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WINTER HOSTA SYMPOSIUM
GREEN BAY, WI JOINT CONVENTION



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MRHS President's Message

Fall, 2018

This was a particularly busy hosta season for me. Helping with the annual convention at my previous home society took up a lot of time and effort, but the time and energy expended was personally fulfilling. Additionally, travel to the national convention in the Philadelphia area took up more time than usual, as my duties as the Vice President of Publications for AHS required me to drive to the convention, as I needed to transport materials to the convention, and return with a supply of new publications. For those of you who have not heard about it, you need to check out the new publication written by Ben Zonneveld and Warren Pollock, *Sporting in Hostas: A Primer*. This new booklet provides a wealth of information about the process of hosta mutation, or sporting. Go to <http://americanhostasociety.org/Publications/AHSPublications.htm> to check it out.

In the fall of 2017, we tried out a new idea. Rather than holding a Winter Conference last January, we held a Fall event in September 2017 in Davenport, Iowa. 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, and recent recipient of the DeEtta Montgomery Award for service to the Midwest Regional Hosta Society, Jack Barta, MRHS has decided to revive the Winter Conference for 2019 in a new venue. The **MRHS Winter Symposium** will be held February 2nd in the Milwaukee suburb of Brookfield. The Milwaukee-Brookfield Sheridan Hotel has a special room rate that will be available for Friday, February 1st and Saturday, February 2nd. Hotel guests will have a full buffet breakfast included in the hotel cost (\$104 + tax). A hospitality room is planned for Friday and Saturday nights. A hosta seed sale will also be held. Classrooms for the Saturday presentations will be located within the hotel. There are six speakers scheduled for Saturday. A buffet lunch is included. You must register by January 19, 2019. The registration form is available on the MRHS website at <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org>. The registration fee is only \$55.00, as the MRHS Board has decided to help underwrite the conference expenses.

We hope that all of you who were able to attend “*Hostas Play in Peoria*” July 12, 13, and 14 were pleased with the event. The Central Illinois Hosta Society (CIHS) put together what I thought was a great convention. The feedback that I received was quite positive. We had relatively good, though somewhat warm weather. The gardens were beautiful, the food was good, and I believe the venue was easily accessible and convenient. The local members with some additional help from local University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners were friendly and helpful.

We are now looking forward to our first ever joint MRHS and AHS convention to be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with the Green and Gold Hosta Society of Northeastern Wisconsin serving as hosts. Mark your calendars for June 12-15, 2019. You may get more information about this event by going to the convention website, <https://www.ahs2019event.org/>. A printable registration form is posted on the website. You can register and pay online or print out the registration form and mail it in with your check. There is an *Early Bird* price of \$189 for those who register before January 31st, 2019. The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green

Bay. The hotel is conveniently located near the Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB) with free 24-hour airport shuttle service. Rooms must be booked by May 20th, 2019 to receive the convention price of \$105 for single and \$115 for double occupancy.

If you have never attended an American Hosta Society convention, this is your chance to experience this amazing event that is sure to leave you wanting to attend more national conferences in the future. Nationally recognized speakers and an expert panel of hybridizers and growers are slated to provide you with the latest information about your favorite plant. The gardens are wonderful, as those of you who attended our Midwest Convention a few years ago in Green Bay can attest.

An added 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 will be credited with an additional one-year membership by Barb Schroeder, the MRHS Membership Secretary.

We will be addressing the proposed changes to the MRHS by-laws at our annual meeting to be held in Green Bay. The partial retirement of Barb Schroeder from duties as both Treasurer and Membership Secretary necessitates a change in our by-laws to reflect the two positions as being separate board positions. Currently, Mona Keehn is serving in the board position as Treasurer, as she was elected to that position at our meeting in Peoria. The proposed changes add a seat to the board, so that the membership secretary becomes a full voting board member. Please review the proposed changes which are included in this newsletter. We will vote on the changes in June in Green Bay.

We look forward to seeing you this winter in Milwaukee. Also, mark your calendar 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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Winner of the 2018 DeEtta Montgomery Distinguished Service Award: Jack Barta Big Hearted Hosta Lover!

By: Tom Micheletti

I was fortunate to be sitting next to Jack Barta when his name was called as the 2018 DeEtta Montgomery Award recipient for the MRHS. The look on his face was one of astonishment. He was shell shocked for a moment and couldn't believe what he had heard. He looked at me and said "did you know about this?" To which I replied I had no idea, which was true. I was as surprised as Jack.

Jack Barta is as passionate about hostas as anyone I have ever met. He has a beautiful garden in Cedarburg, Wisconsin from which he sells hundreds of varieties of hostas, many of which are classics not readily seen, to some of the latest cultivars. Jack is one of the foremost vendors typically seen at both the American Hosta Society Convention as well as the MRHS Convention. Jack co-hosted the 2006 MRHS Convention held in the Milwaukee area. He and I co-hosted the 2013 AHS Convention held in Milwaukee. Truth be known Jack did most of the work as he was the boots on the ground negotiating, researching and contacting the various sources needed to pull off a national convention. He is always willing to chip in and help wherever he is needed to make any event a success. I have seen him pitch in without fanfare and help clean up after an event, leaf show, or in a hospitality room late at night making the room hosts job a little lighter. All this he has done without being asked. Some of Jack's other



accomplishments are, he co-founded the Southeast Wisconsin Hosta Society, and served several terms as its President, as well as other positions on its board. Most recently he has resurrected the MRHS Winter Hosta Symposium to be held in Milwaukee after a 2-year hiatus.

Jack is probably best known for carrying around his little black satchel in which is his little Chihuahua, Pink. Pink always draws a crowd as she is beloved by many a hosta event attendee. You will often hear people ask Jack "Where's Pink?"

While many know Jack as being a little rough around the edges, those that get to truly know him find he has a heart of gold, and is a big hearted hosta lover. I have gotten to know Jack over these many years since we co-hosted the 2013 convention, and he has become one of my closest hosta friends.

A better 2018 DeEtta Montgomery Award recipient could not be found. Congratulations Jack!

Upcoming Hosta Society Conventions


Midwest Hosta Society

2019 Green Bay, Wisconsin - Joint conference with AHS
2020 Hosted by Northern Illinois Hosta Society

American Hosta Society

2019 Green Bay, Wisconsin
2020 Rochester, Minnesota

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and enjoy a re-
view of the 2018
Midwest Hosta
Society Conven-
tion in Peoria, IL.

Small but Mighty — Amdall Garden

Photos and review by Gary Garles

The advance information about John's garden was typical, but things got really interesting upon arrival at his home. My initial reaction was skeptical due to the relative newness of the neighborhood. As it turns out, John is the kind of man you want to have around if you need to pack your automobile trunk for a long trip. When I read '120 conifers and 30 Japanese Maples' I expected very little grass. There is a nice lawn, and very well-defined borders, and the plants are- well, cozy. I happen to have many plants packed into my yard, so I appreciate the ability to cozy plants up. There is no wasted space, and not much chance for any weeds to gain a toe hold. John has planted in such a way that there are excellent textural changes on all sides of the house (photo 1).

The overall effect is quite traditional, in the sense that you have foundation beds, island beds in the lawn, and a nice screen for the sitting area behind the home. In fact, the patio in back is quite inviting, and almost zen-like in its execution. The circular pavers give way to a free-form raised bed designed with stone (Photo 2).



It helps that there is a real nice *Pinus parviflora* in this bed, they are my favorite conifer bar none. So what is this garden doing on a Hosta Society tour? 17 varieties aside, I for one am glad that we were able to see this fine example of horticulture on a small suburban lot. The interest level here goes way beyond the ordinary, over-planted, old school shrubbery you see all-too-often on streets like this. And don't we all want

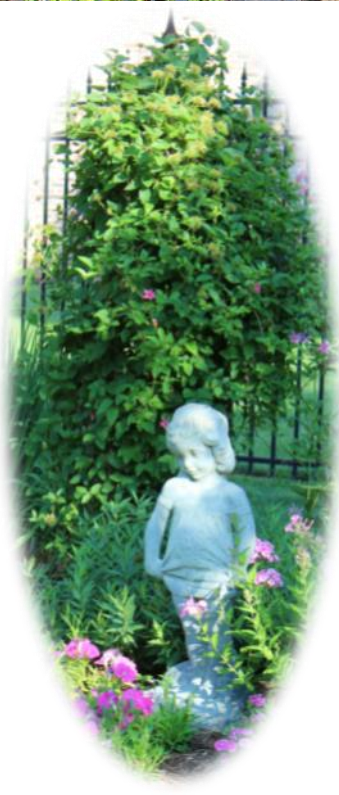
to figure out how to get that next plant we buy some space to grow?

Editors Note: I only received one garden review article, so the other gardens featured will be a pictorial review. Please consider volunteering to write a review of one of the 2019 convention gardens, for the 2019 Fall Newsletter. Contact me at mavertyz@gmail.com.

The Variety Garden — Cantrell Garden



Rainbow Garden — Gangloff Garden



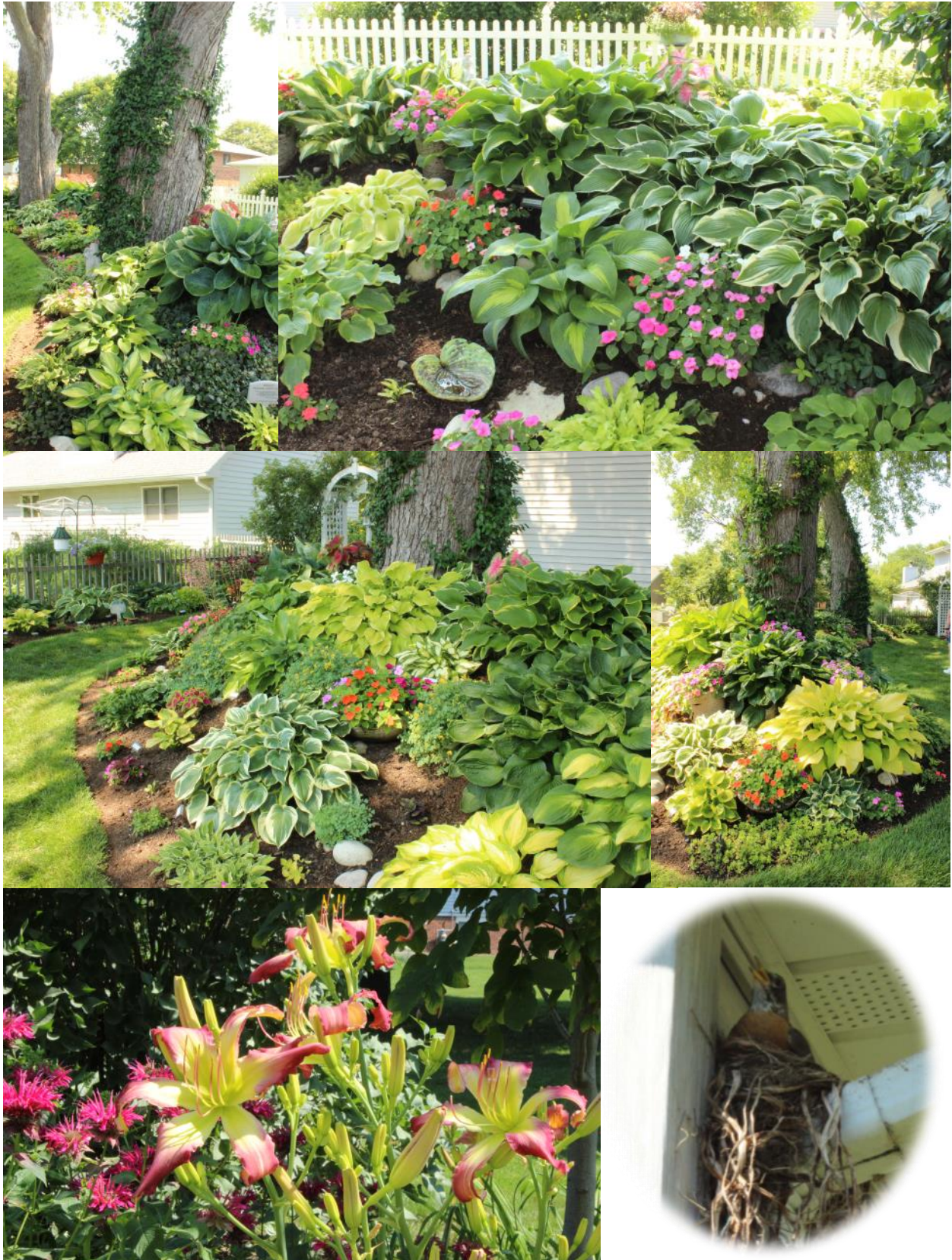
AHS Display Garden — IL Central College Arboretum Gardens



Hilltop Garden — Jones Garden



Mounds of Opportunity — Koch Garden



Celestial Garden — Nance Garden



Garden on a Hill — Smith Garden



Backyard Bliss — Baldini Garden



Magic Fire

Whimsical Garden — McConnell Garden



A Step Back in Time — Powers Garden



The Master's Touch — Salgado Garden



A Tranquil Sanctuary — Streitmatter-Ewalt Garden



Thursday Optional Special Event — Hornbaker Gardens

There was quite a crowd...



Hanging Around...



Shopping...



Relaxing...



And of course viewing the Gardens...



Seedling Competition



Seminar Speakers

Jack Barta: “What Works for Me”

Tom Micheletti “An Overview of Hosta Species”

Rob Mortko “The Hot Hostas of Tomorrow”

Joshua Spece: “The Big World of Little Hostas”

Keynote Speaker

Glenn Herold: “Hostas Through the Ages”



Hosta Show...



AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

Final Show Report for Accredited Hosta Shows

Name of Show Hostas Play In Peoria
Name of Host Society Central Illinois Hosta Society
Show Date July, 13 2018
Show Location Peoria, Illinois

Show Chair Kay Dye, Ella Maxwell, Mary Ann Metz
Show Co-Chair _____
Classification Chair Holly & Jim O'Donnell
Schedule Chair Mary Ann Metz
Placement Chair Steve Cunningham
Judges Chair Barb Schroeder

Number of Exhibitors 25 Approximate Number of Show Attendance 175

Number of Entries: 364

Division I – Horticulture 349

Section I	<u>21</u>
Section II	<u>40</u>
Section III	<u>82</u>
Section IV	<u>128</u>
Section V	<u>29</u>
Section VI	<u>1</u>
Section VII	<u>6</u>
Section VIII	<u>7</u>
Section IX	<u>11</u>
Section X	<u>10</u>
Section XI	<u>0</u>
Section XII	<u>24</u>

Division II – Container Grown Hosta	<u>0</u>
Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged For Effect	<u>2</u>
Division IV - Educational Displays	<u>0</u>
Division V – Non-Competitive Exhibits	<u>1</u>
Division VI – Artistic Design	<u>10</u>
Division VII – Specialty Division	<u>2</u>

Hosta Show Awards Presented

DIVISION I – Horticulture

<u>Hosta Name or Seedling ID</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Best of Show <u>H. 'Mini Skirt'</u>	<u>Holly O'Donnell</u>
Best Seedling or Sport <u>Seedling WL x LP</u>	<u>Kay Dye</u>
Sweepstakes <u>22</u>	<u>Dawn Geske</u>
Section I <u>H. 'Komodo Dragon'</u>	<u>Germaine Schwaller</u>
Section II <u>H. 'Dick Ward'</u>	<u>Holly O'Donnell</u>
Section III <u>H. 'Ohh Viola'</u>	<u>Ed Schulz</u>
Section IV <u>H. 'Pineapple Poll'</u>	<u>Germaine Schwaller</u>
Section V <u>H. 'Mini Skirt'</u>	<u>Holly O'Donnell</u>
Section VI <u>not awarded</u>	<u></u>
Section VII <u>unknown seedling</u>	<u>Loretta Cunningham</u>
Section VIII <u>Seedling WL x LP x ADG</u>	<u>Kay Dye</u>
Section IX <u>Seedling 9</u>	<u>Craig Plahn</u>
Section X <u>Seedling</u>	<u>Craig Plahn</u>
Section XI <u>not awarded</u>	<u></u>
Section XII <u>H. 'Purple Heart'</u>	<u>Beverly Peterson</u>

DIVISION II – Container Grown Hosta

Grand Award not awarded

DIVISION III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect

Grand Award not awarded

DIVISION IV – Educational Exhibits

Grand Award not awarded

DIVISION V – Non-Competitive Exhibits (No Award – This Division is not Judged)

DIVISION VI – Artistic Design

Best Artistic Design Award not awarded

DIVISION VII – Specialty Division Theme Sport unnamed

Grand Award Mike Giese

As the sun sets on the 2018 convention...



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Check out the website for all the exciting details and join us in Green Bay, WI in 2019. Early Bird registration is open. See you there!



2019 AHS Convention Registration Form

June 12 to 15 – Hosted by Green & Gold Hosta Society of Northeastern Wisconsin
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center – Green Bay, WI

Check www.ahs2019event.org for Convention Details

Each Registrant must complete a separate form



Registrant Information for 2019 American Hosta Society (AHS) Convention

Name as you wish it to appear on badge: _____ First AHS Convention: Yes No

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

AHS Member: Yes No Midwest Hosta Society Member: Yes No Local Society Member: Yes No Society Name: _____

Registration Fees: Rates charged are based on date submitted or postmarked.

Check one Registration category:

- Early Registration.....7-1-18 to 1-31-19 \$189
- Regular Registration.....2-1-19 to 4-30-19 \$205
- Late Registration.....5-1-19 to 6-12-19 \$239

Check the optional cost items of your choice:

- Busing to Gardens (2 days busing and 2 box lunches) \$60
- Pig Roast & Botanical Garden Tour on Wednesday Night \$25

Total of Checked Boxes: \$ _____

Payment:

Check to "Green & Gold 2019 AHS Convention" attached.

Credit/Debit card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Visa Mastercard AmEx Discover PayPal

If paying via PayPal, use the PayPal Option on the Registration Page to submit payment.

Meals

Friday Dinner Choice: Chicken Pork Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free

Saturday Banquet Choice: Salmon Beef Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Not able to attend Saturday Banquet

Regarding Thursday lunch, bus box lunches or anyone with other dietary restrictions, explain your needs here: _____

Hosta Show, Judges' Clinics and Auction

Are you an AHS judge (Check no more than one): Provisional Senior Master

Are you willing to serve as: Judge Clerk Helper

Please refer to the show schedule online at www.ahs2019event.org for details or contact Chuck Zdeb at sczdeb@bellsouth.net or Pat Gwidt at nathen33@yahoo.com or 715-799-4521.

I plan to attend: Clinic I Clinic II Clinic III (Clinic I first-timer must purchase judge's handbook for \$10 at the clinic.)

Please indicate the approximate number of entries you'll submit in each division you plan to enter. (Limit of 20 entries per household for Division I)

I-Cutleaf _____ II-Containers _____ III-Troughs _____ IV-Education _____ VI-Artistic Design _____

Auction Donations: Yes, I will donate items -- Approximate number of plants: _____ Approximate number of non-plant items: _____

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Dr, Green Bay, WI 54313: Make reservations directly with the hotel to receive these rates.

Visit www.ahs2019event.org or call the Radisson Hotel at 800-333-3333 and state you are with the American Hosta Society convention.

Rates of \$105/single or \$115/double are valid for bookings until May 20, 2019 or until sold out.

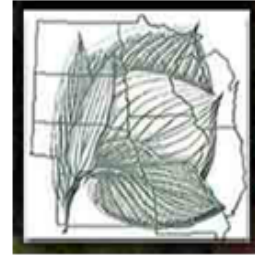
Registration Submission

Download this registration form. Complete electronically or print and fill out. Email completed form to ahs2019reg@gmail.com or mail to "Germaine Schwallier, AHS 2019 Convention Registrar, N1492 Blue Heron Tr, Keshena WI 54135." By returning the registration form, you authorize us to charge your credit or debit card for the total amount due. You will receive an email confirming your registration. For cancellations, notify the registrar at ahs2019reg@gmail.com. Full refund offered before April 30. 50% refund between May 1 and June 1. NO REFUNDS after June 1. Registrations may be transferred without charge up to June 1. Questions, call Germaine Schwallier at 715-799-4343 or Judy Sytsma at 920-373-6083.

Midwest Regional Hosta Society

Winter Hosta Symposium

Saturday, February 2, 2019



You are invited to join your hosta friends from the Midwest Region for our 21st annual Winter Hosta Symposium. We will meet on Saturday, February 2, 2019 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Check into the Milwaukee-Brookfield Sheraton Hotel on Friday. We kick off the event with a terrific "Hostality" meeting on Friday evening at the hotel. On Saturday morning, hotel guests enjoy a complimentary breakfast in the hotel restaurant.

Seminar Hours – Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Our Saturday lineup includes six speakers, lunch, and a hosta seed sale. You will enjoy this break from the winter doldrums with your hosta friends from throughout the Midwest region and hosta enthusiasts from regions four and five. The registration fee covers the speakers and lunch.

The Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel details:

Address: 375 S. Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005

Phone: (262) 364-1100

Rate: \$104 + tax (includes breakfast)

(Mention Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting for this rate. Rate guaranteed through Jan. 18, 2019)

Registration Fee is only \$55.00, with the Midwest Regional Hosta Society sponsoring and underwriting this event. You must register by January 18, 2019.

To register, send your name and address and a check for \$55.00 (\$59.00 after Jan. 18, 2019) payable to MRHS to:

Dave Collura
13600 W. Graham St.
New Berlin, WI 53151-2572



Midwest Regional Hosta Society
Winter Hosta Symposium

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Registration Form (complete one for each attendee):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Make Check Payable to MRHS for \$55.00 and mail to:

Dave Collura, 13600 W. Graham St., New Berlin, WI 53151-2572



By-Laws
Midwest Regional Hosta Society
July 9, 2010 revised July ~~2016~~ 2019

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as “The Midwest Regional Hosta Society”.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The Society was organized exclusively as a nonprofit educational society formed to foster and promote knowledge of and interest in the genus Hosta. The Society shall engage only in activities consistent with organizations that are exempt from Federal Income tax and whose contributions are deductible under Internal Revenue Code Provisions.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1 Membership in the Society is open to the public, without reservation, upon application for membership and payment of the applicable membership dues.
- Section 2 The membership of the Society shall be divided into the following classes: Family and Life, the latter of which may only be awarded for merit by the Board.
- Section 3 The dues of all classes shall be set by the Board. Dues are payable by the year, becoming due and payable on January 1 and are based on the calendar year.

ARTICLE IV – FINANCE

- Section 1 The fiscal year of the Society shall be from January 1 to December 31.
- Section 2 The Society shall be supported by membership dues, donations, auctions/silent auctions and other fundraising activities.
- Section 3 No funds of the Society shall be used for salaries or other compensation for officers.
- Section 4 A budget shall be prepared annually by the Treasurer.
- Section 5 The proposed budget for the oncoming fiscal year shall be presented for review and approval at the annual meeting. Expenditures under the approved budget may not exceed the total amount of approved expenditures in the budget unless there is an offsetting increase in income, or the expenditures are approved in advance by the Board.
- Section 6 Necessary expenditures incurred by members of the Board in the discharge of their duties to the Society, shall be paid by the Treasurer, subject to approval of the President. Any other expenses of any member of the Board must have preliminary approval of the President and the Treasurer, prior to expenditure, and be submitted to the Board for final approval.
- Section 7 In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all assets remaining after payment of legitimate expenses shall be distributed equally to the AHS National Display Gardens in Region 5 who are 501c3 organizations.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- Section 1 The officers of the Society shall consist of the following: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON** NEWSLETTER EDITOR, WEBMASTER, DIRECTOR AT LARGE, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, and AHS REGIONAL DIRECTOR. These officers shall constitute the voting members of the Board and are hereinafter referred to as the Board.
- Section 2 Vacancies other than the Presidency occurring between meetings shall be filled by appointment of the President, with approval of the Board.
- Section 3 The President shall preside over all meetings of the Society. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons, shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, and shall perform such duties as the advancement of the interests of the Society require. The President shall report on the state of the Society to the membership at the annual meeting and in the publications of the Society.
- Section 4 The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. He/she shall perform any other duties incumbent upon the office, including convention liaison. The Vice President and Immediate Past President shall, under advisement and approval of the Board, seek hosts for future conventions.
- Section 5 The Secretary shall record the minutes of the Board including electronic meeting minutes, Annual and MRHS Winter Conference meetings, and actions taken. Upon approval by the Board, the Secretary shall provide all minutes to the *Hosta Leaves* Editor for publication
- Section 6 The Treasurer shall receive all funds from payments of memberships and all other funds of the Society, be responsible for all Society monies; discharge accounts payable by check and maintain adequate financial records, prepare and render an annual report at the annual meeting, and, upon approval by the Board, authorize publication of the annual financial report to the general membership. ~~The Treasurer shall receive all new memberships, maintain a current membership list, and provide the same to the *Hosta Leaves* Editor.~~ When the Treasurer retires or resigns from office, the books must be audited by an unaffiliated auditor.
- Section 7 The Membership Chairperson shall receive all new memberships, maintain a current membership list, and provide the same to the *Hosta Leaves* Editor and Webmaster for publication. The Membership Chairperson shall notify members when their membership is due for renewal. The Membership Chairperson shall also send email correspondence to the general membership as required.**
- Section 7 8 The Regional Director of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society shall also serve on the Board of Directors for the AHS, and act as a liaison between the AHS and The Midwest Regional Hosta Society (MRHS). He/she shall communicate between the Board of Directors of the AHS and the Board of the MRHS.
- Section 8 9 The Editor shall be responsible for publishing the official Society publication, *Hosta Leaves*. The publication shall contain material that is of interest to all

members of the Society, and such material shall be in keeping with the purpose and intent of the Society. Publication will be on a semi-annual basis.

- Section 9 10 The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining the official web site of the Society and shall post material of interest to all members of the Society, and material that is in keeping with the purpose and intent of the Society, including newsletters, meeting notices and minutes.
- Section 10 11 The Director(s) at Large shall be responsible for finding the location of the Winter Conference, determining registration fee (with board approval), engaging speakers, and conducting and organizing the event. This position is filled by the person or persons who plan the Winter Conference, as long as there is a Winter Conference. In the event the Winter Conference is no longer held, the position of Director(s) at Large will be elected from the general membership with term limits consistent with other elected positions and should be filled by a candidate that brings some special expertise to the Board.
- Section 11 12 Any voting member of the Board who fills more than one voting position shall have only one vote. In the event that any position is filled by co-chairs, only one shall have a vote.

ARTICLE VI – TERMS OF OFFICE

- Section 1 The term of President, Vice President, Secretary and Regional Director is two years. The following positions have no term limits: Treasurer, **Membership Chairperson**, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and Director at Large. Election to fill these positions will be held only when a vacancy occurs. Two consecutive terms constitute maximum tenure for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Regional Director, excluding appointment for vacancies occurring to fill unexpired terms. Elections shall be held annually as necessary. The Past President Position changes automatically as the President Changes.
- Section 2 All Committee Chairpersons serve only at the appointment of President, with approval of the Board.
- Section 3 Any Board member who misses two Board meetings without prior approval of the President may be removed from office.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- Section 1 The Board shall meet prior to the annual meeting of the Society and prior to the MRHS Winter Conference. Two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Approval of actions put forth at Board meetings require a simple majority of the Board present. Additionally, electronic meetings may be called as needed by giving 5 days' notice of such meeting. Two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for online meetings. Approval of actions put forth in electronic meetings requires a simple majority of the Board members participating.
- Section 2 The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at a site and at such time as determined by recommendation of the Vice President and approval of the Board. The host/host group shall schedule a general business meeting, a hosta garden

tour, an auction/silent auction, an accredited cut leaf show, and a judge's clinic. Waiver of any of the aforementioned criteria for the annual meeting must be approved by the Board. Any variance in annual meeting criteria or frequency must be approved by the Board.

- Section 3 The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum. Motions require two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of members present and voting for passage.
- Section 4 Special Meetings may be called by any member of the Board with a one month notice of such meeting if in person or 5-day notice of such meeting if by email.
- Section 5 The Midwest Regional Hosta Society Winter Conference shall be held annually, or such other frequency as agreed to by the Board.
- Section 6 Monies received from the auction at the annual convention or Winter Conference shall be retained by the Midwest Regional Hosta Society. With prior approval of the Board, the local hosting society may retain monies received from a silent auction.
- Section 7 In the instance of Conventions being sponsored by individual hosts, rather than a local society, all monies shall be retained by MRHS.
- Section 8 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, unless otherwise specified herein, shall govern all business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

- Section 1 The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, chairpersons of Standing Committees as needed.
- Section 2 The Nominations Committee shall consist of at least three elected Board-Members, excluding the President. The Nominations Committee shall present a slate of candidates for open positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting, following the advice and approval of the Board.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 These bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting when an amendment is submitted in writing to the Board for approval and published in the Society publication and posted on the Society website prior to the Annual Meeting. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of members in attendance.
- Section 2 These bylaws shall be reviewed as needed to assure that they continue to reflect the purpose and operations of the Society.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

- Section 1 Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2 Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, as set forth in Article IV Section 7 of these Bylaws. or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XI – ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

The bylaws shall be declared adopted when approved by a 2/3 majority of the voting members at an Annual Meeting.

Approved _____ June _____, 2019 _____.

Barry R. Ankney, President
Midwest Regional Hosta Society



"HOSTA ASSOCIATES"

The Birds and the Bees of the Flowers and the Trees

By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

If you have allergies, you know instinctively when plants are pollinating. Ragweed pollen in the fall is a bane to many, causing itchy eyes and stuffed-up heads. However, the allergy season does not begin at that time, but in early spring, just after winter has released its stranglehold on trees and shrubs.

Tree and shrub pollen can be just as troublesome as weed pollen. We visited our daughter in North Carolina in early April and experienced firsthand the effects of pine pollen. Though I (fortunately) don't have allergies to pollen, there was so much in the air that it wreaked havoc on my contact lenses and left a yellow film on absolutely everything!

Pollination is the act of transferring pollen grains from the male [anther](#) of a flower to the female [stigma](#). This is followed by fertilization, which is the fusion of the pollen with the egg and results in the development of a seed. Early blooming trees, such as maples and elms, begin this process long before leaves have formed. In fact, seed development on red maples, silver maples, and elms is complete before the summer solstice occurs. Didn't we all play with silver maple "helicopters" as kids? As adults, we may have other opinions on these messy nuisances!

With the exception of ferns, mosses and other lower order types, all plants produce flowers. Some have separate male and female flowers, for example walnuts, oaks, hickories, filberts, pines, and hollies. Others have both male and female structures on the same flower. Some flowers are showy, others are not. The lack of beauty can be explained by the process of pollination. Usually we think of bees as pollinators, but birds,

other insects, the wind, and even water can serve this function. Colorful flowers not only attract us to a plant, but pollinators as well. Red flowers of Coral bells (*Heuchera*), for example, attract hummingbirds, which distribute pollen from one plant to the next. Bumblebees, the major pollinator of hostas, are attracted to their lavender or white flowers, usually as the sun rises in the early morning. In general, if a flower is colorful or showy, it is pollinated by birds or bees. Skunk cabbage, a bog plant with foul-smelling flowers, has a beetle as its primary pollinator. The beetle is attracted to the early spring flowers by the rancid smell that they emit.

For trees and shrubs without showy flowers, the wind is the primary pollinator. Since the pollen must travel through the air, rather on the body of a bird or insect, it is much smaller but more plentiful. This is the material that allergy sufferers dread. I have often seen clouds of pollen rise from a pine tree during its "mating" season. But even if you can't see it, your sensitive lungs and bronchial passages may detect the pollen being released in the spring. The timing of this occurrence is entirely dependent on the weather. As a graduate student I did a study on when plants bloom or release their pollen. (Glenn Herold and E.R. Hasselkus, "Prediction of Bloom in Woody Plants," *Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters*, Vol. LXVI, pp. 282-293) For most spring blooming plants, this date is dependent on what is known as "degree days," or atmospheric heating units. Later-blooming trees and shrubs were more inclined to follow the calendar. Thus the release of pollen from early blooming plants, such as maples and elms, may be as early as March, or as late as April, if spring is taking its good-natured time to get here.

Regardless, it is bound to happen, for it is nature's way of producing new plants and continuing the species. Though it will soon be snowing, the trees and shrubs know that spring will eventually arrive. When you step outside and sneeze uncontrollably, you will too!



The catkins of Hazelnut (*Corylus*) are among the first shrubs to release their pollen.



The flower of *Hosta montana* showing the yellow pollen-producing stamens and female pistil.

The AHS Hosta Registry Website Update is Completed!

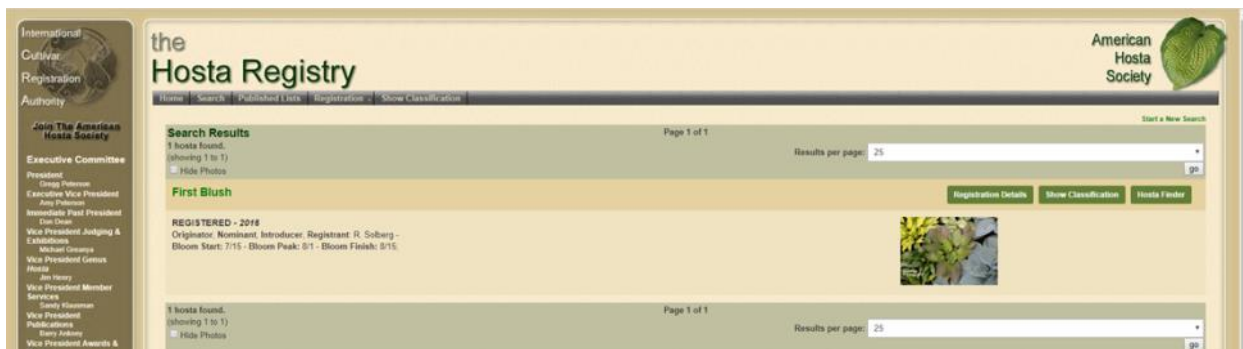
Those of you who attended the AHS Convention in June are aware of the changes coming to the American Hosta Society's **Hosta Registry Website** (www.hostaregistrar.org). Changes and additions were initially discussed by the executive committee of the AHS Board several years ago. Both Doug Beilstein and Don Dean, during their terms as president pursued adding some features to the Registry Website. As most of you likely know, the **Hosta Registry Website** is a service provided to you by the American Hosta Society (AHS) in its capacity as the International Cultivar Registration Authority for the Genus *Hosta*. The current Registrar is Gayle Hartley Alley. Hosta enthusiasts, growers, hybridizers, nurserymen, and horticulturists find this growing resource an invaluable tool.

Gayle Alley, Josh Spece, Barb and Rick Schroeder, Rob Mortko, and others have been working diligently on this project for over two years. Over 10,000 photos have been scanned and added to the website by Barb and Rick Schroeder. They have been instrumental in making this project come to fruition.

When available, the original photographs that were submitted to the registrar at the time of registration of a cultivar are displayed as a part of the registration detail page. The new registry site includes the original registration photos and, in many cases, also includes additional photos of the clump, leaf, and flower, and when applicable, any seasonal variations in the plant.

In addition to adding plant photos to the registry site, there is also a new feature that has been funded by the American Hosta Growers Association (AHGA). The AHGA has obtained permission from Steve Greene to use the name **Hosta Finder** to provide to all a **free** online resource that identifies the availability and pricing of hostas carried by member nurseries of the AHGA.

Let's look at an example of the new features of the **Hosta Registry Website**. From the search page, if you search for First Blush, the image on the following page is displayed. *(I suggest that after reading this article that you go through these same steps on the new website to familiarize yourself with these features.)*



When a cultivar is searched for on the Registry site, three tabs appear on the search results page. They are green tabs to the right of the name of the hosta. The first tab is **Registration Details**, which includes all of the photos of the cultivar, along with all of the details about the plant, leaf size, flower color, etc. The second tab is **Show Classification**, which lists the section and class for the cultivar for leaf show entry. The third tab is **Hosta Finder**.

If you click on the **Registration Details** tab, the image at right is displayed. Note that the **Registration Details** tab under the photos is now darkened. The photos are displayed and labeled as either a registration photo, or additional photos for the particular cultivar. You may enlarge the photos simply by clicking on any one of the photos. For example, clicking on the Registered Clump photo enlarges the photo to cover most of the screen, as shown below.



You can scroll through the larger sized photos by clicking on the right side of the photo to advance to the next photo or clicking on the left side of the photo to go back to the previous photo. To go back to the registration details page, just click the **X** at the lower right of the photo or click anywhere outside of the photo.



From the **Registration Details** page, you can jump to the **Show Classification** page by clicking the **Show Classification** tab, just under the photos, at the center of the page. Doing so will bring up the **Show Classification** page, as follows. Note that the **Show Classification** tab is now darkened.

The screenshot shows the 'the Hosta Registry' website. The main content area is titled 'First Blush - 2016' and is marked as 'REGISTERED'. It features a large photo of a 'Registered Clump' and three smaller photos labeled 'Additional Additional Flower', 'First Blush L.R. Schroeder 06-2018 Additional Leaf', and 'First Blush F.D. Billstein 2018 Additional Flower'. Below the photos are three tabs: 'Registration Details', 'Show Classification' (which is darkened), and 'Hosta Finder'. Under the 'Show Classification' tab, there is a table with classification information.

Classification Information			
Section Class	Classif Leaf Length	Classif Leaf Width	Classif Leaf Color
III-1	8.5	5	medium green

Below the table, there are links for '2018 Full Classification List', '2018 Simplified Classification List', 'Cover Pages for Classification Lists', and 'Quick Reference Table for Leaf Sizes and Colors'.

As you can see, the **Show Classification** page lists the Section Class, Leaf Length, Leaf Width, and Leaf Color for judging classification. Links to the full and partial classification lists, cover pages, and quick reference table for judging are also listed. *(Currently, there is an ongoing project by the nomenclature chair to review show classification data. As soon as these results are available, updated information will be added to the website.)*

To go to the **Hosta Finder** section, simply click on the **Hosta Finder** tab. A sample page from the **Hosta Finder** for First Blush^{PP28920} follows. Note that the **Hosta Finder** tab is now darkened. You can navigate between the three sections at any time by clicking the appropriate tab.


The **Hosta Finder** displays the AHGA member nurseries that are selling the chosen cultivar, listed in order by price, lowest to highest, with an average price also calculated. Each nursery listed has a link to their website, so the interested person can jump directly to the website to make a purchase, if desired. The current pricing shown is for the 2018 year. Early next year, pricing for the 2019 season will be posted.

Note that there are tabs for US, Canada, UK and Europe at the top of the listings. Where applicable, separate listings for each of these regions or countries are displayed by clicking on the region or country. If no AHGA Vendor is offering a particular cultivar, the **Hosta Finder** page will have no listings of vendors. Both registered and non-registered hostas are included in the **Hosta Finder** listings.

I am certain that you will enjoy this valuable new resource. If you have additional photos to share to add to the website, please contact Rick or Barb Schroeder

the
Hosta Registry

Home Search Published Lists Registration Show Classification


American Hosta Society 

First Blush - 2016

REGISTERED
Originator, Nominant, Introducer, Registrant: R. Solberg

Registration Details Show Classification Hosta Finder

The AHGA Hosta Finder is scheduled to debut in 2019, in time for the spring order season.



The American Hosta Growers Association is proud to honor the legacy of AHGA member Steve Green.
www.hostagrowers.org

US	Canada	UK	Europe	Price
Vendor				
Wade & Gatton Nurseries 1266 Gatton Rocks Rd. Belleville, OH 44813 419-883-3191 - www.wadegattonnurseries.com				\$25.00
Green Hill Farm, Inc. P.O. Box 773 Franklinton, NC 27525 919-309-0549 - www.HostaHosta.com				\$35.00
Mason Hollow Nursery 47 Scripps Lane Mason, NH 03048 603-878-4347 - www.masonhollow.com				\$36.00
Naylor Creek Nursery P.O. Box 309 Chinaman, WA 98325 360-732-4983 - www.naylorkreek.com				\$35.00
New Hampshire Hostas 73 Exeter Road South Hampton, NH 03827 603-879-0085 - www.nhhostas.com				\$36.00
Hornbaker Gardens 22927 1148 N. Ave. Princeton, IL 61356 815-658-3282 - www.hornbakergardens.com				\$40.00
In the Country Garden and Gifts 2587 Quasqueton Diag. Blvd. Independence, IA 50544 319-934-3620 - www.inthecountrygardensandgifts.com				\$40.00
Average Price:				\$35.14

(barbschro1@gmail.com or rickschro1@gmail.com). Feedback or comments should be sent to Josh Spece, Webeditor-in-Chief (josh@inthecountrygardenandgifts.com). Questions about registration information should be directed to Gayle Hartley Alley (giboshigayle@gmail.com). Hosta Finder questions should be directed to Rob Mortko (robmortko@gmail.com).

Barry Ankney
President, MRHS and AHS VP Publications



MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

13 July 2018

Call to Order – 4:30 pm

Present: President – Barry Ankney, Vice President – Barbara King, Treasurer – Mona Keen, Secretary – Holly O'Donnell, Newsletter Editor – Mary Vertz, Membership Chair – Barb Schroeder,

AHS Region 5 Liaison – Glenn Herold, Director at Large – Mark Rekoske, Immediate Past President – Cindy Tomashek

Motion to approve the e-minutes from April with amended statement that MRHS will split the proceeds from the auction fifty-fifty with NIHS at the 2020 MRHS Convention and also cover losses up to \$5000.

Motion – Barb, Second – Mona. Motion approved.

Officer Reports

President

- ♦ Probable date for Winter Symposium will be 2 February 2019. Registration forms will be available and preregistration possible at dinner this evening.
- ♦ Update on combining the MRHS/AHS Conventions – MRHS will be allowed to keep the proceeds from the silent auction.
- ♦ There will be a formal election of Mona as treasurer at the business meeting tomorrow night.

Vice President

- ♦ Mary Ann Metz will be the leaf show chair at the MRHS Convention in 2020. More specifics concerning the 2020 convention at next meeting.

Treasurer

- ♦ Financial report was presented.
Checking account: \$10,815.18
Savings account: \$57,007.00

Past President

No report

Region 5 Liaison

- ♦ 374 likes on Facebook page

Director at Large

No Report

Newsletter Editor

- ♦ 1 October is deadline for the fall newsletter

Membership

- ♦ Current number of active members: 231
- ♦ 15% of members receive newsletters through mail versus email
- ♦ Discussion of term limits of new position of Membership Chair
- ♦ Motion to add Membership Chair to MRHS Board with no term limits – Glenn, Second – Mary. Motion carried. Barry will make changes to the bylaws to reflect this and send to board members for approval.
- ♦ Article 9, Section 1 of MRHS bylaws dealing with amendments has no timeline mentioned as to when the board receives the proposed changes in order to have them published before the annual membership meeting. Motion to amend the bylaws to state changes must be submitted at least 30 days prior to annual.

Motion to adjourn – Glenn

Second – Barb

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

Submitted by Holly O'Donnell, Secretary



Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget 1/1/2018 - 10/12/2018

ALL ACCOUNTS					
Category	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	Difference	2019 Approved Budget	Notes
Income:					
2018 Convention Auction	\$6,507.09	\$5,000.00	\$1,507.09	5,000.00	
Income-Interest	\$11.31	\$0.00	\$11.31	0.00	
Membership:	\$490.00	\$2,300.00	(\$1,810.00)	2,100.00	
Winter Symposium	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	0.00	
Newsletter	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	0.00	advertising
Subtotal	\$7,823.40	\$7,300.00	\$523.40	7,100.00	
Expense:					
2018 Convention Ribbons	(\$520.78)	\$0.00	(\$520.78)	0.00	2018 and 2020 Ribbons
Award-Montgomery	(\$34.72)	(\$200.00)	\$165.28	(100.00)	
Awards-AHS	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	(200.00)	
Grants-Display Gardens	(\$600.00)	(\$1,500.00)	\$900.00	(2,400.00)	
Liability Insurance	(\$454.00)	\$0.00	(\$454.00)	(452.00)	
Membership Expense	(\$28.67)	\$0.00	(\$28.67)	(400.00)	
Miscellaneous	(\$65.74)	(\$200.00)	\$134.26	(100.00)	
Newsletter	(\$364.29)	(\$1,500.00)	\$1,135.71	(750.00)	
Internet Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
Winter Symposium 2019	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	(5,000.00)	hotel deposit
2018 Convention Reg Refund	(\$265.00)	\$0.00	(\$265.00)	0.00	1 adult and 1 child
Subtotal	(\$4,333.20)	(\$3,600.00)	(\$733.20)	(\$9,402.00)	
Net Totals	\$3,490.20	\$3,700.00	(\$209.80)	(2,302.00)	
Account Balances:					
Checking	\$16,886.71				
Savings	\$57,011.31				
Total Assets	\$73,898.02				
	Respectfully submitted,				
	Mona Keehn				
	Treasurer				
	October 13, 2018				

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Educational Fund

At the Midwest Regional Hosta Society (MRHS) Executive Committee meeting held at the Dubuque Convention, it was decided to set aside funds for specific educational enhancements of current and/or future AHS National Display Gardens within Region 5. The funds will be available for any AHS National Display Garden within the region that is sponsored by a local hosta society.

Application for these funds must be submitted to the Vice-President of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society. The application must be submitted by the local society that is requesting funding of a specific educational aspect of the sponsored garden. A committee composed of the Vice-President, Immediate Past President, and the Treasurer of MRHS will review and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for awarding grant money.

Funding for any specific project may not exceed \$300 per project in a single calendar year, with each local society limited to a single project per year.

Specific guidelines for eligible projects include but are not limited to the following:

- Producing handouts or brochures that are available at the garden that provide specific educational information about *Hosta*.
- Producing or updating garden signs that provide information about the display garden or a specific component of the garden related to *Hosta*.
- Installing a new display bed that features some specific collection of *Hosta*, for example, a miniature *Hosta* collection, a collection of introductions from a specific hybridizer, a collection of *Hostas* related to one of the *Hosta* species (like a *H. plantaginea* bed with cultivars derived from that species).
- Procuring display cases or containers to hold educational materials for public distribution.

The local society who is granted funding of a specific project must agree to provide documentation of the project being completed by providing samples of educational materials that are produced, providing photographs of the completed project, and submitting a report to the MRHS Executive Committee. The local society must further agree to promote membership in and participation in the Midwest Regional Hosta Society by posting membership information about MRHS in the local newsletter and/or website.

Educational Fund
September 18, 2015

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Educational Grant Application

Name of the AHS Display Garden: _____

Name of Sponsoring Local Society: _____

Contact person/title: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Local Society Website: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Approved/Disapproved: _____

Description of the proposed educational project for this AHS Display Garden: (use additional sheets if necessary to describe your proposed project)

Educational Fund
September 18, 2015

AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

We invite you to join over 3,000 other hosta enthusiasts as members of the American Hosta Society. Members receive two printed 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. Once each year members also receive access to *The Online Hosta 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 27948-7539. 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/>

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BIG thanks to our Field Editor for this edition — without you this newsletter would not be possible.

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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	3½" x 4½"
1/8 page	45	80	3½" 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	3½" x 4½"
1/8 page	30	50	3½" x 2"

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY
FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Membership

Please check the expiration date on the label located above this notice. If it says “2018”, 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 250 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 a one day Conference either in fall or January. To join, or renew membership, please send a check for \$20 (\$10 per year) to Barb Schroeder, 1819 Coventry Drive, Champaign, IL 61822 for email newsletters. \$30.00 (\$15 per year) for paper copy mailed newsletters.

Next summer’s convention will be a joint convention with AHS in Green Bay, WI. The 2020 convention will be hosted by the Northern Illinois Hosta Society. Our conventions usually includes 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!