THE HOSTA LEAF

A Newsletter of Shades of Green Hosta Society

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The President's Letter

The winter season has begun way too soon! With temperatures dipping below normal averages, it feels as though we are in for a long, cold season. So, to stay warm this winter, there are all kinds of activities to raise your spirits and help you stay connected with your warm-hearted hosta buddies!



We kicked off the season with a comfy, cozy SOGHS Member Social at Hy-Vee on CR 22! Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun.

The SOGHS Gala committee is burning the midnight oil planning this year's theme, "Camp Lumberjack - a casual affair." It will truly be a warm and relaxing evening, and a little mouse told me we are in for a special treat this year!

To feed your educational sweet tooth, please consider attending the Midwest

Regional Hosta Society (MRHS) Winter Symposium January 31-February 1st in Milwaukee, WI. The hot topics are sure to warm you to your toes and fire up enthusiasm for the coming season.

On February 6^{th,} come in from the cold and enjoy an evening with fellow hostaholics and catch up on the latest news on our 2022 convention plans! Our featured guest speaker, Don Mitchell, will speak on hummingbirds.

By the way, wish me luck in my continuing adventure to over-winter hostas in my garage. This year I am going all out with 10

hostas and one geranium! Stay warm and be safe out there! *Kathy Rustad SOGHS President*



Stay tuned to see how these sleeping beauties fare next spring.

To Get Your Hosta Fix, Why Not Attend

MRHS Symposium?

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society will once again hold its Winter Hosta Symposium in Milwaukee, WI, at the Brookfield Sheraton on January 31 and February 1. The cost for the symposium is \$59 and includes the Friday night hostatality suite, six speakers, a coffee break and a buffet luncheon. Early arrivers may register after 4 p.m. on Friday, January 31st. Dinner is on your own with well over 20 restaurants to choose from within walking distance at the Brookfield Mall area. Hostatality will be the evening's venue where chatting can extend late into the evening. The hostatality suite will be stocked with beverages, both non-alcoholic and alcoholic, and snacks. Hotel room costs are \$105 for one person and \$10 for each additional person. This includes a buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant on Saturday morning. To make a reservation, call the Sheraton at 1-262-364-1100 and use the code WHT or Winter Hosta Symposium 2020 for your discounted price. Consider staying a second night and enjoy more chit-chat.

Our speakers Include Bob Solberg, Michael Hill speaking on mycorrhizae, Jeff Moore and his hands-on hybridizing, Mark Zilis, Glenn Herold speaking on trees and shrubs for the hosta garden and Michael Greanya speaking on rock garden plants and their adaptability to the hosta garden. Details will follow later as to the exact nature of the speakers' talks. Weather is always better in Milwaukee in February than in Minnesota, and you can get your hosta "fix" by talking with other hostaphiles and enjoying our speakers. Come join us for hosta chit-chat.

SOGHS was well represented last year, and it was an educational, entertaining prescription to buffer winter doldtrums.

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY 2020 WINTER HOSTA SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, February 1, 2020 - Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel Hotel Rate: \$105 single, \$10 each additional occupancy + tax (includes breakfast for registered hotel guests). Deadline for hotel reservation is 1/17/2020 To make a reservation call the Sheraton at 1-262-364-1100 and the code is WHT or Winter Hosta Symposium 2020 for your discounted price.

The Winter Hosta Symposium meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. The Meeting will be from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Conference check-in is Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 PM, and Saturday morning from 7 to 8 AM.

Hospitality will be on Friday and Saturday Nights at the Sheraton Hotel.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Fill out registration form completely. Make a copy of this registration form for your records. Confirmations will be done by email.

Note that MRHS memberships are family memberships, so individuals in the household are also MRHS members.

| NAME | MRHS member Non-MRHS member |
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| ADDRESS | If a non-MRHS member, |
| CITY | _ your \$10 surcharge will be applied to a |
| STATE/ZIP | _ 1-year membership in the MRHS. |
| PHONE | _ |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | _ |
| FAMILY MEMBER(S) ATTENDING | |

Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel - Registrations postmarked after January 17, 2020 require a \$10 late registration fee per person. Cancellations before January 5, 2020 will be sent a full refund. We will be unable to issue refunds after January 17, 2020. (Except for medical emergencies or death in family)

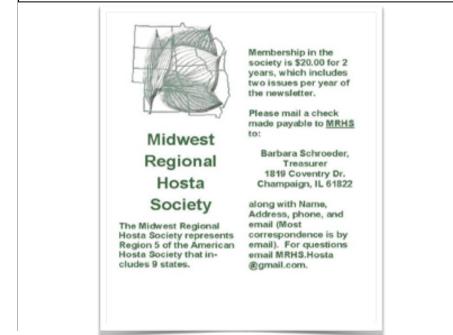
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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MRHS

Mail your registration form and check to:

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

Questions about registration? Contact Jack Barta (<u>ibarta@wi.rr.com</u>) (262) 375-0617 Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel - 375 S. Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005 (<u>262) 364-1100</u> Mention Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting for this rate. Rate is guaranteed through Jan. 17, 2020.



Deanna Nash Receives President's Award

Congratulations to Deanna Nash. She recently was honored with the American Hosta Society's President's Award for outstanding service to Shades of Green Hosta Society. Deanna has distinguished herself over and over through her contagious enthusiasm for hostas and by her leadership both formal and by example.

From 2015 through 2018 she held the position of First Vice-President -Garden Tours where she shared her knack for making everyone around her feel welcome. Deanna has served as committee chair for numerous activities and participated in most every event over the years from the Snowflake Gala to the Plant Sale.



The AHS President's Award recipient is nominated by the local society to recognize outstanding service at the local level. The nominations say it best, to quote from a few:

"Deanna's enthusiasm, fun-loving personality, and commitment to SOGHS have provided our members with much enjoyment. Whether she was sharing a tasty recipe, donating her time to help with HOTY and

Scratch and Dent prep or our plant sale setup and sale day, opening her garden for members to tour, generously donating plants, or serving as VP of Tours, her many ideas and dedication to the friendship plant has helped us continue to thrive. She expanded the tour opportunities and made sure the carpools were well organized, even creating handouts of directions for each vehicle. By the way, the tour committee is the best kept secret we have...Shhh, don't tell! Her culinary skills shine!"

"She (Deanna) has tirelessly planned garden tours, visits to lowa in order for members to buy plants, weekend overnight tours and researched the nurseries and gardens for these tours."

"She brings a sense of adventure and fun to all our trips."

"I am fairly new to SOGHS, but I have felt Deanna Nash's enthusiasm and love for hostas and gardening my entire time in this group. She has worked tirelessly on our summer tours and brings a sense of adventure and fun to all our trips."

As you can easily see, this is a well-deserved honor. Congratulations, Deanna! - **Kathy Rustad**

Now is the time to Join or Renew your Membership in SOGHS

Don't Miss the 2020 GALA Jan. 21

The ever-popular annual SOGHS GALA has been a highlight of membership in SOGHS. The closing of Willow Creek Golf & Country Club (the previous venue for the GALA for many years), required finding a new venue/ caterer for the 2020 GALA.

After considering several options a n d recommendations, the planning committee selected the new event space at Garten Marketplatz (5225 County Rd 15 SW, Byron, MN 55920) as the location for the GALA, with catering by Omar's Kitchen. The SOGHS Board generously has agreed to subsidize ticket prices for the GALA to a reduced price of \$20 each!

Plan to enjoy a fun and festive evening with delicious foods and fond friends at the **SOGHS GALA** on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

The theme of this year's Gala is "Camp Lumberjack—A Casual Affair."

Festivities will include a Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, followed by dinner featuring Breast of Chicken Supreme, Braised Beef Tenderloin Tips, Salads, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Coffee and Dessert.

| Registration Form | | | | |
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| Shades of Green Hosta Society | | | | |
| 2020 SOGHS GALA | | | | |
| "Camp Lumberjack" | | | | |
| A Casual Affair | | | | |
| 5:30 pm: Social Hour - Hors d'oeuvres, Cash bar 6:30 pm: Buffet Dinner by Omar's Kitchen, featuring Breast of Chicken Supreme, Braised Beef Tenderloin Tips, Salads, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Coffee and Dessert | | | | |
| Tuesday, January 21, 2020 Garten Marketplatz Carriage House • 5225CountyRd15SW,Byron,MN 55920 | | | | |
| Attendee(s): (for name tags and door prize entries) | | | | |
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| Name-2: | | | | |
| e-mail address and phone number (for information, updates, and weather notifications) | | | | |
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There will be plenty of food, activities, prizes, and surprises, all for a great price of \$20 per person.

Please register by January 14 with the attached form; details and registration information also are available on the SOGHS website (<u>https://www.soghs.org</u>). Hope to see you at the 2020 Gala!

- Chris and Joe Parisi, Gala co-chairs

Tour Dates Are Set, So Take Note

Our tour committee met October 7 at Deanna Nash's home to plan outings for our membership in 2020. We came up with this schedule for tours and trips for 2020, and we hope you will join us in the fun.

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On Monday April 20, we will visit Mennonite nurseries in Iowa including Underwood , Rose Arbor, Fruit and Flower, K&R, Hoovers, Pine Hill and others if time permits. As we have in the past, we will leave from Deanna Nash's home at 7 a.m. We can safely leave our cars at Deanna's and also find a carpool buddy, making travel more fun. On Monday, April 27, we will again go to Mennonite Nurseries in Iowa but will add other ones such as Deerfield, Windy Hill, and Oak Grove to our list. We are going earlier this year as we feel that the selection will be broader and better.

On May 1 we will go to the Amish Nurseries around St. Charles. These include nurseries such as Valley View Farm, Millers Greenhouse, M&L Greenhouse and others in the area. Again, our strategy is to find the best selection by going before Mother's Day. Saturday, May 16, we plan to visit Iowa again but have different nursery stops planned: K&K Nursery in Hawkeye, Fox Produce and also In the Country Nursery in Independence.

In June many of us plan to go to the American Hosta Society

Convention in Minneapolis from Wednesday June 10-13. A week later, on Saturday, June 20, the SOGHS Annual Bus Tour is scheduled. More details will be coming soon.

Tuesday June 23, are Member Garden Tours with the actual member gardens to be set up after the first of next year. July highlight the Midwest Hosta Society Convention from July 15-18 in Lisle, II. And don't forget our Annual Overnight Trip will be Friday, July 31, through Saturday, August 1, in the St Cloud area. - **Valinda Wondrasch - Tours**

Bring a Dish to Share at the Next SOGHS Meeting

A BIG thanks goes out to those who signed up last year to donate an assigned food to share at the Hostatality Table at our break time. Thank you, also to those who surprised us with something to share. The three SOGHS meetings for members include a speaker in the months of February, April and October,

and hostatality provides an array of foods for all tastes. Members are encouraged to sign up to assist Linda and June.

For the February meeting, there are still slots available for a Veggie Tray and Dip, Fresh Fruit Bowl, or Dessert. Those who sign up are encouraged to bring in receipts for reimbursement from our food budget. As you know Deanna Nash is the 'Queen of Cheese' and always provides a tasty cheese board for all to enjoy. Don't be shy, give us a call or email us to let us know you are willing to share some of your bounty. In addition to the treats we also provide a nice array of door prizes at these meetings. Memberships in SOGHS and the American Hosta Society are among the prizes offered at each meeting. So remember to invite a friend or two so they can be bitten by the Hosta Bug , join us and enjoy all that SOGHS has to offer for the year!

Linda Brech & June Stoehr -Hospitality co-chairs



SOGHS 2020 Hosta of the Year (HOTY) Offerings

Order Right Away!!! Don't Miss These Beautiful Plants at Great Prices

Members can pick up some difficult to find hostas at <u>very discounted prices</u> by sending in the order form on the next page along with a check to Sue Martino 40437 Ryans Bay Rd Zumbro Falls, MN 55991 Orders will be accepted until Saturday, **May 9, 2020. / Pick-ups will be Tuesday, May 26 and Saturday, May 28th**

Plants are from Naylor Creek, www.naylorcreek.com



H. 'Monster Ears' \$8 (Mini)

Round, green leaves; pale lavender flowers. ... These easy-to-grow hostas are a great accent to bright, colorful annuals. Their thick foliage resists slugs and snails better than many other hosta varieties.



H. 'Smiling Mouse' \$11 (Small)

Blue-green leaves have a chartreuse margin in spring that turns almost pure white by late summer. ... Some leaves fold in half due to the rippling and reminds me of a rolled tongue. Lavender flowers held in perfect proportion to the clump in summer.



H. 'Midnight Oil ' \$10 (Medium)

Small to medium sized hosta with unique, shiny dark green leaves that create a vaselike structure. ... A Small/Medium size hosta with very dark green leaves that are thick, shiny, corrugated and folded. Leaves stand in an upright manner.

H. 'Fireplace' \$8 (Medium)

New sport from **H.** '**Fire Island**' with light green leaves and a yellow margin. Leaves are held on red petioles. Leaves have a gentle waviness and some corrugation at maturity.



H. 'Golden Meadows' \$8 (Large)

A stunning sport of Hosta sieboldiana 'Elegans' that forms an 18" tall x 3' wide clump of creamy white-centered leaves that age to muted gold, edged with a heavily stitched, wide blue-green border. ... More morning sun helps to keep the leaf color bright.

Find HOTY Order Form on Page 7

SOGHS 2020 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 Saturday, May 9, 2020

4. Member agrees to **pick up plants**. Pick-up dates are: **Tuesday, May 26**, 2020 at 40437 Ryans Bay RD Zumbro Falls (Lake Zumbro) between 5:00-7:00 p.m. **OR** Thursday, **May 28**th at the Spring Open House Paula Zollman's Home -2317 Lenwood Lane SW Rochester

| Name | Pri | Quantity | Total \$ |
|-------------------|---------|----------|----------------|
| H. Monster Ears | \$8.00 | | |
| H. Fireplace | \$8.00 | | |
| H. Midnight Oil | \$10.00 | | |
| H. Smiling Mouse | \$11.00 | | |
| H. Golden Meadows | \$8.00 | | |
| | | | Order Total \$ |
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Member(s) Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Return the completed order form & check made out to SOGHS to Sue Martino (40437 Ryans Bay RD Zumbro Falls MN 55991) by May 9, 2020



Questions? Call Sue at 507-753-2430 or email suewmartino@gmail.com



SOGHS to host the 2022 MRHS Convention

As approved at the October member meeting and endorsed by the Midwest Regional Hosta Society (MRHS) Board, SOGHS will host the 2022 MRHS Convention.



The Convention will be held Thursday - Saturday, July 7-9, 2022 at the Apache Hotel in Rochester, MN.

The program will feature:

- Tours of spectacular gardens
- Educational lectures presented by world-renowned speakers
- The Annual Hosta Show and Judges' Clinic
- Nightly "hostatality
- Friday evening dinner and live auction
- Saturday evening banquet and keynote speaker
- Vendors with the newest and greatest hostas and garden products to purchase

Most importantly, the Convention will allow members to meet and connect with fellow "hostaphiles," new and old.

This is a major undertaking for SOGHS and will require the help and support of all SOGHS members.

If you are interested in being a chairperson or a member of a committee, or a volunteer for the Convention, please email us at: <u>SOGHS2022Convention@gmail.com</u>, with your area of interest.

Help us Name a Theme for the Convention

To kick things off, **we are having a contest to choose the theme of the convention.** The rules are fairly simple -Come up with a creative conference theme that captures attendees' attention and Convention spirit and is simple and catchy. For example, the "theme" can be related to hostas, hostaphiles, Rochester, SOGHS, or MRHS, or could be a pun or a tagline. The Contest is open to all SOGHS members and there is NO limit to the number of themes or the number of times entered, but ALL entries need to be received by January 23, 2020.

The Contest prize is the prestige of having your entry assigned to the Convention, and a \$50 VISA gift

The winner will be announced at the February 6, 2020 SOGHS Member Meeting.

Entries can be submitted electronically or by regular mail. A contest entry form is available on the Members-only portion of the SOGHS website (<u>https://www.soghs.org</u>).

To submit electronically, open/download the ENTRY FORM, complete and submit by clicking the "SUBMIT" button on the form, or by saving the form and emailing it as an attachment to: <u>SOGHS2022Convention@gmail.com</u>. Alternately, you can PRINT the form, complete it by hand and submit your entry by regular mail. Send to: SOGHS 2022 Convention Contest, c/o Joe/Chris Parisi, 3200 Wright Rd SW, Rochester, MN 55902.



AHS Membership Rates: Individual -\$30.00 / 1 year; \$80.00 / 3 years;

\$129.00 / 5 years; \$900.00 / lifetime. **Family** - \$34.00 / 1 year; \$90.00 / 3 years; \$146.00 / 5 years. *Membership Year is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31*

Register online at: www.AmericanHostaSociety.org





Mark your calendars for the 2020 Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention

July 16 - 18, 2020 Lisle, IL

http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/ Convention%20Promo.pdf

The Hosta Leaf

AHS 2020 CONVENTION

The Minnesota Hosta Society is proud to once again host the 2020 convention of the American Hosta Society. Our membership is excited to have you join us in fellowship and education as we share our passion for gardening with hostas. Our theme "Hosta Vision 2020" reflects the ever-expanding use of hostas in the garden. Due to their versatility in use and form in the landscape, hostas are one of the top perennials of choice.

Convention Summary:

- June 11, 12 and 13, 2020, are the formal convention dates
- Seven Meals Include breakfasts Friday and Saturday, lunches Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and dinner Thursday and Saturday.
- Six Educational speakers Thursday and Saturday afternoons; three each day
- Garden Tours Friday and Saturday mornings. Ride a bus or drive on your own vehicle.

Hosta Show

- Judges Clinics Clinic 1, Clinic 2 and Clinic 3
- Hospitality
- AHS Auction Friday afternoon
- Vending
- June 10, add an optional tour to Rochester in Southeast Minnesota. Limited to 100. Cost is \$50 per person and includes a breakfast and box lunch. Tour includes a minimum of five lovely gardens hosted by Shades of Green Hosta Society
- See www.HostaVision2020.com for more information and a registration form.

Chris Parisi's Photos From Last Year's AHS Convention, Green Bay, WI

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Garden Tours, a Highlight of the Convention, Offer Inspiration



Garden Tour Extraordinaire

At the October 10 SOGHS Member Meeting, attendees were treated to a spectacular talk by world-renowned Hosta expert, Mike Shadrack. A native of the United Kingdom, who now resides in upstate New York, Mike took members on a tour of four pairs of gardens in four corners of his native London, each with entirely different gardening styles and contents. Each pair is a day trip

The tour began in the northwest quadrant of London with visits to classic manicured gardens at Hidcote Abbey and the nearby Kiftsgate House. Hidcote Abbey, owned by the National Trust property, features a very famous garden that is very "structured" and "interesting without being wonderful." Mike emphasized that he likes gardens to feature color with many flowers and shrubs, and not just form and structure. The Hidcote Manor Garden features a walled garden and pond and a famous perennial walk, which was once replicated at Chelsea Flower Show. The gardens at Hidcote are divided by tall hedges and walls to create a series of outdoor rooms, each with its own special and unique character. The gardens feature a "ha-ha," basically a 6-foot stone wall



designed to keep grazing animals out of the more formal areas of a garden and does away with the need for a fence. The "ha-ha" creates the illusion of openness that enable unbroken views from the house. Just up the road is Kiftsgate Garden, which features many formal gardens and the famous Kiftsgate rose, a remarkable and enormous rambling rose that measures approximately 15' high and 40' long. The gardens at Kiftsgate feature many little gates and doorways that make you want to see what's on the other side while not being able to see all of the garden in one hit.

The tour continued to the North East of London with stops at private gardens Glen Chantry and Beth Chattos. Glen Chantry in particular creates the vision of going into a garden and wanting to go further; it features wonderful color and color coordination, with many hostas, shade plants, and primroses. It was here that Mike first saw plantings of alliums under hostas that the now uses in his gardens. Glen Chantry features wonderful island beds, including a triangular bed that is color-coordinated with adjacent gardens. Just up the road are the Beth Chatto's gardens, created in an agricultural valley with a stream that has been dammed up into lakes. Beth Chatto, an award-winning gardener, lecturer, and author, was the inspiration behind the *"Right Plant, Right Place" ethos that lies at the heart of modern gardening.* Her gardens feature spectacular wide paths with a wonderful woodland garden and the original "dry "garden.

To the Southwest of London, the tour continued with visits to Wisley, the headquarters of the Royal Horticultural Society, and The Saville Garden that is part of The Great Park at Windsor Castle, the Queen's favorite home. Stunning images of spectacular gardens that included a side visit to Prince Charles's garden at Highgrove, highlighting the famous "stumpery," an interesting arrangement of upturned chestnut tree stumps.

The tour concluded at the Southeast of London with visits to Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, perhaps the most influential of all, and dear Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter, the loveliest of them all.

Mike then presented a hilarious talk titled Sex in the Garden, a cautionary tale of 2 sisters by Anonymous, featuring the life, loves, and trials of sisters Francheska and Bobby Sue.

Interspersed with wit, wisdom, and interesting and entertaining anecdotes, Mike Shadrack's presentation was an outstanding success. - Joe and Chris Parisi

Calendar of Events

January 21 - SOGHS Gala, Garten Marketplatz, 5:30 PM January 31-February 1 - Winter Hosta Symposium, Milwaukee

February 6 - Member meeting

March 1- Article deadline for April/Mary/June Newsletter March 12 - Social Event from 4-7pm , HyVee, CR22 NW March 20-21 Great Lakes Hosta College, Piqua, OH March 26 " Executive Board Meeting



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