gifts* and
AHS Webmaster

Saturday 2:00 P.M. “New Plants Coming to Market”

Rob Mortko - Owner of *Made In The Shade Gardens* and past
Executive Vice-President, AHS

Saturday 3:00 P.M. "An Overview of Hosta Species"

Tom Micheletti - Past President, American Hosta Society and
Northern Illinois Hosta Society and Owner of *The Hosta Patch*
for many years.





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Year	Midwest Regional Hosta Society (Later Region 5) (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin)	Midwest Convention Plant Region 5	Winter Scientific Meeting - Region 5	History
1976	MRHS Formed			
1977				First Newsletter
1978				
1979				
1980				
1981	Midwest Mini-meet Iowa City, IA	None		
1982				
1983				
1984				
1985				
1986				
1987	Palatine, IL	None		
1988	Region Formed by AHS			
1989	Iowa City, IA		First Winter Scientific- Mark Zilis hosted at Q&Z Chicago suburb	
1990			Danada House in Wheaton	
1991	Peoria, IL		Morton Arboretum Chicago, IL	President-Dennis Savory Vice President-Sтивен Kelly Secretary-Bernie Knight Treasurer-Frank Riehl Newsletter Editor – Robert Olson
1992	Madison, WS			First Bylaws Approved
1993			Morton Arboretum	
1994			Schaumburg, IL	
1995	Minneapolis, MN		Palatine, IL	President-Steve Kelley Vice President-Roger Koopmans Secretary-Bernie Knight Treasurer-Pat Cragoe Newsletter Editor – Bob Olson 151 attended the convention 370 Active Society Members.
1996	Davenport, IA		Palatine, IL-6 th Annual	President-Steve Kelley Vice President-Roger Koopmans Secretary-Bernie Knight Treasurer-Tom Micheletti Newsletter Editor – Bob Olson
1997	Des Moines, IA	H.'Gypsy's Boa'	Palatine, IL	
1998	Omaha, NE	H.'Shady Choice'	Palatine, IL	
1999	Chicago (Schaumburg), IL	H.'Sweet Home Chicago'	Schaumburg, IL	
2000	Cedar Rapids, IA	H.'Slick Willie'	Schaumburg, IL	
2001	Peoria, IL	H.'Lakeside Rocky Top'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Tom Micheletti Vice President-DeEtta Montgomery Secretary-Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer-Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor-Irwin Johnson 443 members
2002	Madison, WI	H.'Ice Age Trail'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Tom Micheletti Vice President-DeEtta Montgomery Secretary-Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer-Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor-Irwin Johnson
2003	St. Louis, MO	H.'Show Me'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Tom Micheletti Vice President-DeEtta Montgomery Secretary-Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer-Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor-Irwin Johnson
2004	Dubuque, IA	H.'Great River Sonata' same as H.'Sagae'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Tom Micheletti Vice President-DeEtta Montgomery Secretary-Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer-Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor-Irwin Johnson Website started 355 members

2005	Springfield, MO	H.'Ozark Welcome'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Tom Micheletti/DeEtta Montgomery/Tom Micheletti Vice President-DeEtta Montgomery/Scott Hildebrandt/Lou Horton Secretary-Audra Wilson Treasurer-Scott Hildebrandt/Pete Postlewaite Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Chuck Steele
2006	Milwaukee, WI	H.'Rootin Tootin'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Tom Micheletti Vice President-Lou Horton Secretary-Audra Wilson/Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer-Pete Postlewaite Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers Web Master-Floyd Roger AHS Region 5 Rep-Chuck Steele 226 Members
2007	Davenport, IA	H.'Bix Blues'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Tom Micheletti/Lou Horton Vice President-Lou Horton/Carolyn Hamilton Secretary-Carolyn Hamilton/Barb Schroeder Treasurer-Pete Postlewaite Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Chuck Steele Web Master-Floyd Rogers DeEtta Montgomery Award- DeEtta Montgomery 247 members
2008	Chicago (Schaumburg), IL	H.'Chi-Town Classic'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Lou Horton Vice President-Carolyn Hamilton Secretary-Barb Schroeder Treasurer-Pete Postlewaite Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers Web Master-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Chuck Steele DeEtta Montgomery Award-Roger Koopmans
2009	Champaign, IL	H.'Prairie Sun Shine'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Lou Horton Vice President-Carolyn Hamilton/Mary Ann Metz Secretary-Barb Schroeder/Glenn Herold Treasurer-Pete Postlewaite/Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers Web Master-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Chuck Steele/Sally Stewart DeEtta Montgomery Award-Floyd Rogers 293 members
2010	Des Moines, IA	H.'American Gothic'	Schaumburg, IL	President-Lou Horton Vice President-Mary Ann Metz Secretary-Glenn Herold Treasurer-Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers Web Master-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Sally Stewart DeEtta Montgomery Award-Audra Wilson 375 members.
2011	Madison, WI	H.'Dragon of the Seas'	Lisle, IL	President-Lou Horton/Glenn Herold Vice President-Mary Ann Metz Secretary-Glenn Herold/Irwin Johnson Treasurer-Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers Web Master-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Sally Stewart DeEtta Montgomery Award-Irwin Johnson 490 members.
2012	Rochester, MN	H.'Candy Kisses'	Lisle, IL	President-Glenn Herold Vice President-Mary Ann Metz Secretary-Irwin Johnson Treasurer-Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers Web Master-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Sally Stewart DeEtta Montgomery Award-Tom Micheletti Articles of Incorporation in the State of Illinois February 27, 2012. 472 Members

2013	Chicago (Lisle), IL	H.'Emerald Charger' & H.'Jabulani'	Lisle, IL	President-Glenn Herold Vice President-Mary Ann Metz Secretary-Irwin Johnson/Katherine Kelly Treasurer-Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Floyd Rogers Web Master-Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep-Sally Stewart/Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award-Carolyn Hamilton Received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS 344 Members
2014	Green Bay, WI	H. 'Cheesehead'	Lisle, IL	President-Glenn Herold Vice President-Mary Ann Metz Secretary-Katherine Kelly Treasurer-Barbara Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Mary Vertz Web Master-Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep-Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award-Carolyn Hamilton 301 Members
2015	Dubuque, IA	H.'Rendezvous' and H.'The Gathering'	Lisle, IL	President-Glenn Herold/Cindy Tomachek Vice President-Mary Ann Metz/Barry Ankney Secretary-Katherine Kelly/Holly O'Donnell Treasurer-Barbara Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Mary Vertz Web Master-Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep-Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award-Barbara Schroeder 240 Members
2016	Champaign, IL	coupon	Lisle, IL	President-Cindy Tomachek Vice President-Barry Ankney Secretary-Holly O'Donnell Treasurer-Barbara Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Mary Vertz Web Master-Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep-Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award-Lou Horton Bylaws Updated 7/2016 261 Members
2017	Kansas City, MO	H. 'Ahhs'	Davenport, IA fall forum	President-Cindy Tomachek Vice President-Barry Ankney Secretary-Holly O'Donnell Treasurer-Barbara Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Mary Vertz Web Master-Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep-Pat Gwidt/ DeEtta Montgomery Award-Mark Rekoske
2018	Peoria, IL			President-Barry Ankney Vice President-Barbara King Secretary-Holly O'Donnell Treasurer-Mona Keehn Membership-Barbara Schroeder Newsletter Editor-Mary Vertz Web Master-Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep-Glenn Herold/ DeEtta Montgomery Award-



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2018 AHS Convention Registration Form v1.2
June 20-23, hosted by Delaware Valley Hosta Society
DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia - Valley Forge
www.AHS2018Philly.org



Instructions: in Word, type in or check shaded boxes, then print or save file for emailing. Or print blank form (PDF or Word document) and complete by hand.
Each registrant must complete a separate form!

Registrant information

Name (as you wish it to appear on badge) _____ First AHS convention? Yes No
 Home Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Phone: _____ Home Work Mobile* (Check one)
 * If possible provide one smartphone number per travel group, capable of receiving texts, email, etc. We will keep phone and email information private.
 AHS member? Yes No Local society member? Yes No Society: _____

Registration fees: see www.ahs2018philly.org/register for detailed description of categories.

Check one **Registration category (bold)**, plus any *additional items (italics)*. Then calculate and pay the total.

Full Registration includes: Wednesday Vendor Gala; Thursday Breakfast, Lunch; Friday Breakfast, Box Lunch and Tour Garden Buses, Dinner; Saturday Breakfast, Box Lunch and Tour Garden Buses, and Dinner Banquet. To receive early registration rate: payment by *check only*.
 Partial "Hosta Widow(er)" Registration includes Wednesday Vendor Gala, Thursday/Friday/Saturday breakfasts, and Saturday Dinner Banquet.

Early Full Registration (pay by CHECK ONLY before Jan 31)	\$ 299	Paid by:
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Registration (pay by credit card or check)	\$ 315	<input type="checkbox"/> Check to Delaware Valley Hosta Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial "Hosta Widow(er)" Registration	\$ 150	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Registration Penalty (after May 1)	\$ 35	Exp date _____ Security code _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Longwood Gardens supplement (worth every penny!)	\$ 38	Name on card _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Judge's handbook (see Judges' Clinics below)	\$ 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> AmEx <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Optional Barnes/Philly bus trip	\$ 35	Note: Multiple registrations, mailed together, may be
Total of checked boxes	\$ _____	combined on a single charge if desired.

Meals: see www.ahs2018philly.org/meals for menus.

Friday/Saturday boxed lunches: Vegetarian Meat options—sandwich assortment (Check one)
 Saturday banquet: Short ribs Salmon Crab cake Vegetarian Will not attend (Check one)
 Please note if you have any particular dietary restrictions: _____
 Please contact the hotel if you have significant concerns about meeting any restrictions.

Scientific presentation, Wednesday evening: space is limited to 70 attendees. Now taking names for waiting list only!

Do you wish to attend Warren Pollock's scientific presentation? Yes No (If Yes, you will be placed on a waiting list)

Hosta Show and Judges' Clinics

Are you an AHS judge? Provisional Senior Master (Check no more than one)
 Are you willing to serve as: Judge Clerk Either Helper (Classification, placement, show docent, etc.)
 I plan to attend: Clinic I Clinic II Clinic III Clinic I *first-timer* (must purchase Judge's handbook)
(Tentative schedule: Clinic I is Wednesday evening, Clinic II is Friday afternoon, Clinic III is Thursday morning)

Hotel Information: You MUST make reservations DIRECTLY with the hotel to receive convention rates.

Visit www.ahs2018philly.org/venue or call the hotel at 610-337-1200 and reserve under code AHS-2018 0619 ("Hosta Convention").
 Convention room rate valid for bookings until May 29 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.

Submission Information

For payment by check (paid to Delaware Valley Hosta Society), mail to: Convention Registration, 1411 Deer Meadow Ln, Gamet Valley, PA 19060.
 For payment by credit card, send form by mail as above or email the electronic form to the convention registrar at convention@ahs2018philly.org.
 By doing so, you authorize us to charge your credit card for the total amount above.

Refund policy

Please notify the registrar at convention@ahs2018philly.org if you must cancel. Full refund offered before April 30. 50% refund between May 1 and June 9. NO REFUNDS after June 9. Registrations may be transferred without charge up to June 9; please contact the registrar.

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

29 Sept. 2017 Call to Order – 8:14 pm

Present: President – Barry Ankney, Vice President – Barbara King, Treasurer & Membership Chair – Barb Schroeder, Secretary – Holly O'Donnell, Newsletter Editor – Mary Vertz, AHS Region 5 Liaison – Glenn Herold, Director at Large – Mark Rekoske, Immediate Past President – Cindy Tomashek

Officer Reports:

Secretary— Reviewed e minutes from July which included approving both the minutes from the June membership meeting and board meeting.

President—

Future Conventions:

Plans for the Peoria convention are progressing. Turnout is expected to be good because of its central location.

Convention chair has changed for the 2019 Green Bay convention and items still need to be finalized. Logo has been decided but club not ready for registration forms.

The consensus of board was not to pay the suggested \$5000 to the MNHS for holding the MRHS convention concurrently with the 2020 AHS convention in Minneapolis. Amy Peterson will relay our decision back to their board and determine if they are still interested in holding the conventions concurrently. Barbara King will talk to the President of the NIHS about hosting a 2020 MRHS convention.

Treasurer—

Barb distributed a summary of account balances as well as an itemized listing of income and expenses. Checking account: \$36,316.66 Money Market account: \$35,054.75 Motion to approve treasurer's report – Holly, second – Glenn. Motion approved.

Discussion of possible financial incentives to encourage clubs to come forward as hosts for conventions. If 2020 convention is not held in conjunction with AHS convention, MRHS will offer a 50/50 share of net auction proceeds with the host club. Would readdress for future conventions. Motion – Barbara King, second – Cindy. Motion approved.

Membership—

258 active members as of September, 101 of which will need to renew.

Past President—

Help will be needed to set up for Fall Focus at 8:30 am tomorrow.

Region 5 Liaison—

Discussion of how to use MRHS Facebook page as recruiting tool. Wichita Hosta Society is applying for a Hosta Display Garden. A group from Wausau, WI is also planning on applying for a Display Garden but Glenn was not sure if this was a hosta society or other group.

Director at Large—

No report

Newsletter—

Photos and articles are needed on Fall Focus

New Business—

Montgomery Award nominations for this year discussed. Item tabled, discussion will be continued through email. Barry should receive nominations by 1 January with a paragraph of supporting explanation.

Motion to adjourn – Holly, Second – Mary. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by Holly O'Donnell, Secretary

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD E-MEETING MINUTES

13 October 2017

President Barry Ankney emailed board members the news that Treasurer Barb Schroeder has resigned but will continue in her position as Membership Secretary. MRHS member Mona Keehn has been appointed to replace Barb in the interim. An election will be held at the membership meeting at the annual convention in Peoria in July 2018. Motion to approve Mona Keehn as interim Treasurer - Cindy Tomashek. Second – Holly O'Donnell

Barry reminded board members that the bylaws demand that an audit be conducted by an unaffiliated auditor whenever the Treasurer retires or resigns from office.

Motion to secure an auditor to audit the books and to fund that expense - Cindy Tomashek. Second – Holly O'Donnell

13 October – 16 October 2017

Board members discussed the motions. Both motions were approved.

17 October 2017

Barry informed board members that Barb Schroeder has found an independent auditor who will audit the books for \$100 or less. Barb will continue as Treasurer until the audit is complete* and will aid Mona in the transition. Mona will officially take over as Treasurer effective 1 January 2018.

***Audit was completed on 11 November 2017. The appointment of Mona Keehn was official on 12 November 2017.**

Submitted by Holly O'Donnell, Secretary

Audit Report

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

ALL ACCOUNTS

Category	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	Difference	2018 Budget to be approved in June 2017	Notes
Income:					
2018 Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	1/2 of average proceeds
2017 Auction	\$5,336.24	\$5,000.00	\$336.24	\$0.00	
2017 Convention-MRHS Sponsor	\$38,966.00	\$0.00	\$38,966.00	\$0.00	
Income-Interest	\$30.33	\$0.00	\$30.33	\$0.00	
Membership:	\$2,100.00	\$2,300.00	(\$200.00)	\$2,100.00	
Expense-Postcards and Br	(\$321.80)	\$0.00	(\$321.80)	\$0.00	
Subtotal	<u>\$46,110.77</u>	<u>\$7,300.00</u>	<u>\$39,132.57</u>	<u>\$4,600.00</u>	
Expense:					
2017 Convention	(\$29,175.73)	\$0.00	(\$29,175.73)	\$0.00	
Convention Ribbons	(\$133.03)	\$0.00	(\$133.03)	(\$200.00)	
Award-Montgomery	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	(\$100.00)	
Awards-AHS	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	
Grants-Display Gardens	(\$300.00)	(\$1,500.00)	\$1,200.00	(\$2,400.00)	15 National Display Gardens in Region 5
Liability Insurance	(\$452.00)	\$0.00	(\$452.00)	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	(\$155.88)	(\$200.00)	\$44.12	(\$200.00)	
Newsletter	(\$605.35)	(\$1,500.00)	\$894.65	(\$750.00)	
Internet Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Paid 5 years out
Fall Focus 2017	(\$1,928.35)	\$0.00	(\$1,928.35)	\$0.00	??
Winter Conference 2017	(\$2,115.75)	(\$4,000.00)	\$1,884.25	\$0.00	??
Subtotal	<u>(\$34,866.09)</u>	<u>(\$7,600.00)</u>	<u>(\$27,266.09)</u>	<u>(\$3,850.00)</u>	
Totals	<u>(\$31,291.48)</u>	<u>(\$300.00)</u>	<u>\$11,866.48</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>	

Account Balances:	
Checking	\$31,151.16
Money Market	\$35,097.29
Total Assets	\$66,248.45

A checking and savings account has been opened at Wells Fargo. I have received the checks. I will be purchasing an endorsement stamper. I am using Quicken, but need to do some work to see how to make reports export. I will be working on that.

The balance in checking is \$13,316.13

The balance in savings is \$57,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schroeder & Mona Keehn

Treasurer

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD E-MEETING MINUTES

13 Feb. 2018 Call to Order of Winter E-Board Meeting

- **Review of minutes of email actions since Board meeting held at Fall Focus. Motion to approve minutes: Cindy, Second – Glenn. Motion carries.**

- **Officer Reports:**

14 - 16 Feb.: President – Discussion of adding positions of Membership Chair and Marketing/Publicity Chair as voting Board members and the necessary by-law amendments necessary to include said positions. Tabled for further discussion.

16 - 20 Feb.: Treasurer – Presentation of financial report for 2017. Motion to approve: Glenn, Second – Holly. Motion carries.

Discussion of proposed 2019 budget. Additions to be made: 1) \$450 for liability insurance 2) \$5000 for Winter Conference (as a contingency) 3) increase monies for Fall Focus 2019 to \$5000.

Motion to approve the amended budget for 2019 – Cindy, Second – Mona. Motion carries.

20 Feb.: Membership Secretary – Report presented. Motion to approve: Cindy, Second – Glenn. Motion carries.

Past President: No report

Region 5 Rep: Glenn has submitted report to AHS relating 2017 MRHS events.

Newsletter: Articles are due 1 April. Photos are welcome.

21 Feb.: New Business:

Montgomery Award nominations: Nominees for award discussed. Motion to accept the nominee – Holly, Second – Cindy. Motion carries.

23 Feb.: 2020 Convention Proposal from Barbara King -- Discussion ensued pertaining to MRHS assisting the local club hosting the annual convention.

Motion by Mark Rekoske: For the 2020 MRHS Convention, the MRHS agrees to a 50/50 split of the auction proceeds with the host club. Also, the MRHS board will review and approve any contract with a hotel or venue selected that includes guaranteed minimums. An MRHS representative will sign the agreement(s) and MRHS will be responsible for any penalty for cancellation of the convention or shortfall in room reservations or dining revenue. Second – Cindy. Motion carries.

24 Feb.: Motion to adjourn – Cindy, Second – Glenn.

Submitted by Holly O'Donnell, Secretary

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2018 Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention
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**Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget
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2017 Convention Ribbons	(\$133.03)	\$0.00	(\$133.03)	\$0.00	0.00
Award-Montgomery	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	(\$100.00)	(100.00)
Awards-AHS	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	(200.00)
Grants-Display Gardens	(\$300.00)	(\$1,500.00)	\$1,200.00	(\$2,400.00)	(2,400.00)
Liability Insurance	(\$452.00)	\$0.00	(\$452.00)	\$0.00	(452.00)
Membership Expense	(\$321.80)	\$0.00	(\$321.80)	\$0.00	(400.00)
Miscellaneous	(\$155.88)	(\$200.00)	\$44.12	(\$100.00)	(100.00)
Newsletter	(\$605.35)	(\$1,500.00)	\$894.65	(\$750.00)	(750.00)
Internet Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Fall Focus 2017	(\$1,928.35)	\$0.00	(\$1,928.35)	\$0.00	0.00
Fall Focus 2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	0.00
Fall Focus 2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(5,000.00)
Winter Conference 2017	(\$2,115.75)	(\$4,000.00)	\$1,884.25	\$0.00	0.00
Winter Conference 2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Winter Conference 2019	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(5,000.00)
Transfer to Wells Fargo	(\$4,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$39,187.89)</u>	<u>(\$7,600.00)</u>	<u>(\$27,587.89)</u>	<u>(\$8,550.00)</u>	<u>(14,402.00)</u>
<u>Net Totals</u>	<u>\$7,244.68</u>	<u>(\$300.00)</u>	<u>\$11,544.68</u>	<u>(\$1,250.00)</u>	<u>(9,802.00)</u>

Account Balances:

Checking	\$31,151.16
Wells Fargo	\$4,000.00
Money Market	\$35,097.29
Total Assets	<hr/> \$70,248.45

2018 Hosta of the Year
World
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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schroeder
Treasurer

December 31, 2017

I WISH'T I WAS IN PEORIA

Words by
BILLY ROSE and MORT DIXON

Music by
HARRY WOODS

Moderato

Vamp slower

The image shows a piano score for the song 'I Wish't I Was in Peoria'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is marked 'Moderato' and begins with a forte 'f' dynamic. The second system is marked 'Vamp slower' and begins with a piano 'p' dynamic. The score is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The notation includes treble and bass clefs, various chords, and melodic lines with slurs and accents.

Editor's Note:

If you have any suggestions, pictures to share, 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 Peoria!

Speaking of Peoria, consider being a field editor for Hostas Play in Peoria" and volunteer to write a short article on one of the gardens, a speaker or an overview of your experiences at the convention. Join in the fun of seeing your article in our newsletter. As my mother (and probably many other mothers among us) use to say "Many hands make light work".

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—check their website for multi-year rates. Joining AHS will enable you to attend our national conventions.

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MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY
SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Membership

Please check the expiration date on the label located above this notice or on the Subject Line on your email . If it says “2017”, please send in your check to continue your membership. We would miss you. If the date is later, send in a check anyway *just in case*.

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 a Winter and/or Fall Conference . To join, or renew membership, please send a check for \$20 (ten dollars per year) to Barb Schroeder, .1819 Coventry Drive, Champaign, IL 61822 for email newsletters. \$30.00 per year for paper copy mailed newsletters.

Next summer’s convention will be held in Peoria, IL and in 2019 we’ll team up with the American Hosta Society in Green Bay, WI. Our conventions usually 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!