

Hosta Happenings

The Newsletter of the Northern Illinois Hosta Society

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MARCH 2013

2013 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **March Pot Luck Dinner & Tool/Accessory swap, Mar 17, Hawthorn Woods**
- **April 21 Sponsor Plant Pickup & Guest Speaker, 1-3pm Friendship Park Conservatory, Des Plaines, Guests Welcome**
- **June 1-2 Hosta Leaf Display & Plant Sale, 10-4pm, Chicago Botanical Garden**
- **June 13-15 American Hosta Society Convention, Milwaukee, WI**
- **June 23 Hostality Walk-About Garden Visit, 2-5pm, Naperville**
- **June 29 Bus Tour, 7am-7pm, NW Indiana includes 6 gardens & shopping**
- **July 11-13, 2013 Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention hosted by NIHS, Lisle, IL**
- **July 28 Hostality Walk-About Garden Visit, 2-5pm, Oakbrook**
- **August 11, Plant Auction—Open to Public, 1-4pm, Hinsdale Community House**
- **September Potluck & Plant Swap & Annual Meeting, TBA— Host Needed**
- **December Holiday Party, TBA Host Needed**

President's Letter

Clean white snow blankets my yard and trees. Like most of you I had begun to wonder if we would ever see that view this winter, but thankfully February has begun with a burst of the precipitation we have long been praying for to sustain our thirsty plants. Let's hope for more despite the challenges to our mobility.

Winter is supposed to be a period of dormancy, and so it is for plants that grow in northern Illinois. But your Society has not been sleeping through this season. We have been busily planning for the regrowth of activity that comes as the weather warms and hostas begin to peek through the



soil.

This issue of Hosta Happenings contains an updated calendar of the year's activities. Foremost among them is the Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention, HOSTAMANIA,

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JOIN THE FESTIVITIES AT THE Sponsor Plant Pick-up and Speaker

April 21st, 1pm, Friendship Park, Des Plaines

Our guest speaker will be Heather Sherwood, a senior horticulturist at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Heather regularly gives presentations at the Garden and is the host of a number of videos and televised demonstrations from the Garden. Her practical presentation will be How to Grow Hostas in Hyper-tufa Containers. You will really enjoy her program. Join us!

Driving Directions: Your destination is 395 West Algonquin Road in Des Plaines. Friendship Park Conservatory is located on the south side of Algonquin Road (Route 62), one-half mile east of the intersection with Elmhurst Road (Route 83).

Traveling westbound on the Northwest Tollway (I-90), exit at Elmhurst Road and go north .7 miles to Algonquin Road (Route 62), turn right, and proceed .5 miles to Friendship Park.

Traveling eastbound on the Northwest Tollway (I-90), exit at Arlington Heights Road and go north .4 miles to Algonquin Road (Route 62), turn right, and proceed 3 miles to Friendship Park.

From Route 53, exit at Algonquin Road (Route 62) and proceed east 5.5 miles to Friendship Park.

President's Letter *continued*

which NIHS will host from July 11 – 13, 2013. A more detailed account of convention features is in this newsletter and at the convention website, www.mrhs.org, where updated information is added as it becomes available.

We still need volunteers to help out at various convention functions. A big thank you to those who have already stepped up, including members from societies in Wisconsin and Iowa. Our hope is to give small, manageable jobs to as many people as we can so that the convention becomes a collegial affair that does not overburden any individuals. All convention functions require volunteers. At the moment, we especially need people willing to help with the leaf show, hospitality at the hotel and in the tour gardens, the Friday evening auction, and publicity. For details, don't hesitate to contact me at 630-879-2263 or at bhk430@mindspring.com. Even if you can give only a couple of hours, let us hear from you.

Other NIHS activities are at least as important as the convention, and in 2013, NIHS will offer the full range of events that you are accustomed to. First up is the March Pot Luck and Garden Tool/Accessory Swap scheduled for Sunday, March 17. (Hostas are Irish, aren't they? Most of them are so green!) Read more about it on page 5, put it on your calendar, and plan to come. You will enjoy renewing old **friendships** and making **new ones** while savoring **great food** prepared by the talented cooks of NIHS. The Garden Tool/Accessory Swap that follows is **always fun**, too. Sincere thanks to John and Ellen Van Ostrand for hosting this event.

Please keep in mind that volunteer hosts of events like the March potluck, the annual meeting in September, and the December Holiday Party put in a lot of work to get ready to open their homes to us. The last two events of 2012 were not very well attended, and the hosts were justifiably disappointed. It's true that our members are spread throughout a six-county area, and not every event is going to be nearby. To accommodate that reality, the board tries to vary the locations of activities so that some will be a relatively short trip from our homes while others may take some time to get to. So I hope you will try to come and that I'll see you often in 2013, beginning at the potluck on March 17.

Barbara

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

The present Board has never filled the Publicity Director position called for in the NIHS by-laws. As you recall from the minutes of the August 25 board meeting, several initiatives the Society is undertaking are going to require help with "getting the word out." The person for the job is someone who understands hostaholicism, enjoys working with other people, has good communication skills, and is eager to be part of the team working to guide NIHS. Particular areas to be addressed are activities focused on recruitment of new members, and publicizing NIHS events that are open to the public.

BY-LAWS REVISION

If you're a detail-oriented person, you're the one we're looking for. It's true that revising by-laws sounds about as appealing as eating sawdust, but ours definitely need updating. We would like to have this job done in time to seek approval from the membership at our annual meeting next September.

HOST, HOST, HOST A MEETING

Check out the schedule of NIHS activities for 2013 in this newsletter. You will find two opportunities to volunteer for the coveted position of **NIHS host**: The Annual Meeting, Potluck and Plant Swap in September; and the Holiday Gathering in December. Sunday afternoons are preferred for these events, but the host gets to pick which one. NIHS will give \$75 toward the main course and beverages, and we will provide the paper goods, cups, etc. Usually 30 – 40 people come, and they bring the rest of the food.

HOSTALITY WALK-ABOUT GARDEN HOSTS

Mark Rekoske is looking for gardeners willing to open their gardens in 2014 and subsequent years. If you are willing to host a Hostality walk or if you know of a garden we should visit, please contact Mark .

CONVENTION STAFF

A wide variety of volunteer opportunities are available for the 2013 MRHS Convention next July 11 – 13. Besides the satisfaction of helping out, your reward will be a very stylish, very **free** convention T-shirt with the artful depiction of a balding "Hostamaniac" on the back. How can you resist such an enticement? Sign up before it's too late! Call Barbara for details.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
NIHS IRISH POTLUCK AND TOOL/ACCESSORY SWAP



DATE: St. Patrick's Day - Sunday, March 17
TIME: 1:00 – 4:00 pm
PLACE: Home of Ellen and John Van Ostrand (known on this occasion as the McOstrands)
21 Robin Crest Road, Hawthorn Woods



BRING TO EAT: A dish to pass that will serve 8 (NIHS will provide the main dish, tableware, and beverages)



ATTIRE: Green

BRING FOR FUN: An unwanted garden tool or accessory to be swapped for someone else's unwanted garden tool or accessory. If possible, gift-wrap it so that no one can figure out what it is—that makes it fun. Re-swaps are permitted.



R.S.V.P. Please call John or Ellen at 847-438-1056 to let them know what you will bring to eat, and whether you will be bringing an item for the swap.

DIRECTIONS

From the intersection of I-290/Route 53 and Lake Cook Road, proceed west on Lake Cook for .7 miles to Rand Road (Route 12) and turn right (north/northwest). Go 1.5 miles to Quentin Road and turn right. Continue 3.7 miles to Old McHenry Road and turn left. After 1.3 miles, turn left onto Acorn Drive. Proceed .6 mile to Robin Crest Road, turn left and continue to 21.



Hosta Donations for Cantigny

We are invited to add to our initial collection of hostas to the NIHS display bed which was started last year. Cantigny has made some special requests but we certainly are not limited to those:

Liberty, Empress Wu, Brave Amherst, and Victory,

Again this year I will ask that you pot any donations well in advance and that only mature divisions of plants which you have positively identified be considered.

I will arrange to get the donated plants to Cantigny by late May so please have them to me by mid- May. Thanks.

Lou Horton

In Memoriam

Barb Carlson was one of the original members of the NIHS. Barb loved gardening, hostas, & the NIHS. She will be missed.



NIHS BUS TOUR 2013—Six Northwest Indiana Gardens, Saturday, June 29

We are returning to Northwest Indiana for our first visit since 2006. We will visit six gardens. Included are some showplace display gardens, renowned hosta hybridizers' gardens, and several shopping opportunities. We will piggy-back on the Hosta Tailgate weekend sponsored by the Great Lakes Hosta Society and hosted by the Northwest Indiana Hosta Society so we can expect the gardens to be in top form. The 2013 Hosta Tailgate is chaired by Indiana Bob (Robert Balitewicz) and is the second in what is to be an annual event. Indiana Bob is a notable hosta gardener and hybridizer from Westville, Indiana. Every participant will receive a tour hosta with a NW Indiana connection.

We will depart at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, from the Wyndham Lisle Hotel at 3000 Warrenville Road in Lisle. The bus will board in the rear (west) parking lot of the hotel which is just east of Naperville Road and north of the East-West Tollway. Plan for us to return about 6:30 p.m.

We will travel by American Charter Coach. No lunch stop is planned so plan to bring your own lunch (no alcohol please). NIHS will provide limited on board refreshments as well. We will go regardless of the weather so bring rain gear if the weather looks unfavorable.

We are limited to 52 participants so please sign up early to ensure a place on the bus.

Please arrive at the Wyndham by 7:00 a.m. as the bus will leave promptly at 7:15.

COST: \$40 for NIHS members and members' spouses. \$50 for guests (includes a one-year NIHS membership). \$50 for late entries received after 5/13.

QUESTIONS: Email Mark Rekoske at mrekoske@comcast.net or call him at (847) 634-1928.

See the garden descriptions following and reserve your seat now using the registration form following.

Garden Descriptions

Brincka Cross Garden

Bill Brincka and Basil Cross gardened for many years on approximately four acres of a wooded property of about twenty-five acres. Brincka was a professor of sculpture at the Art Institute of Chicago and developed the garden with an artist's eye. He registered several hostas over the years, including Fire Island and served as a mentor to other hosta hybridizers. The garden includes over 400 hosta varieties as well as many rare plants, flowering trees and spring flowering bulbs. The garden quickly fell into disrepair after Brincka and Cross passed away, but it has been taken over by the Porter County Park District and is being restored to its former grandeur.

Trillium Woods Nursery and Gardens - Dan Coffman

Dan Coffman operates a home-based nursery at Trillium Woods. He grows up to 1,000 varieties of hostas, ferns, groundcovers and wildflowers, including trillium. Oak, cherry and hickory trees provide shade. Trillium Woods is usually open to the public on just two Saturdays in May, but Dan expects to have plenty of stock for sale to tempt Hosta Tailgate participants.

Dave and Bev Stegeman Garden

The Stegemans have gardened on their two-acre property since 1979. A landscape designer suggested hostas be added in a raised bed constructed in a low shaded area of their garden. Soon more beds and more hostas followed. Dave & Bev's interest in hosta hybridizing was aroused by Olga Petryszyn who taught them the mechanics of hybridizing. After they attended the 1997 AHS Convention in Indianapolis the Stegemans accelerated their hybridizing and their use of hostas in the landscape.

When they ran out of shade they built more by constructing a huge shade house. The Stegemans have become notable hybridizers and have many seedlings under evaluation as well as over 500 hostas in their landscape.

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Garden Descriptions continued

Skylight, Hearts on Fire, Tickle Me Pink, and Midnight Oil are notable Stegeman hosta registrations. They sometimes have plants for sale in their garden.

Judy Kroczek Garden

The Kroczezs have been gardening on the same large property for many years. Husband, Dr. Stephen Kroczek, keeps bees and grows vegetables with pride. While Judy specializes in hostas and daylilies in the shaded and sunny gardens of their property. Since the 1980s, Judy has acquired many hundreds of daylilies and hostas. For many years the Kroczezs have held an annual Open Door Garden Sale to benefit the Open Door, a charitable organization that assists the underprivileged with co-pays and prescription costs.

Olga Petryszyn Garden-Slalom Hill

Olga is an acclaimed hybridizer of hostas, with more than 20 registered hostas to her credit. She began hybridizing under the tutelage of Bill Brincka and specializes in large-leaved hostas. At the Winter Scientific Meeting in January Olga described the challenges of moving her 20 year old Chesterton garden to their new home. The new garden on a hilltop is smaller and still recovering from the move, but very impressive. Over 500 hostas are in display beds. In addition to many ma-

Refreshments Volunteer Needed

Mark Rekoske needs a volunteer to assist with refreshments on the Bus Trip. Duties include shopping for supplies, arriving early on trip day & organizing & distributing refreshments.

ture clumps of hostas, Olga has many beds of her own seedlings under evaluation. Dawn's Early Light, Key West, Manhattan and Niagara Falls are among Olga's prize winning hostas. She will likely have some hostas available for purchase.

Mary Kaye Remschneider Garden

Mary Kaye maintains a spectacular display garden on about two acres of a six and one-half acre property. She has about 450 hosta varieties, many other shade perennials, as well as some sun gardens. The garden has a natural setting, with woodcarvings, paths and benches, including a pond with a water feature. Bring your cameras; it is truly a showplace.



New Member Welcome to

Laurel Kertgen, Elk Grove Village
Barbara and Richard Schroeder,
Champaign
Pamela Caliguiri, West Chicago

See the mini-profiles of new members in the digital edition.

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.

Family membership dues are \$20 for 2 years.

Email us at NI.hosta@gmail.com

Call Kristine@ 815-337-4621. Visit our website @ www.NorthernIllinoisHostaSociety.org.

Please send membership renewals to Kristine at the above address. Check the date above your mailing address for your expiration date.

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Indiana Bus Tour June 29 Order Form

Please copy this page and mail it with your check

QUESTIONS: Email mrekoske@comcast.net OR call Home: 847-634-1928 Cell: 224-622-1171

Make checks payable to: Northern Illinois Hosta Society

Send to: Mark Rekoske, 525 Caren Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Members	\$40X	_____	=	\$	_____
Guest	\$50X	_____	=	\$	_____
Late Entries	\$50X	_____	=	\$	_____
Total				\$	_____

Member Name _____

Guest _____

Telephone _____

Please provide your email address below. Confirmation and the tour schedule will be sent via email.

Email _____

The hotel has also requested information on the vehicles we will park there on the day of the trip. Please provide the information below.

Make _____; Model _____; License # _____

Note: Fees are non-refundable. I will create a waiting list to facilitate private transfers if you later find you are unable to attend. No guarantees, but sometimes replacements can be arranged.



Sponsor Plant Order Form

Name _____

Email address: _____

Phone number _____

Powder Keg (\$16) _____

Cal. Gold Rush(\$10) _____

Deep Space Nine (\$7.50) _____

Tropicana(\$9) _____

One of each plant (\$42.50) _____

All orders must be accompanied by a check for the full amount made out to NIHS. My address is: 1N735 Ingaltan Ave., West Chicago, IL 60185. If you wish confirmation that your order was received, either include your email address or a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Spring Meeting on April 21st at the Friendship Conservatory in Des Plaines is where the plants will be delivered. If you cannot make that meeting, please make arrangements either to have someone else pick up the plants for you or make arrangements to pick them up at my home in West Chicago prior to the meeting. My phone number is 630-293-7735. Plants not claimed will be considered a donation to the NIHS.

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2013 NIHS Sponsor Plants

This is a very strong group of plants. As in the past, the plants were selected last summer and are being custom grown for us by Q & Z Nursery so that they will be out of dormancy and well grown by the time you receive them in April. They will be in four-inch pots. That means that they will be garden-ready as soon as danger of frost has past, assuming that you gradually acclimate them to the outdoor environment.

Each member may purchase one each of the four plants, and it is not necessary to order all four. **Please do not request multiples of any plant.** Our order is for 25 of each, so it would be best to get your reservation in early. Any surplus plants will be sold at the meeting on a “first come, first served” basis.

This year we are offering a streaked plant (Powder Keg). Streakies are sports which have a unique look and are highly prized by hybridizers for potential breeding value. By their nature, streaked plants are unstable and may try to revert back to their original color. That means one must be prepared to remove any such divisions. Sometimes streaked hostas will produce divisions with new and different patterns which increases their value to hybridizers. Lou Horton



Tropicana-
Beilstein
2010



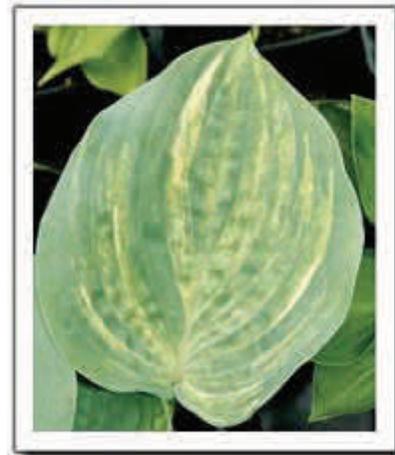
California Gold Rush- Balitewicz 2010

A gold margined, green centered sport of “Indiana Bob’s” Sutter’s Mill which is a huge gold. No picture available.



Deep Space Nine- Zilis 2010

A reverse sport of H. Captain Kirk. This should be a medium size plant.



Powder Keg- Zilis 2010

Streaked sport of H. Powder Blue which is one of the best blues introduced recently.

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Select hosta companions

Enjoy spring bloomers

Hardy local plants

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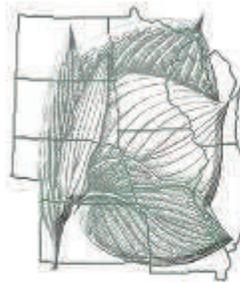
39W925 Deer Run Dr,
St Charles

630-587-1340

3 Big Weekends:

May 10 & 11, 17
& 18, 24 & 25

8:30 am to 3 pm



Midwest Regional Hosta Society

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society represents Region 5 of the American Hosta Society that includes 9 states. Our mission is to promote education, research, development and enjoyment of Hosta.

Membership in the society is \$20.00 for 2 years, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter. This publication reports on events and information on Hostas in general.

Please mail a check made payable to MRHS to:

Kristine James
523 E Calhoun St.
Woodstock, IL 60098

along with Name, Address, phone, and email (Most correspondence is by email). For questions email MRHS.Hosta@gmail.com.

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**HOSTAMANIA IS SPREADING THROUGHOUT
THE MIDWEST!****MRHS Convention July 11 – 13, Lisle, IL**

Local hosta societies throughout the Midwest are being asked to identify members afflicted with the malady called HOSTAMANIA! The Northern Illinois Hosta Society has developed intensive treatment options that will be available only to those who come to the Midwest Regional Hosta Society convention in Lisle, IL, July 11 – 13, 2013. HOSTAMANIA is the unstoppable second stage of hostaholicism, which was most thoughtfully addressed at the 2012 MRHS Convention by the Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeastern Minnesota.

Symptoms of HOSTAMANIA include:

- Persistent feelings that one possesses an inadequate number of hostas
- A shortage of exceptional hosta gardens to visit in the sufferers' hometowns
- Limited opportunity to learn even more about hostas and other plants
- Not enough occasions to interact with other hosta lovers

Among the therapies offered at the convention:

- Ten vendors of the latest hosta varieties, companion plants, and more
- Hosta auction and leaf show
- A tour of ten beautiful, private gardens that feature countless hostas
- Opportunities to visit renowned public gardens
- Seminars led by popular, knowledgeable speakers
- Lots of fellow HOSTAMANIACS who are crazy about hostas

Nutrition issues will be the focus of two dinners at the headquarters treatment facility, the Lisle/Naperville Hilton (HMHQ). Many excellent restaurants are nearby for other meals.

The cost of addressing the HOSTAMANIA disorder is quite reasonable: A fee of \$119 covers all remedies mentioned above. Accommodations at the Lisle/Naperville Hilton (www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NAPHIHF-CMRH-20130711/index.ihtml?WT.mc_id=POG) cost only \$96 per night plus tax; full breakfast, pool, workout room, and parking are included.

Additional information at www.mrhs2013.org will be updated regularly.



New Member Welcome & Mini Profiles

With this digital edition of the newsletter we are introducing our new members to the membership with a mini-profile. Please welcome these folks with a warm hostality greeting when you meet them at future events.

Barbara & Richard Schroeder

Barbara & Richard of Champaign, IL are familiar folks to many of you. They are both very active in the Illinois Prairie Hosta Society with Barb the newsletter editor. Barb is also a Board member of the MRHS. Rick is retired and Barb works part time with computers at a health care company.

They joined the NIHS “because we have lots of friends and acquaintances in NIHS and plan to help with the 2013 convention of the Midwest Hosta Society.”

“Our favorite Hosta depends on the year. Sometimes it is Paradigm, sometimes Paul’s Glory, sometimes Blue Mouse Ears and more.

Our favorite non-Hosta plant is our Japanese Maple, it is a one of a kind.

Favorite hobbies are trains and quilting.

We have two Bichon Frise pups.

Laurel Kertgen

Laurel hails from Elk Grove Village and is a grandmother of 2 teenagers and has a son, Kris. Her mischievous cat is Captain Midnite. Laurel works at purchasing materials to manufacture transformers (not the car crunching kind).

She is very active attending symphonic & big band jazz concerts, watching hockey games, reading non-fiction, crafting door wreaths, creating travel videos, flower gardening, ushering for plays, giving tours of Frank Lloyd Wright Home Studio and also the Crippin House in Norwood Park.

Favorite Hosta - Sum & Substance; Favorite non-hosta garden plant - Geraniums - Grow year round; Favorite hobbies - Making videos, gardening, touring gardens, & sewing.

Pamela Caliguiri

Pam lives in West Chicago with her 2 dogs and 2 cats and over 400 varieties of hostas. Pam has been collecting hostas for over 25 years. She also enjoys gardening, bowling, reading and cooking for family & friends. Pam describes herself as a “retired homemaker” - is there such a thing?

Pam has 3 grown daughters & 2 lovely grandkids.

She joined the NIHS (it’s about time!) “to meet people who love hosta as much as I do!”

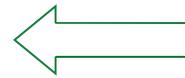
Favorite Hosta - Gunther's Prize

Favorite non-hosta plant - Pulmonaria

NIHS BUS TOUR 2013 Garden Preview



Olga Petryszyn Garden-Slalom Hill - front yard



Olga Petryszyn Garden-Slalom Hill - back yard



Inside Dave & Bev Stegman's shade house with h. 'Silver Bay', 'Stingray', and others.





The GardenWeb 2012 Hosta Popularity Poll

The GardenWeb Forums comprise the largest community of gardeners on the Internet. Over 200 topical forums are maintained there. New gardeners and old masters will find like-minded people and friendly discussions. As a hostaholic I have learned a great deal from fellow hosta aficionados on the GardenWeb's Hosta Forum. The link below takes you to the forum. Registration is not required to visit, but is needed in order to post or respond to others' posts. <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta>

Many members of the forum actively post and frequently include pictures of their hostas. Winter is rather slow on the forum, but members are currently posting pictures of their hostas by letters of the alphabet. There is nothing better on a wintry morning than seeing pictures of hostas in all their late Spring glory. Today, I counted over 50 pictures of hostas with names beginning with the letter "T". I highly recommend the forum to see how others' hostas are growing. It is not as much fun as a convention tour or a Hostatality Walkabout, but viewing hostas on the forum can be quite a pick-me-up on a dreary day.

Last summer, forum members were invited to list their top 20 hostas and one member compiled a list of the favorite hostas of those who voted. About 75 forum members participated. Listed below in order by the number of votes received are the hostas which received 10 or more votes from the participants.

June
Liberty
Sagae
Sum and Substance
Blue Angel
Regal Splendor
Paradigm
Guardian Angel
montana Aureomarginata
Earth Angel

Guacamole
Stained Glass
Halcyon
Paul's Glory
First Frost
Krossa Regal
Blue Mouse Ears
Queen of the Seas
Touch of Class
Striptease
Sun Power
Journey's End
Atlantis
Great Expectations
Dream Queen
Rainforest Sunrise
Old Glory
Golden Meadows
Orange Marmalade
Elegans
Kiwi Full Monty
Cathedral Windows
Olive Bailey Langdon
Praying Hands
Niagara Falls
Brother Stefan

Forty voters listed *h.* "June" as one of their favorites. I am surprised that not every voter included June among their favorites. The only very small hosta that made this list is "Blue Mouse Ears". Of course, the availability of hostas in the marketplace influences the number of gardeners who grow and appreciate particular hostas. The hostas that made the list are generally widely available and have been grown for a number of years. I cannot argue against the inclusion of any of the listed hostas on a recommended list.
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Hostality Walk-About Garden Visit

June 23rd at Bea McGovern's garden in Naperville. Bea has focused on hostas in the garden since the 1970s. She grows a large variety of hostas ranging from the classic to newer varieties incorporated into a diverse collection of perennials in both sun and shade. The hostas range from minis to very large cultivars. For many years, Bea has artfully incorporated fairy-themed garden ornaments throughout the landscape. The garden was a featured tour garden at the 2008 MRHS convention.

Driving Directions: The garden is located at 621 Thornwood Drive in Naperville. From I-355 exit at Maple Avenue West. Go west on Maple Avenue (it becomes Chicago Avenue in Naperville) about 4.5 miles and turn left (south) onto Sleight Street for 0.4 miles. Turn right (west) onto Hillside Road for 0.2 miles and turn left onto Thornwood Drive. 621 is on the right. If you are coming from the west, take Highway 59 and turn east onto Aurora Avenue for 3 miles. Turn right (south) onto Washington Street for 0.3 miles and turn left (east) onto Hillside to Thornwood.

Our second Hostality Walk-About will be July 28th in Oak Brook. Garden description and driving directions will appear in our next newsletter.

GardenWeb *continued*

Some hostas have risen tremendously in popularity in recent years, most notable is Liberty. As gardeners study catalogs and make decisions on hostas to add this spring, reference to this popularity poll could be helpful. Some of the newer hostas from farther down the popularity list may be interesting to members who are expanding their collections. Luna Moth, Curly Fries, Little Treasure, Blue Ivory, and Dancing Queen are among those that caught my eye.

If you have not checked out the GardenWeb Hosta Forum I encourage you to do so. Although I do not contribute many posts, the forum is one of my favorite online resources for reports of real world experience with hostas from others who grow them.

Mark Rekoske



NIHS BUS TOUR 2013 Garden Preview

Dave & Bev Stegman's shade house in their backyard.

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HOSTAMANIA!

MRHS CONVENTION - JULY 11 – 13, 2013

Tentative Schedule as of February 13, 2013

<u>Thursday, July 11</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Room</u>
	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
8:30 am – Noon	Vendor setup	Regency
Noon – 6:00 pm	Registration	Atrium
	Auction plants received	Oak
	Free time to visit public gardens: Morton Arboretum and Cantigny nearby; see list on website for more	
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show entries received	Regency/Pine & Spruce
1:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Vendor sales – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show entries received	Regency/Pine & Spruce
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hostatality	Parlor 811
<u>Friday, July 12</u>		
	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	Atrium
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Vendor sales – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Hosta Leaf Show entries received	Regency/Pine & Spruce
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Judges Clinic 1	Majestic
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Auction plants received	Oak
8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Optional Tour –Ball Seed Gardens	Off site
11:00 am – Noon	Judges luncheon	Majestic
Noon – 3:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show judging	Regency/Pine & Spruce
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Seminar I: The Problem with Hostas Tom Micheletti	Majestic
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Auction preview	Oak
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Seminar II: Topic TBA Mary Ann Metz	Majestic
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Hosta Leaf Show – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency/Pine & Spruce
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	MRHS Board Meeting	Lisle Exec. Boardroom

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Friday, July 12

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Room</u>
TBA	Silent Auction	Atrium
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Cocktails	Atrium
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner followed by auction	Majestic
7:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Auction – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Majestic
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Hostatality	Parlor 811

Saturday, July 13

	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Tour gardens open (self-guided)	Facilitators in Atrium
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration	Atrium
	Vendor sales – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency
	Hosta Leaf Show – OPEN TO PUBLIC	Regency/Pine & Spruce
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Presidents' Meeting	Lisle Exec. Boardroom
4:00 pm	Vendor and Hosta Leaf Show teardown	Regency
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Cocktails	Atrium
6:00pm – 7:00 pm	Banquet	Majestic
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Announcements, Awards, Previews	Majestic
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Speaker: Mike Nowak (Topic TBA)	Majestic
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Convention Wrap-Up Meeting	Majestic
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hostatality	Parlor 811

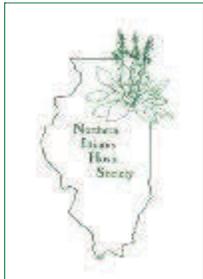
Sunday, July 14

Morning	Hotel guests' complimentary breakfast	Allgauer's
	Removal of remaining convention items from hotel	

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