

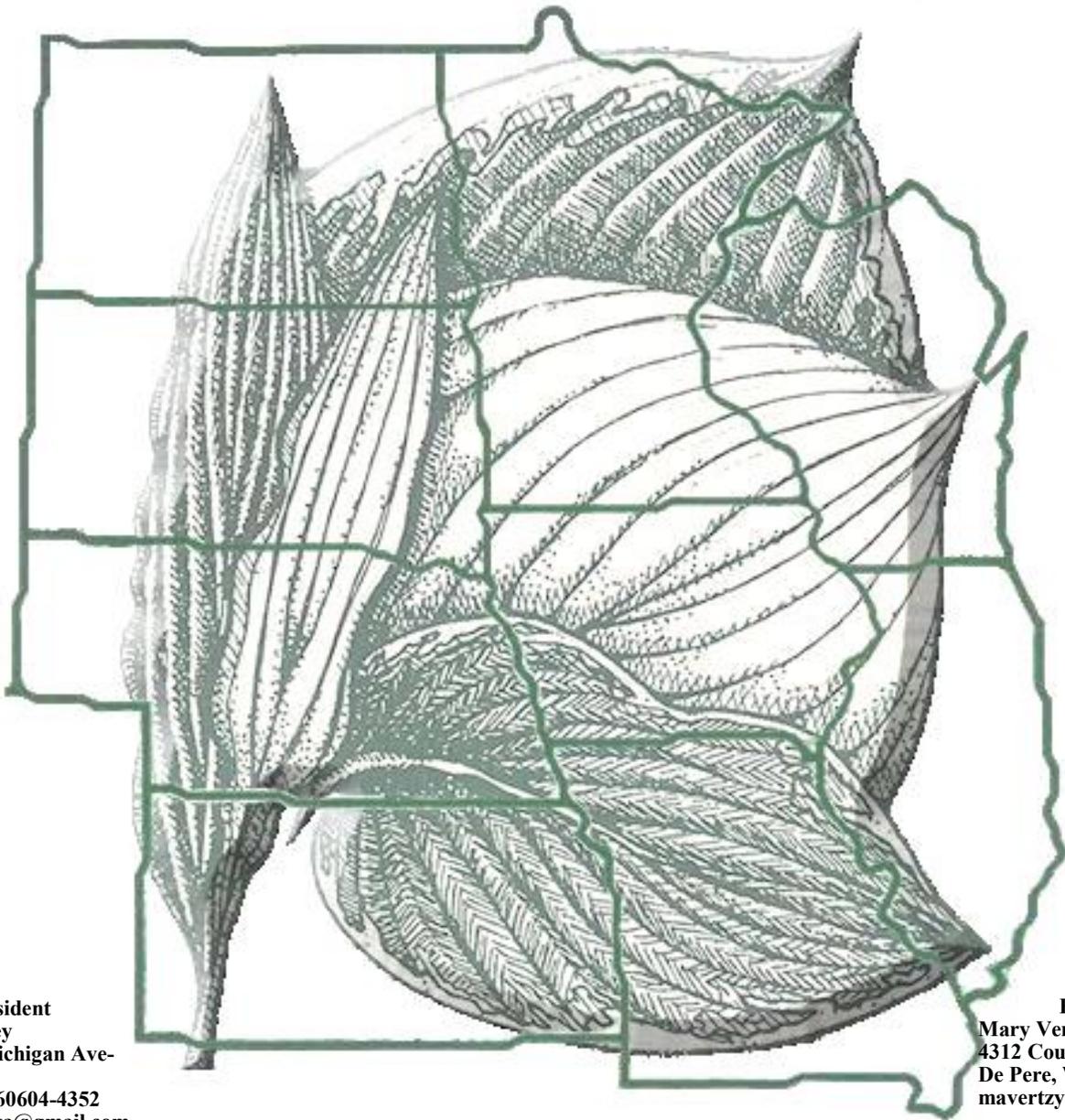
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MRHS President's Message

Spring, 2019

For the first time in recent memory, I am not in a place where I can enjoy the rebirth of nature as spring arrived. I am writing this message while onboard a cruise ship that is about to complete a journey that has taken us around the world. We have seen some marvelous countries (27 total) which included some of the most remarkable gardens in the world.

At the top of the list is the National Orchid Garden in Singapore. This orchid garden is a part of the Singapore Botanic Garden, which is a wonderous place. The orchid garden has an extensive longstanding hybridizing program. They have hundreds of varieties that they have developed. Many of their new hybrids are named after famous persons who have visited the gardens.

Another memorable garden we visited was in Darwin, Australia. Darwin sits in the far northern part of Australia, placing it in a tropical climate. The Darwin Botanical Garden is a 105 acres tropical garden. Perhaps even more memorable than the hundreds of varieties of blooming tropical plants that we saw was the 20-foot-long wild native python that was sunning on a tree branch.

We did not see many hostas on our world cruise. The only place where gardens featured hostas to any extent was in New Zealand, on the South Island, in Dunedin. We also saw some private gardens in Dunedin and on Stewart Island, at the far southern part of New Zealand, that used hostas in their landscape.

As we sail toward Florida and the end of our adventure, we are looking forward to returning to our temperate climate where, I am sure, spring has arrived in our absence. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in June in Green Bay, Wisconsin, for our combined American Hosta Society and Midwest Regional Hosta Society convention. The convention has been sold out, but a waiting list has been established for those of you who have not yet registered. Go to www.ahs2019event.org to get placed on the waiting list.

At the convention, we will be electing a new slate of officers. Please see the list of nominated persons for election included in this newsletter. My thanks to Barbara King and the MRHS Board for putting together an outstanding slate of officers for your consideration. As always, nomina-

tions may also be made from the floor at the convention. Please be sure to seek approval of those being nominated from the floor before submitting their name at the convention.

We will also be presenting the proposed budget for the coming year for approval. The proposed budget is included in this newsletter for your examination.

I hope the late winter storms in the northern part of our region did not have a harmful effect on the gardens. I have noted that there have been some extremes in temperatures again this spring in our region. Hopefully, your gardens thrive in spite of the weather.

Looking forward to seeing you in Green Bay for Hostaffinity.

Yours in the Friendship Plant,
Barry Ankney
MRHS President
midwesthosta@gmail.com

New MRHS Website password,
effective May 15th: **43MRHS**

(MRHS is 43 this year!)



Rainforest Sunrise

Winter Symposium

February 1 & 2, 2019

Milwaukee—Brookfield Sheraton

By Mary Vertz

The return of the Winter Symposium was enjoyed by approximately 110 hosta enthusiasts. Plans are already in the works for the next Winter Symposium to be held in Milwaukee January 31st (hostatality) and February 1st, 2020. So mark you calendars.

Jack Barta and Glenn Herold arranged a fantastic lineup of speakers. Everyone was able to listen to them all, as none were scheduled to speak at the same time. An informal poll of attendees showed that they liked not having to pick and choose which speakers to attend and they were able to listen to them all.

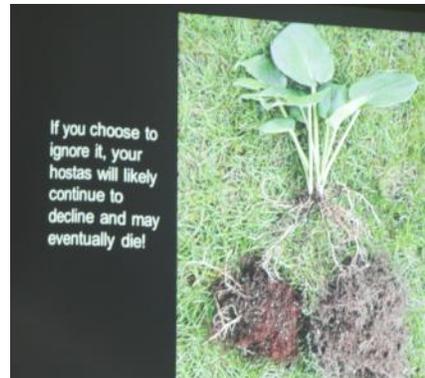
After opening remarks, Bob Solberg started out with “Growing Hostas Successfully in Containers”. He talked about why to grow hostas in pots; the best planting mix to use in pots; different kinds of pots; need for re-potting; and importance of keeping them from getting to wet.

He also showed an average rainfall chart for the Milwaukee area. When no one raised their hand to his question “Do you water your hostas in May”, he made a case for why we should. Compared to the other growing months, May has the lowest rainfall at a time when our hostas are starting their spring growth spurts, so why wouldn’t we water them. At the time, know one could think of a reason why we aren’t watering in May, but as I look out at my ‘soggy’ gardens, I now know why we don’t! We’re all looking to May as a time for our gardens to finally dry out enough to plant after the winter snow melt and April shows have thoroughly soaked them. Unlike North Carolina, our cool spring temperatures usually do not dry out the soil to the point of needing water until early June.

Puddles, Puddles Everywhere!



After a break for coffee, bidding on the seed auction, book sales, Hostaffinity t-shirt sales, and visiting, Don Rowson presented “You can have a Tree-mendous Garden”. He discussed the problems tree roots cause; the various types of roots; competition for water; and problems caused by dense shade. He then followed up with 20 Tips on how to have a “Tree-mendous” garden including choosing the right trees.



After a brief ‘nature’ break, Don Dean spoke on “Where did That Trait Come From?”. Don shared his insights on the different species and what traits they are known to pass onto their offspring. Did you know that fragrant hostas trace their roots to *H. plantaginea*? That *H. fluctuans* passes on its vase shape? That Tony Avent at Plant Delights has developed a hosta with scape branching—watch out daylily branching, here come the hostas!

After all the talk of hosta parentage, it was time for a break for a delicious lunch, more seed auction bidding, t-shirt sales, book sales and visiting.



The afternoon sessions started off with Mark Zilis, sharing his discoveries from his 2018 trip in search of the species *H. sieboldiana* in Japan. He was accompanied by his son Andy and Bob Solberg.

Each stop they made was to search for a specific species of hosta in the wild or to visit a nursery. It was wonderful to get a glimpse of the beauty of Japan through the pictures he shared. In case you didn’t know, Mark loves to take pictures.



After another break for seed auction bidding and visiting, Jeff Moore shared insights on his hybridizing program. He started off by naming some of the more common hostas used in hybridizing— Dorothy Benedict, Leaping Lippazan and Pycnophylla.



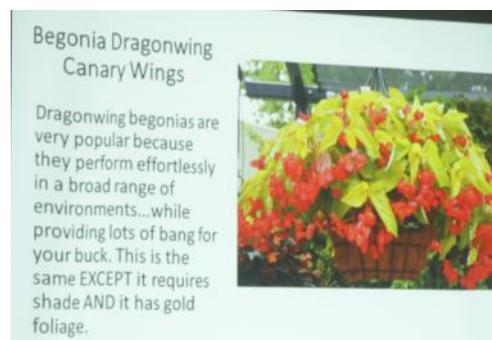
His hybridizing program includes red flowered, black flowered, fragrant flower with red petioles, yellow with red, blues, tetraploid streakers, red into the leaves, and misted.

He breaks down his streaker program into yellow streakers, blue streakers, green streakers, streaked with leaf action, red streakers and streakers with red into the leaves. His suggestions for someone starting their own hybridizing program is to work with plants that get your attention.



After another brief ‘nature’ break, George Papadelis presented the final session of the day. George has been growing unique annuals and perennials since he was 11, when his father bought the green house next door. His father suggested that George and his brother should sell some plants. So he was off and running selling plants, soon purchasing another greenhouse.

His presentation showcased new annuals and perennials for 2019. He showed us new colors in Alstroemeria, Begonias, Bidens, Impatiens, Echinacea, and Hibiscus.



After the final presentation, it was time to collect final auction winnings and for those heading home to say good-byes. Later in the evening Hostality was open again for those who stayed another night. All in all it was a great Winter Symposium! Thanks you Jack and Glenn.

Seed Auction

The MRHS Board extends a heartfelt thanks to all who donated to the seed auction at the Winter Symposium.

- ⇒ Jack Barta
- ⇒ Kay Dye
- ⇒ Jim Huseman
- ⇒ James O'Donnell
- ⇒ Bev Peterson
- ⇒ John Petit
- ⇒ Owen & Sue Purvis
- ⇒ Steve Rutz
- ⇒ Barb Schroeder
- ⇒ Mary Vertz
- ⇒ Dave Wanninger
- ⇒ Jeff & Marie White
- ⇒ Jeff Moore

Speaking of seeds, did you win some seeds that produced some exciting seedlings? Have some of them really caught your attention? Will you be the next new hybridizer on the block? Share your seedling pictures with fellow members by sending them to me at mavertyz@gmail.com. I'll post some of them in the fall newsletter.



Friday Night Hostality



**Pictures by
Jack Barta**

Friday Morning Breakfast



**Pictures by
Jack Barta**

Saturday



Picture by
Jack Barta



Thank you for your attendance! We had over 100 hosta enthusiasts who heard six great speakers on Saturday February 1st: Bob Solberg, Don Dean, George Papadelis, Jeff Moore, Mark Zilis and Dan Rawson. On the Friday night, we had more than sixty attendees enjoy the hostality suite, stocked with craft beers, wines, specialty cheeses and other desserts set up by Tim Triolo.

Mary Schwartzbauer accompanied with her sidekicks Cindy Tomashek and Mona Keehn, chaired the Saturday Seed Sale. Many asked, "Where did the seeds come from?" Thanks to donors Dave Wanning, Jeff and Marie White, Jeff Moore, Mary Vertz, Barta Schroeder, Steve Rutz, John Petit, Jack Barta, Bev Peterson, James O'Donnell, Jan Huseman, Owen & Sue Purvis, and Kay Dye, for their generosity.

Thanks also goes out to my co-chairman, Glenn Herold, whom many of you know. Glenn did a phenomenal job of helping coordinate this event, and contributed greatly to making it a successful and enjoyable venue for the group.

Members contributed many new gardening ideas during the talks. Discussions about hostas in pots, tree root competition, new plants for 2019, a program for hybridizing, using species plants in hybridizing, as well as highlights from Mark and Bob's Japan trip, led the list.

If you missed this year's symposium, the board is being asked to approve it for the date of February 1st in 2020. Most everything should be similar to this year.

On the financial side, The Board on the Midwest Regional Hosta Society approved the loss of a short \$2000.00, so each attendee was given a stipend of \$19.00 to attend the symposium to keep their registration fee down. Something that most do not know is that the hotel charges over \$25.00 for the luncheon and \$40.00 per gallon when we have a morning break. Hotel charges add up quickly!

I am looking forward to seeing you in attendance in 2020! "We have nice weather here in Milwaukee in February," winter is long with no hosta talk and let's just enjoy each others company.

Once again "Thank You" to everyone.

Sincerely,

**Jack Barta
Co-Chairman**



FRIENDS • FOLIAGE • FOREVER

As Barry stated in his letter, the 2019 AHS convention in Green Bay WI is **SOLD OUT! WOW!** How many times has that ever been said. With over 520 people registered for the convention, it will be a great time to meet old friends and create new ones. The convention committee is busy putting the finishing touches on and can't wait to greet everyone.

For those who have registered, remember to continue to check out the convention website for updates to the schedule, vendor lineup, places to see, Hosta Show rules and other updates.

If you are interested in attending but haven't registered, you can be put on a waiting list. All conventions usually have some last minute cancellations. So if there is a cancellation, those on the waiting list will be contacted in the order they were received, to verify if they are still interested in coming. To make any last minute registrations go smoothly, you will need to fill out a "Wait List Application" and send it along with a check for payment to the convention registrar. Your check will not be cashed unless there is a cancellation and the registrar has contacted you about an opening and you confirm that you still want to attend. For any on waiting list that are not able to attend, your check will be returned via US Postal mail the week after the convention.

The "Wait List Application" and all convention related information can be found at <https://www.ahs2019event.org/> .

If you are attending and willing to write an article for the fall edition of the Hosta Leaves, please contact me at mavertzzy@gmail.com.

Hope to see you in June!

"HOSTA ASSOCIATES"

In Love With Bloodroot

By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

If you walk a Midwest nature trail during April and May, you are likely to come across the wildflower known as Bloodroot, also known as Indian Paint, White Puccoon or Red Puccoon. Botanically, it is known as *Sanguinaria canadensis*. This member of the poppy family emerges with a single flower bud on a leafless stalk, wrapped by a gray-green, three to nine-lobed leaf on an adjacent stalk. The white, eight-petaled flowers open only during a sunny day, not at night or on cloudy days. They are one to two inches in diameter. If an insect arrives within a few hours of the flower opening, it can transfer pollen from another Bloodroot flower. If it is too cold for the insects to be out, or they are not in the vicinity for some other reason, the male reproductive structures (stamens) collapse around the female pollen receptor (stigma), thus self-pollinating the plant.

As spring progresses, the long-stalked rubbery leaves continue to grow, eventually reaching a length of about seven inches. The larger leaves are better able to capture the sunlight that reaches the forest floor and build up the plant's food reserves for next year's bloom. Seed distribution is an excellent example of how fauna and flora work together in nature. Bloodroot seeds are coated in a gelatinous crust. Ants, attracted to the gelatin, carry the seeds back to their colonies, where they germinate and increase the plant population.

The name "Bloodroot" comes from the reddish, blood-like liquid which flows from its underground storage structure known as a rhizome. This is not sap, but rather a latex produced in special receptacles, containing rubber and several alkaloid poisons. Rumor has it that ingestion of large quantities could result in death, however no record of this happening to either livestock or humans has ever been noted.

The Virginian name for Bloodroot was Pokan, which refers to any red-juiced plant used for staining and dying. The work "pak" meant blood. The generic name *Sanguinaria* also refers to blood. Native Americans used the latex for painting their faces and bodies, and for coloring baskets and arrow feathers. The Omaha-Poncas tribe found it useful as a love charm as well!

Many uses have been found for Bloodroot as a medicine. It has been used to stop bleeding, to treat fever and rheumatism, to cure colds and coughs, to treat skin burns, as a cure for toothaches, to induce vomiting, to aid digestion, and in the treatment of dizziness, paralysis, and skin diseases, such as poison ivy. Recent research has shown some promise in arresting certain superficial cancers. In addition, protopine, derived from

the juice, has been found to inhibit histamine H1 receptors and platelet aggregation.

Bloodroot is easy to find, being native throughout Midwest woodlands, but few wildflowers match the rarity of its beauty. Don't pick the flowers or the leaves, however, for doing so may result in the death of the plant. As Aldo Leopold said in his classic *A Sand County Almanac*, "But all conservation of wilderness is self-defeating, for to cherish we must see and fondle, and when enough have seen and fondled, there is no wilderness left to cherish."

Bloodroot is an excellent companion plant for the hosta garden. Flowers are in full glory just as hosta pups are starting to emerge, allowing you to extend the shade garden season. After bloom, the leaves blend in well with our favorite plant. Fortunately, nurseries are carrying more and more wildflowers such as bloodroot. Look for them when you make an early season trip to your favorite garden center and plant a few.

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>

Bloodroot blooming in my garden on April 26, 2019



Glenn Herold

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Budget for 2020

<u>Category</u>	<u>2019 Estimate</u>	<u>2019 Budget approved in July 2018</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2020 Budget to be approved in June 2019</u>
Income:				
2019 Seed Auction	\$519.97	\$0.00	\$519.97	0.00
2019 Convention Auction/ Raffle	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00
2020 Convention Auction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	5,000.00
Income-Interest	\$18.58	\$0.00	\$18.58	0.00
Membership:	\$1,500.00	\$2,100.00	(\$600.00)	1,500.00
Newsletter (Ad)	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	0.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$4,693.55</u>	<u>\$4,600.00</u>	<u>(\$61.45)</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>
Expense:				
Award-Montgomery	(\$100.00)	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	(100.00)
Awards-AHS	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	(200.00)
Grants-Display Gardens	(\$600.00)	(\$2,400.00)	\$1,800.00	(1,200.00)
Liability Insurance	(\$454.00)	(\$452.00)	(\$2.00)	(454.00)
Membership Expense	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(200.00)
Miscellaneous	(\$100.00)	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	(100.00)
Newsletter	(\$700.00)	(\$750.00)	\$50.00	(750.00)
Internet Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Winter Symposium 2019	(\$2,243.91)	\$0.00	(\$2,243.91)	0.00
Winter Symposium 2020	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(5,000.00)
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$4,247.91)</u>	<u>(\$4,002.00)</u>	<u>(\$245.91)</u>	<u>(8,004.00)</u>
<u>Net Totals</u>	<u>\$445.64</u>	<u>\$598.00</u>	<u>(\$152.36)</u>	<u>(1,504.00)</u>
Account Balances:Current				
Checking	\$16,729.77			
Savings	\$57,019.84			
Total Assets	\$73,749.61			

Respectfully submitted,
Mona Keehn
Treasurer
April 30,2019

By-Laws (PROPOSED CHANGES ARE IN RED)
Midwest Regional Hosta Society
July 9, 2010 revised July June 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 expendi-

Section 7 ture, and be submitted to the Board for final approval. 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, ~~or when requested by the board~~, the books must be audited by an independent auditor.

Section 7 The Membership Chairperson shall receive all new member-

ships, 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

- Section 3** **President, with approval of the Board.**
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 constitutes 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

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1 February 2019

Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel

Call to Order – 7:30 pm

(Minutes to be approved at June Board Meeting)

Present: Present: Secretary – Holly O'Donnell, Treasurer – Mona Keehn, Director at Large – Mark Rekoske, Newsletter Editor – Mary Vertz, AHS Region 5 Liaison – Glenn Herold, Immediate Past President – Cindy Tomashek.

Absent: President – Barry Ankney, Vice President – Barbara King, Membership Chair – Barb Schroeder.

Officer Reports:

Secretary—

Review of minutes from the Board meeting at the 2018 MRHS convention.

Motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from the 2018 MRHS convention – Glenn, second – Cindy. Motion carried.

Treasurer—

Checking account: \$20,866.22

Savings account: \$57,017.08

Membership—

Though Barb was not able to attend this meeting she emailed a Membership report to board members.

Active members as of 21 January 2019: 262 (Up from 231 in July 2018).

36 members are receiving their newsletters via mail vs 226 members.

New Business—

2019 MRHS/AHS Convention—

MRHS Membership Meeting at the 2019 combined convention will be held on Thursday evening, 13 June. The Ballroom at the Radisson has been reserved.

A discussion of the possibility of the MRHS having a silent auction at the convention resulted in the board agreeing not to host an auction.

The AHS host suggested a \$150 contribution to cover the space needs for the MRHS meeting.

Motion to approve \$150 expenditure for our space needed at the 2019 combined convention – Cindy, second – Glenn. Motion carried.

Nominations for vacated offices to be presented at 2019 membership meeting—

Positions that need to be filled: President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Discussion ensued and suggestions made for the positions. Several members will be approached to see if they are willing to serve.

2019 Montgomery Award nominations —

The board decided not to give the Montgomery Award in 2019 due to not having a standalone convention and banquet.

Status Report on 2020 MRHS convention—

Barbara King and Mike Krause – co-chairs

Chairs are getting the committees together. Convention will be at the Hilton in Lisle, Illinois. Theme will be “Hostas Chicago Style”.

Motion to adjourn – Mona, second – Cindy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Submitted by Holly O'Donnell, Secretary

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

14 July 2018

(Minutes to be approved at June Membership Meeting)

President Barry Ankney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Auction Results

Barry presented a summary of the previous night's auction:

- **Total of 38 donors**
- **7 plants sold for over \$100**
- **Highest was H. 'Stag's Leap' – \$270**
- **133 donated plants which sold for a total of \$6637**

Leaf Show

There was a total of 25 exhibitors with 379 total leaves shown.

The Sweepstakes (the most blue ribbons) resulted in a tie between Ed Schultz and Mike Giese with each winning 18 blue ribbons.

Membership

MRHS will extend the membership for any member who is in attendance at tonight's meeting. Offer is 2 years for \$10 and will be available only tonight. (Not available for members whose memberships have lapsed.)

Barb Schroeder resigned from the treasurer position earlier in the year. Mona Keehn accepted the offer of interim treasurer. The club now needs to formally elect Mona to that position. Motion to elect Mona Keehn to position of treasurer – Barb, Second – Penny Kerri-gan. Motion approved.

Secretary

Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the 24 June 2017 membership meeting – Cindy Tomasek, Second – Jim O'Donnell. Motion approved.

Treasurer

Motion to approve the 2017 financial report as published – Roger Becker, Second – Diana Plahn. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the 2019 budget as published – Glenn Herold, Second – Cindy Tomasek. Motion approved.

New Business

The Winter Hosta Symposium will be held on 2 February 2019 at the Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Organizers of the event are Jack Barta and Glenn Herold.

Members are asked to save their hosta seeds and give them to Mary Schwartzbauer who will be collecting seeds for the seed sale.

Etta Montgomery Award was awarded to Jack Barta.

Motion to adjourn – Tom Micheletti, Second – Diana Plahn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Submitted by,

Holly O'Donnell, Secretary

2019 Hosta of the Year Lakeside Paisley Print

Check out the Hosta Growers website for details on the 2019 Hosta of the Year. While there check out the past Hosta of the Year. How many do you have in your garden?

http://www.hostagrowers.org/Hosta_of_the_Year.html



2019 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Midwest Regional Hosta Society

Following have agreed to be nominated for open Board positions. Each position is for a two year term. Vote to be called at June Members Meeting after a call for any additional nominations from the floor.

President	Mary Schwartzbauer – Minnesota HS, Minnetonka, MN
Vice President	Pat Gwidt – Green and Gold HS, Keshena, WI
Secretary	David Dettman – Russ O’Harra HS, Pella, IA
AHS Regional Director	Glenn Herold – Cedarburg, WI

Following is a new position as outlined in the proposed By-law changes. Barb Schroeder currently holds this position and is resigning. By-law changes and position to be voted on at June Members Meeting.

Membership Chairperson	Kathy Rustad – Shades of Green HS, Rochester, MN
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Following positions are not voted positions unless a vacancy occurs. Each person listed has agreed to continue in their current position so no vote will be called at the June Members Meeting.

Treasurer	Mona Koehn – Shades of Green HS, Rochester, MN
Newsletter Editor	Mary Vertz – Green and Gold HS, De Pere, WI
Director at Large	Mark Rekoske – Northern Illinois HS, Richmond, IL
Webmaster	Barry Ankney – Northern Illinois HS, Oakbrook Terrace, IL

When a new President is voted in, Barry Ankney will be the Immediate Past President. Even though he will have two positions on the board, according to MRHS By-Laws, he will have only one vote in all matters voted on by the Board.

Immediate Past President	Barry Ankney – Northern Illinois HS, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
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Lime Pie Crust

Editor's Note:

If you have any suggestions, pictures to share, or articles for future newsletters, 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 Green Bay, WI!

Speaking of Green Bay, consider being a field editor for Hosta Leaves and volunteer to write a short article on one of the "Hostaffinity" 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.

<http://www.americanhostasociety.org/>

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

Wanted

Host Societies for future MRHS Conventions. If your local group has never or not recently hosted a convention, please consider doing your part by hosting one of these convention openings in 2021, 2022, 2023.

Contact Barry Ankney, MRHS President
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MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY
SPRING 2019 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 “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 a Winter and/or Fall Conference . 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.

This summer’s convention will be a joint convention with the AHS in Green Bay, WI and in 2020 the MRHS convention returns and will be held in Lisle, IL. 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!