

Enjoy the Heinz's Sunny Hosta Garden

Hosta Garden Walk June 26 in Spring Grove

For Joe & Robin Heinz growing hostas in full sun led to some pleasant surprises, as well as new challenges. More sun means larger, more full plants. Slug sightings are now few and far between, and when the hostas are blooming, the abundance of flowering scapes puts any sunny "flower garden" to shame. Of course while the sun may help with hardier hostas, it does the same thing for weeds! Robin spends the bulk of her summer on hands and knees weeding, while Joe tries to keep his lush, thick lawn from taking over the planting beds.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of growing hostas in the sun is finding companion plants that tolerate lots of sun, while thriving in damp soil. In the Heinz garden you will find troillus, liatris and many varieties of heuchera. Centaurea provides a fern-like texture, and naturally many day lilies can be found.

The Heinz's have always gravitated towards large varieties of Hosta, and Joe is especially proud of his 'Elatior'. Some other nice specimens to be found include 'Old Glory', 'Neat and Tidy', 'Royal Tiara', and an almost unnervingly large 'Great River Sonata'.

Come out of the dark and into the light!

Driving Directions:

Take a drive north to visit the Heinz's sunny hosta garden in Spring Grove. 10821 E. Riviera Drive - From downtown Fox Lake go north on Rt.12 to Wilmot Road. Right on Wilmot to Rt. 173. Then left (West) on Rt. 173 to Siedschlag Road. Right on Siedschlag to Superior Avenue. Left on Superior to E. Riviera Drive. Left on E. Riviera to 10821, on the right side of the road.

If you use the I294/TriState Tollway exit at Highway 173 and go west about 14 miles to Siedschlag Road. Or if you are coming from the far western suburbs take Highway 31 north until it runs into US Highway 12. Follow Highway 12 north another 4 miles through downtown Richmond and turn right (East) onto Highway 173. Follow 173 to Siedschlag Road and turn left to 10821 E. Riviera Drive.



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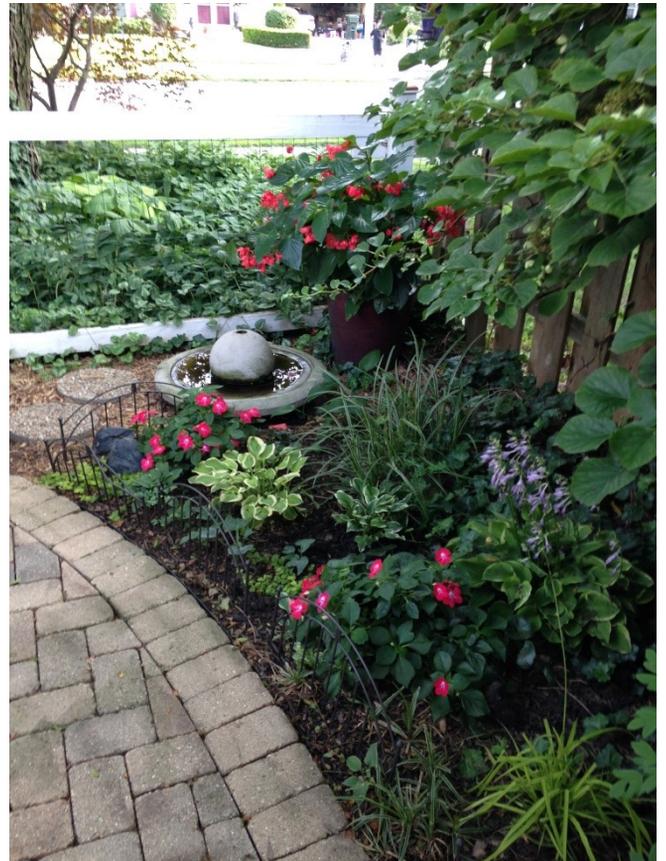
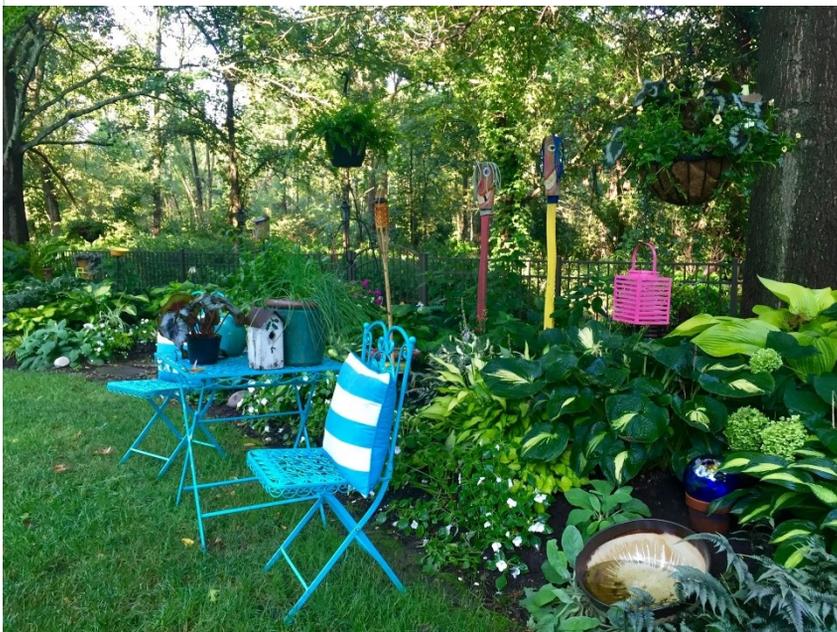


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Two-fer Hosta Garden Walk Featured in Naperville July 17

The Hennessy & Welker gardens will be open for rambling thru the hostas and the skilled designer displays.



Sue & Brian Welker's garden scene on the left. Cindy Hennessey's fountain patio garden scene on the right.