



MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY

2027 WINTER HOSTA SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, February 27, 2027 - Embassy Suites by Hilton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

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

Registration Fee (includes Sat. lunch): \$64 (MRHS members); \$74 (non-MRHS members)

Hotel Rate: \$119 per night (king) or \$139 per night (double queen) + tax (includes breakfast)— rate applies to Fri and/or Sat night

The Symposium features:

- **Friday Evening Hostatality** – time to catch up with old hosta friends and meet new friends
- **Hosta Silent Auction** – featuring plant donations from the top hybridizers and vendors
- **Jack Barta Memorial Scholarship** – one lucky attendee will have their registration fee comped. Sponsored this year by the Russ O'Hara Hosta Society.
- **Saturday Symposium with 5 speakers** on a variety of hosta and related gardening topics:
 - **Nick Ternes – Lesser Known Perennials for the Shade Garden**
Is there more to life than just Hostas? In this presentation we'll talk about lesser known plants to use in your shade garden to contrast with your hostas and create some excitement.
 - **Josh Spece – New Hosta Introductions**
Josh will join us via Zoom to present the latest hosta introductions from the top hybridizers in both the U.S. and Europe.
 - **Glenn Herold – Conquering the Dry Shade Garden**
It's difficult enough dealing with drought in the garden, but when you combine that with shade, it's a double whammy. How do plants adapt or deal with these environmental challenges? We'll look at the morphological characteristics of drought and shade tolerant plants and make suggestions for your own garden.
 - **Rob Mortko – How Hostas Grow**
Sound simple? Maybe not. Lessons learned from the greenhouse and the TC lab and how they can be applied to your own hosta garden.
 - **Mark Zilis – Hosta History, Part 5: How the Hosta World Changed in the 1980s & 1990s**
The 80's and 90's presented some of the biggest changes the hosta world has ever encountered – from tissue culture for hosta propagation to the discovery of Hosta Virus X.

[Please register early. Late registration fees start January 26, 2027.](#)

The hotel room rate is guaranteed through January 26, 2027. Use this link to make a reservation online:

[Book your group rate for Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting Feb 2027](#)

Or call Embassy Suites at 1-844-738-3913. Mention the group code "900" to get the special group rate.