

THE HOSTA LEAF

A Newsletter of Shades of Green Hosta Society, Rochester, MN

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Winter in SE Minnesota is not for the faint of heart! With most hosta roots nestled in the frozen ground, dormant until the first spring thaw, a few of mine will "attempt" (for the second year) to winter in an unheated garage. Wish me luck. Last year's Hostas did not fare too well, but with a handful of snow once a month, I am hopeful these will make it through. Now all we need is the snow.

SOGHS Board members and Committees have been working hard to set the stage for an exciting year of activities. To start with, Joe and Chris Parisi, with the help of a dedicated and talented committee, will once again host the annual **Snowflake Gala**.

In the cold of January, there is no better place to find refuge from the chilly weather than with warm-hearted friends. On January 22 at Willow Creek Golf Course, starting at 5:30 pm, hot appetizers will be served followed by a delicious meal, prizes and games. This casual affair is a great way to relax from the holiday stress. I hope to see you there!

A full list of fabulous events can be viewed on the calendar at our website www.soghs.org.

We look forward to sharing more information with you at the **February 7 Annual Meeting** along with a guest speaker from Wisconsin who will educate us on the growing threat of "jumping worms," a topic that is unfortunately too close for comfort but so important to learn more about.

As one year ends and a new year of hope begins, I just want to express my thanks to each of you.

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Just a Reminder: Renew Membership

The Holidays will have come and gone at the reading of this newsletter. I'm hoping that all had a festive time. As we roll into 2019, as gardeners, we begin to think and dream of green. That may mean paging through catalogues, ordering plants and maybe even starting some seedlings. But GREEN should also be in your thoughts as in **Shades of GREEN Hosta Society**, not only in dreaming of hostas rising from the winter chill, but also in thinking, **"Did I renew my membership?" or "Is my membership current?"**

Reminders for renewal were sent in November and there has been a nice response. Thank you to those who have sent their monies. Active and current membership is vital for sustaining the workings of SOGHS. The value of membership is spread throughout the year: bus trips at reduced rates, trips to member gardens, and outside speakers at our meetings. The vitality and fiscal strength of SOGHS allows for this.

Start the new year by renewing if your membership is due.
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With the vision of our founder, Cindy Tomashek, SOGHS has flourished and grown to be a nationally respected society. And it is you, our members, at the heart and soul of this organization.

I look forward to seeing you at the many wonderful events that will take place throughout the year. See you in the garden! But first, let's get together to talk about the garden at our next meeting.

- **Kathy Rustad**

Shades of Green Hosta Society President

SOGHS MISSION STATEMENT

The Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeast MN, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to educate members about hosta selection, cultivation and nomenclature, new and improved varieties, uses in the home landscape, and to promote interest in the genus Hosta.

The Mission shall be supported through the publication of a Society Newsletter, educational programs and garden tours, a web page and other group activities throughout the year.

SOGHS Member Social = Fun and Laughter

On November 8th, warm friendship and stories were shared at the Shades of Green Hosta Society Member Social held at HyVee on County Road 22 NW. Many turned out to enjoy "happy hour" prices on beverages and food.

Please join us for our next SOGHS Member Social on March 14th.



(Photos and article by Dave Cocker)



“Gardening for the Health of It” –A Day of Gardening Enrichment

April 13, 2019

Due to an enthusiastic response from last year’s garden seminar, Shades of Green Hosta Society is proud to collaborate once again with Rochester Garden and Flower Club, Master Gardeners and Rochester Community and Technical College Horticulture program to offer “Gardening for the Health of It.”

This one-day event will feature keynote speaker, Chef Chris Rohe. Chef Rohe brings his experience offering “Farm to Table” cuisine to share knowledge and perhaps a delicious recipe or two. You will tailor the rest of your day to fit your interest with a selection of four sessions from a variety of topics. Included in registration is a continental breakfast and lunch. New this year will be an area for vendors from around the region. From bird houses to metal works for the garden, there is sure to be something for everyone!

Enrollment is simple. The Rochester Community Education winter catalog will provide online and mail-in enrollment. Also, enrollment forms will be available at the February member meeting and events up until April 8th. This event will be held at RCTC Heinz building. Doors open for registration at 8 a.m.

If you are interested, the **SOGHS Spring Garden Seminar Committee is in need of people** to help with a number of fun activities to make this the best year ever! Contact Kathy Rustad for details: kdrustad@gmail.com or 507-250-4577.

Bring a friend and come shake away those winter blues and join us for a day of sunshine and gardening enrichment! You will be glad that you did. - **Kathy Rustad**



Don't Forget: It's Time to Renew Memberships

(Continued from Page 2) Beginning with the new year, the membership committee asks that the **membership form** be filled out and turned in with your renewal. This will better allow to see members' likes and if there are committees that members would like to be involved with or help on. Joan Till-Born is going to be the new membership chairperson. Look for her at the February meeting to pay your dues if necessary. Until then the link to the membership form is here, <http://www.soghs.org/Enrollment%20Form.pdf>. Simply cut and paste or go to the SOGHS website and click on "Membership" and find the form there.

At a college get together this fall, I was talking with a fellow hosta lover. She informed me that SOGHS has the largest membership in the state. I have no way of proving or disproving this awesome observation but I like to believe its true. Let's keep it so, **RENEW!!**

Genella Mussell (Outgoing Membership Chair)

43717 172 Ave Way

Zumbrota, MN 55992



MARK YOUR CALENDARS, FOR 2019 TOURS NEAR AND FAR

This is the tour schedule for 2019. Mark your calendars now, but watch the website for any updates or changes.

Tuesday April 30 - Car Pool Trip to Amish Nurseries near St. Charles.

Saturday May 4 - Car Pool to *K & K Nursery* (Hawkeye, IA); Fox Produce, Randalia, IA; *In the Country Garden and Gifts*, Independence, IA.

Monday May 6, Tuesday May 7, and Wednesday May 8 -

Car Pool trip to Mennonite nurseries west of New Hampton, IA.

June 12-15 - Car Pool trip to American Hosta Society annual convention (combined with the Midwest Society) in Green Bay, WI.

Tuesday, June 25 - Member Garden Tour includes three or four member gardens, including Chris and Joe Parisi's.

Saturday, July 13 - Annual bus trip that will include three member gardens and at least two other garden and nursery stops

August 2-3 - Overnight car pool trip. All car pools will leave from Deanna Nash's home, 5100 65th St. SW, Rochester. The

bus trip will leave from Shopko South. For bus trip and car pools, pack a lunch as we probably won't have time to stop for a meal. Keep an eye on the website for details.

There will be sign up sheets at the February 7 and April 4 member meetings. Hopefully you will sign up for the AHS convention soon and let Deanna (289-0645 or mamasaninrst@aol.com) know as soon as possible as she is reserving rooms. - **Deanna Nash, outgoing 1st Vice President**



SOGHS 2019 Hosta of the Year (HOTY) Offerings

Don't Miss These Beautiful Plants at Great Prices - [Order Form, Page 10](#)

Pick up some hard to find hostas at *discounted prices* by sending in your order form and check to Sue Martino, 40437 Ryans Bay Rd, Zumbro Falls, MN 55991. Orders will be accepted until **April 6th 2019**.

Plants are from Gary and Jack at Naylor Creek, www.naylorcreek.com

H. 'Pinani Island Surf' \$10 Medium



This hosta emerges in the spring with vibrant, citrus-yellow leaves edged by narrow, softly-rippled, white margins. Bright red completely saturates the petioles, flower scapes, and even pushes well into the leaf surface. Later in the summer the foliage simmers down to a light green but not until a bright spring show for winter weary eyes. If you like H. 'Fire Island,' you will love this new relative.



H. 'Dinner Mint' \$9 Small



(M. Zillis) H. 'Dinner Mint' is a very small hosta, 7" high and 14" wide. The leaves are slightly shiny with yellow to chartreuse centers and dark green streaking margins. Purple flowers bloom on 12" reddish-purple scapes in the late summer. A very choice streaking hosta that will be noticed in any garden! A sport of H. 'Lemontini.'

H. 'Jack Berry' \$16 Medium-Large



Sturdy metallic blue-green leaves with red petioles and red veins on top. H. 'Jack Berry' comes from H. 'Halcyon' and H. 'Spritizer' and displays all the best *characteristics* of its classic parents. Rick Goodenough considers this one as one of his. H. 'Jack Berry' is a medium-large hosta that has lavender flowers and grows in half shade/shade. (Pod parent is H. 'Blueberry Muffin' and pollen parent is H. 'Mr. Jack'.)



H. 'Secret Treasure' \$11 Medium



A new and distinct cultivar of hosta, the plant named H. 'Secret Treasure,' is characterized by its outwardly spreading foliage with upright flower scapes; dark shiny green and white variegated leaves; purple-colored flowers that are positioned above the foliar plane on strong scapes; and good garden performance. The foliage is of good substance and becomes nice and wavy with age. Grows quickly to 16" tall and 36" across.

H. 'Valley's Paparazzi' \$11 Medium



Pointed blue-gray leaves display large gentle waves and almost fold in places. The beautiful yellow margin changes to creamy-white, a stunning color combination, and the form of the clump is star-like. Great Substance. Jeroen's Sport of H. 'Deane's Dream.' Lavender flowers.

Limited supply of 25 H. 'Paparazzi' plants – first come first serve. Order early to not miss out on this one !!!

FUN, FRIENDS, FOOD and PRIZES

Enjoy a fun and festive evening with friends at the annual **SOGHS SNOWFLAKE GALA** on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at the Willow Creek Golf Course, 1700 48th St SW, Rochester, MN. The theme of this year's Gala is **Winter Fun**.

Festivities will include a Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, followed by dinner including Roasted Pork Loin with Cinnamon Apples, Mixed Green Salad, Honey-Glazed Carrots, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Coffee and Dessert.

There will be plenty of food, activities, prizes, and surprises, all for a great price of \$17 per person.

NEW this year will be a **GRAND PRIZE** of a \$100 Gift Certificate for the purchase of hostas from a vendor of the winner's choice, courtesy of SOGHS. Attendees also will be able to go home with a variety of door prizes, including several \$25 SOGHS Plant Sale Gift Certificates, courtesy of SOGHS.

You must be present to win, so please register by January 14 with the form on page 11. Details and registration information also are available on the SOGHS website (<http://www.soghs.org>).

Chris Parisi

[See Registration Form non page 11](#)

SAVE THE DATE...

01.22.19

ANNUAL SOGHS SNOWFLAKE GALA

**WILLOW CREEK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
1700 48TH ST SW
ROCHESTER, MN 55902**

5:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR & DINNER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

**PLAN TO JOIN YOUR HOSTA FRIENDS FOR A FUN AND
FESTIVE EVENING**

Did You Ever Consider Going to Hosta College?

Each year during March, the Great Lakes Region (GLR) of the American Hosta Society hosts a garden symposium of approximately 400 enthusiastic gardeners from the Midwest and other parts of the US, Canada, and even Europe. This garden symposium is called Hosta College, and it takes place at Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, Ohio.

Hosta College begins on Friday night with several different activities from which participants can choose. The vending area offers a large selection of plants (even though it may be snowing outside!), garden accessories, tools, and other garden-related merchandise for shoppers. The Bookstore features gardening books at fantastic discounts and A.M. Leonard gardening tools. The auditorium and other areas provide slide presentations, talks by gardening experts, and opportunities to socialize with new and old friends from Hosta College. An auction of rare and unusual plants will be held on Friday evening. On Saturday, following a brief period for shopping in the Vending or Bookstore, classes begin at 8:40 a.m. Students attend 5 classes they have chosen from a program of over 60 classes taught by a faculty of approximately 50 volunteers. Mid-day each student has lunch from a delicious buffet included in the registration fee. At the end of the day students take a brief break and then return for an optional banquet and talk that concludes the Hosta College experience.

2019 REGISTRATION

JANUARY 19: TEACHERS

JANUARY 26: GLRHS MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 2: NONMEMBERS

FEBRUARY 23: REGISTRATION

CLOSED

2019 CLASS LIST WILL BE POSTED

ON JANUARY 12

Persons who belong to one of the local societies with membership in the Great Lakes Region receive preferential registration and a reduced registration fee.

(\$42 registration fee for members, \$55 registration fee for non-members)

If you would like to preplan your Hosta College registration, visit

<https://www.ihostohio.org/glhc/>, hover over Hosta College and Click Class List.

**Dates for the 2019 Hosta College
March 15 - 16, 2019**

2019 Hosta Of The Year - H. 'Lakeside Paisley Print'

This truly beautiful hosta makes a medium-sized flat mound with its highly ruffled variegated leaves cupped up like fancy saucers. The leaf center is a starburst of cream-color bordered by light green flashing into the wide, rich, green-leaf margin. Light lavender flowers appear in July on 24" scapes. It is the ultimate specimen hosta!





American Hosta Society Membership

Join the **American Hosta Society** and receive *The Hosta Journal* mailed twice a year and have access to a third issue online in the *Members Only* section of the AHS website. This publication offers the latest information on care, feeding, and hybridizing; pictures of new cultivars; and news of upcoming meetings and conventions. [Click here to Join the AHS or Renew your Membership Online](#) or by mailing your registration to:

[Sandie Markland](#),
[AHS Membership Secretary](#)
 Post Office Box 7539
 Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Membership Rates (USA)

Type	Term	Cost
Individual	one year	\$30
Individual	three years	\$80
Individual	five years	\$129
Individual	lifetime	\$900
Individual	e-membership	\$20
Family	one year	\$34
Family	three years	\$90
Family	five years	\$146

FEBRUARY 7 SPEAKER: BRAD HERRICK

Jumping Worms: Everything you Might Want to Know

We are fortunate to have Brad Herrick, Ecologist/Research Program Manager of the UW-Madison Arboretum, in Madison, WI, as speaker for the February 7 meeting. Brad recently was selected as a 2018 Invader Crusader by the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council, in recognition of outstanding efforts in addressing issues of invasive species in Wisconsin. Since the Asian jumping worm was discovered at the Arboretum in 2013, Brad has spearheaded efforts to learn more about the worm. He has collaborated extensively with UW-Madison scientists and students as well as state and community partners, and “has a reputation as insightful, fun to work with, and motivated to find solutions. He’s an innovative thinker and definitely a mover-and-shaker for everything from invasive plants to soil invertebrates.”

Mr. Herrick will discuss the biology, behavior and ecological threats posed by these invasive worms.

Unlike the more common European nightcrawler, the Asian jumping worm (*Amyntas* spp.) has the ability to infest soil at high densities, change soil structure and chemistry, and damage plant roots.

Jumping earthworms survive and are distributed in mulch, and have been observed in mulched garden beds. They often are found in swarms, and as their name implies jump every direction. They have been found in downtown Minneapolis where destruction of beds with hostas and other plants have been reported, and on the outer edges of the Olmsted County Compost Site. The worms are able to turn the soil into small pellets (like coffee grounds or cat litter). There is growing concern about damage these invasive worms can do to gardens, nurseries, lawns, and native plants. Please plan to attend what will prove to be a jumpin’ informative meeting! - **Chris Parisi**





AHS National Convention Green Bay, WI

June 12-15, 2019

*"Friends - Foliage -
Forever"*

A joint convention with the Midwest Regional Hosta Society

*For complete details:
Visit the www.ahs2019event.org*

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Winter Symposium

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel **Address:** 375 S. Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005 **Phone:** (262) 364-1100

Rate: \$104 Single \$114 Double + tax (includes breakfast for registered hotel guests) (Mention Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting for this rate. Rate guaranteed through Jan. 18, 2019)

Arrive Friday night for Milwaukee Hostatality. Dinner on your own Friday night.

Seminar Hours – Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Following breakfast at the hotel for registered guests, the Saturday seminars will include six speakers. Your registration fee includes six speakers, a coffee break and lunch. There will also be a book sale and a seed sale. Registration Fee is only \$55.00, with the Midwest Regional Hosta Society sponsoring and underwriting this event. You must register by January 18, 2019.

To register early, send your name and address and a check for \$55.00 (\$59.00 after Jan. 18, 2019) payable to MRHS to:

Dave Collura
13600 W. Graham St.
New Berlin, WI 53151-2572

SOGHS 2019 Hosta of the Year (HOTY) Order Form

1. One hosta of each variety per member, maximum 5 plants total. If two SOGHS members are in the same household, orders may be combined for a maximum total of 10 plants (two of each variety).
2. Check made out to SOGHS must accompany order form. Orders received without payment will not be honored.
3. Orders are accepted until **April 6, 2019**
4. Member agrees to pick up plants. Pick-up dates are: Saturday, **April 27, 2019**, at Sue Martino's, 40437 Ryans Bay RD Zumbro Falls (Lake Zumbro), 2 to 4 p.m. **OR** Sunday, **April 28th**, 2-4 p.m. in Jan Gerke's driveway 5317 Timberidge CT SE, Rochester.

Name	Price	Quantity	Total \$
H. Pinani Island Surf	\$10		
H. Jack Berry	\$16		
H. Secret Treasure	\$11		
H. Dinner Mint	\$9		
H. Valley's Paparazzi (only 25 available)	\$11		
			Order Total \$

Member(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Return the completed order form & check made out to SOGHS by April 6 to

Sue Martino

40437 Ryans Bay RD

Zumbro Falls MN 55991

Questions? Call Sue at 507-753-2430,

email suewmartino@gmail.com



Shades of Green Hosta Society
2019 Snowflake Gala
Registration Form

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
 Willow Creek Golf & Country Club
 1700 48th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902

- *5:30 pm: Social Hour - Hors d'oeuvres, Cash bar*
- *6:30 pm: Buffet Dinner - Entrée: Slow Roasted Pork Loin with Cinnamon Apples, Mixed greens salad, Honey-glazed carrots, Herb roasted potatoes, Coffee and Dessert*

Attendee(s): (for name tags and door prize entries)

Name-1: _____

Name-2: _____

e-mail address and phone number (for information, updates, and weather notifications)

e-mail (name@domain): _____ @ _____

Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx): _____

Tickets are \$17/person--Make checks payable to **"SOGHS."**

Number of attendees (dropdown): @ \$17/person =

Note: This form is "fillable" electronically and can be completed by simply typing your information into the displayed (highlighted) fields. Then print/save your completed form. Alternately, print the blank form and fill in by hand.

Mail registration form and check **NO LATER THAN January 14, 2019** to:

Mona Keehn
SOGHS Treasurer
1635 Chippewa Dr NW
Rochester MN 55901

Plan to join your hosta friends for a fun and festive evening!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8 - Master Gardener Meeting

January 17 - RG&FC Meeting

January 22 - Snowflake Gala, Willow Creek Golf Course, 5:30 PM

February 7 - Member meeting

February 12 - Master Gardener Meeting

February 21 - RG&FC Meeting

March 1 - Article deadline for April/May/June Newsletter

March 12 - Master Gardener Meeting

March 14 - Social Event at Hy-Vee West Circle Dr. from 4pm - 7pm

March 15-16 - Great Lakes Hosta College, Piqua, OH

March 21 - RG&FC Meeting

March 28 - Executive Board Meeting

March/April - HOTY Sales Event



Midwest Regional Hosta Society

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society represents Region 5 of the American Hosta Society that includes 9 states.

Membership in the society is \$20.00 for 2 years, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter.

Please mail a check made payable to MRHS to:

Barbara Schroeder,
Treasurer
1819 Coventry Dr.
Champaign, IL 61822

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

**NEXT
MEETING,
FEBRUARY
7,
GOOD
SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**559 20TH ST SW,
ROCHESTER, MN
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