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SOGHS 5th Annual Hosta Sale 2010

- Set up is from 1-7 pm on Friday, June 4th
- The sale is 8-12 noon on Saturday, June 5th.
- The location is Olmsted County fairgrounds, Bldg. 40.
- Jason is seeking 20-25 more tables.

If you have questions about volunteering or donating, contact Jason at leigh.jason@mayo.edu

Presale begins for members only
for those who have helped with set up at 6:00 PM.

As the days get warmer, and then colder, please continue to dig and divide plants for the Hosta sale. All Hosta and perennials are acceptable donations for the sale. If you need assistance with digging and dividing your plants, please let me know and we will arrange to have members come to your house for a 'plant rescue' event. Please plan on bringing all donations to the fairgrounds on Friday June 4th between the hours of 1p-7p. Set-up day volunteers will be present to accept your donations and help you unload them. If possible, please have your plants labeled, or at least know what your donations are so we can label them for the sale. It is much easier for our customers to purchase

plants when they know what they are buying. The more specific the better. Hosta sale will be June 5th from 8a-12p. If there is anyone who is still interested in volunteering for set-up or the Hosta sale. Please let me know.

Continue to spread the word about the Hosta Sale to friends and family. Flyers are available if you would like a supply to pass out at work or in your neighborhood, or, you may direct those interested to the SOGHS website, and there is a copy of the flyer on the first page of the site.

Thank you for all your hard work in helping to make our Hosta Sale a continued success.



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"Turkey Run Hostas"

is the name of Jean and Gerry Meyer's new hosta business and garden. They will be selling hostas on Saturdays, 7:30am-noon at the Rochester Farmer's Market in May and June. They will be open at their garden Tuesdays, from 1-6pm. June 1st through June 22nd. SOGHS members will be given a discount. Check their website www.turkeyrunhostas.com for more information and a list of available hostas. For questions or appointments send an e-mail to hostas@turkeyrunhostas.com or call 507-356-4830.

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BRING
SWAP ITEMS
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
&
TREATS
May 27th, the

SPRING OPEN HOUSE



SOGHS Spring Open House

Thursday, May 27th
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Cindy Tomashek's Garden
1288 Wicklow Lane SW
Rochester, MN 55902

All SOGHS members
and their guests are invited.



Come join in the fun!

Stroll through Cindy's beautiful gardens.

Learn to identify hostas by playing the hosta game, hosted by Jan Gerke, and win fun prizes for your garden.

Vickie LeCocq, a Master Gardener, will talk about Landscape Designing with Hosta.

Bring your digital camera -- Linda Orleff will walk shutterbugs through the garden with hands-on instruction and photography tips.



Bring plants and other items to donate to the Silent Auction and bid on auction items.

Bring plants and garden accessories to trade at the Swap Table.

Love to bake -- bring treats to share.

Browse through the last four years activities in the SOGHS scrapbooks.

Visit with fellow hosta enthusiasts.

Bring a friend; share the fun.

2010 SOGHS Photo Contest

New Category: Novice Photographer

Deadline October 15

Check the SOGHS.org website for details

Rochester Garden & Flower Club Annual Plant Sale 2010

May 19th, 4-7 pm & May 20th 8 am-1 pm

For more information go to their website:

www.rgfc.org

Notes from the President: Linda

For those of you who haven't heard already, my husband and I are moving this summer. This is one of those bittersweet decisions. We found our dream home--on a lake in a warmer climate, but it's in Tennessee, which means we'll be leaving all of the friends we've made in Rochester over the last 23 years. The good news is that we should be here for most of the summer and I hope I'll have a chance to say goodbye to everyone.

In the meantime, this is going to be a very busy summer for hosta lovers. In May we're having our new expanded Spring Open House at Cindy Tomashek's to kick off the member garden tours; you won't want to miss that. A few weeks ago I drove by

the SMART gardens at RCTC to see the progress on the hosta display garden area. The pond was going in next to the gazebo, trees were planted, and beds were prepped. Cindy's crew of volunteers helped RCTC students plant hostas and it's going to look fabulous. You'll have to make time in your busy summer to stop by and see it.

In June there is something going on almost every week. The annual plant sale is the first weekend, the bus trip is the next weekend, the June member garden tours are the following week, and the national hosta conven-

Linda says, "I'm moving with all my hostas... and the kitchen sink.!"

tion is the week after that. If you haven't signed up for the bus trip yet, make sure you contact Nancy Fohrman right away—it's going to be a fun day, and will be even more so if you bring a friend. Jeanne Truestedt and I made a scouting trip to check out the locations and we had a hard time tearing ourselves away from one place to go on to the next one. In July the member garden tours take us to Austin where we'll tour four member gardens. I recommend carpooling to get there; it's much more fun and the carpool trips in the



past have always turned into unexpected adventures.

While you're touring gardens this summer, don't forget to take your camera. I'm sure there will be plenty of photo opportunities for the photo contest in November. If you've hesitated to enter in

the past, remember that we've added a new novice category this year. Past winners will tell you how much fun it is to get the prizes. While we're out and about this year, the board and I will be looking for people interested in joining the board next year. We have several positions open and welcome new talents and ideas. If you think it would be fun to be part of the team that makes things happen, then let me know. If you made it to the April meeting, then you saw that we really do have a terrific team of volunteers working together to make SOGHS fun for everyone. I hope you all have time to really enjoy your gardens this year. With the early spring weather they should be spectacular by June.

Happy gardening!



~SUMMER GARDEN TOUR SCHEDULE MAY, JUNE, JULY

FOR ALL DATES, WATCH FOR THE SOGHS MEMBER-ONLY TOUR SIGNS

May 27th

Spring Tour Open House
Cindy Tomashek Garden
(See the flyer on page 2 for details)

Thursday, June 17th

1

Tom & Joyce Williams
Forest Lane 50548 287th Avenue
For GPS use: 353 North
Elgin, MN.

Stop by from 4:00-8:30 p.m..

Directions: from Rochester-go east on either County Road 2 or C.R 9 or Highway 14, all intersect State Highway 42. This road goes north to Elgin.

The Williams live off Highway 42 in Woodland Estates (1-1 1/2 miles south of Elgin or 1/3 mile north of the Olmsted/Wabasha county line, from the south). Turn into Woodland Estates and go until you reach the first left turn, go around a curve and their home will be the first house on the right side. The home is a two story gray house.

Tom and Joyce have 300 different hostas including 36 Lakeside varieties, all are between 1-10 years of age. I can hardly wait to visit and see the different hostas.

2

Joel and June Stoehr
844 7th Ave SE
Rochester, MN

Stop by from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Directions: From South Broadway, go east on either 9th St SE or Hwy 14 East, turn north on 7th Ave SE, go to 844 7th Ave SE.

When we moved in to our house a bit more than 25 years ago there were some big elm trees across the front, a lilac that didn't bloom and a couple of peonies. I started getting perennials, including a few hostas, from my Mom and friends which we've continued to do along with buying more plants. Then we joined SOGHS at the first sale and now we have more of everything.....not as many hosta as some members but it's a work in progress.

3

Joan Till-Born
4053 70th Avenue, NW,
Byron, MN.

Directions: from Highway 14 West turn north onto County Road 104/60th Avenue, NW (same turn as RDO Equipment-Leads and

Leashes) until you reach County Road 4 (approximately 1.8 miles-same as Valley High Road). Turn left (west) and go about 3.2 miles to 70th Avenue. Turn left (south) onto 70th Avenue (approximately .4 miles) and the driveway is on the right.

Saturday, July 24th

Caravan Carpool Trip
Austin, MN

1

Elfie Klingfus
1408 21st Street SW
Austin, MN.

Directions: From I90W, take the 177 (218 North) turn left on 14th St., SW. Turn left at W. Oakland Avenue; take the first right onto 12th Street, SW; turn right at 16th Avenue SW; Turn right at 21st Street SW; stay right at the Y intersection and their home is on left (gray log house). Elfie writes below:

" We also have a bonus garden. My neighbor will let us tour their yard too. Our two gardens are somewhat combined on one side and flow together very nicely." I'll have printed directions from my house to Mary Peterson's on the day of the tour".

2

Mary Peterson
17899 540 Avenue
Austin, MN

3

Pat Higgin
17851 540th Avenue
Austin, MN

4

James Wegner
2201-D 7th Street, NW
Austin, MN

Welcome to my garden. Having recently moved into our condo Fox Pointe, my garden is in progress. Our property is at the edge of a wetland area, so we are visited by the wildlife. I have a small perennial garden and a terraced hosta garden with a variety of lilies and accent plants. Each is accented with sculptures My garden continues on and around our patio.

Caravan Notes: We plan on meeting at Wal-Mart North, After visiting the member gardens, groups that wish can visit local nurseries Berg's, Stiver's and Dolan's Land-

scape Center. This is the sure to be a wonderful day of traveling and touring. There will be a sign-up for those who want to participate and those who want to drive. If you know you are 'game,' feel free to email Nancy fohrman@myclearwave.net with your intentions... if you can drive, include how many passengers you can accommodate.

August

Susy Olsen's Garden

STAY TUNED IN
FOR AUGUST MEMBER TOUR
INFORMATION
PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR
GARDEN!

Welcome New SOGHS Members for 2010!

New members since March 15, 2010:
as of 5/5/10

Barbara Lecy,(St. Charles); Suzy Stewart; Kelly Tweite, renewal; Shelly Berndt; Phil & Bobbie Soderberg; Shirley Clemens, Chatfield; Deb Roos; Pat Albers; Linda Hanson, Owatonna; Nancy Spindler, Hope; Mary Jo Pramann, Owatonna; Susan McRoberts, renewal; Janet Krause, renewal; Michelle Prince; Jim Funk, Door Prize Winner membership; and Pam Setera. This brings our current membership to 176 people!

We were so busy at the Membership & Education tables during the 2009 Plant Sale and it was such fun answering questions, etc. Additional members are needed to help at those tables for 2010! Please contact me at 288-6730 or gramakj@charter.net or, join me at the Hosta Sale!

Check our website membership only section at SOGHS.org for an updated membership list you can view and/or print! If you don't have access to a computer, let me know when you'd like a hard copy! Please respect our member's privacy by not sharing it with anyone outside the club or using it for something other than SOGHS business or related networking contacts.

Karen Noltee
Membership &
Promotions



Bus TOUR 2010: JUNE 12TH

WHEN/WHERE: We will meet in the Wal-Mart North parking lot in front of Gander Mountain at 7:15 am. The bus will leave **promptly** at 7:30 am with a return time to the same location at 6:00 pm.

TOUR DESTINATIONS: We will visit three unique, family-owned garden centers – Highland Nursery, St. Paul; Funkie Gardens and Crabtree's Garden Gate in Marine on St. Croix; and Squire House; Afton. Along with these wonderful garden centers, we will visit one private garden.

WHAT TO BRING:

- your camera
- Lunch & beverage
- Bring a box or crate labeled with your name for your purchases
- plastic grocery bags are always useful too
- Your MSHS membership card might come in handy for discounts, if you have one.
- a light jacket/raincoat/umbrella
- good walking shoes
- Sunglasses/hat/sunscreen, and insect repellent

WHAT'S PROVIDED:

- light snacks
- bottled water

OVERVIEW

Highland Nursery

We love this place. The Star Tribune calls it one of the metro area's best kept secrets. They carry an excellent selection of shade perennials and shrubs, as well as statuary and gar-

den art. They will open one hour early so we will have plenty of time to browse and shop.



Website: www.thehighlandnursery.com

Funkie Gardens and Crabtree's Garden Gate

This is a new location and new owner for



Funkie Gardens but you will recognize some of the same faces working here. They don't have display gardens yet, but they do have 180 varieties of hosta along with some rare and unusual perennials. Right next door, Crabtree's Garden Gate is a fun compliment to Funkie's with garden décor galore and a 10% discount for everyone on the bus.

Website: www.funkiegardens.com



Squire House Gardens – is about ½ hour south of Funkie Gardens along the scenic St. Croix Trail that runs along the river. Located right in downtown Afton (which boasts fun shops and restaurants) this little gem has been in business for 20 years and has a garden center with unusual plants, a gift shop, and display gardens.

Website: www.squirehousegardens.com

The Details

There are restrooms at each of the garden centers. As always we are on a schedule and we ask that you board the bus at the times designated for each stop. We reserve the right to change the itinerary without notification. No refunds will be given after May 21st.

Cost:

Members \$30, non-members \$35. Make checks payable to SOGHS. (Sign-up is open to non-members after May 1, 2010.)

Send payments to:

Nancy Fohrman, 31714 Juniper Rd, Chatfield, MN 55923.

Questions:

Call Nancy at 867-3317

Save \$5 on purchase \$50. and over

Houston's
Greenhouse

914 N Mantorville Ave
Kasson MN, 55944

Expires June 30

DISPLAY GARDEN UPDATE

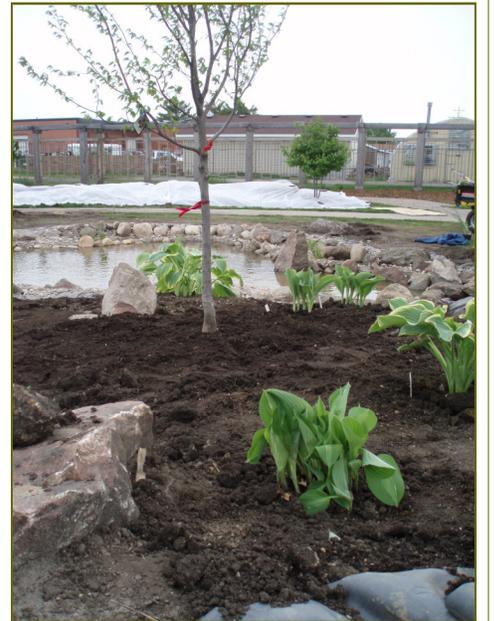


As you can see from the accompanying photo, the new pond is completed and the initial phase (featuring the AHGA Hosta of the Year) has been planted. We had to make changes on the fly as we planted the area near the gazebo rather than on the west side of the area...it ended up working out great thanks to the SOGHS work crew: Dave Cocker, Denny Noltee, Karen Noltee, Jan Gerke, Mona Keehn and me. Many thanks to the following donors who dug deep to provide plants for the first phase of this project: Dave and Denice Cocker, Karen Noltee, Jan Gerke, Jane Yunginger, Betty Ol-

son, Tim Fahrman, Curt Johnson, Joan Till-Born, Nancy Fohrman, Pat Heck, Vickie LeCocq. Sure hope I didn't miss anyone! If you haven't delivered your donations yet, please let me know when you plan to do so and arrangements will be made to get them in the ground asap. We're off to a great start but have a long way to go to achieve AHS Display Garden status. Continue to watch for updates as we plan the next phase (featuring Minnesota hybridizers). It's a busy time of year so I'll be very organized before scheduling the next planning meeting (committee members will be contacted soon about the date/time).

SOGHS got some good press from Doug Courneya in a TV interview that aired Monday (5/10) and may have some additional exposure in the Post-Bulletin. If you have a chance, stop by RCTC S.M.A.R.T. Gardens to check out our progress!

Cindy



RECAP of THE BYLAWS CHANGES

The full By-Laws are posted in the Members' only section of the website, www.soghs.org. The Board approved these changes. Members will vote on these changes at a special meeting at the Founder's Day Picnic in September.

The By-Law Review Committee, consisting of Mona Keehn, Karen Noltee, Linda Orleff, and Cindy Tomashek met on April 26, 2010 to determine whether the By-Laws meet the current needs of the organization.

Proposed Change: Election of Officers will occur at the last general membership meeting of the year instead of at the February annual meeting. The newly elected Executive Board will be installed at the end of the meeting.

Reason for the change: This will give the incoming Board members more time to

learn their jobs and prepare for the upcoming year. One board will be in charge of the Society events for the full calendar year, instead of two, helping to clarify who is responsible when.

Proposed Change: Clarify order of succession of officers as follows – President, (1st) Vice President – Tours, (2nd) Vice President – Programs/Education, (3rd) Vice President – Membership/Promotions, Recording Secretary/Historian, Treasurer, Annual Plant Sale Director, Member Fundraisers Director, Newsletter Editor, Web Master and Hostatality Director.

Reason for the change: The current By-Laws only indicate that the 1st Vice President fills the position of a vacating President. There is no plan if the 1st Vice President is unable or unwilling to perform that role.

With the need for a new President to fill the remaining year of the term, we need to implement these changes as soon as possible, if the membership approves the changes. To do this we plan to have a special meeting to vote on these changes at the Annual Founder's Day Picnic so they can take place in time for an election this year. Members unable to attend the Annual Founder's Day Picnic, can do a proxy vote by phone or email, if they wish. A Nominating Committee will be appointed by the President this month so they will have time to meet members interested in Board positions at SOGHS events over the course of the summer. The positions to be elected this year are: President (final year of term), 1st Vice President-Tours, 3rd Vice President-Membership, Treasurer, Member Fundraisers Director, and Hostatality Director.

CONVENTIONS



Hostaphiles!

We had a great turnout and a very productive meeting on Saturday, April 24. The following chair positions are open: Tours (includes transportation/bus captains, off-site meal/garden snacks...we will likely host an off-site event at Preston, which would require transportation arrangements but no bus captains and I'll manage the meal arrangements; if we do another event off-site, a committee would be required to assist with the details, otherwise the majority of this position deals with the convention garden tour requiring transportation/bus captains/garden snacks/garden plaques); Decorations (Hotel decorations, special table decorations for the banquet...Dave and Denice Cocker have already volunteered to provide large potted hostas for hotel decorations); Volunteer Coordinator/Supply Officer (create a time line for volunteers needed and fill the positions with SOGHS members willing to volunteer for anything from an hour to 72 hours :-)) for things like registration desk, leaf show set up, leaf prep room, AV assistants). Plus Tricia Torrens-Burton could use a co-chair for soliciting Convention Bag freebies and a team for stuffing the bags prior to the convention.

- Since commute times in our area are blessedly short, Jeanne Truedstedt's garden has been added to the agenda of convention tour gardens, with the possibility of adding yet another depending on how the route maps out time wise.

- Also, plans for logo wear promoting the convention (t-shirts bearing our convention logo which features a leaf from our convention plant, H. 'Candy Kisses') are underway and vendors are being contacted for pricing options.

- Additionally, thanks to the shutter bugs who will be photographing the tour gardens this summer: Linda Orleff, Susy Olsen, Dave Cocker, Jan Gerke.

- Before we meet again a tentative convention schedule will be outlined. If you have suggestions for off-site activities (Friday evening picnic in a member garden? at a local landmark? topics for a breakout session or a speaker?) we'd love to hear from you.

- Convention committee members have already received a draft of a promo idea by Susy Olsen. If you want to get in on the fun we're having with the planning process, come to the next meeting at Vickie LeCocq's at 10:00 a.m. on October 16.

AHS Convention Count-down:

Calling all weeders, mulch movers and garden go-fers!

With the AHS Convention just weeks away, Jean and Gerry Meyer would like assistance sprucing up their garden the weekend of June 19-20 (the Optional Tour is on June 23). If you can lend a hand please let me know. Plan to meet near Gander Mountain (the Wal-Mart North parking lot) and we'll car pool from there. Plan accordingly (dress for gardening chores, bring your favorite gardening tools labeled with your name; also bring gloves, bug spray and your sense of humor). We'll nail down the details (departure time, expected return) as the date draws nearer. You can also make arrangements with Meyers directly if the car pool plan doesn't make sense for you.

What could be more enjoyable than spending time in Meyer's gorgeous garden amidst friends? This is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with other SOGHS members and perhaps soak up some gardening inspiration as well. Cindy

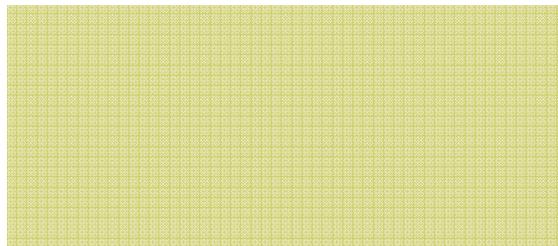


Have you reserve a spot at the American Hosta Convention?

Check out the site by going to

www.starsofthenorth.net

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SOGHS 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: Watch for changes, details, and updates on the website and in subsequent newsletters!

May 1	Public may sign up for any open seats on the June 12 Bus Tour	
May 27	Spring Open House Member/Guest Garden Tour, Tomashek's	TBD
June 4	SOGHS Annual Plant Sale Set-up, Olm Fairgrounds Bld 40	2:00 pm-7:00 pm
June 5	SOGHS Annual Hosta & Shade Plant Sale Fairgrounds	8:00 am- Noon
Jun 12	Bus Trip: Details in this issue	
Jun 17	Member/Guest Garden Tour	5:30-8:30 pm
Jun 23	AHS OPTIONAL GARDEN TOUR featuring area gardens	7:00 am-4:00 pm
Jun 23-26	AHS National Convention - Sheraton Hotel, Bloomington, MN	
July 15	Rochester Garden & Flower Club Tour	
July 8-11	MRHS Convention, Des Moines, IA	
July 22	Member/Guest Garden Tour, Austin area	5:30-8:30 pm
Aug 1-7	Olmsted County Fair	
Aug 5	Members/Guest Garden Tour	TBD
Sept 11	Founder's Day Potluck/Silent Auction -	
Sept 30	Special Event with Ken Harris, TBD	TBD
Oct TBD	2010/2012 Convention Planning Meeting, TBD	10:00 am
Nov 11	SOGHS General Meeting, GSLC*	6:30 pm
Nov 16	SOGHS Executive Board Meeting, TBD	6:30 pm

* Meetings are held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC), 559 20th St SW, Rochester, Minnesota