



# The Hosta Leaf

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## OUR PRESIDENT'S PEN

In the last newsletter, I greeted everyone with 'Happy Spring'. I would like to say the same thing, but it's unclear whether it's Happy Spring, Happy Summer, Happy Fall, or Happy Winter. It seems to depend on the day. Nonetheless, it has been one strange Spring!

We had a fantastic turnout at the April meeting. Over half of our membership was at the meeting, way to go! In addition to having our fun and entertaining speaker, Rob Mortko, we had some very special guests. Both Don Dean and Bob Olson, two hosta hybridizers from the Twin Cities, joined our meeting as well. It was very timely as they, along with our very own Cindy Tomashek, provided us with some great advice on how to handle the frost and freezing of our plants and beloved hostas. The general consensus was if the leaves are

really mushy and covering the crown of the plant, remove the dead material. If not, then either cut everything off at ground level and let the plant regrow, or wait it out and see what makes it and what doesn't and then do appropriate clean-up. While just cutting everything off at the ground is the easiest and quickest method, it will result in smaller plants for this year. Let's hope we are spared more of the frost/freezing weather as so many more plants are up and exposed now than at the beginning of May. I'm keeping my fingers crossed!

With the coming of May, it is time to say, "calling all volunteers!!" We have ample volunteer opportunities this year, what an exciting time. One of the things I have found with volunteering is that the more you participate and volunteer, the more fun you have and the more members you get to know.

So what volunteer opportunities do we have you may be asking?!? The most immediate is the plant sale. If you have plants to donate or time to donate, we'd love to have you step forward. Check out Denny Bowe's article on page 3 for more details.

As you all also know, SOGHS has a really unique opportunity this year. Our club is hosting the Midwest Regional Hosta Society in July. We have an amazing group of volunteers that have done a tremendous amount of work, it is unbelievable how hard this team has worked and how much they have accomplished, great work team and a huge THANK YOU for everything you have done. The list of the committee members is listed on this page.

Even with all of the accomplishments, things are just getting started. There is plenty more to do. Page 7 is chock

full of volunteer opportunities that Vickie Le Cocq and the committee members have put together for us.

If you've never been to a hosta convention, what a great way to participate, you'll be in the heart of the activity. There are opportunities to volunteer to help with registration, the Hosta Show, the auction (oh my, is that ever fun, my favorite part of hosta conventions!), AV/computer help, and a variety of other ways to get involved.

Check it out and get involved, you'll have a fabulous time, guaranteed! Oh, if you're wonder whether or not to attend the convention, check out the Top Ten reasons to attend on page 6)

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## MRH Convention Committee

Convention Chairs: Cindy Tomashek and June Stoehr

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Convention Handbook: Jan Gerke

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## American Hosta Society 2012

Nashville, Tennessee

June 13-16, 2012

"Hostas, Friends, and Music"

Hosted by the

Middle Tennessee Hosta Society [www.hosta2012.com](http://www.hosta2012.com)

"Hostas, Friends and Music"

will be a time for visiting with old friends,  
making new ones,

experiencing Nashville

and of course,

seeing Middle Tennessee gardens.

Hotel: Nashville Airport Marriott in

Nashville, TN.

To call and make your reservations at the

Convention Rate

call 615-889-9300 or 888-403-6781

and mention: HOSTA

To get the Convention Rate online, make sure that the  
group code box shows: hsthsta

Make your reservation no later than

May 21, 2012.



7th  
annual  
Hosta  
Sale

[www.soghs.org](http://www.soghs.org)



May 19, 2012

8am-noon

Olmsted County Fairgrounds

Horticulture Building

complimentary plants for children

# Hosta Sale Reminder!

The May 19th Hosta sale is approaching fast. If you need soil, pots or you need hostas dug, call Jason Leigh 775-0053 or Denny Bowe 282-7032. Jason, Denny, and Doris Amundsen have soil and pots if you're in need of any of these supplies to donate plants. Doris' address is at 813 6th St. S.E and her number is 282-7869. There are several jobs yet to be filled on set-up day May 18th starting at 1:00p.m. or the day of the sale.



H. "Gypsy Rose"

If you haven't done so already, please sign up for side dishes, breakfast breads, rolls etc.. or beverages. The club is furnishing chicken for set-up day and pizza for clean-up.

A sale meeting will be May 7th at 6:30 at the Bowes, 5724 Salem Rd Ct S.W. If you are interested in helping out or just have questions be sure to attend.

We are hoping for a another great successful sale! Denny



H. "Cathedral Window" taken at the

*(Continued from page one)* Jan has outdone herself with our touring opportunities this year. The touring season kicks off in June with the bus trip to Southwestern Wisconsin. We then will have our own Garden Member tours in June and July, and there are carpool touring opportunities as well. Check out page 5 for all of the goodies available to the SOGHS membership.

Lastly, members, if you've seen the fancy Shades of Green Hosta Society name badges being worn by your fellow SOGHS hostaholics, and you'd like one, please see our Membership Director, Mona Keehn. Mona has more details on page 4. It's going to be one exciting year, I can feel it. As Cindy Tomashek always says, "the excitement is growing!" I hope to see many of you at all of our upcoming events!

Kim

## The American Hosta Society

*An International Society*



### Publications Standard

"Originator Credits After Cultivar Names"

All American Hosta Society publications, whether written or on line, shall follow this standard.

For articles, credit after a cultivar name shall be the person or persons who originated the cultivar, as recorded in the AHS Registry. If originator is not given in the registration or the cultivar is not regis-

tered, the AHS Nomenclature Committee shall determine to whom credit is given. When deemed required, credits will be amended and altered by the Nomenclature Committee.

The first time a hosta cultivar name appears in an article it shall be written: 'Cultivar Name' (Originator's Name -Year of Registration). Originator's name or names shall include the initial or initials of the given name or names as recorded in the registry. Year of registration is written out, e.g., 2011. If the hosta is not registered, "NR" is used instead of registration

year. When a cultivar name appears more than once in an article, further references to it may be just 'Cultivar Name'.

Award hostas, such as Summers, Fisher and Benedict; plants in Hosta Shows; photo credits; Popularity Polls and lists of hostas may have only the cultivar name and registration date or "NR," or just cultivar name, as considered best for each situation by the author and editor.

This standard has been approved by the AHS Nomenclature Committee, W. George Schmid and Warren Pollock and Barbara Schroeder

AHS VP Publications

## Membership Minders...



**D**o you have a Shades of Green Hosta Society name badge? Maybe you would like one, but aren't sure how to get one. Well, it's very easy. Submit your name to me the way you would like it to appear on the badge, along with \$6.00, and I will get it ordered for you. The name badges are held on with magnets so there are no pins to poke into your clothing.

The price of the name badges have gone up significantly in the past few years, but we as a board, decided to make up the difference so everyone will feel it is a good value. If you don't already have a name badge, now is a good time to get one. By the way, we have some new members to welcome: Becky Schniepp, Ardell Olson, Patsy Mundale, Sally Magin, Dawn Holmberg and Janill Gallon.

**H**ave you registered or volunteered for the Midwest Regional Hosta Convention that we are hosting? I am also the convention registrar/treasurer. You can find a registration form on our website: soghs.org. We will be needing volunteers to sit at the registration table to handout name tags, convention/welcome bags, and our convention hosta, H. "Candy Kisses," which is given to each registered attendee. We would like to keep the shifts as short as possible to allow the volunteers to enjoy the convention, so please consider helping. Contact me: chum721@charter.gmail

Mona Keehn, Membership/Promotions Chair and Convention Registrar/Treasurer

Convention Plant, H. "Candy Kisses"



## Convention Rally Day...What does THAT mean??

Fellowship Hall, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20<sup>th</sup> St SW, Rochester

May 5, 1-3 pm

**C**ome join other SOGHS members  
**O**n Saturday, May 5, to make light work of  
**N**umerous assembly tasks while having a  
**V**ery good time  
**E**ngaging in convention chatter and meeting  
**N**ice SOGHS members willing to give some  
**T**ime to make our convention hosting experience  
**I**ncredibly successful.  
**O**peration Hosta  
**N**eeds you!

Seriously...there are several activities that can be accomplished quickly with a lively group that would take individuals many hours to complete, including putting together plant labels for the convention plants, assembling and bundling plant markers for the raffle, assembling name badges, putting leaf dimension stamps on hosta show entry cards, stuff registration bags and whatever else we can prepare in advance to make for a smooth convention experience. No heavy lifting!

**We hope to see you May 5! Cindy and June**

## Calling All Hostaholics...2012 Gardens, Shopping, Tours!

### Spring Open House Cindy Tomashek's

**Thursday, May 24th, 5:00 –8:30pm.**

Enjoy her beautiful gardens, a great silent auction (donations appreciated), and maybe win a door prize. Bring a friend and if they join, you get two hosta bucks!

### Bus Tour

**Saturday, June 9th, 7:00am – 6:30pm.**

**Destination: Southwestern Wisconsin**

Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Provided: water, AM: fresh fruit PM: cookies (call if you would like to donate). Please bring your own lunch. May 1st sign up is open to the public. If you're thinking of joining us, don't delay...the bus is filling up! We will meet in the Shopko South parking lot at 6:45am and the bus will leave promptly at 7:00am and will return at 6:30pm.

Tour Itinerary:

1. Roger and Carol Popelka's private gardens in LaCrosse
2. Northern Grown Perennials in Ferryville <http://mwt.net/~ngp/index.htm>)
3. Deb's County Market Hosta Hut in Hillsboro
4. Reed's Valley Hosta Gardens (<http://www.reedsvalleyhostagardens.com>)in Sparta.

Call Jan (507-259-7096) to see if there is still space and then sign up by sending your name, address, phone number, and email address with your check made payable to SOGHS to: Jan Gerke, 5317 Timberidge Ct SE, Rochester, MN 55904

### Member Garden Tours

**Wednesday, June 20th (5:00 – 8:30pm)**

Gardens include 2012 Midwest Convention Optional Gardens:

Kim Greene and George Eckman, Jane and John Yunginger, Pat and Scott Heck, and Mary Ann and Tom Morris.

**Sunday, July 15th (9:00am - 2:00pm).**

Gardens include 2012 Midwest Convention Official Tour Gardens:

Mona and Rick Keehn, Jeanne and Horst Truestedt, Tim Farnham and Kurt Johnson,  
and Mary and Vince Herring.

Stay tuned for selection of our fifth garden, Joyce and Tom Williams' unfortunately need to pull their gardens from the tour.

Members who volunteer their gardens for a tour can choose either H. 'Sea Nymph' (a medium sized dark green hosta with yellowish green margins and purple flowers) or H. 'Sweet Tater Pie' (a medium sized gold hosta with wavy margins and purple spidery flowers) in appreciation for sharing their gardens. If you would like to put your garden on tour either in 2012 (a third tour date isn't out of the question) or next year, please let me know. Sign up by calling Jan at 507-259-7096 or send an email to [jan\\_gerke@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_gerke@yahoo.com).

### Carpool Tours

Carpool tours will be less structured this year...the idea being get together, set up a date and time among yourselves and go. If you have suggestions for a carpool tour sometime this summer, give Jan a call or send an email and your suggestion will put it on the list and sent out to the members. Look for the list at Cindy's open house on May 24th. So far: interest in another trip down to the LaCrosse area, an interest to northern Wisconsin to Simply Succulents in Cable and Winter Greenhouse in Winter, a trip to Highland Nursery in St Paul and Funkie Gardens, maybe some local gardens (Pat Ferguson's garden comes to mind). So many opportunities...so little time!

## Plant Auction at the Convention



The Plant Auction is a major highlight of the convention. And a whole lot of fun. It is also the major fundraiser for the Regional Hosta Society. We need your help and support to make this convention event successful. See the volunteer check list for times and day that volunteers are needed. Thank you, Jean Meyer, Auction Chair

### Top Ten ....

#### Reasons to attend or volunteer at the Midwest Regional Hosta Convention

1. Meet vendors with new and different Hosta.
2. Meet other people who enjoy Hosta.
3. Learn from presenters who teach you about gardening with Hosta.
4. The garden tours are great and you get to see more Hosta.
5. There is "Hostatality" and you get to talk about Hosta.
6. You can buy Hosta.
7. You get a new Hosta.
8. There really are other people who love Hosta as much as you.
9. The Auction is a good way to support the Midwest Regional Hosta Society. (Buy more Hosta)
10. It gives you an excuse to get out of the garden and socialize. No dull people in Shades of Green.

Come and Enjoy! You will be amazed at how much fun a convention can be!



#### 2012 Midwest Convention...

Did you know that you can take part in some of the convention experience without paying a registration fee? Yes, you can attend the

1. hosta show at the 2012 Midwest Convention (Friday 3:00 to 5:00, Saturday 9:00 to 4:00) and you can
2. shop to your heart's (okay, to your budget's) content supporting the six hosta vendors who will be selling all kinds of gorgeous plants (Thursday noon to 5:30 and 8:30pm to 11:00pm, Friday 8:00 to 5:00, Saturday 9:00 to 4:00) and you can even
3. get a bidding number and take part in an entertaining live auction on Friday evening (7:15 to 9:30).



If you've never entered a hosta leaf show (like at the county fair), you can learn the fine points of what championship leaves look like. Even if your budget is zero :-( you can table-shop and start or add to your wish list for future purchases and you can sit on your hands and watch the bidding at the live auction.

**M**RHS Convention 2012 in July 12-14: more information can be found on the convention website [www.soghs.org/2012mrhsconvention](http://www.soghs.org/2012mrhsconvention)

## Volunteer Opportunity For SOGHS Members for our convention

Listed here find many of the jobs that need filling for the MRH Convention July 12-14. Look here to find just the job for you and call Vickie to get all the details.

**Registration:** This job consists of handing out the name badges and H. "Candy Kisses." What's not to like about giving people a new plant? Makes you a hero without trying. We will have a sheet with name of restaurants in the area, addresses and directions.

### Thursday

- 10:00 - 12:00
- 6:00 - 8:00/9:00

### Friday

- 12:00 - 2:00
- 2:00 - 4:00
- 4:00 - 6:00

### Saturday

- 6:00 to 7:30 AM

**Leaf Cleaning Area** Needed: someone to shuttle the leaves to the Leaf Show area from the leaf cleaning room. Also to make sure there are supplies in the leaf cleaning room. This is a great way to learn about what goes into preparing a leaf for a leaf show. You will meet more Hosta aficionados.

### Thursday

- 8:00 -10:00
- 10:00 - 12:00
- 12:00 - 2:00

### Friday

- 7:00 -10:00

**Leaf Show Room Monitor:** Needed: someone in the leaf room to answer questions. Don't worry about knowing all the answers to the question. Just point them to the Leaf Show Chair or one of the other Chairs.

### Friday

- 3:00 – 5:00 PM

### Saturday

- 9:00 to 12:00
- 12:00- 4:00

Note these times on Saturday are during the bus tour. If you plan on going on the bus tour please do not sign up for these times.

**Auction Friday 7:15 pm– approx.. 9:30** Needed: two people to cashier and two people to run credit cards or debit cards.

- Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

We will also need two people to stand at the door and check for payment from the auction.

- Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

Needed: two people to run Hostas

- Volunteer 1 Hosta Hoarding June

- Volunteer 2

Needed: input the buyers numbers and writing the information down.

- Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

None of the Auction jobs are hard. We just need people willing to help with the second biggest event of the convention after the garden tours.

### AV / Computer Help

One person needed to help with the AV equipment for the Saturday night banquet and the Friday presenters.

- Volunteer 1

### Plant Auction Room Monitor

We need people to just be in the room. You might have to answer some question but again if you don't know the answer don't worry. Direct them to one of the Chair for the event.

- Thursday 2:00 – 5:00

- Friday 12:00 -5:00

### Other Jobs or Needs

Remember we will need treats for "Hostality" that fun place where you meet everyone.

Volunteer to be a host in one of the Hostality Rooms, shifts available

If you have a beautiful Hosta you would like to donate please Call Jean Meyer.

Donate: Items for the raffle, hostality , or auction.

**Or...**

1) Needed: hosta plant donations, hostas preferred. Pot up now or in the next few weeks. Please use soilless mix rather than garden soil. Or purchase a nice specimen to donate. Rare plant material is also desirable.

2) Wed: Needed: a couple of people to lay plastic in the room to prepare for donations.

- Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

3) Thursday evening and Friday Needed: volunteers on to accept, log into the comput-

er, and arrange plant donations.  Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

4) Needed: a volunteer to prepare and make copies of the Auction List of all donations.  Volunteer 1

5) Needed: a couple of volunteers in the room to monitor during the Auction Preview time.  Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

6) Friday Evening/Auction Time: Needed spotters on the floor during the auction,  Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

7) Needed: door checkers during the auction and checkout time.

- Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

8) Cashiers for checking out. It would also be helpful to have a couple of extra people that can help keep track of bids and bidders during the auction.  Volunteer 1

- Volunteer 2  Volunteer 3  Volunteer 4

9) Seminar Room Monitor: help with handouts and act as door monitor

- Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2

10) Raffle Ticket Sales needs to be energetic and fun loving to get people to buy tickets.

- Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2  Volunteer 3  Volunteer 4

11) Transportation Help: someone is needed to haul the trailer with all the leaf show supplies from Minneapolis to Ramada  Volunteer 1

12) Transportation: deliver tour signs to tour gardens and deliver snacks and other supplies.  Volunteer

13) Assist sprucing up our tour gardens  Volunteer 1  Volunteer 2  Volunteer 3  Volunteer 4

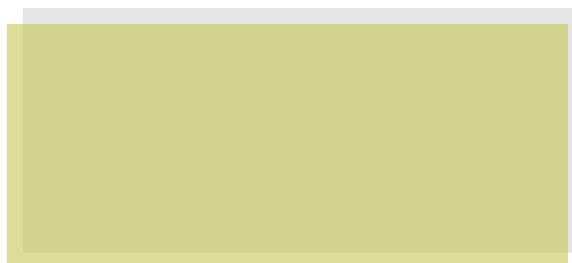
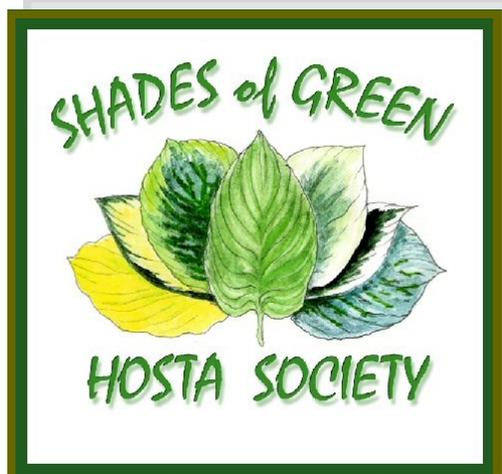
If you do not see something you want to do: e-mail vicklcoq@hotmail.com or phone 507-280-6569. I might have something come up that will fit the time you want to work.

Most of all come and enjoy one of the best Garden events Rochester will ever see.

Green is Great!  
Vickie Le Cocq



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#### *SOGHS 2012 Calendar of Events*

May 1	Public sign-up for June SOGHS bus tour
May 5	Rally Day for the MRHC 1-3 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
May 19	SOGHS Annual Hosta and Shade Plant Sale, Bldg 40, Olmsted County Fairgrounds
May 26	Spring Open House
June 9	SOGHS bus trip
June TBD	Member's only garden tour (5:30 PM - 8:30 PM)
June 13-16	AHS National Convention, Nashville, TN
July 12-14	"Operation Hosta" MRHS Regional Convention, Rochester, MN
July TBD	Member's only garden tour (5:30 PM - 8:30 PM)
July 19	Rochester Flower and Garden Club tours
July 23-29	Olmsted County Fair (don't forget the hosta leaf show!)
September 8	Founder's Day Picnic/Silent Auction
September 25	Executive board meeting
October 4	General meeting open to the public, Thursday, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20th St SW, Rochester, MN
October 30	Executive board meeting
November 8	Member meeting / Year end special event / Board elections, Thursday, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20th St SW, Rochester, MN