

# Northern Illinois Hosta Society

*August 2016 Flyer*

## NIHS Annual Plant Auction

**Hosta & Companion Plant Sale**

**Sunday Aug 14, Hinsdale**

Our annual NIHS auction, plant sale and raffle is our only annual fundraising event and we need your help to make it a success. The auction will be held on Sunday August 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please plan to be there to support the NIHS and have fun bidding on plants that may be hard to find elsewhere. Extraordinary bargains are always a possibility. Once again, Mark Zilis will serve as our auctioneer. Bidding will be friendly but fast-paced and things could get exciting. There will be a sale of many plants at low fixed prices for bargain hunters. We will sell raffle tickets with some mature hostas and other items offered as prizes. We may also have a number of Kincaid stainless steel garden markers for sale. Mark Zilis' books will also be available. Refreshments will be provided.

The auction will be held at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St in Hinsdale from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Plan to arrive at 12:30 pm** to donate your plants, register to bid and preview the plants you will want to bid on. Your participation and the addition of attendees from outside NIHS are critical to the success of the auction. The more bidders we have, the more interesting the bidding becomes.

We need your donations of potted plants (hostas and companion plants) to be delivered by about 12:30 pm to the



Community House. We are looking for good quality pest & disease-free plants that you would be happy to have in your garden, especially newer varieties or hard to find older plants. *Dig or divide your plants as soon as possible so they look good for the auction.* Donations from our members make up the majority of the plants auctioned, but we expect some donated plants from vendors.

### Here are some other ways to help make the auction a success:

- bring a non-member friend to the auction
- copy this page and share with your gardener friends and plant club members

**Driving Directions:** From Ogden Ave/IL 34 in Hinsdale turn South on York Road which turns into Garfield Ave and continue to Eighth St. Turn Right to the Community House.

*Scenes from the 2015 Auction & Sale.*

*Mark Zilis above & left promoting the plants & bidding.*

*Right, Colleen Graudins managed the Sale plants.*

