

Hosta Happenings

The Newsletter of the Northern Illinois Hosta Society

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2018/ 2019 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **Sept 16, Potluck & Annual Meeting, West Chicago**
- **Oct 21, Fall Symposium, Cantigny Park, Wheaton**
- **Dec 9, Holiday Party, Crystal Lake**
- **MRHS Winter Hosta Symposium, Brookfield, WI**
- **June 12 - 15, 2019, AHS & MRHS Convention, Green Bay, WI**



Hosta 'Aphrodite'

President's Letter

Here we are in August and summer is beginning to wind down. Rains have not been as plentiful, at least at my house, and the heat has picked up, as expected. Thanks to Mark Rekoske we have had a busy Summer of Events once again this year. I had the opportunity this July to go to the Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention in Peoria. The Convention was well organized and everyone had a good time. It was nice to see a strong showing by the Northern Illinois Hosta Society members. As NIHS will be hosting the 2020 MRHS Convention here in Lisle, it was valuable to watch and observe how Peoria was setup and organized.

Once again our annual Auction and Plant Sale was held August 12th in Hinsdale. Those who attended had a great time as Mark Zilis graciously was our auctioneer. Mark adds a flair to the proceedings and a great deal of background information on each cultivar brought up to the table for sale. Although last year's auction was a record setting event we were not too far behind this year. A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make this another successful event for NIHS as this is our only fundraising event of the year. On a personal note I had just put 20 hostas in the ground just before the Auction. While I was running the computer for registration and recording of sales my lovely wife, Lenny, bid and won a package of 12 hostas

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donated by member, Jack Barta. I understand she proceeded to tell people within ear shot that I need something to do. Problem is she is just feeding the addiction.

Coming up in September is our Annual meeting. Billie Childress has volunteered to host this event at her home in West Chicago. Following that we will have a Fall Symposium on Sunday, October 21st. Please check the articles later in this Newsletter for details.

Finally there is an event that is being resurrected in 2019. The MRHS has held the Winter Scientific meeting in Chicago each January for years. Later it was renamed the Winter Conference. There was no Winter Conference in 2018. Jack Barta, from Wisconsin, has taken upon himself to host a revived Winter Hosta Symposium February 2nd, 2019 in the Brookfield/ Milwaukee area. When the MRHS website link is up, we will make it available to you through our NIHS website.

It has truly been a full year of activities. I hope that you have taken the opportunity to take advantage of all of the programs that we have provided for your benefit. I assume most of your planting for the year has been completed. It appears, thanks to my wife, that mine is not. Regardless, take time to sit back and enjoy all of the efforts that you have put into your garden.

May your garden be colorful,

May you hostas be full,

May your slugs and deer damage be few,

Hosta-la-vista

MIKE KRAUS



One of the very best hostas to come from Mary Chastain! This stunning hosta produces heart-shaped leaves with very wide, wavy, green margins. The narrow, creamy white markings in the center of the leaves shoot out from the cream colored petioles in a feathery pattern.

Its thick substantiated leaves make the perfect background for the cream scapes that carry the light lavender flowers in midsummer.



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Hosta 'Lakeside Paisley Print' is named the AHGA Hosta of the Year for 2019!

FALL POTLUCK & ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16

Pot Luck, Business Meeting, and Plant Swap

This year's potluck & annual meeting will be held at **1:00 pm September 16th** in West Chicago at the home of Billie Childress. (directions below). The gathering will consist of a Potluck dinner, business meeting and a plant swap.

We begin with our **potluck dinner** which is the main event given the outstanding offerings by our NIHS cooks. This is also a time to renew old friendships and forge new ones.

Following dinner will be our annual **business meeting** which we will keep brief. During the business meeting we will present the 2019 budget for your review and approval. Next on the agenda will be a presentation of next year's programs. Lastly, we will elect officers. A slate of open positions and candidates to fill those positions will be presented by the Nominating Committee. The proposed budget and the Report of the Nominating Committee have already been sent to you for your review. Please bring your copy along to the meeting if you would like to refer to them. Members may ask questions and provide input at any time during the business meeting.

Our annual **plant swap** will conclude the gathering's festivities. If you would like to participate, bring a hosta or other plant that you are willing to trade for another. Make sure it is pest and disease free and potted far enough in advance that it has recovered from transplant shock. Do not hesitate to bring more than one plant if you like. For each plant you bring, you may choose one plant.

Please contact Billie Childress by Sept 10th to let her know that you are coming and the dish that you will bring: appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert. Billie can be reached at 630-862-1213 or



Pics from 2017 Fall Potluck & Annual Mtg.

Photos by Ron Asselborn

billiedc@sbcglobal.net. Main dish, beverages and tableware are provided. **PLEASE COME- LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Routes 59 and 64, go east on Rt. 64 for .3 miles and take the first right onto Woodcrest Drive (note that the name will change to Waynewood). Continue for half a mile to Glen Road. Turn left onto Glen and proceed to the Childress home at the end of the cul-de-sac, 29W385 Glen Road, West Chicago.



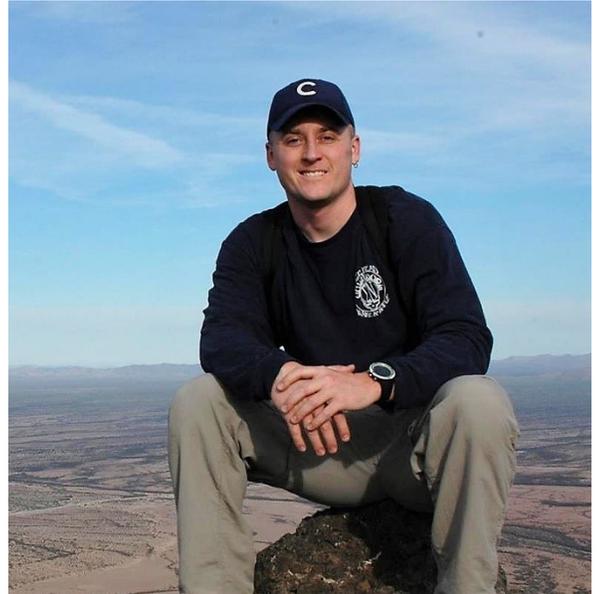
Fall Symposium Sunday Oct 21 At Cantigny Park

Our Fall Symposium will be held on **Sunday, October 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** at the Cantigny Park Education Center. If the weather is favorable and you have a bit of time, plan to come early to visit the fall displays in the garden and take in our newly reconstructed American Hosta Society National Display Garden just south of the Visitor's Center. *Cantigny Park is located at 1s 151 Winfield Road, in Wheaton.*

Our guest speaker will be **Kelsay Shaw**, an owner of Possibility Place Nursery in Monee Illinois. Possibility Place is a grower of trees, shrubs, forbs, grasses and sedges native to our area. Kelsey serves as botanist and sales consultant at the nursery. He has a BS degree in botany from Eastern Illinois University and has worked in the industry for over 22 years. He has taught classes on native plants and their uses in landscaping. He serves as a consultant to clients with large projects.

Shaw believes that for every urban site there is a native plant that fits in. It is just a matter of putting the right plant in the right place. He is passionate about choosing native plants over exotics and the environmental benefits of using natives in the home landscape. Bring a friend to share this wonderful event!

Kelsay Shaw of Possibility Place



Photos by Kelsay Shaw



Hosta Auction Results



On Sunday August 12 we had a full house at our annual Hosta Auction fundraiser. Excellent publicity by Lynn Walsh filled the seats. Mark Zilis again provided his expertise as auctioneer and hosta expert. Our total sales including the Raffle totaled **\$4,440**, an excellent result!



We sold 181 items to 59 registered bidders. Several spectacular plants were offered for bid including 2 flats of 12 hostas provided by Jack Barta. Mark Zilis told the crowd that a huge basket of Hosta 'Royal Standard' "was the largest plant that I have ever auctioned."



Many thanks to all our volunteers and plant donors for making this auction such a success!

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GARDENING with Hostas

By Diana Stoll



'Old Reliables' Anchor Groups of Hostas

Just the other day, I was looking for a spot to plant five new hostas. I hadn't planned on buying any plants, but those cute little 'Lakeside Cupcakes' jumped into my cart – all by themselves. I swear, I didn't even touch them! If these plants wanted to live at my house that badly, I couldn't put them back on the bench, could I? Could you? I digress.

As I walked around the yard, from bed to bed and border to border, looking for the perfect home for my new babies, I noticed something about the way I have planted my hostas.

At least one classic hosta anchored each grouping. I hadn't consciously planted them like that. In fact, I had never even noticed it before. Upon reflection, it isn't surprising. These classic varieties are *old reliables* in my landscape for several good reasons – they are beautiful, dependable, inexpensive and easy to combine with other hostas.

'Krossa Regal' grows very large – up to three feet tall. Tall flower scapes rise high above thick, silvery blue-green leaves in mid to late summer. The variegated sport of 'Krossa Regal', 'Regal Splendor', is another commonly-used classic. It is similar in size but shows off creamy white margins. The vase shape of these hostas adds interest to groups occupied by rounded mounds.

'Halcyon' is often included in groupings because it holds its blue color longer than most. At the front of the border, this small hosta grows in clumps jam-packed with foliage.

'August Moon' forms a dense mound of corrugated, heart-shaped leaves that unfurl chartreuse but age to golden yellow where it receives direct sunlight all morning.

'Gold Edger' (pic below) brings yellow to the front of the garden. A group of three small plants have formed a dense, weed-choking mass of small, heart-shaped golden foliage around the base of a hydrangea on a standard.



Hosta 'Gold Edger' brightens hosta groupings. And then there's 'June'.

The golden yellow foliage of 'August Moon' and 'Gold Edger' are like rays of sunshine in hosta combinations.

'Fragrant Bouquet' grows in medium-sized mounds of apple-green leaves edged in creamy yellow. Very fragrant, white flowers bloom in August.

My favorite small hosta boasts thick, golden-centered leaves with blue-green margins that streak irregularly into leaf centers when planted in morning sun. Where it is grown in shade, the centers of leaves are chartreuse.

The variegated foliage of 'Fragrant Bouquet' and 'June' blend beautifully with both solid-colored and other variegated hostas. These favorites just make me happy.



Hosta 'Second Wind' makes every hosta planted beside it look better.

'Second Wind' (pic above) is my go-to hosta when I am designing large groups of hostas. Its thick, leathery, very dark green leaves make every other hosta next to it look amazing! It makes gold hostas look brighter, blue hostas look bluer, and sharpens the contrast of variegated hostas.

I found the perfect place for my new hostas. Five 'Lakeside Cupcakes' will be welcomed to the garden by a grouping of several hostas that includes, as expected, 'Regal Splendor' and 'Gold Edger'. (Photos by Diana Stoll)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR AHS HOSTA GARDEN AT CANTIGNY?

By Barbara King

GOOD NEWS! AHS GARDEN AT CANTIGNY IS BACK IN BUSINESS

After spending much of the summer closed off because of construction, our AHS National Display Garden at Cantigny has been revived, thanks to the efforts of our volunteer corps, and is now open to the public.

By late July we received word that the new paths had been completed and that we had the go-ahead to spruce up the garden and plant more hostas. Twelve volunteers came on July 24 and worked for 4 hours to clean up, weed, water, and spread mulch around the plants. At the end of the workday, the garden looked great. It was hard to imagine it had been neglected all year.

The following week, with nearly all the construction fences gone, NIHS volunteers relocated 12 hostas to take advantage of the additional space acquired for the garden as part of the construction process. We also planted 23 hostas that were new to the garden, bringing us to a total of about 275.

Further work is on hold for a week or two in mid-August while construction/landscape crews add turf and mass plantings to areas bordering the AHS garden. We should be able to return by early September to add more hostas. Stop by and visit when you have a chance!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR AHS HOSTA GARDEN AT CANTIGNY?

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Many hands make light work. - John Heywood



August and September Hosta Tips

By Rob Mortko

August is traditionally the hottest month of the year. With all that heat our hostas will really benefit from regular watering. Our goal at this point in the season is to grow the rhizome so that we can reap the benefits next spring.

During the growing season the hosta rhizome (or crown) is building reserves that will be used the following spring. Substantial amounts of water are also required to replace the natural transpiration of the plant while supporting all the foliage. When we encounter a prolonged spell of hot dry weather, the rhizome will spend its own reserves to support the plant. It's rare that a hosta will wilt, even when the soil is very dry - so we don't get any early warning sign like we do with many plants.

Ever wonder why a hosta appears OK at the end of the year, but reappears much smaller and/or less vigorous the following spring, or (even worse) fails to reappear altogether the following spring? This is often the result of a decline in the crown mass the previous summer due to lack of adequate water.

So what to do when we encounter a summer with day upon day of hot temperatures and extended dry spells? Help your hostas manage the stress by watering deeply at least once a week if we don't receive any help from Mother Nature. Optimum moisture for hostas is between one and one and a half inches of water per week during the growing season. This is especially important if your hostas receive significant levels of direct sun exposure. Watering time is also important.

Watering in the morning will help discourage both slugs and fungal activity. When watering blue leafed hostas avoid overhead watering of the leaves which can slowly wear away the glaucous bloom (i.e. the waxy covering that makes a green hosta appear blue). Residual water droplets on any leaf which is followed by sun exposure can also result in leaf burn. Use of soaker hoses and drip irrigation work well in this regard.

Many folks might conclude that hostas can only be planted in the spring because they seem to "disappear" in local nurseries and garden centers by the first of June.



*Photo by Mark Rekoske from the 2018 MRHS
Convention in Peoria*

Fact is, container grown hostas can be planted any time during the growing season. What's more, by planting now you can gain nearly a full growing season as compared to waiting until next spring. This will be readily apparent next spring as you will most likely have multiple eyes or pips emerge as a result of planting now.

Fall is considered the "optimum" time for hosta division as roots can continue to grow and establish themselves until our first killing frost (around the middle of October). Remember hostas never need to be divided as opposed to most perennials that will become less vigorous after 3-5 years if not divided. With hostas it's a choice you make.

To divide hostas it is usually easiest to dig and lift the entire clump. Then use a spade or knife to divide into smaller sections. The key is to retain an adequate root structure for each division. If needed, use a hose to wash away the soil to get a closer look at where you should be making your divisions. When replanting, use a root starter/stimulator solution, but avoid any high nitrogen fertilizer this late in the season. Don't forget the value of good soil prep. Since hostas never need to be divided, you really only get one chance to do a good job of preparing the soil with plenty of organic matter. Never plant that \$5 hosta in a 50 cent hole. Even worse is planting a \$20 hosta in that same 50 cent hole!!!

Excerpts taken from article in Shady Notes Sept 2017 newsletter of the St. Louis Hosta Society

Nancy Huck's Lovely & Relaxing Hosta Garden Walk



Nancy Huck (above) filled her city-sized garden to capacity. Her many vignettes used hostas and other shade plants to delight her visitors.

Photos by Ron Asselborn



Hosta Tips for October

By Rob Mortko

Is it too late to plant???

We've discussed before that fall is a great time to be planting hostas. What's more, by planting in the fall you can gain nearly a full growing season as compared to waiting until next spring. This will be more readily apparent next spring as you will most likely have multiple eyes or pips emerge simply as a result of planting now. But how late can you plant? The answer really depends on Mother Nature, but with a little extra mulching to prevent winter heaving, you can safely plant up until frost time. Planning a bed for next year? If you're planning a new hosta bed (or any annual or perennial bed) for next year, why not complete the soil prep work this fall? Then let Mother Nature further refine the soil structure with the natural effects of freezing and thawing. The hard work will be done and you'll be ready to plant next spring. Remember to add plenty of organic matter to our typical clay soils.

First Frost Date!

Our average first frost date in Kansas City is October 26th (Northern Illinois is between October 11 - 20). However when do we ever see anything "average" about the weather? Anything can happen in the month of October as our days get shorter and our average high



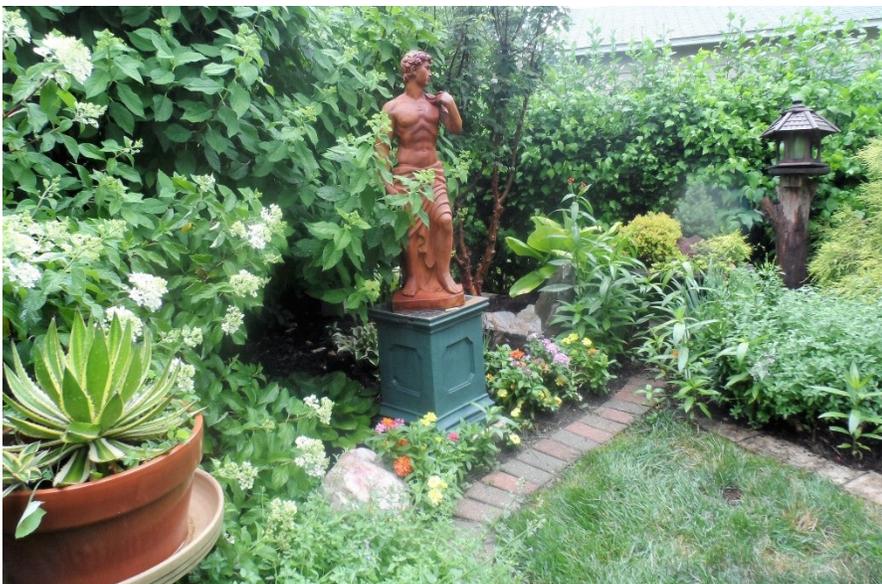
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temperature drops 13 degrees over the course of the month. The good news relative to hostas is there's really nothing to be done in advance of that first killing frost. Just rest assured that you've chosen a very hardy perennial that is now ready for a winter sleep. Hostas actually welcome the cooler weather as they require a cold dormancy period of about 700 hours at temperatures below 40 degrees. (That's why they can't be grown as house plants - a question that arises frequently.)

Getting hosta beds ready for winter

There are differing opinions on whether to clear away the dead hosta foliage following our first killing frost. If you've had any problems this year with fungal diseases (which can overwinter on dead foliage) or with voles, then I'd recommend you clear away this foliage before winter sets in. The same applies if you'd simply like to maximize your fall chores while minimizing spring chores. Otherwise feel free to just let the dead foliage sit for the winter which does provide some additional insulation during the winter months ahead as well as for late spring frosts. Even if you do opt to clear away the foliage, I like to leave a bloom scape or two in place to help mark the plant location to avoid trampling the hosta before it begins to emerge next spring

Information from Rob Mortko's hostaguy.com, website. Reprinted from Central Illinois Hosta Society newsletter October 2017.



Hosta Garden Walk in Glen Ellyn
Lindalee Stuckey's Garden



Lindalee Stuckey (left) showed off her shade & sun gardens on a spectacular Sunday in July.



Photos by Ron Asselborn



HOSTA HAPPENINGS

Little Bulbs Yield Major Rewards In Spring by Sandra Mason

With a little work in October we will be rewarded with a major color show in early spring, when the rest of the landscape assumes a brown and grey color scheme. Tulips and daffodils may be our first recollection of spring flowering bulbs; however, a myriad of lesser known bulbs are easy to plant and will provide years of spring delight.

For those of us with little extra time and often little extra energy these small bulbs are the perfect spring tonic. The required planting holes are a mere 2-3 inches deep and since they look best planted in groups a couple digs with a trowel is enough preparation for their happy home. Although these are not all true bulbs, we refer to them as bulbs for convenience. Look for these lesser known bulbs at a garden center near you.

As soon as the soil warms, winter aconite (*Eranthis hysmalis*) pops up. Since they flower early, most of these upstarts are only 6-8 inches tall. It is one of the earliest bulbs to bloom appearing in February to March, when sleet and snow would annihilate whimpier flowers. Smart little winter aconite flowers close until the weather improves. The one inch flowers are bright yellow buttercups. They have an aura of formality with their green Elizabethan collars. Winter aconite is lovely in rock gardens or massed in large naturalized areas. Allerton Park in Monticello has a delightful patch of them at the main entrance.

Winter aconite tubers look like refrigerator leftovers, left over way too long. If they are particularly dry and wrinkled, soak them overnight, then plant immediately. Bulbs don't come marked "this side up." With most bulbs the pointed tip is planted upwards. Winter aconite have an ambiguous top and bottom. The bottom has a small round scar where the roots will emerge. Still can't tell? Plant them on their side and let the tuber figure it out.

Soon after the winter aconite, snowdrops (*Galanthus nivalis*) will

appear, often before the snow has melted. The small nodding white flowers

appear in late February and March with dark green strap-like leaves. Several cultivars are available such as the double-flowered 'Flore Pleno'.

A tough little bulb is the grape hyacinth (*Muscari* spp.). Leaves appear in fall, winter over and die back in early summer. Flowers appear from March into June. The blue purple clusters of small urn shaped flowers contrast beautifully with yellow daffodils. Grape hyacinths produce many offsets (baby bulbs) so they can be transplanted even when they are in flower to other areas of the garden. Grape hyacinths tolerate wet areas better than most bulbs. Plant grape hyacinth with fall flowering crocus for multi-season appeal.

Other bulbs to consider are the early spring pastel colored flowers of Grecian windflower (*Anemone blanda*) or the intense deep blue flowers of Siberian squill (*Scilla siberica*). Checkered lily (*Fritillaria meleagris*) has reddish purple, checkerboard patterned flowers in April. Giant snowflake (*Leucojum aestivum*) is a bit taller at 12-16 inches with nodding white flowers and a kiss of green on each petal. Striped squill (*Pushkinia scilloides*) has blue and white spikes of flowers in April and May.

If those persistent big leaves of tulips and daffodils bother you, then the small leaves of these lesser known bulbs are perfect. Critter problems in the garden got you down? Squirrels and rabbits don't seem to bother these bulbs nearly as much as tulips and crocus.

Don't think you have room in your flower garden for bulbs? Just remember in spring all those perennials are small. Plant bulbs next to peonies, hosta, daylilies or ornamental grasses or among groundcovers. Plant near walkways for a surprise treat when the winds of winter are still blowing in early spring. Check out UI Extension website, Bulbs & More <http://extension.illinois.edu/bulbs/>



BITS AND PIECES

Election of New Officers is coming up at our Fall Potluck & Annual Meeting on September 16 at Billie Childress' in West Chicago. See article on page 3.

Cantigny Park AHS National Display Garden is featured in the current **The Hosta Journal**, pages 18 - 21. Barbara King's article describes the origins and evolution of the hosta garden and partnership with Cantigny. A dramatic 2-page photo by Ron Asselborn highlights the feature titled "Cantigny Park Hosta Garden Wins AHS Status."

NIHS to host 2020 MRHS Convention

At its April meeting, the NIHS board voted unanimously to offer to host the 2020 convention of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society.

Staging a convention requires a lot of help and support from our members, which we had in abundance when we last hosted in 2013. It's also lots of fun. We look forward to working with you in the coming months as plans develop.

Hosta Walk Garden Hosts, Our Program VP, Mark Rekoske, is always looking for special gardens for hosta walks. If you know of such gardens, or if you have one, please contact Mark at mrekoske@gmail.com.

New Member Welcome!!

A special welcome to our newest hostaphiles!

- **Michael & Valda Miller, Bartlett**
- **Susan VonBramer, Palatine**



Join the NIHS by contacting Stevie Meginness, Membership Secretary, 84 Dunham Place, St. Charles, IL 60174 with your check for \$20. Please include your name(s), address, phone #, and current email address.

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MRHS Convention in Peoria
Highlights July 12-14



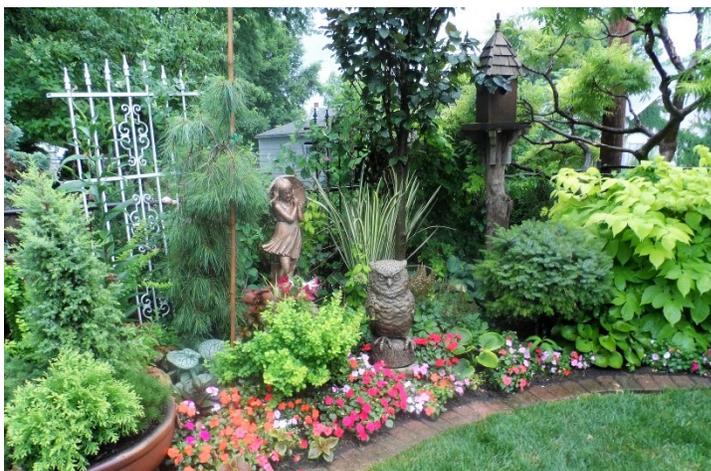
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MRHS Convention in Peoria
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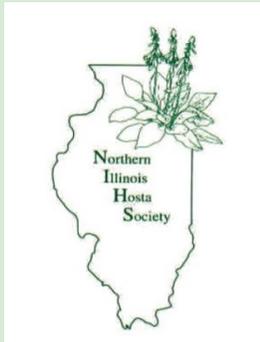
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Another view of Nancy Huck's back yard pond. Ron Asselborn photo



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