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ROB MORTKO "MIRACLES OUT OF NOWHERE- IN YOUR GARDEN & MINE"

GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 8, 6:30 PM

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, 559 20TH ST SW, ROCHESTER, MN

By Kim Greene, Program Vice President

Rob Mortko will be our featured speaker at the April 8th meeting. The title of his presentation is "Miracles Out of Nowhere In Your Hosta Garden and Mine." Rob will share with us how hosta sports occur and how they often defy our best understanding. Rob's latest invention is 'Stitch in Time'. In 2000 Rob registered and introduced his first hosta cultivar named 'Heart and Soul'. His latest hosta introduction named 'Stitch in Time' has been awarded a U.S. plant patent. Rob's passion for shade gardening and hostas has grown over the past 25 years since he and his wife Sheri moved into their shaded woodland home in Olathe,

Kansas (a Kansas City suburb). Their shade gardens have been featured on various public garden tours, on local TV, and in "Kansas City Homes and Gardens Magazine". Rob has a home-based, retail business specializing in hostas called "Made in the Shade Gardens." Made in the Shade Gardens offers over 400 varieties of hostas.

More information can be found on their website at: www.HostaGuy.com.

Rob is a Johnson County Extension Master Gardener. He is a member of the Heartland Hosta and Shade Plant Society, the Wichita Hosta Society, the American Hosta Society, the Western Nursery and Landscape Association, and the American Hosta Growers Association. He currently serves as Vice President

– Genus Hosta for the American Hosta Society and is a Contributing Editor for The Hosta Journal. We will have the privilege of helping Rob celebrate his recent retirement

from his day job, Vice President of Process Technology at Black & Veatch in Kansas City. Come to the meeting on April 8th at 6:30 PM at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 559 20th St. SW, Rochester to hear and earn all about hosta sports and to help celebrate his recent retirement!



April Program Speaker,
Rob Mortko

SWAP TABLE INTRODUCED...

New to our Winter Social at the Old Country Buffet was the 'Swap Table.' Items from succulents to Swedish Ivy, banners and metal plant tags were brought in and 'swapped.' Oh what fun!

Join in the fun and bring an item to swap to the April meeting: pots, plants, or garden accessories, tools... you get the idea.



**BRING ONE
TAKE ONE**



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MEMBER FAVORITE



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS 2009

Most Beautiful Hosta in Members Garden



Title: Sun's Up, Hosta: Fire Island, Gerry Meyer



Title: St Paul and Friends, Hosta: St Paul, Mona Keehn

Most Beautiful Hosta in Tour and Other Gardens



Title: True Blue, Hosta: Halcyon, Linda Orleff



Title: Glorious Colors, Hosta: Color Glory, Jan Gerke

Gardens and Landscapes



Title: Hosta Hollow, Hosta: Daybreak, June, Gerry Meyer



Title: Walden's Pond, Hosta: Gypsy Rose, Invincible, Satisfaction, Halcyon, Jean Meyer

Flowers and Foliage



Title: June's Favorite, Hosta: June, Linda Orleff



Title: Wild Moon Rising, Hosta: August Moon, Susy Olsen

Garden Accents and Oddities



Title: Hosta Hoe Down, Hosta: Striptease, Linda Orleff



Title: Out of the Pot, Hosta: Tenyru, Jean Meter

Critters and Creatures



Title: Oh, I think she sees me! Hosta: Undulata Albomarginata, Karen Noltee,



Title: Warmed by Late, Afternoon Sunshine, Hosta: Paul's Glory, Jan Gerke

Notes from the President: Linda

It's amazing how quickly time passes by—it's hard to believe we are in our fifth year as an organization. I think hosta society years are similar to hosta years – by the fifth year most hostas are getting to be quite mature. That's also true with our organization. Our first four years were our growing and learning years. Under Cindy's leadership and with the hard work and efforts of everyone involved, SOGHS has grown into a successful organization that we can be proud of.

The results are in from the member surveys and I'm happy to report that those who responded think we've been doing things just right. They like the meetings, member garden tours, bus trip, founder's picnic, and plant sale just the way they are. So year five will not be a year of big changes—we'll fine tune events and look for ways to have more fun.

We had quite a good turnout for our March 13th Winter Social at Old Country Buffet and the April 8th meeting continues the whirlwind of activity. Don't miss Rob Mortko's talk on Sports; find out what to do if you have one of these little gems growing in your garden. Part of our mission as an organization is education, so for 2010 members will receive a free copy of 'The Gossip' by Bob Sol-



berg. Don't forget to pick up your copy at the April meeting. In addition, we will have logo wear, scrapbooks (the 2009 book is almost done), a succulent swap, door prizes, and more. If you need another reason to attend the meeting, we're giving away an AHS Membership as a door prize (this one is for SOGHS members only.) The 2010 AHS convention is in Minneapolis in June and we'd love a good turnout from our group.

Our new Board is already hard at work; if you have a chance, please let them know how much you appreciate them. Gerry Meyer, our new webmaster, has updated the SOGHS website with a wealth of information; check it regularly for news and events. If you missed the photo contest at the February meeting, you can view a slideshow of all the entries on the Photo Gallery page. Nancy Fohrman, our new tours chair, is busy scheduling the June 12th bus tour. Information about the itinerary and sign-up sheets will be

available at the meeting. If you haven't been able to join in on this fun event in the past, put it on your must-do list for this year. As a special treat, Kim Greene, our new programs and education chair, is finalizing the details for a guest speaker event at the end of September that will be open to the public. It will be a busy year.

Our Annual Plant Sale is June 5th this year. Jason Leigh, plant



sale chair, would like tried and true plants from members' gardens. And if you think your lancifolia and albomarginata are not worthy for the sale, you should have seen the huge stock that sold last year. We need volunteers to have a dig, attend a dig, donate plants, and pot plants. To make this a little more fun, we're going to schedule some digging parties this spring. These may be scheduled on short notice so check the website often for details and event dates.

Our first member garden tour is a Spring Open House at Cindy Tomashek's on May 27th. Remember members can bring guests on the garden tours this year and will receive \$2 in hosta bucks if they join. We're looking for volunteers to host garden tours on June 17th, July 22nd, and August 5th. Garden hosts receive a special hosta for participating (and what hosta gardener can resist that!)

It looks like it's going to be another fun-filled year. I hope to see you all in a few weeks!



JEANNE'S JOTTINGS

The Dream is Growing

Growing dreams isn't easy unless you're name is Cindy Tomashek. As founder of SOGHS, she planted her dream of a Hosta Society in enthusiasm, nurtured it through hard work and determination, brought it to fruition by sharing her knowledge with the community, and passed it on to us by turning it into a passion shared among friends.

At our February meeting, Cindy formally passed on her passion for hosta as well as her title of president to another dreamer, Linda Orleff. With 147 members supporting her, Linda will continue to keep the dream thriving as she adds her vision to the next stages of growth. In 2010 we will join forces with other obsessive-compulsive hosta-philes in the Twin Cities to host the National AHS Convention in Minnesota. Two years later we'll bring the AHS Regional Convention to Rochester. This is the stuff dreams are made of...along with passion, hard work, close friendships, and lots of laughter. Dreams and hostas require the same basic needs:

1. A fertile place to germinate, put down deep roots, and produce seed.
2. Attention to watering, fertilizing, and care.
3. An appreciation of diversity in all its forms.
4. Persistence and patience to persevere when expectations aren't as great as we'd wanted.
5. Sharing our hard earned knowledge with others to insure their success.

As we gardeners know all too well, it's the little things that produce the gardens of our dreams. And when we pass that passion on to others, we succeed in building dreams for the next generation as well.

We thank you, Cindy, for sharing your dream with us. Linda, we're eager to see where you take that dream into the future, because we members of SOGHS know that this dream has become ours, too. So, let's keep that passion and excitement 'growing' for all it's worth!



Thank You



...for the beautiful flowers, the plaque, the gift certificate, the slideshow and most of all, for your friendship and support over the past 4 ½ years. This organization's success is really due to the many fine leaders in our ranks who have helped shoulder the work, plus the lively exchange of ideas within our vibrant membership. Time and time again you have proven a willingness to help out, so I am confident SOGHS will continue to thrive and grow in new directions and I am very excited for our future. My deepest appreciation goes to everyone who has served on the executive board, helped out at the plant sale, brought treats to meetings, weeded at Hope Lodge, donated items or volunteered in some other way—you have each had a hand in the success of SOGHS—with your help we're off to a great start and will continue to grow in exciting ways!

What's on the Web with Gerry

The SOGHS Website www.soghs.org has been updated to provide current, comprehensive, and colorful information about the Shades of Green Hosta Society. The home or first page is updated frequently to show the next upcoming event. So check the SOGHS website often to see what's happening! The website has these pages to keep you informed on SOGHS: **Home, About Us, Membership, Contacts, Photo Gallery, Calendar, Links, and Members Only**. The **Member's Only** page requires a User Name and Password which allows access to **Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Membership List**, and much more...a good reason to be a SOGHS member.

SOGHS also has a facebook group for it's members. So if you're a facebook member, sign up for the "SOGHS" group and participate in any of the "Discussions": **Slugs, Plant Markers, What hostas are you getting for 2010**, etc. or start you own discussion. It's informative and lots of fun for all.

If you have any question on the SOGHS website, or facebook, contact the Webmaster: gerrymeyer@att.net.



AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION



You're Invited- We Hope You Can Come!

The Minnesota Hosta Society would like to invite all of you to attend the American Hosta Society 2010 National Convention. It's been ten years since last you visited- and we miss you!

It will be held at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Bloomington, MN. from Wednesday, June 23, 2010 (optional tour day) through Saturday, June 26, 2010.

The complete schedule, as well as information on tours, speakers, classes and demonstrations, the auction, Hosta Show, vending, shuttle service, registration form, and more is all available on the convention website www.starsofthenorth.net.

Please note that the schedule is a bit different from some years past. The biggest change is that there are many things to do on Thursday so you may want to get here Wednesday evening. We are offering about 15 classes, speakers, and demonstrations that include everything from a fashion show about gardening through the ages, to talks on hostas, Martagon lilies, peonies for shade, photography, tablescap-

ing; the opportunity to make your own hosta related note cards and other items, Hosta! bingo, and more! We have fit all of this in by shortening the garden tour days a bit, but you will still be seeing eight very high quality gardens, and if you take advantage of the optional tour day, and join us on the bus tour to southeastern Minnesota, you will be treated to five more! This also gives you more time to visit with old and new friends, view the Hosta Show, vending area, The Stars of the North display which highlights our Minnesota hybridizers, take in as many classes as you like, or just relax.

Dr. Lockhart will present the results of the Hosta Virus X Project of which many of the local societies offered financial support. This will take place on Thursday evening, when we express our thanks to you for coming, with a Welcome Dinner. Speaking of Thursday evening, bring your dancing shoes along as Minnesota again offers you an evening of musical entertainment.

Another difference is that the auction takes place Friday afternoon, immediately following lunch. Leaving Friday evening for dinner on your own, allows the option to go explore the Twin

Cities for dinner with some hosta

friends if you like, or stay closer to home and enjoy a relaxing evening taking in the evening's activities.

Always a popular destination, the Mall of America is just a few miles from the hotel, and a shuttle will be available to take you there. The Twin Cities also offer the Science Museum of Minnesota, several high quality art museums including The Walker, and many other venues appropriate for adults and children alike.

If you have additional questions that the website does not adequately explain, please contact one of your convention co-chairs:

Mary Schwartzbauer at nschwartzbauer@aol.com or 651-437-88989

Connie Linder at connielinder@mchsi.com.

We certainly hope you consider adding the convention to your travel plans this summer, we feel we have a very exciting and fun filled event planned, and would love it if it included you!

Sincerely, *Mary and Connie*

RCTC Horticulture Sale Hours

Tuesday May 4 11:00 M-2:00 pm
Wednesday May 5th: 4:00-6:00pm
Thursday May 6: 11:00 am-2:00pm
Friday May 7: 11:00-1:00 pm
Saturday, May 8 10:00 am- Noon
Monday, May 10: Noon- 2:00 pm
Tuesday May 11: 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Wednesday May 12: 2:00- 4:00 PM
Thursday May 13: 11:00 am -1:00 pm

AREA PLANT SALES



Houston's Garden & Gift Spring Open House



For Area Garden Clubs
April 20, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
First look at the greenhouses before we open for Spring. See all the new annuals and perennials for 2010 Refreshments. Drawings. **This event is held for Garden Club Members Only.** Thirty-three years of growing for you! 914 North Mantorville Avenue, (Just North of the Dodge County Fairgrounds on Highway 57)
Kasson, MN, 55944 Phone:
(507) 634-7113

COMMENTS FROM CINDY: 2010 AHS Convention Optional Tour Update



The 2010 American Hosta Society national convention (headquarters are the Sheraton, Bloomington, MN) kicks off on June 23, 2010, with the optional tour to southeast Minnesota, including the gardens of Jean and Gerry Meyer, Rhonda and Pat McNeilus, Sargent's Landscape Nursery (north location), Maywood, the gardens of Jim and Gaylene Ryan and Bill and Roxanne Cook (neighbors), and the gardens of Roger and Kak Koopmans (Faribault). Full registration (postmarked by May 16) is \$199 and includes all activities and garden tours Wed. **evening** through Saturday, Welcome Dinner Thursday evening, lunch Friday and Saturday, and banquet Saturday evening. There is a separate additional fee for the Optional Tour on June 23 (\$35.00) that includes the destinations

above as well as lunch. There are many additional opportunities being offered at the convention (more than ever before offered), most are free or will have a nominal fee at the door (except the Botanical Painting Class Thursday, June 24 is \$35.00...16 person capacity so sign up early!). There will also be Judges Clinics offered for entry level or advanced judging. Check out www.starsofthenorth.net for more details!

If you can help out the day of the optional tour, more volunteers are needed for various tasks – all of which are guaranteed to be easy and fun. Please sign up at the April meeting. We'll also view the convention promotional DVD at our April meeting...it provides a humorous glimpse into the great people behind

this convention along with tantalizing photos of the gardens to be featured. Having the national convention in our backyard is a great opportunity to discover for yourself the great national (and worldly!) hosta community!

Direct your convention questions to Cindy – 289-2614 or preston-plants@aol.com.

SOGHS MIDWEST CONVENTION 2012

Here is what I have for committee chairs for 2012 convention: **IF THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU SIGNED UP FOR PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND CC SUSY SO IT IS CORRECT IN THE NEWSLETTER...plus if you would be willing to take on an assignment, please let me know. The lines are kind of blurred with the 2010 optional tour and 2012 convention...this really has to do with the 2012 convention, so please think ahead and consider what you can contribute in a leadership role (though we will need a lot of help on June 23 when the optional tour occurs...)**

Convention Co-Chair: Cindy Tomashek, June Stoehr
 Hosta Show Chair: Cindy Tomashek
 Auction Chair: *MRHS will provide assistance
 Awards Chair: Cindy Tomashek
 Banquet/Meals Chair: Jeanne Truestedt
 Decorations/Supplies: Jeanne Truestedt
 Donations/Sponsors: OPEN
 Hostality: Jeanne Truestedt
 Publications/Convention Book: Susy Olsen, Linda Orleff
 Publicity Chair: Karen Noltee
 Raffles/Silent Auction Chair: L. Orleff & S. Olsen
 Registration Chair: Mona Keehn
 Seminars Chair: OPEN
 Tours Chair: OPEN
 Vendors Chair: Gerry Meyer
 Volunteers Chair: OPEN



Hey...if this isn't right, don't worry...we have some time to get it straightened out, but in the next few months we need to have a more concrete foundation to build on, so please consider what your commitment is and be clear what you're signing up for. If you have questions or need more detailed info, please call me and I will find a way to bribe you to help out!

Cindy

SOGHS ANNUAL PLANT SALE FROM JASON



Well like most of you, these last few days of warm weather have gotten the gardening juices flowing. I have found myself perusing my flower beds looking for plants peeking up out of the ground, while dodging mud puddles and an overabundance of canine fertilizer that miraculously appears as the snow melts. Hopefully the unseasonably warm weather has got you thinking Hosta, and especially which Hostas would make a good addition to our annual Hosta Sale.

This year the Hosta sale will be June 5th at the Olmsted County Fairgrounds from 8a-12p. Set-up will be Friday June 4th from 1p-7p. As always, the Hosta Sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and provides the financial means for our organization to support the many great projects that support the mission of SOGHS. That is why I ask for your help and support in making this year's sale a great success.

At our meeting April 8th, the Hosta Sale committee will have sign-up sheets available for those interested in volunteer-

ing at the sale. There is something for everyone, and the more help we have, the smoother the sale runs. In order to have a successful sale, we need an ample supply of plants. My goal this year is to have an abundance of donations from members to make our customer's experience that much more rewarding. It is obvious that there are many others who share your gardening passion by witnessing the line of people waiting to get into the building the morning of the sale. I encourage you to start thinking early about donating plants, and if you will need help digging, dividing, and potting your donations. If notice is given soon enough, it allows the sale committee to organize some "Potting Parties" to help prepare all donations for the day of the sale. Once again we will have several locations for members to pick-up potting soil and pots as needed for their donations. Transportation of your donations from your home to the fairgrounds will also be available on an as needed basis. Our sale has been successful in the

past because of the quality plants donated by our members. These plants are tried-and-true and grow well in our Minnesota climate, and will not disappoint those who purchase them. The SOGHS membership boasts many wonderful collections of Hosta and Perennials, and I hope you will be excited to share your passion with our customers by donating to the Hosta Sale again this year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding the Hosta Sale, or assisting you with your plant donation. I look forward to talking with you at our April meeting about the Hosta Sale, and share your excitement and enthusiasm about the dawn of another gardening season. Thanks so much for all you do to support the Hosta Sale and SOGHS.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM KAREN

Help me welcome some new members!

1. Edgar Adams (Spouse, Peggy joined last year), Dodge Center
2. Denny & Sherri Bowe, Rochester
3. Joyce Grier, Rochester
4. David & Della Jenkins, Rochester
5. Horst Truedtedt (Spouse, Jeanne joined 2006), Pine Island
6. Allison Coyle (Joan Dotzenrod's daughter), Maple Grove
7. Charlotte, Debbie & Pam O'Hanlon, Rochester
8. Steve & Barb Walbruch, Rochester

This brings our current membership to 152 people!

We've experienced a nice growth from our first year, 2006, which ended with about 70 members!

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 sign up for this area at the April meeting or contact me at 288-6730 or gramakj@charter.net!

Check our website 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!



As always, please respect our members privacy by not sharing it with anyone outside the club or using it for something other than SOGHS business or related contacts.

MEET A MEMBER: LINDA ORLEFF

In each issue we will profile a member so you learn more about each other. We start with our new President in this issue.

Confessions of Another Hostaholic

I didn't start out with a hosta addiction. When I was young I always thought I'd have a garden just like my mother's some day. ...full of the colors and scents of crepe myrtle, magnolia, and dogwood trees, azaleas, lantana, buddleias, jasmine, hibiscus, and gardenia. Yes, you guessed right. I didn't grow up in Minnesota. Her garden is a full sun, zone 7 garden in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and while I didn't get that garden, I did get the obsessive gardening gene.

How did I end up in Rochester? I married a Midwestern boy. When we bought our house, we didn't consider the impact of a shady yard on gardening choices. There were already a few hardy *Hosta* varieties here—*lancifolia* (which is still a favorite of mine), *undulatas*, and *albomarginatas*. Over the years I added a few more of the oldies but goodies sold locally: Blue Angel, Francis Williams, Francee, Regal Splendor, Krossa Regal...you know the

list. It wasn't until friends and I made a trip to Shady Oaks Nursery in Waseca (back in the days when they sold retail) that the hosta bug really started to take hold. We couldn't imagine that there could be over 300 different *Hostas* (wow) and I was especially enamored of the names: Sea Lotus Leaf, Pandora's Box, Frosted Jade, Fragrant Bouquet, Great Expectations. A trip through Shady Oaks display garden changed my perspective on gardens—a garden can be more than flowers. The subtle mixing of blues and greens has a beauty all its own.

That was 1996. Now I have about 250 different varieties of hosta in my small yard, many, many companion plants, and not a lot of grass. At the start of each year for at least the last five years, I swear I'm not buying another hosta because I have



no more room. Then I see a new one I just have to have, or run across a sale too good to resist, and I manage to squeeze them in by adding a few inches to this bed, a few more to that one. Last summer I added an entire new bed on our neighbor's adjoining property because I found too many plants I couldn't resist during the summer. Has that stopped me from looking for more? Of course not. Although I swear this year I'm cutting back.

Favorite *Hosta* name: *Undulata Univittata* -- it makes me smile

Favorite *Hosta*: any fragrant *Hosta* – they should make *Hosta* perfume

Favorite companion plant: all kinds of lilies—martagon, Asiatic, oriental, trumpet, tiger, candy, daylilies

#1 *Hosta* on my shopping list this year: Komodo Dragon





SNIPPET FROM SUSY: HELP KEEP THE SOGHS "HOSTA LEAF" A VALUED RESOURCE !

Submit an Article!

Here is a list of potential categories:

- Hostas I have Loved: Oldies but Goodies
- Hosta Newbies: Newer Hosta Cultivars
- From the Desk of an Officer
- From the Desk of a Committee Chair
- General Meeting Reports: *A new regular feature!*
- Convention Reports
- Introducing... introduce a upcoming speaker or Hosta expert
- Member Profile: *A new regular feature!* Members will be called! See the included article!
- Getting Ready: Seasonal gardening articles focusing on hostas
- Tips and Tricks for the best hostas on the block
- Hosta Humor or gardening interest stories
- Hosta Companion Corner
- Hosta Health Corner
- Educational Articles

Offer your ideas by emailing:

Susy Olsen, SOGHS Newsletter Editor- ga2hafun@gmail.com

Or by sending your article to

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Rochester, MN 55901

Help me plan ahead...

Every two or so months a new SOGHS newsletter is published for our members. Newsletter articles are needed. If you find yourself with the urge to expound upon a hosta related theme, please consider sending me an article and related picture. If there is room, your article will not only make it into our local publication, but will have a chance to be picked up by another club at the national hosta level.

When offering an article for 'The Hosta Leaf,' let me know if you feel it would be an article that might work well for the upcoming

newsletter or if your article would work well in a different specific newsletter. Newsletters are published four times a year with a fifth smaller holiday edition published in December. Please remember that all submissions are appreciated and will be retained with the potential of being used as space allows and as they fit into newsletter themes. Thank you!



Sparkling Burgundy, Meyers Gardens
By S. Olsen

Membership Profile Article

Member Profile Questions to Consider Use the below checklist as a guide to what you might want to share with other members!

- When did you discover the genus "hosta"?
- How many hostas do you have in your garden?
- What is your favorite hosta and why?
- What is your favorite companion plant?
- Who introduced you to the genus "hosta"?
- What is your most unusual companion plant?
- Do you have other hobbies?
- Do you have a personal 'hosta humor' story?

SPEAKER SUMMARY FROM MEMBERS: BY DENNY & SHERRI BOWE

DENNY & SHERRI ARE NEW SOGHS MEMBERS. WELCOME AND THANKS FOR YOUR REPORT! IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO WRITE A SUMMARY OF AN UPCOMING SPEAKER, LET ME KNOW!

February's keynote speaker was Dave Wanning. Dave is chief horticulturist at the wholesale nursery Beaver Creek and works at their sister company Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm. Having received his Horticulture degree from the University of Minnesota, he is now a Horticulture and Landscaping Instructor at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville. He embraces a large plant palette favoring hostas, lilies, peonies, and dwarf conifers.

His knowledge of Peonies was evident as he enthusiastically explained

these low maintenance, long lived perennials. After detailing peony flower types, he presented different varieties such as the stronger stemmed Chinese peonies 'Bowl of Cream' and 'Hermaine', or the new color/form combinations like 'Do Tell' or 'Sunrise Paster'. Very floriferous modern hybrid peonies such as "Waltz", "Foxtrot" and "Wally" were suggested along with the tree peonies 'Leda', 'Age of Gold' and 'Ariadno'. The mostly yellow intersectional hybrids (cross between herbaceous and tree peonies) favorites seemed to

be 'Yellow Dream', 'Bartzella', 'Hillary' and 'Millenium'.

He pointed out peony problems becoming less with the stronger stems helping to end floppy flowers. To control Botrytis and other fungal diseases he stressed sanitation around the plants is all important.

Once a year two groups are selected to tour Klehm's Song Sparrow wholesale nursery. If you would like our group to be considered in the future let a board member know.



Tree Peony, 'Leda'

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SOGHS 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Feb 24	SOGHS Executive Board Meeting	6:30 pm
Mar 13	Coffee & Catalogs & Meet the Board, Old Country Buffet	8:30 - 10:30am.
Mar 14	2nd Annual Plant Society Day at Gerten's	1-4 pm
Mar 20-21	Hosta College - Piqua, OH	
April 8	Meeting, GSLC*, Speaker: Rob Mortko (Sports)	6:30 pm
April TBD	2010/2012 Convention Planning Meeting, TBD	10:00 am
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	time?
Jun 12	Bus Trip , Details TBD	TBD
Jun 17	Member/Guest Garden Tour TBD	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	TBD
July 8-11	MRHS Convention, Des Moines, IA	
July 22	Member/Guest Garden Tour TBD	5:30-8:30 pm
Aug 1-7	Olmsted County Fair	
Aug 5	Members/Guest Garden Tour OR Overnight Bus 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