



Hosta Happenings

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2013/2014 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **December Holiday Party, Dec 8 at the home of Penny and Carl Fulkerson in Kildeer**
- **January 2014, Winter Scientific Meeting, Jan 18 at Lisle Sheraton**
- **March 23, 1 - 4 pm: Potluck and Accessory Swap at the home of Billie and Sam Childress in West Chicago**
- **May 4, 1-3, Sponsor Plant Pickup & Guest Speaker, Des Plaines**
- **5/31 & 6/1, 10-4 Hosta Leaf Display & Plant Sale, Chicago Botanic Garden**
- **June 11-14 American Hosta Society 2014 Convention, Cedar Rapids, IA**
- **June 26-28, 2014 Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention, Green Bay, WI**



President's Letter

Hi Everyone,

We are sending this Special Edition of Hosta Happenings to update you on a few important NIHS activities. Our holiday party is coming up on December 8 at the lovely home of Penny and Carl Fulkerson. Hope you can make it to this festive event. After the holi-



days, plan to perk up your winter by coming to the popular MRHS Winter Sci-

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Holiday Party - Food & Fun Sunday Dec 8

Penny & Carl Fulkerson invite you to a festive holiday gathering to meet old and make new hosta friends. The festivities begin at 1:00pm at the Fulkersons' home at 21076 Oak Knoll Ct, Kildeer. Please bring a dish to pass - an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert. Also, please RSVP to (847) 540-8212 or pennycarl@yahoo.com.



To reach the Fulkersons', proceed north on I-290/Route 53, and take the Lake Cook Rd W exit. Merge onto W Lake Cook Rd going 0.2 miles and turning right onto IL-53N. Travel 1.1 miles and turn left onto Long Grove Road. Go 1 mile and turn right on Valley Rd and take the first left onto W Oak Knoll Ct.

From the intersection of Rand Road (Route 12) and Route 22 in Lake Zurich, proceed southeast 3.4 miles to Long Grove Road
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and turn left on Valley Rd and take the next left onto W Oak Knoll Ct.

The Fulkerson's are straight ahead on the W. Oak Knoll Ct. cul-de-sac. Please park "nose in." Park only on one side of Oak Knoll Ct & one side of Valley Rd (if necessary). Kildeer is a bit stringent on making sure emergency vehicles can get through. GPS (Latitude 42.167892, Longitude:-88.044827)



Website Update Planned - Experience Needed

Your Northern Illinois Hosta Society (NIHS) directors are committed to updating and modernizing our website. A committee is being formed to prepare a definition and a prototype of a new web presentation. We need your help if you have developed, worked on, or published a professional website. Or perhaps your friend or co-worker has these skills and you convince them that this is a great opportunity to develop their skills and work with some great folks. Very rewarding and new friends! Please email Mike Kraus @ NI.hosta@gmail.com or call him to discuss your ideas at 815-356-8569.

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entific Meeting on January 18. And if you plan to spend much of the winter huddled at your computer, let us know if you have the skills to help us redesign the NIHS website. As Thanksgiving approaches, know that I'm so thankful for the wonderful experiences you've enabled us to have together in NIHS in 2013. My best wishes for the upcoming holidays, and have a healthy, prosperous 2014. Barbara

Winter Scientific Meeting Update

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society (MRHS) is once again sponsoring the Winter Scientific Meeting. Attending is a great way to kick the winter blahs! This popular winter event will be held Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Lisle Sheraton, formerly the Wyndham Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL. Speakers scheduled include:

- Bob Olson – A history of the Midwest Hosta Society and its Newsletter
- Glenn Herold – More than you ever wanted to know about Lilies
- Jeff Miller – Hosta Sports – When is Enough, Enough?
- Bob Solberg – Hostas of In-Distinction
- Rick Goodenough – Hybridizer's Perspective
- Dave Wanniger – (Horticulturist in Charge, Boerner Botanic Gardens) – Not the Same Old, Same Old - New, Better Trees and Shrubs for the Home Garden
- Mark Zilis – Hostas of Distinction

The program will also include a series of three concurrent breakout sessions. These breakout sessions will be presented twice, so attendees will be able to attend two out of the three sessions. Again this year, there will be a hosta seed silent auction, proceeds of which will be used to help underwrite the cost of the meeting.

The cost of this winter extravaganza is only \$55 per person for Midwest Regional Hosta Society members and \$65 for non-members, and includes a continental breakfast and a deli buffet lunch. Additional program details and registration forms may be obtained by going to the MRHS website, www.midwesthostasociety.org or contact Lou Horton @ 630-293-7735.