

Hosta Happenings

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- July 29 Hostality Garden Visit, Elgin, 2-5pm Dennis & Connie Hood hosts
- Aug 12 Plant Auction, Hinsdale Community House - Public Invited, 1-4pm
- Sept 9 Hosta Pot Luck, Plant Swap & Annual NIHS Meeting, Downers Grove, 1-4pm
- December 2012 Holiday Party, Date TBA, 1-4pm, Orland Park
- Jan 19, 2013 Winter Scientific Meeting Wyndham Hotel, Lisle, IL
- July 11-13, 2013 Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention hosted by NIHS, Lisle, IL



President's Letter

SUMMER GREETINGS NIHS MEMBERS: What a summer! If your garden is like mine, you see hostas and many other plants with brown, scorched and crispy leaves even after constant watering. Let's all hope our weather improves very soon. While we wait, I've got some suggestions to help you help NIHS.

NIHS AUCTION

Complete information on our annual plant auction on Sunday, August 12, is included below, but I'd like to emphasize how important this event is to our Society: It is our chief source of income, and the money we take in is completely dependent on your support. Having a financial cushion is especially important this year because of our sponsorship of the 2013 MRHS convention—we must pay some big convention bills long before we start receiving income from convention registration fees. If we are to be successful, we need you to both donate and buy. Read the following about what happened at the auction at the just-concluded MRHS Convention.



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE help us out by contributing as many plants as you can. Dig or divide now, put your plants in pots, and keep them well watered. We know that weather has affected appearance, so get rid of burnt leaves and spruce them up. Bring as many plants as you can to the auction—come early, put them on the tables for others to look over, and stay to buy. Bring friends, too—it's open to the public. Almost any plants are welcome: hostas, companion plants, other perennials, trees, grasses, etc. (Nothing invasive, please.)

2012 MRHS CONVENTION

I just returned from the 2012 Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention in Rochester, MN. What an

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Plant Auction: August and the NIHS Plant Auction are coming around again. It is time to dig & donate a few plants. The auction has kept our plant society going for twenty years now. Since it has been unusually hot and dry please dig the plants early to give them a chance to recover before the auction so they will look as perky as possible. The auction is an opportunity to find, bid on, and take home a plant that may be difficult to find on the market. So come and enjoy the auction and a chance to get together with the NIHS people again. The auction is being held at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St in Hinsdale, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. John L. Van Ostrand

President's Letter *continued*

event, and what an education in terms of planning for our convention in 2013! The host society this year was the Shades of Green HS of Southeastern Minnesota (SOG). Two hundred people attended. Since Rochester is the home of the Mayo Clinic, SOG chose the convention theme of "Operation Hosta," a lighthearted effort to "cure" us hostaholics of our addiction--although I think it actually fed it:

Vendors were present all three days of the convention and, as usual, had wonderful specimens of both classic and newly introduced hostas. (Also as usual, I bought more than I had planned.)

Wallets opened wide at the Friday night auction, where 210 plants and related items donated by convention attendees netted an incredible \$12,000+ for the MRHS treasury. I would be thrilled if we could net 25 percent of that at our auction next month.

Informative educational seminars on Friday, garden visits on Saturday, and an excellent presentation at Saturday's banquet by Renegade Gardener Don Engbretson gave us lots of ideas on how to improve our gardens.

Floyd Rogers prepared and presented with me a PowerPoint show at the Saturday banquet. We encouraged everyone to turn their uncured hosta addictions into "HOSTMANIA" at our convention next year. (A big thank you to Floyd for all the work he put into the preparation!)

A key element of events like this is the camaraderie that develops among all those who attend. Our shared interest provides common ground for interactions that renew old friendships and lead to new ones. SOG members set the tone at the registration table when we checked in. They were welcoming, informative, and went out of their way to be helpful to all of us throughout the convention.

2013 MRHS CONVENTION, CHICAGO/LISLE

SOG convention co-chairs and officers most generously shared with me a great deal of information about their planning process that will be most helpful as our convention planning committee moves forward. People from several other societies in the region offered to help out if we need it. I'm hoping that many of you will be stepping up to help, too—see the convention "help wanted" in this newsletter and contact me. Thank you! Barbara

2013 CONVENTION REPORT

by Barbara King

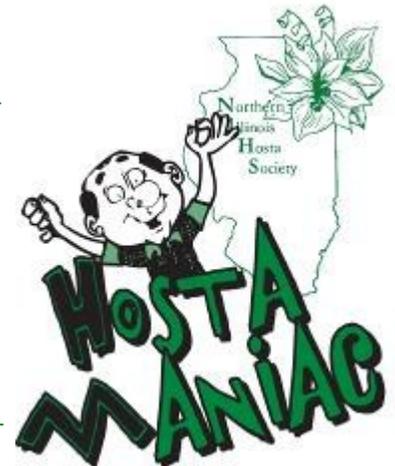
Now that we have secured a terrific site for the 2013 MRHS Convention (the Lisle Hilton) at a reasonable cost, planners are proceeding with the formation of a Convention Committee charged with accomplishing other essential tasks. Several key people are in place, but we still need a lot of help from our NIHS members.

We have a theme, "Hostamania" and a logo to go with it. Tee shirts displaying both were on sale at the Rochester Convention, and we ordered enough to give a **free shirt** to every NIHS member who volunteers to help at Convention 13.

Tom Micheletti is recruiting vendors; seven have committed so far, and more may come. At least nine gardens will be on our self-guided tour. So we're off to a good start. You might want to watch the promo Floyd Rogers prepared and showed at the Rochester Convention; it's on our website and a link is provided in our digital edition.

What follows on page 3 is a "Help Wanted!" list of volunteers needed to help the committee prepare to present a successful convention. Please look it over carefully and decide which jobs best fit with your interests and skills. If a chair is in place, contact that person (phone numbers and emails are at the end of this newsletter). For the other highlighted positions or tasks, call Barbara King at 630-879-2263. **If we don't hear from you, you can be sure that you will hear from us!**

To see a video preview of the convention Press CTRL & click on this link: <http://www.northernillinoishostasociety.org/Convention2013.html> Please wait up to several minutes for video to load—patience!!



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CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

GARDENS

Coordinator (includes recruitment) of helpers with tour garden preparations

Descriptions for booklet and tour guide

Preparation of “cluster” maps and detailed directions

VENDORS

Selection, recruitment, space assignment

Vendor coordinator at convention:

Needs helpers for set-up and take down; help vendors as needed

REGISTRATION

Staff needed at registration table at convention Thursday and Friday:

Check-in participants, hand out badges, convention program, convention plants and “goody bags”

PUBLICITY

Prepare and disseminate convention information locally and regionally

Make presentations at 2013 Winter Scientific Meeting, 2013 AHS Convention, other events as needed

CONCIERGE/HOSPITALITY

Greeting/being available to help out-of-town arrivals at hotel

Help organize car pools for garden visits

Host and secure refreshments for after-dinner gatherings in hotel

Hospitality Suite on Friday and Saturday evenings

Helpers at tour gardens to serve refreshments

SIGNAGE

Signs at hotel and for gardens

Markers/gifts for garden hosts

DECORATIONS

Lobby & convention area, dinner centerpieces, more if needed

Steering Committee

Andy Campbell

Andy Campbell

Tom Micheletti

Mark Rekoske

Kristine James

Need Chair

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June Vandervest

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DROUGHT ALERT

Most reference books on hosta will report that they are quite adaptable to dry shade conditions once they have become established. While this may be true, there is also a practical limit to most generalizations.

During the growing season the hosta rhizome or crown is building reserves that will be used the following spring. Large amounts of water are also required to replace the natural transpiration that occurs with the large leaves. If (as we typically do in the Midwest) encounter a prolonged spell of hot, dry weather, the rhizome will spend reserves to support the plant.

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

So what to do if we do encounter a typical Kansas City summer with day upon day of hot temperatures and extended dry spells? Avoid the stress by watering deeply at least once a week during the summer if we don't receive any help from Mother Nature. Optimum moisture is reported 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. Use of soaker hoses works well. When watering blue leafed hostas avoid overhead watering of the leaves which can slowly destroy 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.

By Rob Mortko reprinted from the Central Illinois Hosta Society

CALL TO 2012 ANNUAL MEETING, POT LUCK & PLANT SWAP, SEPTEMBER 9

Mark your calendars for the NIHS Annual Meeting to be held at the home of Lorel and Gary Abrell in Downers Grove on Sunday, September 9. Plan to arrive at 1:00 p.m. Bring your appetite and a dish to pass for the pot-luck lunch that will kick things off, and a plant (hosta or other) if you plan to participate in the plant swap. The swap is fun & a great opportunity to go home with another wonderful plant. In between these two events we will hold a brief business meeting. The event will conclude no later than 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Lorel at 630-910-0785 or dansrd-sign@aol.com to let her know if you will be coming and what dish you will bring. Hope to see you there!

Their address is 8000 Highland, Downers Grove.

Driving Directions: from the North:

I 355 to the 75th Street exit ,Eastbound approx. 1 mi. to Lemont Road, turn right- (South) travel 1 mile to Plainfield Rd./83rd St. turn left- (East) 0.3 mi. to Highland Ave. turn left- (North) 0.4 mi. 8000 Highland is on the left- (West)

from the South:

I 355 to the Boughton Road/87th Street exit, turn right- (East) app. 0.7 mi. to Lemont Road, turn left- (North) on Lemont Rd. 0.3 mi. to Plainfield Rd./83rd St. turn right- (East) 0.3 mi. to Highland Ave. turn left- (North) 0.4 mi. 8000 is on the left- (West)

Park on the West side of Highland and on the South side of 80th Street only due to emergency vehicle access required.

Garden Q & A

Why are some of my hostas getting smaller each year?

The main reason for hosta decline is insufficient water in August, September, and October. H. sieboldiana types are especially bad about "fading." This fading happens when (after blooming) the rhizome needs to store up sugars for next years blooming and seeding. For this it needs abundant water in August and September, just as the species in Japan do.

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New Member Welcome to

Bobbie and Tom Von Lunen, Batavia
Beth Gallivan, Evanston
Shirley Nolan, Downers Grove
Anne Hazelwood, Winnetka
Georgiann Flowers, Green Oaks



Join the NIHS by contacting Kristine James , Membership Chairman, 523 E. Calhoun St., Woodstock, IL 60098 with your check for \$20. Please include your name(s), address, phone #, and current email address.

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Garden Q & A *Continued from page 4)*

Lacking water, the rhizome cannot grow and uses sugar reserves that were accumulated to maintain size. During the drought most hostas decrease in size because they cannot build up sugars for next year's growth and huge clumps vanish.

Once hosta are in decline, dig up the plant remnants, dust with a rooting hormone, and put in pots for extra care. If you prefer to keep the plant in the ground, improve the soil before replanting and apply halfstrength Peter's fertilizer. Sometimes, just moving a hosta will help correct a problem you could not detect. By **Ann Bentsen** and excerpt reprinted from the **Georgia Hosta Society Newsletter**.

Switched to Digital Hosta Happenings!

Currently your Hosta Happenings comes in 2 versions—a black & white 8 page version delivered by USPS and an expanded full color digital email version. Congratulations — the newsletter you are reading today is the expanded full-color email version. This digital edition includes 6 additional pages of pictures & articles covering the Hosta Leaf Show, the Peoria Bus Tour, & three Hostality Garden Walks. Plus we have included two additional articles— “Hosta Petiole Blight” & “The Drought of 2012—How Should I Water My Lawn?” So, feel good that you have chosen the economical, environmentally-friendly, & most inclusive coverage of NIHS' hosta happenings.

Member Opportunities!!

Newsletter Help Wanted - looking to expand the newsletter staff to improve the product. We need an **Assistant Editor** to collect and/or write articles for the newsletter. Qualifications are a facility with people and words, use of email, and good organizational skills. Contact Ron Asselborn

Advertising Manager to build relationships with our advertisers and potential advertisers and sell advertising space. Qualifications include people skills and an eye for design. Familiarity with graphics and sales a plus but not necessary. No travel necessary. Contact Ron Asselborn



Letter to Your Editor

Excerpts of Minutes of 6/18 NIHS Board Meeting

Dear Editor,

I am a new member of the NIHS and I'm a "mouse" collector and have a "Mouse Dynasty" garden. Is there anyone you know of in the membership that may be willing to share "mouse" info with me? I currently have sixteen "mice" and know of four or five more out there somewhere. Notably "Royal Mouse" and "Mouse Tracks."

I've heard that mini hostas are increasingly popular. The Shadrack book on "Little Hostas" has done much to advance the cause, I'm sure. I'm looking forward to the Garden Walks in Deerfield this weekend. Thanks again,

Georgiann Flowers georgiannflowers@gmail.com

Dear Georgiann, I am sure we have some folks eager to talk "mice" with you! Editor.

Note: Please send your comments & questions to:
Editor@NorthernIllinoisHostaSociety.org.

Board Meeting Minutes *Continued from column on right*

write-ups of the gardens which we plan to identify in clusters. Signage will need to be ordered. A web-site will be developed. T-shirts are currently ordered to be sold at the 2012 MRHS Convention. Per Pete, every 2013 convention volunteer will receive a FREE t-shirt. We are planning to use these more as advertising than as a fund-raising entity. Floyd Rogers is preparing a video presentation promoting the 2013 Convention to be shown at the 2012 MRHS Convention .

Gardens that will be part of the tours as of now: Lou Horton, Billie Childress, Floyd Rogers, Tom Micheletti, John Van Ostrand, Penny Fulkerson, Pete Postlewaite, Barbara & Jim King, Dennis & Connie Hood. We hope to have more volunteers from the general membership.

Pete also brought up the fact that he is retiring as of this year from running the hostality walks. There is nothing set up for 2013. Because of the MRHS Convention garden tours, 2013 will likely be a year that only 2 walks will be scheduled. End

Meeting was called to order by President Barbara King at 7:10pm. In attendance: Barbara, Dan Adams, Ron Aselborn, Penny Fulkerson, Dennis & Connie Hood, Pete Postlewaite, June Vandervest and John Van Ostrand.

Barbara reported that the Leaf Exhibit at Chicago Botanic Garden in early June was a success. Approximately 200 leaves were exhibited. The vendors seemed satisfied. Fire & Ice was voted as the most popular hosta in the exhibit. Both the bus trip to the Peoria area and the hostality walk at Lou Horton's garden were also well attended.

Dennis reported a balance on hand of \$8,946.93 plus the CD valued at \$10,064.65 for a total of \$19,011.58. Dennis is proceeding with the tax filing requirements of a non-for-profit entity. There was a brief discussion on the payment of the 8 bricks for people displaying their gardens in 2012. Cost for each brick with engraving is \$20.00. We would like to upgrade this token of our appreciation in the future. The treasurer's report was approved.

Ron reported on his vision for upgrading the newsletter. Only 19 people to date have agreed to receive only an on-line version. We agreed to send a reminder to membership to respond to Kristine if they will accept the on-line newsletter. The next newsletter deadline will be July 15, with delivery expected July 29. We agreed it was important to get this out prior to the Auction which is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Ron agreed to maintain the digital template for the newsletter. We will need separate lists for e-mail and black & white. Ron's vision for the newsletter was approved.

Pete reported on the MRHS Convention for July 11-13, 2013. We have signed a contract with the Hilton/Lisle whose final proposal was the most inclusive. The theme is "Hosta Mania" with a sponsor plant from Q&Z called Emerald Charger. Dan suggested that the auction be Friday night. Pete said a lot of the particulars had yet to be agreed upon.

There are numerous positions to be filled. The desire is to get as much of the membership involved as possible. Tom Michelletti will handle vendor recruiting. We hope to have Mark Rekoske assist him. Mary Ann Metz has agreed to be in charge of the Leaf Show. Barbara is officially designated as Chairperson of the Convention. Kristine will handle registration with a separate checking account to be opened with seed money from NIHS. Garden tours will be self-guided with no busses provided. Good directions to the gardens are a key part of making these tours successful. We will make an outline for

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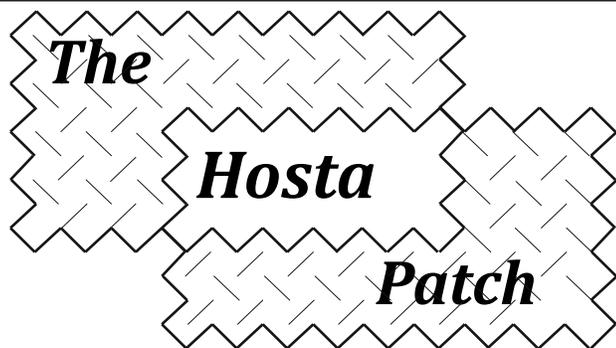
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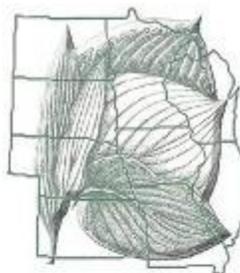
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Hosta Leaf Show at Chicago Botanic Gardens June 2 & 3

I have thoroughly enjoyed the Cut Leaf Display and Plant Sale that we have held at Chicago Botanic Garden the last few years. It is casual and lots of our members participate. In addition, it fits in perfectly with our goals as a hosta society insofar as it introduces hundreds of Botanic Garden visitors to the possibilities in hostas. Nancy Bod-

inet jumped in just when I was running out of gas to do the entire event a couple of years ago and has done a superb job of helping with set up on Friday, scheduling volunteers, and managing the event on Sunday. There would not be an event if not for Nancy.

I hope that the event continues and that even more of our members stop in to help out. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with this year's event.

Lou Horton



Peoria Bus Trip June 9

Andy Campbell chats with Don & Carolyn Jones—our first beautiful garden on the tour. The Jones' built their home on top of a small hill where the hosta gardens are laid out in the woods. The fairy gardens were popular as Don made them from scratch. Carolyn remarked that they store all their garden decorations inside their shed for the winter. Their secret—take pictures so you know where everything goes next spring! Lovely hostas amongst the pond & stream. Each plant was allotted its own space. H. Rainbow Falls attracted much interest with its glossy dark green with creamy center.



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Bus Trip – Kay Dye’s Garden

The Dye garden is nestled on 2 acres with a glorious woodland ravine filled with hosta & hydrangea. Lots of oohs about her interesting hydrangeas and the rebar fence. Kay has collected many unusual plants including bottle-brush buckeye, ligularia, ornamental peach tree, agapanthus (bear’s breeches), & Japanese maples. The winding streambed is lined with many mature hostas and other companions including unusual shrubs, lacecap hydrangeas, and dwarf conifers. Many hostaphiles went away with plant slips and longer wish lists.

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Bus Trip—McConnell's Garden & Hornbakers

The entry walkway is impressively lined with hosta in this wooded front yard. Some gorgeous pink hydrangeas are tucked amongst the trees. The beds are manicured and crisply edged with lots of room for the growing variety of hostas. Dan McConnell is also a garden writer and editor of his local hosta newsletter. Everyone seemed to enjoy their relaxing backyard, gazebo, sitting areas & the yummy snacks.

Hornbakers was the buying frenzy and last stop of the day!



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Hosta Petiole Blight

from University of Illinois IPM Newsletter

Hostas are an essential component to every shady garden. They are available in a wide variety of sizes, leaf shapes, textures and colors. They are also very easy to propagate, transplant and share with friends and family. This unfortunately can contribute to the spread of some nasty plant diseases. Two weeks ago our newsletter included information on Hosta Virus X, a severe disease caused by a viral pathogen. This week I spotted Hosta Petiole Blight in a local landscape. This is a devastating fungal disease caused by *Sclerotium rolfsii*. Under favorable conditions, the pathogen can rapidly take-over and defoliate an otherwise healthy hosta. It was previously named Hosta Crown Rot, but was renamed due to the fact that the pathogen attacks the petiole while the plant's crown remains unharmed.



Hosta Petiole Blight mycelium spreading over soil surface and hosta petioles

Prevention and sanitation are important for disease control. The fungus is spread by sclerotia or by mycelium growing from the sclerotia. Contaminated nursery plants and exchange between gardeners has aided long distance spread of the disease. Closely inspect plants for signs of the disease before purchasing plants or accepting plants from friends and family. If you spot the disease in your landscape, remove all of the infected plant parts, placing them directly into a bag to remove them from the garden. Be careful not to spread any of the fungal mycelium or sclerotia. Do not compost diseased plants. Remove the top several inches of soil around the plant, again being careful not to spill any as you work. Unfortunately, no effective fungicides are currently available for home owners to use. Flutolanil is available for commercial applications. As with most fungicides, they will suppress but not completely eliminate the pathogen. Mulch may contribute to the overwinter survival of the pathogen. Pulling mulch back from the base of plants before winter may help to kill the fungus. There are differences in levels of susceptibility among hosta cultivars, but nothing with high levels of resistance. Iowa State University has a very good publication on Sclerotium Blight: <http://www.plantpath.iastate.edu/files/SUL8.pdf> (Adobe PDF). (Travis Cleveland)

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Hostality Walk-About Garden Visits

June 9 & July 8 were outstanding days for visiting hosta gardens. Lou Horton's displayed his garden's amazing diversity & unusual hostas. Lou's wall mural provides an exceptional backdrop for his plants. Lou's garden pics are above left & right.

Bob Gottlieb opened his fascinating garden full of large



& mini hostas plus numerous companion plants and fun sculptures. Kaleidoscopes were a bonus. Pics of Bob's garden are below left and back page top. Sam & Andi Solomon showed off their hostas amidst a bevy of colorful coleus & other companion plants. Their entire back yard is an explosion of color. Wandering along the meandering stone paths revealed unexpected vignettes. Pics below right and back page.



The Drought of 2012--How Should I Water my Lawn?

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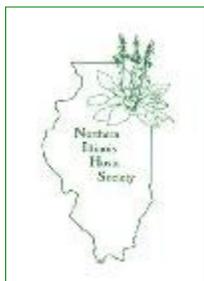
Is my lawn dead? I hear that question every year, but particularly this summer. The good news is that turfgrasses have an excellent dormancy mechanism that allows them to tolerate most droughts. The bad news is that there is no way to visually tell whether grass is dead or just dormant. So, when someone tells you your turf is dormant they're probably correct but it could also be dead; you can't tell by looking. Once rains return in the late summer, your lawn will either green up, in which case it was dormant, or it won't green up and is dead. Usually, this isn't an all or nothing event. Often portions of the lawn will green up and other parts won't. Why does this occur?

Press CTRL & Click on this link for the complete article: <http://hyg.ipm.illinois.edu/article.php?id=409>

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The Northern Illinois Hosta Society is dedicated to educating the public and promoting the use of hosta in the landscape. NIHS serves the people of Northern Illinois and surrounding areas.



Admirers in Bob Gottlieb's garden with the unusual bird sculpture during the July 8 Hostality Walk –About Garden Visit.



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Visitors enjoying Sam & Andi Solomon's gorgeous garden on July 8.

