

A History of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society

YEAR	Midwest Regional Hosta	Midwest Convention	Winter Scientific	History
	Society (Later Region 5) (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin)	Plant Region 5	Meeting - Region 5	
1976	MRHS Formed			
1977				
1978				
1979				
1980				
1981	Midwest Mini-Meet Iowa City, IA	none		
1982				
1983				
1984				
1985				
1986				
1987	Palatine, IL	none		
1988	Region Formed by AHS			
1989	Iowa City, IA		First Winter Scientific- Mark Zilis hosted at Q&Z - Chicago Suburb	
1990			Danada House, Wheaton, IL	

1991	Peoria, IL		Morton Arboretum Lisle, IL	President - Dennis Savory Vice President - Steven Kelly Secretary - Bernie Knight Treasurer - Frank Riehl Newsletter Editor - Robert Olson
1992	Madison, WI			First Bylaws Approved
1993			Morton Arboretum	
1994			Schaumburg, IL	
1995	Minneapolis, MN		Palatine, IL	President - Steven Kelly Vice President - Roger Koopmans Secretary - Bernie Knight Treasurer - Pat Cragoe Newsletter Editor - Robert Olson 151 attended the convention 370 Members
1996	Davenport, IA		Palatine, IL	President - Steven Kelly Vice President - Roger Koopmans Secretary - Bernie Knight Treasurer - Tom Micheletti Newsletter Editor - Robert Olson
1997	Des Moines, IA	<i>H. 'Gypsy's Boa'</i>	Palatine, IL	
1998	Omaha, NE	<i>H. 'Shady Choice'</i>	Palatine, IL	
1999	Schaumburg, IL	<i>H. 'Sweet Home Chicago'</i>	Schaumburg, IL	
2000	Cedar Rapids, IA	<i>H. 'Slick Willie'</i>	Schaumburg, IL	

2001	Peoria, IL	<i>H. 'Lakeside Rocky Top'</i>	Schaumburg, IL	President - Tom Micheletti Vice President - DeEtta Montgomery Secretary - Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer - Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor - Irwin Johnson 443 Members
2002	Madison, WI	<i>H. 'Ice Age Trail'</i>	Schaumburg, IL	President - Tom Micheletti Vice President - DeEtta Montgomery Secretary - Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer - Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor - Irwin Johnson
2003	St. Louis, MO	<i>H. 'Show Me'</i>	Schaumburg, IL	President - Tom Micheletti Vice President - DeEtta Montgomery Secretary - Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer - Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor - Irwin Johnson
2004	Dubuque, IA	<i>H. 'Great River Sonata' (same as H. 'Sagae')</i>	Schaumburg, IL	President - Tom Micheletti Vice President - DeEtta Montgomery Secretary - Carolyn Hamilton Treasurer - Scott Hildebrandt Newsletter Editor - Irwin Johnson Website Started - 355 Members

2005 **Springfield, MO**

H. 'Ozark Welcome'

Schaumburg, IL

President - Tom Micheletti/DeEtta
Montgomery/Tom Micheletti
Vice President - DeEtta Montgomery/Scott
Hildebrandt/Lou Horton
Secretary - Audra Wilson
Treasurer - Scott Hildebrandt / Pete
Postelwiate
Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers
AHS Region 5 Rep - Chuck Steele

2006 **Milwaukee, WI**

H. 'Rootin Tootin'

Schaumburg, IL

President - Tom Micheletti
Vice President - Lou Horton
Secretary - Audra Wilson/Carolyn
Hamilton
Treasurer - Pete Postelwiate
Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers
Webmaster - Floyd Rogers
AHS Region 5 Rep - Chuck Steele
226 Members

2007 **Davenport, IA**

H. 'Bix Blues'

Schaumburg, IL

President - Tom Micheletti/Lou Horton
Vice President - Lou Horton/ Carolyn
Hamilton
Secretary - Carolyn Hamilton / Barb
Schroeder
Treasurer - Pete Postelwiate
Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers
Webmaster - Floyd Rogers
AHS Region 5 Rep - Chuck Steele
DeEtta Montgomery Award - DeEtta
Montgomery
247 Members

2008 **Chicago (Schaumburg, IL)**

H. 'Chi-Town Classic'

Schaumburg, IL

President - Lou Horton
Vice President - Carolyn Hamilton
Secretary - Barb Schroeder
Treasurer - Pete Postelwiate
Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers
Webmaster - Floyd Rogers
AHS Region 5 Rep - Chuck Steele
DeEtta Montgomery Award - Roger
Koopmans

2009	Champaign, IL	<i>H. 'Prairie Sum Shine'</i>	Schaumburg, IL	President - Lou Horton Vice President - Carolyn Hamilton/Mary Ann Metz Secretary - Barb Schroeder/ Glenn Herold Treasurer - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers Webmaster - Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep - Chuck Steele/Sally Stewart DeEtta Montgomery Award - Floyd Rogers 293 Members
2010	Des Moines, IA	<i>H. 'American Gothic'</i>	Schaumburg, IL	President - Lou Horton Vice President - Mary Ann Metz Secretary - Glenn Herold Treasurer - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers Webmaster - Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep - Sally Stewart DeEtta Montgomery Award - Audra Wilson 375 Members
2011	Madison, WI	<i>H. 'Dragon of the Seas'</i>	Lisle, IL	President - Lou Horton/ Glenn Herold Vice President - Mary Ann Metz Secretary - Irwin Johnson Treasurer - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers Webmaster - Floyd Rogers AHS Region 5 Rep - Sally Stewart DeEtta Montgomery Award -Tom Micheletti Articles of Incorporation in the State of Illinois Feb 27, 2012 490 Members

2012 **Rochester, MN**

H. 'Candy Kisses'

Lisle, IL

President - Glenn Herold
Vice President - Mary Ann Metz
Secretary - Irwin Johnson
Treasurer - Barb Schroeder
Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers
Webmaster - Floyd Rogers
AHS Region 5 Rep - Sally Stewart
DeEtta Montgomery Award - Tom
Micheletti
Articles of Incorporation in the State of
Illinois Feb 27, 2012 472 Members

2013 **Chicago (Lisle), IL**

H. 'Emerald Charger'

Lisle, IL

H. 'Jabulani'

President - Glenn Herold
Vice President - Mary Ann Metz
Secretary - Irwin Johnson/Katherine Kelly
Treasurer - Barb Schroeder
Newsletter Editor - Floyd Rogers
Webmaster - Floyd Rogers
AHS Region 5 Rep - Sally Stewart/Pat
Gwidt
DeEtta Montgomery Award - Carolyn
Hamilton
Recieved 501(c)(3) Status from the IRS
344 Members

2014	Green Bay, WI	<i>H. 'Cheesehead'</i>	Lisle, IL	President - Glenn Herold Vice President - Mary Ann Metz Secretary - Katherine Kelly Treasurer - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Mary Ann Metz Webmaster - Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep - Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award - Bob Olson 301 Members
2015	Dubuque, IA	<i>H. 'Rendezvous' and</i> <i>H. 'The gathering'</i>	Lisle, IL	President - Glenn Herold /Cindy Tomaschek Vice President - Mary Ann Metz / Barry Ankney Secretary - Katherine Kelly/ Holly O'Donnell Treasurer - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Mary Ann Metz Webmaster - Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep - Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award - Barb Schroeder 240 Members
2015	Champaign, IL	coupon	Lisle, IL	President - Cindy Tomaschek Vice President - Barry Ankney Secretary - Holly O'Donnell Treasurer - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Mary Vertz Webmaster - Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep - Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award - Lou Horton Bylaws Updated 7/2016 261 Members

2017	Lenexa, KS	<i>H. 'Ahhs'</i>	Davenport, IA Fall Focus <i>H. 'Tower of Power'</i>	President - Cindy Tomaschek Vice President - Barry Ankney Secretary - Holly O'Donnell Treasurer - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Mary Vertz Webmaster - Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep - Pat Gwidt DeEtta Montgomery Award - Mark Rekoske
2018	Peoria, IL	<i>H. 'Playin' Peoria'</i> <i>H. 'River City Blues'</i>	none	President - Barry Ankney Vice President - Barbara King Secretary - Holly O'Donnell Treasurer - Mona Keehn Newsletter Editor - Mary Vertz Webmaster - Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep - Glenn Herold DeEtta Montgomery Award - Jack Barta
2019	Green Bay, WI Convention with AHS	<i>H. 'Golden Harmony'</i> <i>H. 'Friends Forever'</i>	Milwaukee, WI Winter Symposium	President - Barry Ankney Vice President - Barbara King Secretary - Holly O'Donnell Treasurer - Mona Keehn Membership - Barb Schroeder Newsletter Editor - Mary Vertz Webmaster - Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep - Glenn Herold DeEtta Montgomery Award - Jack Barta
2020	Cancelled- COVID			President- Mary Schwartzbauer Vice President- Pat Gwidt Secretary- David Dettman Treasurer- Mona Keehn Membership- Kathy Rustad

			Newsletter Editor- Mary Vertz Web Master- Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep- Glenn Herold DeEtta Montgomery Award- none
2021	Cancelled- COVID		President- Mary Schwartzbauer Vice President- Pat Gwidt Secretary- David Dettman Treasurer- Mona Keehn Membership- Kathy Rustad Newsletter Editor- Mary Vertz Web Master- Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep- Glenn Herold DeEtta Montgomery Award- none
2022	Chicago, IL	<i>H . 'Windy City'</i> <i>H . 'Chicago Blue'</i>	Milwaukee, WI Winter Video Conference President- Rob Mortko Vice President- Pat Gwidt Secretary- David Dettman Treasurer- Mona Keehn Membership- Kathy Rustad Newsletter Editor- Mary Vertz Web Master- Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep- Kay Dye DeEtta Montgomery Award- Cindy Tomashe
2023	Rochester, MN	<i>H . 'Candy Kisses'</i> <i>H . 'Golden Pursuit'</i> <i>H . 'Pursuit of</i>	Milwaukee, WI Winter Conference President- Rob Mortko Vice President- Mike Kraus Secretary- Mark Rekoske Treasurer- Mona Keehn Membership- Dave Collura Newsletter Editor- Mary Vertz Web Master- Barry Ankney

				AHS Region 5 Rep- Kay Dye DeEtta Montgomery Award- Glenn Herold
2024	Fond-du-Lac, WI	<i>H . 'Winnebago Haho'</i> <i>H . 'Fondy'</i>	Milwaukee, WI Winter Conference	President- Rob Mortko Vice President- Mike Kraus Secretary- Mark Rekoske Treasurer- Mona Keehn Membership- Dave Collura Newsletter Editor- Mary Vertz Web Master- Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep- Kay Dye DeEtta Montgomery Award- Dave Crocker
2025	Peoria, IL (joint with AHS)	<i>H . 'Prairieland Memories'</i>	Milwaukee, WI Winter Conference	President- Rob Mortko Vice President- Mike Kraus Secretary- Mark Rekoske Treasurer- Mona Keehn Membership- Dave Collura Newsletter Editor- Mary Vertz Web Master- Barry Ankney AHS Region 5 Rep- Fritz Drasgow DeEtta Montgomery Award- Barry Ankney
2026	Madison, WI	Celebration'	Milwaukee, WI Winter Conference	President- Rob Mortko Vice President- Mike Kraus Secretary- Mark Rekoske Treasurer- Mona Keehn Membership- Dave Collura Newsletter Editor- Mary Vertz Web Master- Barry Ankney

AHS Region 5 Rep- Fritz Drasgow
DeEtta Montgomery Award-