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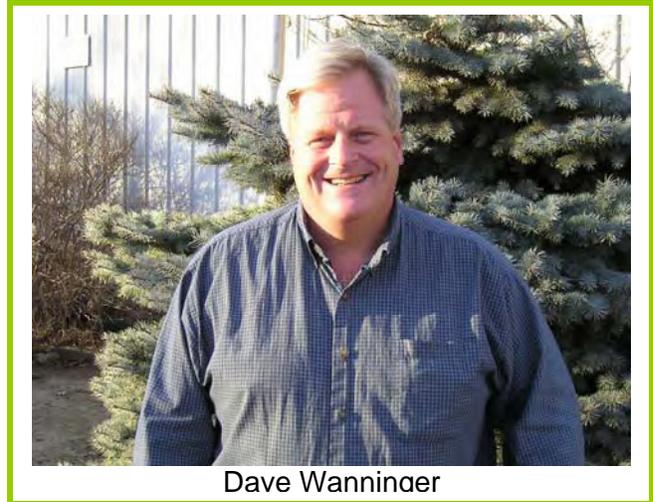
## February Meeting Thursday Feb 4 6:30pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
559 20th St. SW, Rochester, MN

featuring guest speaker **Dave Wanninger**

**"Peony, Meony, Miney, Mo –**

**The Perfect Perennial".**



Dave Wanninger

Dave Wanninger is chief horticulturist at Beaver Creek Nursery, a wholesale nursery located south of Clinton, Wisconsin.

<http://www.beavercreeknursery.com/>

He also works for Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm, which is the retail mail order/internet sister company of Beaver Creek Nursery.

<http://www.songsparrow.com/>

Dave has previously operated a landscaping company and was the nursery manager at a large independent garden center.



He is also a longtime Instructor in the Horticulture and Landscaping program at Blackhawk Technical College in his hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin.

Dave received his Horticulture degree from the **University of Minnesota**, and lived in St. Paul during most of the 1980s.

Dave embraces a large plant palette, but particularly favors hosta, lilies, peonies, and dwarf conifers in his home garden.



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cindy Tomashek



2010 may have come in on a chilly note, but the days are getting longer and next month we'll be meeting again. That's enough to warm my spirit and keep me plodding along through the latest Arctic blast. In February we have a double delight with our annual photo contest and a great speaker, Dave Wanninger, who comes to us from Klehm's Songsparrow Nursery. Mr. Wanninger will no doubt educate and humor us with his deep knowledge of plants.

We are beginning our 5<sup>th</sup> year as an organization and have accomplished a lot. There have been growing pains and there are still a few wrinkles to iron out, but our problems have been small and the excitement has been high. Your executive board has set a goal of achieving 200 members in this 5<sup>th</sup> year – a goal that is very attainable. To help attract new members, we encourage you to invite a neighbor or gardening friend to our summer member garden tours. In the past we have allowed a guest...this year we are encouraging guests! Perhaps the gardens will inspire a greater interest in hosta gardening...I know that being in the company of our fantastic members will be infectious! So help spread the word and encourage past members who may not have renewed yet to send in their dues. As always, we'll be offering a great resource material for each member.

In the upcoming months volunteers will be needed for the following projects:

1. By-Laws review – it hasn't been 5 years since our last review, but we've settled into stable patterns that warrant bringing our By-Laws in line with the way we conduct business. This can be done in a couple brief meetings or entirely through email.
2. Hope Lodge – This summer we'll trial garden maintenance on a bi-monthly schedule. The plantings have (for the most part) matured nicely and weeds are hardly an issue with the very thick mulch that is renewed every year (whether it's needed or not...this isn't in our control!). We'll need to put a new timer on the hose to the NW Courtyard to ensure regular watering, but otherwise the maintenance is very minimal. Please consider signing up when the time comes.

3. AHS Optional Tour to area gardens – This will be a labor intensive day, beginning with bus captains (already have volunteers for this – thanks!!), and including assistants in each local garden (per garden owner's request, pre-placement of host garden ID, delivery of snacks/drinks), and assistance overseeing lunch delivery/distribution at Maywood, as well as volunteers to answer questions/tour the grounds. Volunteers will also be needed for cleanup/tear down at Maywood and per garden host request. A small army should do ☺.
4. Our annual plant sale! As always, we'll need dozens of volunteers for spring digs/potting/holding of plants, plus plant transport to the sale site, and worker bees galore for pre-sale and sale day. Your plant donations are the key to our success every year...this is a good time to ponder which plants in your garden will benefit from division!
5. Hosta Display Garden – The plans are slowly taking shape. Please share your ideas for possible theme beds by emailing or calling me. We may be seeking donations to fill the beds when the site is ready. If you would like to help with the planning and design, please let me know.
6. Member Garden Tours. Inquiring minds want to know "What's in YOUR garden?" Consider sharing your garden, large or small, new or old...every garden holds inspiration for the new beholder!

SOGHS exists to serve you and to feed your interests. Help shape the future of SOGHS by completing and submitting the SOGHS Tours/Member Interest survey online (see link elsewhere in this newsletter) or included in this mailing. Part of the survey regards our annual bus tour and options for an overnight tour...your input is vital so we plan according to the wishes of the majority. Be sure to complete and submit all the surveys to ensure our future direction is a reflection of our members' wishes and to help SOGHS become a better organization.

It's a New Year and the excitement is growing!

*Cindy*



# SOGHS 2012 Membership Survey

Please fill out and submit this survey to assist the board in our continuing quest to plan activities that meet our membership's needs, interests and schedules. Send your completed survey back to Cindy at the address at the end of the survey.

## **Bus Tours**

What bus trip are you most likely to attend this coming year?

I am very likely to attend:

- a one day bus trip on June 12 which is similar to what has been planned in the past  
 an all day bus trip in August  
 an overnight bus trip in August

Membership Only Summer Garden Tours (June, July, August)

What day of the week do you prefer for garden tours?

- Sunday  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

Currently our tours start at 4:30 and last until 8:30.

Should they start at a different time?  Yes  No If yes, what time do you suggest? \_\_\_\_\_

Should they end at a different time?  Yes  No If yes, what time do you suggest? \_\_\_\_\_

## **GARDEN TOURS**

Is 3-4 garden tour in a summer enough? 3-4 tours in a summer:

- is perfect  is not enough  is too many  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **Carpool Shopping Trip**

How likely are you to participate in a carpool shopping trip?

- Very likely  Somewhat likely  Not at all likely  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you are likely to participate in a carpool shopping trip, how many times in a summer would you tend to participate?

- Once per summer  Twice/ summer  Three times/ summer  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **Photo Contest (Please check all that apply)**

- I rarely take pictures so do not participate in the contest.  
 I am a novice photographer and would submit pictures if there was a category for novices.  
 I like the photo contest program. It's a great way to start off the year.  
 I would prefer having a different program in place of the photo contest program.  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have some ideas for photo categories: \_\_\_\_\_

# SOGHS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY *cont.*



## **What do you enjoy about SOGHS? (Select all that apply.)**

- Annual Bus Trips (suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Membership Garden Tours (suggestions : \_\_\_\_\_)
- Community charitable projects (Hope Lodge, 4-H Awards, MN Hort. Support, AHS, RCTC Scholarships)
- Hands on Workshops (suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Social Events (Founders Day Picnic, Coffee & Catalog...)
- Newsletters       Educational Material       Logo-wear
- Hostality       Plant Sale       Hosta Bucks
- Website       Plant of the Year
- Programs & Speaker (suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Photo Contest
- Other (suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_)

## **Event Planning:** Indicate your interest in possible future events:

- Holiday (November or December party)
- Plant Trade between members
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Your constructive comments are welcome! Please share your thoughts and ideas as well!

**Return to:  
Cindy Tomashek, 1288 Wicklow LN SW, Rochester, MN 55902**

**Plant of the Year Sale - Order now : order at the Feb 4 meeting**

or contact Tricia Torrens-Burton: Email: jandttb@gmail.com phone: 282-6953 657  
address: White Birch Ct, Oronoco, MN 55960



**H. 'Blueberry Cobbler' \$14.**  
Small 7" x 18"  
Sep. flowering, frosty blue hosta with little pale lavender flowers whose tiny petals recurve delicately. Solberg's best "long season" blue to date and it grows well



**H. 'Cup of Grace' \$17.**  
Medium. A very dark green with white flowers with a very upright habit and highly cupped leaves. This hosta is very well proportioned and exhibits classic grace. A striking focal point in a mixed container.



**H. 'Sun shower' \$22.**  
A "Longiana" in every way, it is a rich yellow in spring and very eye-catching. It will fade toward chartreuse in mid-summer but remains a very attractive hosta. Light lavender flowers appear on yellow scapes in July. It is a one of a kind.



**H. 'Sno Cone' \$32.**  
Medium, (10" X 24") A dark green-margined, white-centered, 'Fire and Ice' look-a-like that grows really well. The very thick, probably tetraploid, leaves of 'Sno Cone' emerge bright white and never melt out, but will sometimes green up a little in late summer. Light lavender flowers on white scapes in July. Enjoys morning sun but will grow well in shade.



**H. 'Little Miss Muffett' \$8.**  
Mini 4"x8" A classic *H. venusta* with little chartreuse heart-shaped leaves and pretty good substance. Lav. flowers in June. It is a miniature 'Gold Edger' for the trough or mini garden bed. Do not plant next to 'Itsy Bitsy Spider'!

**Hosta-tality**



Welcome to the start of another year of SOGHS Hosta-tality! Because I'll again miss the first meeting of the year, I have turned over the physical set up of Hosta-tality Table over to Vickie Le Cocq.

But as you know, it is the members' contributions that are the real power behind the table. So I heartily thank you all for past goodies, snacks, door prizes and such.

At the same time I am reminding you that we'll **continue to rely on your generosity** to keep folks munching at the meetings. We couldn't manage without you, and we want to know you are much appreciated!!! **Our next meeting is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Jeanne Truestedt

**Hosta Finder 2010 order early.** This resource is filled with information every hostaholic needs. Find sources for that special hosta you have been looking for. Find places to visit as you travel. Check average prices for hostas and check price trends.

**The 2010 edition of The Hosta Finder will be available for \$14.00 ea. The books will be available in the first part of March, available for pick up, or delivered to the April meeting.**

**Order by Feb 15, 2010. Make checks payable to: Jean Meyer**  
**Address: 10236 95<sup>th</sup> AV NW, Pine Island MN 55960**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Circle payment choice: Check or Cash**

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## Looking at some new hostas by Jean Meyer

### Hostas

Every year several hostas are brought out of tissue culture and introduced into the trade. Some have had limited availability in certain areas, some have arisen as sports of the tissue culture process, some are the introductions of hybridizers. Some of these plants may have been around for awhile but are only now becoming widely available. Look for them in the catalogues of hostas specialists and cutting edge nurseries.

H. 'Clear Fork River Valley' (Van Wade) is an intensely corrugated, glossy green leaved hosta. The thick leaves are a challenge to slugs. Got a lot of oohs and ahs at the national in Michigan. It is a slow grower but worth the wait.



H. 'Little Devil' (H. Gowen) is a mini with longish green leaves with a crisp white margin. Good addition to the rock or trough garden.

H. 'Mouse Trap' (Shady Oaks) is another mini to consider. A smaller sport of 'Blue Mouse Ears', it has white leaves with blue green margins and some green speckling in the white center.

H. 'Alakazaam' PPAF (Livingston) is a mini that has long, narrow leaves with yellow ruffled margins that brighten to creamy white.

H. 'Tropical Storm' PPAF (Walters Gardens, Inc) is a sport of 'Rainforest Sunrise'. Puckered heartshaped leaves start green with light green margin developing into a wide yellow gold margin. Good substance. Small

H. 'Rhino Hide' PPAF (Rawson) Ultra thick leaves, cupped and puckered with wide blue margins and light green center that brightens to yellow. Large

H. 'Gentle Giant' (Black) upright mound of blue-green corrugated, cupped and twisted leaves. Good substance. Medium to slow growth.

For pictures check the following web sites:

[www.hostalibrary.com](http://www.hostalibrary.com)

[www.shadyoaks.com](http://www.shadyoaks.com)

[www.waltersgardens.com](http://www.waltersgardens.com)

[www.naylorcreek.com](http://www.naylorcreek.com)

[www.qandznursery.com](http://www.qandznursery.com)

H. 'The King' and H. 'The Queen' (Schwarz) are both sports of 'Sir Richard', forming med-large mounds of slightly rippled leaves with attractive variegation. Moderately corrugated and good substance. Medium to slow growth rate.

H. 'Celtic Uplands' (Dean) a vase shaped clump of dark green, deeply corrugated leaves held aloft on red petioles. A nice sheen to the leaves. Medium

H. 'October Sky' (Don Dean) vase shaped clump of powdery blue leaves lasting till frost in Minnesota.

Combines the best of 'Salute' and 'Frosted Dimples'. Small-med



Don Dean and Hideko Gowan are Minnesota hybridizers and have introduced a number of outstanding plants. Keep alert for future introductions.

Olga Petryszyn, known for her very large hostas, also has some new ones coming soon. H. 'Continental Divide', H. 'Gone with the Wind' and H. 'Gitchigumi' will be available in the near future. [www.thehostalady.com](http://www.thehostalady.com)

### Hydrangeas

A couple of new hydrangeas are also of interest.

Hydrangea aborescens **Incrediball** is an improved Annabelle. Stop the flop. It has strong stems and abundant blooms that emerge lime green, changing to white and aging to green. Blooms on new wood. Dark green foliage. Full sun to partial shade. Zone 4, 4-5' h

Hydrangea aborescens **Invincibelle Spirit is the first pink flowered** mop head type. Flowers start a dark hot pink and mature to bright pink. Blooms on new wood late May, early June and re-blooms till frost. Full sun to partial shade. [www.songsparrow.com](http://www.songsparrow.com)

Hydrangea paniculata 'Renhy' (PPAF) Look for it under trade name (**First Editions**) **Vanilla Strawberry**—flowers start out creamy white, change to pink and finally to strawberry red. Full sun Z 4-8 <http://bailey.virtual-services.net/presslib/info/5778>

# Notes from the Winter Scientific Meeting

By Jean Meyer

## Hostas of Distinction: The Giant Hosta

Presented by Mark Zilis

Looking for giant hostas? What is a giant hosta according to your criteria? Is it mature height of plant? Or size of leaf? Or size of mound? What combination of those factors?

Or do we just know a giant when we see one?

Mark Zilis (Q and Z Nursery), who recently authored The Hosta Encyclopedia, is known for his photo taking and measurement of hosta specimens. As the Encyclopedia shows, he has amassed a massive database of information.

By his own admission he likes working with the numbers. His talk at this year's Winter Scientific Meeting was on the biggest hosta giants. The top 25.

Mark based this list on plant height and leaf size. He started with a minimum height of 36 inches and a leaf size of greater than 120 sq inches (from AHS leaf show guidelines). Going through the registrations materials and his own measurements he found 226 hostas.

He then considered that mound width and leaf space should be given equal weight in his formula. He then ran his numbers through his database and formula and came up with a ranking.

Following are the top 25 giant hostas based on leaf height, mound width and leaf size according to Mark's measurements and formula. He found 19 of the hostas were seedlings, 5 were sports and 1 was found wild in Japan.

'Sum and Substance' was the tallest hosta, 'Solar Flare' was the widest mound, 'Empress Wu' has the widest leaf, 'Sum It Up' was the longest leaf and 'Sum It Up' had the largest leaf area.



H. 'Millennium'

Measurements: **Height x mound width x (leaf size): sq in.**

	H	W	Leaf	tot
25. H. 'Winter Snow'	33"	24"	w x (16 x 12.5)	200
24. H. 'Birchwood Elegans'	33 x 77 x	(18.5 x 12.25)		227
23. H. <i>montana macrophylla</i>	35 x 76 x	(18 x 12)		216
22. H. 'Empress Wu'	39 x 66 x	(22.25 x 15.25)		339
21. H. 'Roderick'	37 x 83 x	(16.5 x 10.5)		173
20. H. 'Behemoth'	37 x 78x	(17.5 x 10.75)		188
19. H. 'Friar Tuck'	36 x 80 x	(16 x 12)		192
18. H. "Lady Isobel Barnet"	33 x 78x	(18 x 15)		270
17. H. 'Borsch 1'	38 x 88 x	(15 x 11.5)		173
16. H. 'Key West'	37 x 88 x	(16 x 11)		176
15. H. 'Mikado'	37 x 76 x	(18.5 x 12.25)		222
14. H. 'Steve Moldovan'	41 x 76 x	(14.5 x 13.75)		199
13. H. 'Canadian Foreign Affairs'	39 x 80 x	(16 x 12)		192
12. H. 'Green Dragonet'	46 x 96 x	(17 x 11)		187
11. H. 'Mountain Man'	36 x 82 x	(16.5 x 14.75)		243
10. H. 'Corduroy'	36 x 87 x	(17.25 x 13)		224
9. H. 'Lakeside Ripples'	40 x 87 x	(16.5 x 12.75)		210
8. H. 'Russ O'Harra'	37 x 87 x	(17.5 x 13.75)		241
7. H. 'Victory'	38 x 88 x	(17.5 x 13.25)		232
6. H. 'Solar Flare'	40 x 120 x	(17 x 13)		221
5. H. 'Millenium'	38 x 90 x	(17.25 x 13.75)		237
4. H. 'T Rex'	36 x 90 x	(18 x 15)		270
3. H. 'Sum It Up'	36 x 87 x	(20 x 18)		360
2. H. 'Elatior'	43 x 91 x	(17.5 x 14.5)		252
1. H. 'Sum and Substance'	48 x 114 x	(19.75 x 17)		336

Other giants were 'Blue Mammoth' (54<sup>th</sup>), 'Blue Angel' (56), 'Green Angel' (73), 'Spotlight' (87), 'Lakeside Blue Jeans' (100), Krugerand (101), Jade Cascade (102), 'Sagae' (118), 'Green Piecrust' (136) and 'All That Jazz' (155<sup>th</sup>).

Your results of what is the biggest hosta will vary depending on your growing conditions. But what a choice we have for giants.

## Avoiding Spring Frost Damage by Ray Rodgers

**The anticipation and excitement of early spring** - Spring is a joyous time for gardeners, a time of great anticipation as we start wandering around our gardens looking for signs of new beginnings. Such excitement must be tempered with the realization that freezing temperatures are always a possibility until approx. mid-May in Central Illinois. The average last frost date for Peoria is May 8. Every year, I hope spring will come in gracefully, without the major temperature swings we have come to expect. Unfortunately, this rarely has happened.

Last year was a prime example. After efforts to protect my rapidly unfurling hosta leaves on a couple of occasions, I thought those days were once again behind us when we reached the month of May, only to be surprised by an unexpected (to me) frost, that damaged gardens throughout the area on the night of May 2 / May 3.

Every spring, I give credit to *H. 'On Stage'* as being the smartest hosta in my garden: as it is the last hosta to emerge from winter dormancy, making it much less susceptible to frost damage.

**When hostas should be protected** - It is important to realize that hostas, even completely leafed out, can withstand temperatures below freezing (32° F). I have repeatedly read that hostas can handle temperatures down to 28° F for short times with minimal or no damage.

During winter, if I find exposed hosta buds, I scrape a little mulch or soil mix from the surrounding area over them for protection. In very early spring, if shoots are starting to emerge, I often cover them in the same manner, in an attempt to slow their progress and provide additional protection.

If shoots are a few inches or taller, yet leaves have not started to unfurl or are still in the early stages, and temperatures below 30° F are forecasted, I suggest providing additional protection via a choice of mulch or dried leaves piled around and over the emerging shoots. Alternatively, one of the protective methods described below can be utilized.

The more leafed-out hostas are, the more susceptible they are to frost damage. In these cases, covering via one of the methods described below is the best alternative.

One must consider the uniqueness of their gardens and plant placements when determining whether to protect or not. Of course, part of the decision process is how much trust one has in the accuracy of the forecast. Isn't that a scary thought!

**Plant protection** - If one decides to protect, there are many options. Basically almost anything that can cover a hosta will help. It is important not to let the leaves touch the covering material as they are more likely to sustain freeze damage at that contact, if the temperature gets low enough.

There are many methods for protecting your plants via covering. Materials include:

- plastic pots (crumpled newspaper covering drainage holes improves protection)
- Newspapers - Cardboard boxes - Bushel baskets
- Frost Cloth\* (fabric material available through nursery supply companies. Search the Internet for options.)
- Bed sheets\* - Bath towels\* - Light blankets\* - Burlap\*
- Garbage cans - Wheelbarrows turned upside down

\*Need to be propped up and anchored down. I try to keep a bundle of sticks or stakes around for props. I have also used covered sawhorses over larger hostas. Bricks and rocks are good anchors and also work well to hold down plastic pots during windy conditions.

Polyethylene film or similar materials, including plastic bags, should be avoided as condensation buildup on the inside can increase the likelihood of damage to hosta leaves. These materials are also a danger once the sun comes out.

Another method is to keep a continuous spray of water on plants when the temperature is below 28° F, as water is warmer than the air.

**The morning after** - After all the chosen plants are protected from the impending freezing temperature (usually during the night), one must address the uncovering task the following morning. Keeping the plants covered until the temperature climbs back above freezing is the best option. But, if one has to go to work, family or neighbors may have to be called upon for help. If the forecast calls for temperatures to remain in the danger zone, keep the plants covered.

**How cold is too cold** - This somewhat depends on the number of hostas one has to protect. If hostas are completely leafed out and the temperature dips into the low 20°s F, protective measures may reduce the severity, but it is unlikely that they will prevent freeze damage.

**What should be done to frost damaged hostas** - If hostas are hit by damaging frosts it is best to cut off and discard the most significantly damaged leaf tissue (sanitizing the cutting tool between plants). Keep as many of the undamaged leaves and petioles as possible to allow the continuation of the plant's food making process. At a point, if enough leaves are removed, hostas will force a second flush of leaves from smaller and previously dormant buds. This flush will likely produce smaller leaves.

Worse than hosta leaves turning to mush, is the possibility of the crown being damaged. If not attended to, rot typically sets in. Crown rot can happen in early spring when water stands around the crown or by the plant freezing after it breaks dormancy. The crown of the hosta is the base where the roots and shoots join. Check the crown for soft areas if hostas sustain significant leaf damage. This tissue should be removed back to solid tissue to prevent further rot and possibly the death of the plant.

**Which hostas are most frost sensitive** - Late freezes can be a problem with any variety, especially the ones that break dormancy early. The species *H. plantaginea* and its sports have the reputation of being the most frost sensitive. It is widely believed all fragrant hostas have *H. plantaginea* in their lineage, making them candidates for protection. *H. plantaginea* is one of the only species that will continue to produce new leaves all summer long. This is an advantage when the original spring foliage becomes damaged. Contrarily, I have read that hostas in the Sieboldiana Group and Tokudama Group are slow to recover from frost damage, as they tend to push only one good flush of growth in a season, also making hostas with these lineages, good candidates for protection. A few other of the more sensitive hostas include *H. montana* 'Aureomarginata', 'Sagae', 'Lancifolia', and 'Chinese Sunrise'.

**New purchases** - If hostas are purchased prior to mid-May, I suggest leaving them in pots so they can easily be moved to a protected area when frost warnings occur.

**Is it worth the effort** - Protecting hostas from freezing temperatures is certainly a hassle. Each of us has to determine for ourselves whether it is worth the effort and when to take protective measures. In my opinion, we must always be aware of the possibility of freezing temperatures and react accordingly to preserve the beauty of our gardens.

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## 2010 Calendar

- Jan 30 (date change) 2010/2012 Convention Planning Meeting  
10:00 am Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, Room Royal A
- Feb. 4 **Annual Meeting/Program – 6:30 pm; Fellowship Hall,  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20<sup>th</sup> St SW, Rochester,  
Dave Wanninger plus SOGHS member photo contest**
- (Date TBD) SOGHS Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Mar 13 Workshop – (agenda/time/location TBA)  
Mar 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plant Society Day at Gertens 1-4 pm  
Mar 20-21 Hosta College – Piqua, OH
- April 8 6:30 pm Meeting/Program – Fellowship Hall,  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20<sup>th</sup> St SW, Rochester,  
Speaker – Rob Mortko (Sports)
- April (Date TBD) – 10:00 am, 2010/2012 Convention Planning Meeting
- May 1 *Public may sign up for June 12 Bus Tour if not filled*  
May 27 Member/Guest Garden Tour – Spring Open House at Cindy's
- June 4 2:00 pm-7:00 pm - Set up for SOGHS Annual Plant Sale  
June 5 8:00 am-Noon - SOGHS Annual Hosta and Shade Plant Sale  
Bldg. 40, Olmsted County Fairgrounds
- Jun 12 *Bus Trip* (garden tour/plant purchasing opportunities-pending survey results)  
Jun 17 Member/Guest Garden Tour (5:30-8:30 pm) TBD  
Jun 23 AHS OPTIONAL GARDEN TOUR featuring area gardens  
(8:00 am-3:30 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 20 SOGHS Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm (Location TBA)  
July 22 Member/Guest Garden Tour (5:30-8:30 pm) TBD
- Aug 1-7 Olmsted County Fair  
Aug 5 *Members/Guest Garden Tour (5:30-8:30 pm) OR Overnight Bus  
Tour to Madison/Milwaukee area – pending member survey*
- Sep 11 Founder's Day Potluck/Silent Auction – Tomashek Farm,  
21587 U.S. Hwy 52, Preston
- Oct 7 Member Meeting/Year End Special Event– 6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20<sup>th</sup> St SW, Rochester  
(Program – Ken Harris, Garden Photography)
- Oct 10:00 am – 2010/2012 Convention Planning Meeting  
Nov 16 SOGHS Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm/Budget requests due

### Other Important Hosta Memberships

Midwest Regional Hosta Society  
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