

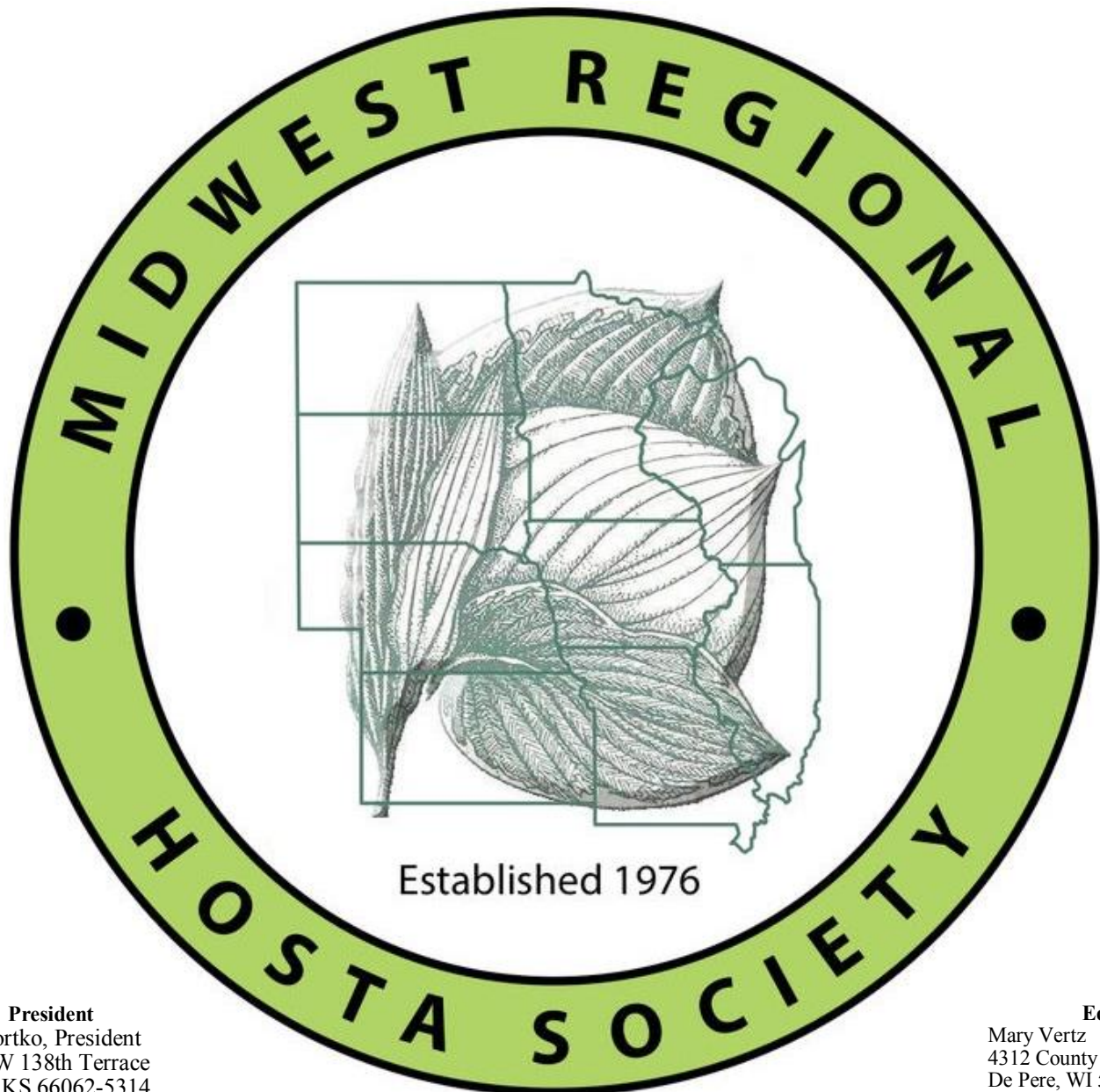
MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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REVIEW OF "HOSTA DREAMIN'", ROCHESTER, MN  
MRHS WINTER SYMPOSIUM



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# MRHS President's Message

Fall, 2023

Greetings fellow hostaphiles. It was truly great seeing everyone in person at the summer convention in Rochester. Shades of Green did it again with a fabulous hosta convention.

A big shoutout to our Rochester convention co-chairs Joe Parisi and Kathy Rustad as well as their entire Shades of Green Hosta Society convention team. They patiently worked through the pandemic as the planned event was rescheduled from 2021 to 2023. Perseverance led to success. And a special congrats to Glenn Herold on receiving the Montgomery Award, the highest honor bestowed by the MRHS. Now we look forward to next summer's convention in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin hosted by a couple of "cheeseheads" Pat Gwidt and Glenn Herold.

On behalf of the entire MRHS membership I want to extend a special note of thanks to our outgoing board members who have completed their terms – Pat Gwidt, David Dettmann and Kathy Rustad. These folks work largely behind the scenes to keep our society functioning. I am also pleased to welcome to the board Dave Collura (now he's official), Mike Kraus and Phil Timm.

In my remarks at the annual members meeting at the convention, I mentioned that what the society really needs is not so much your annual membership dues, but your active participation in society events. Our trusty treasurer Mona Keehn reported that the MRHS has a strong financial position. In fact, all who attended the summer convention were given a complimentary one-year extension on MRHS membership or given a complimentary new membership for 2023. Our challenge as a vibrant and thriving society is to support our two annual events – the summer convention and the winter symposium. The lifeline of our society remains with these two in person events that stimulate new friendships and sustain longtime friendships. Coming out of the pandemic, the old saying never rings more true. "What first brought us together was a plant, but what keeps us coming back is the people."

And that leads me to the upcoming 2024 Winter Symposium. Planning is already well underway. The hotel contract has been signed. The speaker lineup is set. The registration fee remains unchanged. There is an article later in this newsletter regarding the specifics along with a registration form. Of special note is our very special guest speaker this year – all the way from The Netherlands, Marco Fransen. Don't miss the special Friday evening "Meet and Greet Marco" hostatality event. For many of us this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet Europe's leading hosta grower. My request of each of you is to please join us in Milwaukee. We have moved the event to later in February, safely after the Super Bowl, and hopefully bettering our odds of "good" winter weather. Consider bringing a friend with you. We need at least 115 of you to attend this event to cover all the fixed hotel costs, speaker honorariums and AV costs. The Winter Symposium is an event truly unique to the MRHS. I look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Rob Mortko  
MRHS President  
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## **Educational Grant**

As your new Vice-President of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society, I am asking the Hosta Societies within Region 5 who have an American Hosta Society National Display Garden to submit an Educational Grant Application which is enclosed at the end of this Newsletter. There is also a presentation identifying the guidelines for eligible projects attached. The process is as easy as one-two-three. One: Have an eligible Educational Project, Two: Fill out the Application, Three: Submit to: Mike Kraus MRHS Vice-President, 6311 Carrie Ct, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 or email the application to [kraus6311@comcast.net](mailto:kraus6311@comcast.net). All applications will be reviewed at the Midwest Regional Hosta Society Board Meeting.

# MRHS 2023 DeEtta Montgomery Outstanding Service Award

Presented by Rob Mortko

The DeEtta Montgomery Outstanding Service Award was established in 2007, to acknowledge a person, or a local society's contribution, to benefit the Midwest Region. It is the highest honor bestowed by the MRHS. There are a number of prior recipients present this evening. Could you all please stand and be recognized.... Thank you again for your service.

This year's recipient has served the MRHS for many, many years. In fact there is no way of disguising our recipient as I begin to describe his accomplishments (yes that's your first clue). It may sound trite to say honoring this year's recipient is long overdue, but no one would argue it. When I phoned the recipient about a month ago to let him know in advance, I first asked if he would be willing to join me at the podium to help me present the Montgomery Award. He immediately asked who it was. After making a pledge of secrecy, I said "It's you". You see our recipient has already stood at this podium at a number of prior conventions.

Our recipient is a dyed in the wool Badger. Rumor has it that his middle name is Bucky. He first received his BS degree in biology and education in 1974 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After receiving a master's degree in Horticulture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1979, this year's award recipient taught horticulture at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois for 32 years. While at ICC, he established and developed the school arboretum and the annual Landscape and Garden Day. He was a founding member of the Central Illinois Hosta Society, served as its President and was co-chair of the 1996 AHS Convention in Peoria. He has served on the Midwest Regional Hosta Society Board as President and Secretary. He has also served both the American Hosta Society and the MRHS as our representative for region 5.

You have no doubt read any number of his many articles covering hostas, lawn care and all things horticultural that have been published in *The AHS Hosta Journal* and the MRHS Newsletter.

He is a frequent speaker to gardening groups and plant societies. He was the keynote speaker at the 2018 MRHS Convention in Peoria. Multiple

times he has lectured at the MRHS Winter Symposium. I would consider him a “regular” along with Bob Solberg and Mark Zilis.

In addition to his passion for hostas and horticulture, our recipient is an award-winning track athlete. During his senior year of high school, he won the state cross country title in record time – breaking the old record by 15 seconds. In track he became the first Wisconsin high school runner to break 4:10 in the mile, running 4:09.8, which still stands as a Watertown, Wisconsin High School record. He was honored in 2022 as the Watertown High School Alumnus of the Year.

While working on his undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he won three Big 10 track and cross-country titles and was a three-time NCAA All-American. He finished sixth in the 1972 US Olympic Trials and second at the World University Games held in Moscow. His time in the 5000-meter run stood as a UW school record for 10 years. After graduation he continued to compete, setting an American indoor record in the 5000-meter run and posting a time in the 10,000-meter run that placed him as the third fastest American of all-time.

At Illinois Central he used his running experience to revitalize the cross-country program and coached the men’s and women’s teams for nine years. The Steamboat Classic Race attracts runners from around the world, including top collegiate runners and Olympians. Our recipient not only won both the 4 mile and 15K races but once also held the Steamboat Classic record for each.

I asked him if he’s ever been in trouble with the law because he’s always running, apparently from someone or some thing. You’ll note that our recipient is a distance runner, but apparently not so fast in the short distance sprints. His future spouse was a little faster in the sprint and caught him...

He has been named to the AHS Wall of Honor in 2017 and was awarded the AHS Service Pin in 2021. Let me add the Montgomery Award to your trophy case as well.

I am pleased and honored to present the 2023 MRHS DeEtta Montgomery Outstanding Service Award to:

**Glenn Herold**

# Montgomery Award Acceptance Speech, 2023

## Glenn Herold

It is an honor and truly humbling to be joining the likes of Bob Olson, Tom Micheletti, Carolyn Hamilton, Cindy Tomashek, and others to be a recipient of the DeEtta Montgomery Service Award for the MRHS. Certainly, there are many others in the club that are more deserving. I'd like to thank Chairman Rob Mortko and the rest of the board for the nomination and for their support. There are many others that I could thank, but certainly on the top of the list would be my gardening partner and wife of 50 years, Terry. That's 'Terry with a Y,' who now has a hosta named after her. Without her support, starting with quizzing me during my plant identification classes at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, I wouldn't be here today. Let me give you a little history of how that happened.

As an undergraduate, my degree was in biology, secondary ed. My plan was to become a high school biology teacher and track coach. After student teaching, I realized that high school teaching was not for me. After sitting out a couple years to continue my running exploits, I ended up in the horticulture department as a graduate student. Now the plan was to get a master's degree in horticulture and work in a botanical garden or arboretum. However, those jobs were scarce, and didn't pay well, so when the teaching job opened at Illinois Central College, I pursued it and was lucky enough to be hired. Get a few years experience, I thought, and then gain employment in a botanical garden. Things don't always work out as planned, however, and I ended up staying at ICC for 32 years.

Soon after starting the teaching job at ICC, I started an arboretum at the college. Emphasis was on woody plants, since that is what I taught. A couple years later, I took over the herbaceous plant course and began to add perennials to the arboretum. This included a few hostas. When the Central Illinois Hosta Society formed, I was asked to join and more hostas were added to the collection. Being the botanist that I was, I arranged them by dominant parentage. I had a species collection, Tiara collection,

Fortunei collection, hostas of the year, and so forth. With input from the CIHS, we also established a collection of Classic Hostas. At that time, Roy Klehm was selling a lot of hostas, so I wrote to him, asking if he could help us out with a few plants. Roy, always a generous man, sent a ton! Others also helped out, including members of the CIHS and Tom Micheletti, who had a hosta business at the time. In 1998, ICC was a tour garden for the national AHS convention.

I'm not sure the exact year, but I was asked by Tom Micheletti to speak at the MRHS Winter Scientific Meeting in Chicago. I accepted and thus began a long run of speaking at the winter meeting, usually on topics other than hostas. You could say that I was the token non-hosta speaker, since the conference attendees knew much more about hostas than I did. Nothing has changed; I still feel that way. However, by attending MRHS conventions and talking with people like Mark Zilis, Jack Barta, who supplied over half of the hostas in my modest collection in Cedarburg, Tom Micheletti, Bob Solberg, and others, my knowledge has improved. I also do a lot of writing, for the Hosta Journal, newsletters, other publications, our local newspaper, my blog, and have learned a lot about hostas, especially hosta species, through researching the topics. Bob Olson, late editor of the Hosta Journal, was great at twisting arms, and suggested a number of topics that I have researched and written on. Hopefully, you have learned as much from reading those articles as I have by writing them.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for encouraging me in my hosta journey. Now I would like to encourage you to deepen your involvement in the club. Place yourself in nomination for board positions, attend conferences (including the 2024 MRHS conference in Fond du Lac, WI, July 11-13, which Pat Gwidt and I are co-chairing), talk with those who are experts in the field, research topics that are foreign to you, read my blogs (<https://thecottagegardener53012.wordpress.com/>), and begin to absorb the knowledge that is out there. With more knowledge, comes more enjoyment.



Glenn receiving the DeEtta Montgomery award from Rob Mortko, MRHS president.  
Photo by Curt Sanders



The hosta Glenn named for his wife Terry.

*Hosta 'Terry With a Y'*

Photo by Glenn Herold



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## Meet our new Board Members

My background is working in corporate finance/accounting. Most recently for the Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. in Chicago which owns and manages commercial real estate (office and showroom space) across the country. After retiring, my love of hostas did not start until 2011. I recently retired as President of the Northern Illinois Hosta Society after holding the position for six years. My wife, Lenny, and I own an acre lot in Crystal Lake, IL that is very hilly and wooded. Although the Oak and Shagbark Hickory trees are great, all of our buckthorn and honeysuckle trees are a major challenge to control. We currently have over 600 different hosta cultivars that keeps me busy. Recently, we have been sharing our addiction with our daughter and her family. Getting our 2 granddaughters started early. I think I have planted around 20 hostas on their property in Bethesda MD and they are getting to know the challenges of dealing with a deer population.

Mike Krause, Vice-President

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Hello, my name is Philip Timm and I am extremely excited to be the new Director-at-Large for the MRHS. I have been a hosta lover for as long as I can remember. I just got re-elected as president of the Wisconsin Hosta Society for my 5<sup>th</sup> term. Being part of the WHS has been an incredible and wonderful experience. I have learned so much and have met some special people because of this. Jeff Miller was a long time friend and supporter of the WHS and he turned me onto the world of hosta hybridizing. I currently have hundreds of hosta seedlings growing in the ground at my house being evaluated.

I have been happily married for over 35 years to my wife Patty and have a daughter Nicole. Neither of which understand the passion for hostas and kind of look at them as green leafy things. They tolerate my passion so that is good enough. I plan on retiring April, 2024. The goal is devote my time and energy to things that I am passionate about rather than chasing the almighty dollar. I am thankful to be part of the MRHS and look forward to meeting more and more hosta lovers.

Philip Timm, Director-at-Large

## Welcome to our new members

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society welcomes our new members who joined in 2023. You have joined a family of friends who are enchanted by the Genus Hosta with all of its many fascinating forms and color patterns. We look forward to sharing our gardens and hosta knowledge with you, and getting to know you.

Roslyn Amor – MI	Kelly & Mike Haas – IL
Candace Anderson – WI	Kathleen Herter – IL
Cynthia Archibald – WI	Mary Herring – MN
Cathy Baum – WI	Patt & Dick Hewitt – MI
Kathy & Roger Becker – IL	Ken Hosale – WI
Debbie Beachner – KS	Jane Hurst – KS
Barbara Bloom – IA	Elizabeth B Hansen – IA
Sherrie & Denny Bowe – MN	Kristi & Tom Jurik – IA
Linda Brech – MN	Jeanne Klein – KS
Mary Brickzin-Gale – MN	Melissa Knuth – WI
Kelly Butterfield – WI	Julie Knutson – KS
Linda Butwinick – MN	Helene & Michael Kraus – IL
Karen Childs – WI	Jeanne Krug – WI
Amanda Christensen – IL	Yvonne & Cory Landgren – MN
Michael Dammen – MN	John Larson – KS
Connie Davidson – KS	Brenda Lawyer – OK
Terry Erredge – MN	Jan Leimbach – IL
Amy Ferguson – MO	Dorothy & Donald Lewis – IA
Suzy Full – MN	Jenifer Magera – MN
Tom Gale – MN	Karen Mailander – IA
Janice Gerke – MN	Joyce Malinowski – WI
Linda Gilbert – WI	Peggy Marchesani – MN
Pat Graves – IL	Cheryl & David Moertel – MN
Sue Haggerty – MN	Peggy & David Moody – IA
Kat Hanson – MN	Mary Morrissey – MN
Theesa Hansen – IA	Genella Mussel – MN
Kathy Haram – MN	Deanna Nash – MN
Torie Hargreaves – MN	Connie Neuman -MN

Susy & Rick Olsen – IL  
Betty Olson – MN  
Jennifer Peterson – WI  
Sandy Pike – WI  
Beth Plaetzer – MN  
Joyce Rapp – MN  
SaraLee Rhoads – MO  
Linda Ristow – ND  
Deb Roos – MN  
Sharon Rounds – WI  
Robert Royar – IA  
Sheila Sands – OH

Sandra Schultz – IL  
Stephan Shubick – MN  
Beth Solie – MN  
June Stoehr – MN  
Jan Suter – MN  
Debbie & Jim Tasa – MN  
Audrey Temmer – WI  
Susan Tersteeg – MN  
Linda Thomas – MN  
Holly Thompsom – WI  
Tricia Torrens-Burton – MN  
Trudy & Bruce Van Wyk – IA

## Midwest Regional Hosta Society Educational Grant Program

To date the MRHS Educational Grant Program has seen two member societies with AHS Display Gardens take advantage of our program in 2023. The Green and Gold Hosta Society of Northeastern Wisconsin and the Central Illinois Hosta Society have both taken advantage of this program.

The Green and Gold Hosta Society garden is located at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. They have set up an educational project that is focused on introducing young people to hostas. The Society will be giving children a gift hosta at their events along with a card providing instruction on how to care for hostas. What a great idea for promoting the next generation of hostas growers.

The Central Illinois Hosta Society has their AHS Garden located at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, IL. Their 2023 Grant is being used to build a second pergola adjacent to their 2022 pergola. Previously this area was shaded by five large green ash trees that were lost to the emerald ash bores. Building these pergolas will also provide an example to the public on how they may add shade to their gardens.

# Fall Favorites

## By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

(Pictures by Glenn Herold)

Fall is my favorite season of the year. Mornings are cool and crisp, humidity is low, and Mother Nature explodes in a blaze of color before taking a winter nap. Autumn foliage colors come first to mind when we think of fall in Wisconsin, but fruit and even flowers can brighten up your landscape in the fall. As a side note, the autumn foliage colors do not magically appear, they were there all summer long! The red, yellow, and maroon pigments of the leaves break down more slowly than the green chlorophyll, which masks the other colors during the summer. As the chlorophyll declines, the other pigments make their presence known.

Certainly, the foliage color of Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Ash, and Red Oak make a trip to the country worthwhile, but several shrubs can have the same effect on a smaller scale in your yard. Sumac (*Rhus*) is one of the first to brighten up the fall landscape. Many slopes along the interstate highways are covered with this suckering native. While red is the dominant hue, orange and maroon are also found within the species. As I write this, I still anticipate the yellow foliage of Tiger Eyes Sumac (*Rhus typhina* Tiger Eyes™) to morph into orange and red.

Chokeberry (*Aronia*, *Photinia*) is another underappreciated shrub in the fall. This multi-season shrub not only takes on a bright red hue, but prominently displays its red or black fruit as well. Black Chokeberry (*Photinia melanocarpa*) fruit has recently become popular with health food enthusiasts. According to Wikipedia, basic research on chokeberry consumption has addressed potential for reducing risk of disease. Among the models under evaluation include reduction of blood cholesterol, colorectal cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic inflammation, gastric mucosal disorders (peptic ulcer), eye inflammation (uveitis) and liver failure. While many shrubs must be grown in full sun to be showy in the fall, chokeberry will delight even when grown in a shaded setting.

Another of my favorite shrubs for fall color is *Fothergilla*. This excellent shrub displays white flowers in the spring, followed by leathery summer leaves that change to a mix of yellow, orange, red, and maroon in the

fall. Few shrubs can match its motley display. Though rarely seen in landscapes, you will not be disappointed with this compact shrub.

My favorite shrub for fall fruit is Winterberry Holly (*Ilex verticillata*).

This native is deciduous, rather than evergreen like most hollies. Distributed throughout our state, it can reach heights of 10 feet or more, though the cultivar 'Red Sprite' (also known as 'Nana') tops out at a compact 4 feet. Hollies have separate male and female plants, so be sure to plant both sexes in order to obtain the colorful fruit. These berries are loved by birds; expect to see flocks of our winged friends to pick the plants clean before winter ends.



*Ilex verticillata* 'Red Sprite' (Winterberry Holly)

We usually don't expect to see flowers on our plants in the fall, but no one remembered to tell that to Common Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), which has yellow, ribbon-like flowers that appear as the leaves drop. It is found throughout Wisconsin, though is not common in any part of the state. You may find it as a large multi-stemmed shrub or small tree under the canopy of larger trees.



*Hamamelis virginiana* (Witchhazel), Fall color      *Hamamelis virginiana* flowers

While most perennial flowers have peaked and are ready for the compost pile, Windflower (*Anemone*) is at its prime. Our native *Anemone canadensis* (Meadow Anemone) is a spring bloomer, but the Japanese Anemone and its hybrids are fall bloomers. Many cultivars, including 'Bowles', 'Honorine Jobert', 'September Charm', 'Prince Henry', and 'Robustissima' will delight you with their white or pink flowers. Some have a tendency to seed themselves in the garden, so you may end up with extras to share with your neighbors.

We usually don't think of herbaceous perennials when we discuss fall colors, but my front yard shade garden is a sea of yellow when the hostas lose their green pigments. For this reason alone, I wait until a hard freeze turns the leaves to mush before I clean up my beds.



*Hosta* 'Awakening Angel' in fall

Enjoy the color display of our Wisconsin trees, but don't ignore the enchantment of our shrubs and herbaceous perennials. Their memories will linger in your mind and make the long cold winter seem more tolerable!



*Hosta* 'Dragon of the Seas' in fall



*Hosta* 'Fire Island' in fall



***MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY***  
***2024 WINTER HOSTA SYMPOSIUM***  
**Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Sheraton Milwaukee**  
**Brookfield Hotel**

The MRHS Board remains proudly committed to promoting hosta education. Join us for this uniquely MRHS event featuring six speakers on a variety of hosta and related gardening topics.

**Registration Fee (includes Sat. lunch):** \$69 (MRHS members); \$79 (non-MRHS members)

**Hotel Rate:** \$112 per night including buffet breakfast (plus taxes) – rate applies to Fri and/or Sat night

**The Symposium features:**

- **Friday Evening Hostatality – Special ‘Meet and Greet’ with Marco Fransen from Holland**
- **Hosta Silent Auction**
- **Saturday Symposium with 6 speakers** on a variety of hosta and related gardening topics:
  - **Marco Fransen – The Transatlantic Hosta Connection**  
For many years Fransen Hostas and Naylor Creek Nursery cooperated to bring the best new hostas from the U.S. to Europe and vice versa. Marco will reminisce a bit about his relationship with Gary and Jack from Naylor Creek and how he has managed the transition following their untimely passing. Marco will also present a number of hot new hostas from Europe’s top hybridizers.
  - **Glenn Herold – Shrubs for the Shade Garden**  
Variety is the spice of life. This presentation will teach and inspire you to balance out your hosta garden with not just shade perennials but also with the use of shrubs for that added texture, shape and color.
  - **Dave Wanninger – Nuts about Nuts**  
Maybe a bit off topic, but a passionate (and no doubt entertaining) talk on hickory trees and hickorynuts. The presentation will include Dave’s passion for hybrid Hickory trees and nuts from collecting and hybridizing. There will be a nut tasting of “hicans”, a hybrid nut of hickory and pecan tree origin. You will never look at Hickory trees the same way again.
  - **Phil Timm – Why You Should Be Hybridizing**  
This presentation will give you some insight into why hybridizers love



what they do. It will also show some incredible results that can be obtained from growing hosta seed. If nothing else, you will get to see some wonderful hosta eye candy during the winter doldrums.

→ **Bob Solberg – Full Spectrum Hostas**

Hostas are no longer just blue, green, yellow, and white. Red and purple have become dominant colors in hostas, but the future promises to bring even brown and black into play in healthy hostas. That leaves orange, Bob's favorite, as the rare outlier. We will see how these colors are produced by hostas and hosta hybridizers. This will be a Zoom presentation.

→ **Mark Zilis – Midwest Hosta Highlights**

The top hostas for people and gardens of the Midwest.

**Please register early. Late registration fees start February 2, 2024.**

*The hotel room rate is guaranteed through February 2, 2024. Use this link to make a reservation online:*

[Book your group rate for Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting Feb 2024](#)

Or phone the Sheraton at 1-888-627-8235 and mention “Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting Feb 2024” or mini hotel code “WH9” to get the special group rate.



The Fransens with Gary and Jack from Naylor Creek during one of their visits to Naylor Creek—date unknown. Photo provided by Rob Mortko.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY**  
**2023 WINTER HOSTA SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel**

Hotel Rate: \$112 per night + tax (includes breakfast for registered hotel guests)

Deadline for hotel reservation is February 2, 2024

To make a reservation online use this link:

[Book your group rate for Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting Feb 2024](#)

Or call the Sheraton at 1-888-627-8235.

The group code is "Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting Feb 2024" or mini-hotel code "WH9".  
The Winter Hosta Symposium will be held at the Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel - 375 S. Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005.

Symposium check-in is Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 PM, and Saturday morning from 7 to 8 AM.  
The Symposium will be from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on Saturday. Lunch is included with your registration.

Hostality will be on Friday Night at the Sheraton Hotel.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Fill out registration form completely.

Make a copy of this registration form for your records. Confirmations will be sent by email.

Note that MRHS memberships are family memberships, so individuals in the household are also MRHS members.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  MRHS member  Non-MRHS member

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

If a non-MRHS member,  
your \$10 surcharge will  
be applied to a  
1-year membership in  
the MRHS.

**FAMILY MEMBER(S) ATTENDING**

Registrations postmarked after February 2, 2023 require a \$10 late registration fee per person.  
Cancellations before February 2, 2023 will be sent a full refund. (Except for medical emergencies or death in family)

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ X \$69 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-members \_\_\_\_\_ X \$79 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of late registrations \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MRHS**

**Mail your registration form and check to:**

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

Questions about registration? Contact Rob Mortko ([robmortko@gmail.com](mailto:robmortko@gmail.com)) (913) 206-6939

## MRHS Trade Show Booth at the 2023 IMGC

By any measure our sponsorship and participation in the 2023 International Master Gardener Conference was a success. There were over 1100 attendees from 44 states (primarily Midwest states) plus England and Canada. The trade show was also well advertised and well attended by the local public.

Barry did yeoman's work in manning our trade show booth (pic attached). Barry kindly offered up the AHS new member plant ('Heart of the Sunrise') to any new MRHS member that signed up at the conference. He managed to sign up 16 new MRHS members. Plus MRHS membership info was sent home with many interested parties.

Our sponsorship info was posted on the screen at all of the banquet events. We had a sponsorship ad in the convention handbook. And my hosta presentation was well attended with a standing room only crowd of about 300 attendees. Submitted by Rob Mortko, Photo by Rob Mortko



## SEEKING AUCTION DONATION PLANTS FOR MRHS WINTER SYMPOSIUM

This year we will be holding a small auction at the event with some live seedlings and some rare plants to be shipped out from donors in the 2024 season. If you have a rare/hard to find or new hosta that you would be willing to donate to help support the Midwest Regional Hosta Society please contact Rob James at [holyhostafarm@gmail.com](mailto:holyhostafarm@gmail.com). Oh, and get your tickets now as all in attendance at the Winter Symposium will have a chance to win a rare hosta as a Door Prize just by being at the event.

Submitted by Rob James



During the Annual Meeting in July, President Rob Mortko presented a “Friendship” plant to outgoing Board Members Kathy Rustad (*Hosta* ‘Monica’, Membership Chair), David Dettmann (*H.* ‘Rachel’, Secretary) and Pat Gwidt (*H.* ‘Phoebe’, Vice-President), in appreciation for their service to the MRHS.

For your enjoyment “Hosta Dreamin” in picture review. All photos by Mary Vertz

*Gardens of Paula Zollman & Dana Puffer*



*Gardens of Sherrie & Denny Bowe*



*Gardens of Joanie Harris-Meyer & Lloyd Meyer*



*H. 'Nate the Great'*



*H. 'Jack of Spades'*



*H. 'Ivory Coast'*



*Little Treasure*



*Gardens of Cheryl & Dave Moertel*





*Gardens of Jan Gerke & Gordon Haubenschild*



*H. 'Goodness Gracious'*



*H. 'Forbidden Fruit'*



# Hosta Show



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(Please Type or Print All Information Legibly)

Name of Show Hosta Dreamin'  
 Name of Host Society Shades of Green Hosta Society and Midwest Regional Hosta Society  
 Show Date July 14-15, 2023  
 Show Location Empire Event Center/Best Western Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota  
 Show Chair Cindy Tomashek  
 Show Co-Chair Mona Keehn  
 Classification Chair Mary Ann Metz  
 Schedule Chair Cindy Tomashek and Mona Keehn  
 Placement Chair Patricia Gwidt  
 Judges Chair Rita Gindt-Marvig

Number of Exhibitors 31 Approximate Number of Show Attendance 150

Number of Entries:

Division I – Horticulture	<u>299</u>	Section I	<u>26</u>
		Section II	<u>49</u>
		Section III	<u>80</u>
		Section IV	<u>70</u>
		Section V	<u>31</u>
		Section VI	<u>6</u>
		Section VII	<u>      </u>
		Section VIII	<u>      </u>
		Section IX	<u>      </u>
		Section X	<u>      </u>
		Section XI	<u>      </u>
		Section XII	<u>37</u>

Division II – Container Grown Hosta	<u>2</u>
Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged For Effect	<u>2</u>
Division IV - Educational Displays	<u>      </u>
Division V – Non-Competitive Exhibits	<u>      </u>
Division VI – Artistic Design	<u>5</u>
Division VII – Specialty Division	<u>      </u>

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**Final List of All Judges**

Hosta Show Judges for Divisions I, II, III, VI, V and VII

Name	Address (City and State)
Jim O'Donnell	St. Anne, IL
Holly O'Donnell	St. Anne, IL
Mona Keehn	Rochester, MN
Patricia Gwidt	Keshena, WI
Peggy Moody	Fort Dodge, IA
Ed Schulz	Peosta, IA
Steve Shubick	St. Paul, MN
Jeanette Kohlbeck	Rhinelander, WI
Joyce Rapp	Zumbrota, MN
Mary Ann Metz	Lincoln, NE
<u>Clerks:</u>	
Jean Schulz	
Linda Gilbert	
Joyce Malinowski	

(Attach Separate Sheet to List Additional Judges)

Artistic Design Judges for Division VI

Name	Address (City and State)
Peggy Moody	Fort Dodge, IA
Millie Hisey	

(Attach Separate Sheet to List Additional Judges)

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Hosta Show Awards Presented**

**DIVISION I – Horticulture**

	<u>Hosta Name or Seedling ID</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Best of Show	<u>H. 'Sum and Substance'</u>	<u>Linda Gilbert</u>
Best Seedling or Sport	<u>Unknown OP</u>	<u>Kelly Butterfield (joined AHS at the convention)</u>
Sweepstakes	<u>15 blues out of 20 entries</u>	<u>Ed Schulz</u>
Section I	<u>H. 'Sum and Substance'</u>	<u>Linda Gilbert</u>
Section II	<u>H. 'Sagae'</u>	<u>Patricia Gwidt</u>
Section III	<u>H. 'Totally Awesome'</u>	<u>Michael Geise</u>
Section IV	<u>H. 'Citritini'</u>	<u>Jeanette Kohlbeck</u>
Section V	<u>H. 'Mouse Capades'</u>	<u>Jim and Holly O'Donnell</u>
Section VI	<u>Unregistered seedling OP</u>	<u>Kelly Butterfield</u>
Section VII	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Section VIII	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Section IX	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Section X	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Section XI	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
Section XII	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

**DIVISION II – Container Grown Hosta**

Grand Award None awarded \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect**

Grand Award Steve Shubick \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION IV – Educational Exhibits**

Grand Award \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DIVISION VI – Artistic Design**

Best Artistic Design Award Joyce Malinowski \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION VII – Specialty Division** Theme \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Award \_\_\_\_\_

## *Rod Kuenster Seedling Competition*



## *Other Happenings...*



*Fun at Cindy's (optional event)...*



One of the many very large hosta specimens Cindy grows in the country!

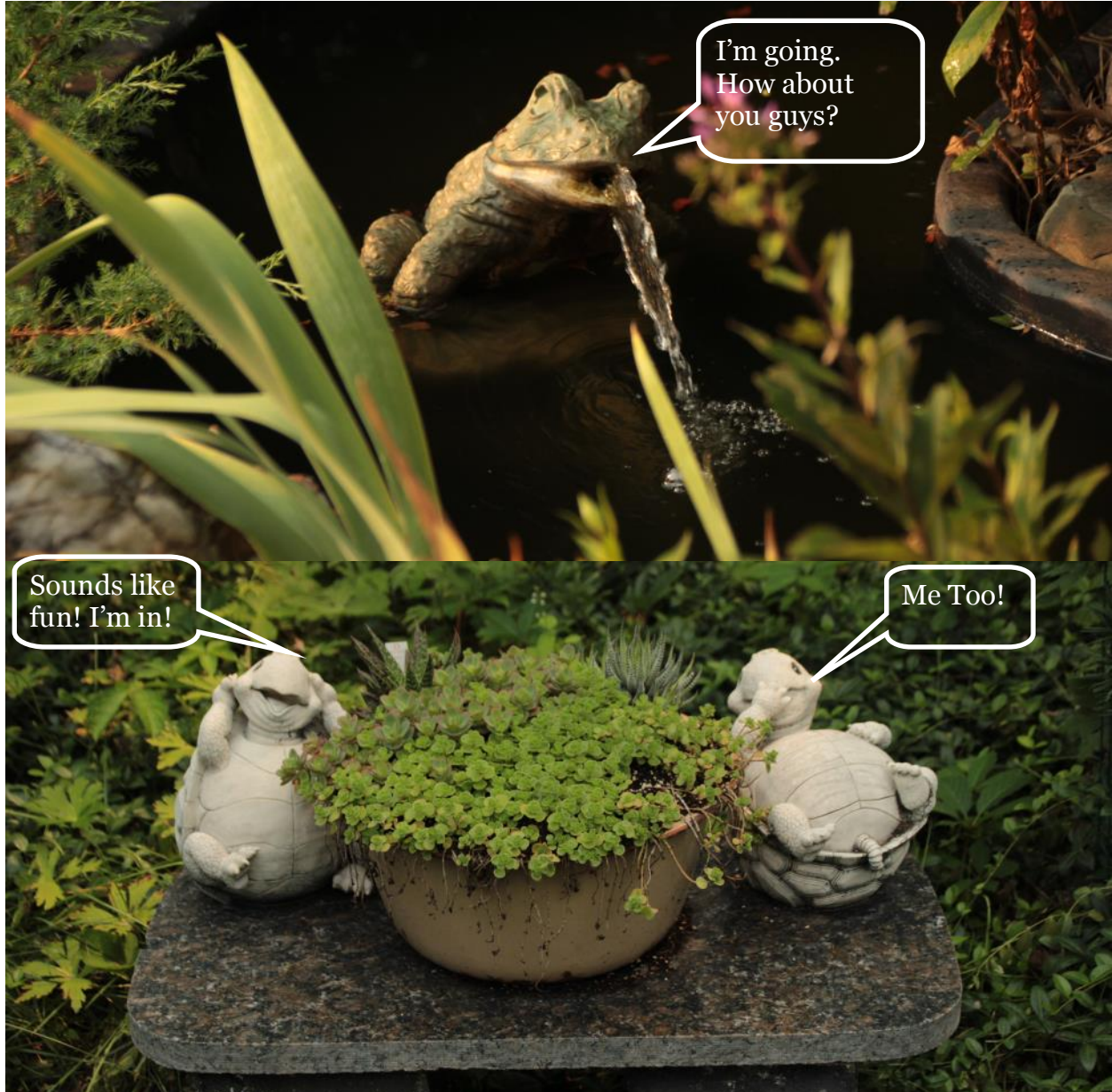


Passing of the ‘Hosta Leaves’ from ‘*Hosta Dreamin*’ co-chairs, Joe Parisi and Kathy Rustad (center), to ‘*Winnebago Haho*’, co-chairs Pat Gwidt (left) and Glenn Herold (right). Photo by Curt Sanders





As we say ‘Goodbye’ to another great convention... Wait what’s that you say? You’ll be at the next MRHS gathering?



Enjoy a mid-winter ‘hosta fix’ in late February at the Winter Symposium in Milwaukee, WI.

Then celebrate summer in style with fellow host-a-holics in mid July at ‘*Winnebago Haha*’ in Fond du Lac, WI.

Hope to see you there!

# SAVE THE DATES!

## Countdown to Winnebago Haho



### **Winnebago Haho Wisconsin Hostality**

### **2024 MRHS Convention**

**July 11-13, 2024  
FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN**

**Hosted by MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY  
Organized by Glenn Herold and Pat Gwidt**

**No added fees for payment by credit card.**

[Watch Promotional Video on the website](#)

or

[Watch Promotional Video on FaceBook](#)

*Information will be updated as additional details become available.*

*Registration will open around Dec. 15th. Check the website for details.*

Convention website: <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/WINNEBAGO%20HAHO/WinnebagoHaho.shtml>

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## 2024 MRHS Early Bird Registration Bonus

The first fifty registrants will receive both plants.

You must register and pay by March 15, 2024.

### **Hosta 'Winnebago Haho'**

Originator: Paul Dale, Germantown Hills, Illinois

('Miss Suzy' x 'Stingray') x ('Miss Suzy' x 'Stingray')

Small to medium sized hosta. Emerges yellow, changing to green. Leaves have a shiny surface with a wavy margin and purple petioles. Blooms in early September. Mature height is 13-15 inches.



Winnebago Haho

### **Hosta 'Fondy'**

Originator: Paul Dale, Germantown Hills, Illinois

Parentage of the seedling is unknown.

Small hosta. Leaves are dull and emerge blue green with moderate corrugation when mature. Leaf underside has heavy bloom. Viridescent. The margins of the leaves are very wavy. Blooms in mid-August. Mature height is 10-12 inches. Flowers are pale lavender.



*(Fondy Photos - top - June – bottom - August)*

## Upcoming Hosta Society Conventions

### Midwest Hosta Society

2024 Fond du Lac, WI, July 11-13

2025 Joint convention 'Double Feature' hosted by Central Illinois Hosta Society,  
Tentatively June 5-7

### American Hosta Society

2024 Marlborough, MA, June 19-22

2025 Joint convention 'Double Feature' hosted by Central Illinois Hosta Society,  
Tentatively June 5-7



# American Hosta Society

## 2024 National Convention



**June 18th - 22nd**  
**Marlborough, Massachusetts**

### JOIN US in New England for **A WHALE of a TIME**

Garden Tours ~ Accredited Hosta Show  
New England Clambake/BBQ ~ Vendors  
New England Sport and Seedling Competition  
Speakers ~ Workshops ~ Judges Bootcamp  
Optional "Experience Boston" Day  
Taste of New England Welcome Reception



Registration information at  
[www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

**By MAIL** - Fill out form on back and return  
with your payment

**Early Registration Deadline 1/31/24**

**Registration Deadline 4/30/24**

**Late Registration Deadline 6/8/24**



### **Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel**

181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough, MA 01752

**(508) 460-0700**

Ask for American Hosta Society 2024 room rate

For more information and schedule of events,  
please visit [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

**2024 AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY  
NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

**June 18-22, 2024 - Marlborough, Massachusetts**

**Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel**

181 Boston Post Road W - Marlborough, MA 01752

Make your hotel reservations by calling (508) 460-0700 or use the link at the

AHS convention website: [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

Remember to request the special AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY 2024 Room Rate

\$139/night (includes full buffet breakfast in Zachary's Restaurant)



**REGISTRATION DETAILS** *(Please print clearly - one attendee per form)*

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Preferred Name on Badge:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

*\*Please see cancellation policy at [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)*

<b>EARLY REGISTRATION</b> if received by 1/31/24	\$ 240	\$
<b>STANDARD REGISTRATION</b> if received by 4/30/24	\$ 255	\$
<b>LATE REGISTRATION</b> received after 5/1/24 before 6/8/24	\$ 275	\$
<b>MEALS ONLY</b> (companion)- Thursday Picnic, Friday Buffet & Saturday Banquets only	\$ 175	\$
<b>GARDEN TOUR BUS</b> includes bus fee and box lunches for Friday and Saturday garden tours - <i>*select lunch choice below</i>	\$150	\$

*\* Select ONE Box Lunch per day (Tour Bus riders ONLY) - lunch on your own for self drive attendees*

<b>Friday</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Deli Turkey Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoked BBQ Chicken Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Vege Sandwich
<b>Saturday</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacon Turkey Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Steak & Arugula Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Vege Sandwich

*\* Optional Wednesday Tour (choose only ONE)*

<b>WHALE WATCH/BOSTON</b> (7:30am-5:30 pm) inc. transportation	\$ 126 /person	\$
<b>BOSTON/DUCK BOAT TOUR</b> (7:30am-5:30pm) inc. transportation	\$ 108 /person	\$

<b>Thursday Clambake Meal Choice:</b>	<b>Saturday Banquet Meal Choice:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Lobster (1 1/4 lb)	<input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Parm Chicken
<input type="checkbox"/> Steak (10 oz sirloin)	<input type="checkbox"/> New England Scrod
<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Kabobs

**TOTAL DUE** \$

**MAIL PAYMENT TO: Sandie Markland  
PO Box 1573, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948**

**Check Payable to: 2024 AHS Convention**

*\* Please let us know about any special dietary needs ASAP*

**Pay by Credit Card** - will send an invoice to your email address for Total Due PLUS 5% convenience fee

**Hosta Show:** Please check if you wish to

Judge       Clerk

Plan # \_\_\_\_\_ entries in the Hosta Leaf Show

Plan # \_\_\_\_\_ entries in New England Seedling & Sport Competition

Rules & Regulations available at [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

**Judges Bootcamp** (Tuesday, June 18): Please check if you plan to attend

Judges Clinic I (1-5 PM)       Judges Clinic II (6-8 PM)

Need Judges Handbook (\$10 payable at Clinic)

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER       YES       NO

# MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Rochester, MN

July 13, 2023

**ATTENDING:** President Rob Mortko, Vice President Pat Gwidt, Immediate Past President Mary Schwartzbauer, Treasurer Mona Keehn, Secretary David Dettmann, Membership Chair Dave Collura, Newsletter Editor Mary Vertz, Director-at-Large Mark Rekoske, Incoming Director-at-Large Phil Timm, Incoming Vice President Mike Kraus.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** AHS Region V Director Kay Dye, Webmaster Barry Ankney.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Mortko at 2:30 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** by Keehn. Checking balance is \$7,362.34, savings balance is \$57,104.23. One outstanding check of \$225.00 made to Mark Zillis for Winter Symposium presentation.

**GRANT APPLICATION** report given by Gwidt. Central IL Hosta Society requested \$300 for new signs at their AHS national display gardens and the Green & Gold Hosta Society requested \$300 for an irrigation project in their AHS national display gardens. Future applications deemed worthy of encouraging were several AHS display gardens in our region needing TLC, and others such as Wausau, WI Monk Garden could be developed as AHS gardens. Gwidt moved to approve the two grant requests, seconded by Vertz. Approved by all.

**MEMBERSHIP** status and programs discussion led by Mortko. Our booth and presence at the 2023 International Master Garden Convention in Kansas City yielded several new MRHS members.

New member packets were discussed. The \$10 voucher for new members was reviewed due to uncertainty where the money goes (vendor or MRHS account); Cindy Tomaszek confirmed the voucher money goes to the vendor who receives it. The Winter Symposium \$10 voucher for attendance creates additional confusion, which are costed through the MRHS account, and it was noted that some or many vouchers weren't used due to Covid-19 disruptions.

Board discussion of the membership application and option for receiving mailed printed newsletters. The section in MRHS newsletters offers a USPS delivery option with a \$10 surcharge, but this option is not noted on the MRHS website, so there may be a need to get this updated and consistent across all publications. Due to the \$10 surcharge not covering printing and mailing costs for four newsletters across two years (example of \$281 cost for printing and mailing one newsletter edition in 2023), board determined that **mailing printed copies will be phased out starting in 2024**. The website and newsletter membership form will not be updated with a postal delivery option.

**WINTER SYMPOSIUM** status report given by Mortko and Timm. Symposium will be held the weekend of February 24, 2024 in Brookfield, WI. New hotel contract has been developed, with adjusted costs allowing MRHS to keep registration rate at \$69. Timm is exploring other site options for 2025 and beyond, such as nearby hotels such as Embassy Suites by Hilton, or other locations such as Madison, Rockford, Dubuque, and Janesville. Timm will work on budgeting and speakers (usual \$200 fee + \$25 dinner credit Friday and one night hotel room comped). Marco Franzen may be available as a speaker via Zoom.

**MEMBER DEATHS** since last convention report were reviewed by Mortko. Known deaths include Bob Olson, Val Sikowski, Germaine Schwaller, Ann Davidson. These will be reported and honored at the membership meeting tomorrow.

**SEED GROWERS** group leadership status reported by Gwidt. Current co-chairs Rod Kuenster and Owen Purvis want to retire from their roles after the 2024 convention, and they will mentor the transition. New leadership is needed for 2025 and beyond to continue this important component of our conventions.

**2024 CONVENTION** plans for July 11-13 were discussed by the board. There is no sponsoring local hosta society, so will be co-chaired by Gwidt and past board member Glenn Herold, and using volunteers. Hotel contract with Fond du Lac, WI Radisson Conference Center is developed and ready for signature by 9/1/23. Menu is developed. Room rates will be \$139/night. Keehn will accept registrations and manage deposits. Vertz volunteered to print name badges. Ankney has the convention logo. Tentative agenda has been developed. MRHS business meeting will continue



to be held during the Friday evening dinner session. Hostality will be BYOB, with volunteers arranged. Registration will need volunteers. Ankeny will develop and coordinate vendors. Budget is being developed by Gwidt and Herold; projections are break-even point of 120-130 registrations. Deposit will be due 30 days in advance; amount unknown at this time. Protective floor plastic applicator needs to be found. Projected registration numbers are 144-152 based on recent conventions; final numbers for food, etc. will be needed one week prior to convention. The hotel registration will include daily breakfast and one drink voucher per room. Budgeting for \$66/meal. Thursday will be an optional event with a one hour private tour and dinner at Le Clair Goat farm. Hosta show co-chaired by Gwidt and Mary Ann. Self-driving hosta garden tour of five gardens in the area will be on Saturday 8 am to 2 pm. Ankeny is working on the two convention plants. All speakers have been arranged. Tammy Borden will develop a convention booklet to be done at a local printer. Fond du Lac Chamber of Commerce will provide swag bags. Convention T-shirts are for sale now at \$15. Floor plans are developed. Volunteers will be needed for many tasks.

**2025 CONVENTION** planning reported by Schwartzbauer. This is being explored as a joint convention with AHS and possible local hosta society sponsorship with Central IL and Peoria societies with a location in the geographic middle (e.g., Bloomington). However, Central IL has now declined and Peoria will vote/decide at their 7/18/23 meeting. AHS usually gets auction and vendor fee incomes, and the local association gets a 50-50 split of money left over after expenses. If AHS and MRHS do a joint convention, do they share auction proceeds or can plant donors declare who is to receive the money? These financial decisions and volunteer roles will need to be clearly defined if this novel arrangement of AHS-MRHS joint convention without a local hosta society sponsor is the framework for 2025. It would be helpful to have a master list of volunteers needed for conventions. Mortko offered a 50-50 split of auction result between AHS and MRHS and to cover any shortfall in registration numbers with a MRHS-AHS convention. This offer will be relayed by Ankeny to AHS for consideration.

**TIMM** discussed some volunteer ideas. A regular meeting with MRHS board members and officers of all local societies in our region via zoom

may be helpful to strengthen involvement.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 3:57 pm by motion of Vertz, second by Gwidt, and approval by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
David F. Dettmann, Secretary

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**MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
Rochester, MN  
July 14, 2023**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by President Rob Mortko at 6:44 pm. Membership attendance on file. Appreciation given to the local hosta association, Shades of Green, for their fine sponsorship of this convention.

**BOARD MEMBERS** present were introduced: Vice President Pat Gwidt, Immediate Past President Mary Schwartzbauer, Treasurer Mona Keehn, Secretary David Dettmann, Membership Chair Dave Collura, Newsletter Editor Mary Vertz, Director-at-Large Mark Rekoske, and past Membership Chair Kathy Rustad. Unable to attend: Webmaster Barry Ankney and AHS Region V Director Kay Dye.

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES** were welcomed. Attendance at this convention is being rewarded. Non-members will receive a complimentary membership thru 12/31/23, and attending current members will have their membership period extended by one year.

**RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS** were recognized and honored with a “Friendship” plant promoted by Mortko: Vice President Gwidt (*Hosta* ‘Phoebe’), Membership Chair Kathy Rustad (*H.* ‘Monica’) and Secretary Dettmann (*H.* ‘Rachel’).

**SECRETARY MINUTES** were recorded for meetings held from the 2022 convention through June 2023, and were printed in MRHS newsletters. Minutes to be reviewed; motion by Don Dean and second by Cindy Tomaschek to dispense with reading, and approve as written. Approved by all attending members.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** given by Keehn with balances presented as \$7,362.34 in checking, and \$57,104.23 in savings. Mortko reviewed budget process, noting that budgets are developed early in a year, printed in

spring newsletters, and then approved at the summer convention as a process that is ineffective and uncertain. Revision in By-Laws proposed to have a budget prepared and approved by the Board by the end of each calendar year will enable a more accurate and efficient process. Financials will still be reported to the membership. Budgetary goals of a break-even year will continue. Tom Micheletti moved to approve the By-Law change for budgetary process, seconded by Richard Schroeder; approved by all attending members.

**BOARD OFFICER ELECTION** was held and status was discussed. Officers in positions with term limits and who need to be elected/re-elected are Vice President Gwidt and Secretary Dettmann have reached their limit of two terms and President Mortko has served one term. A Nominating Committee of Dettmann (Chair), Schwartzbauer, and Ankney provided a slate of Officer nominations for election: Rob Mortko for second term as President, Mike Kraus for first term Vice President, Mark Rekoske for first term Secretary after agreeing to vacate his position as Director-at-Large, and Phil Timm to then fill the first term Director-at-Large (which is not term-limited as long as MRHS holds a Winter Symposium). Non-term limited Officers are Membership Chair Dave Collura (appointed by Mortko to fill the term held by Rustad who moved to FL; this appointment was confirmed by the Board in late 2022), Treasurer Keehn, and AHS Region V Director Dye. Motion by Bob Sathoff to approve the full slate of Officers prepared by the Nominating Committee, seconded by Joe Parisi; approved by all attending members.

**WINTER SYMPOSIUM 2024** was discussed by Mortko. Will be held in Brookfield, WI at the Sheraton as in previous years, contract has been signed. Registration rate of \$69 has been maintained, and room rate increased slightly to \$112. Program has been developed. Attendance was strongly encouraged as the annual Convention and Winter Symposium events are the centerpiece of an involved and active membership.

**MRHS MEMBERSHIP DEATHS** of Bob Olson, Val Sikowski, Germaine Schwaller, and Ann Davidson were noted. A moment of silence for the reported and any other member deaths was given in their memory.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David F. Dettmann, Secretary

## Midwest Regional Hosta Society Budget for 2023

(Per By-Laws: Fiscal Year is January 1st to December 31st)

Last updated 9/22/23		
<b>Category</b>	<b>2023 Actuals<sup>1/1/23-</sup> 9/15/2023</b>	<b>2023 Budget (approved July 2022)</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Membership Dues	1,152.30	1,000.00
Convention	4,576.78	2,500.00
Income-Interest	57.01	10.00
Winter Symposium	6,559.00	6,000.00
Seed Auction	237.00	500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,582.09</b>	<b>10,010.00</b>
<b>Expense:</b>		
Award-Montgomery	25.98	100.00
2020 Grants	600.00	1,200.00
Liability Insurance	541.00	450.00
Membership Expense		200.00
Miscellaneous	80.02	700.00
Newsletter	280.69	750.00
Internet Site		0.00
Zoom Meetings		0.00
Convention	2,444.41	0.00
Winter Symposium	6,186.75	6,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,158.85</b>	<b>9,900.00</b>
<b>Net Totals</b>	<b>2,423.24</b>	<b>110.00</b>
<b>Account Balances:Current</b>		
Checking	11,070.35	
Savings	57,118.78	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>68,189.13</b>	

## 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)

Submit completed application to:  
Mike Kraus  
MRHS Vice-President  
Mike Kraus  
6311 Carrie Ct.

Educational Fund  
September 18, 2015

Or email application to Mike at:  
[kraus6311@comcast.net](mailto:kraus6311@comcast.net)

## 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 Barry Ankney, AHS Membership Secretary, 1104 Oxford Court, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181-5249. 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/>

Photos by Mary Vertz unless noted otherwise.

Join in the fun of creating the Spring Newsletter. Volunteer to be a Field Editor and provide an article for the Spring Newsletter. Contact Mary Vertz (920) 336-7678 or [mavertzy@gmail.com](mailto:mavertzy@gmail.com)

**BIG thanks** to all who contributed to this newsletter.

### Advertise in the *Hosta Leaves*

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



*H. 'Coast to Coast'*

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	3⅛" x 4½"
1/8 page	45	80	3⅛" 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	3⅛" x 4½"
1/8 page	30	50	3⅛" x 2"

**MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY**  
**FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**David Collura, Membership Chair**  
**13600 W Graham St**  
**New Berlin, WI 53151**

**Notice:** If you are receiving this newsletter via the post office, this is the last printed version of the MRHS Newsletter you will receive. All future MRHS Newsletters will be delivered by email only. Email David Collura (see cover for his email) to ensure he has your current email on file.

### **Membership**

Please check the expiration date on the label located above this notice. If it says "2023" or earlier, 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 email newsletter, hold an annual convention each summer, and hold a one day Conference either in fall or February. To join, or renew membership, please send a check for \$20 (\$10 per year) to David Collura, 13600 W Graham St, New Berlin, WI 53151

Next summer's convention "**Winnebago HaHo, Wisconsin Hostatality**" is being organized by Glenn Herold and Pat Gwidt in Fond du Lac, WI. 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!