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April 2 Meeting Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Featuring **Dr. Bob Olson**
Hunting for Hostas in Japan

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 559 20th ST SW, Rochester

A Species Story:

The Two Faces of *Hosta hypoleuca*,
A Plant With "A Past."

By Dr. Bob Olson, St. Louis Park, Minnesota

The speaker for the April meeting is Minnesota's own Dr. Bob Olson. He is an avid gardener with a special interest in hostas. Joining other plant enthusiasts, he visited Japan to hunt hostas in their native habitat. He will be here to share the adventure of that trip.

The Olson Garden has been on tour for the National Conventions of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and The American Hosta Society. The Garden won the Lehman Trophy in 1992 for the best garden on the Men's Garden Club Tour and in 1990 the Harshbarger Award for the best garden on the American Hosta Society Tour.

Dr. Olson is a past president of The American Hosta Society and of the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and is a life member of both. He is an honorary life member of numerous hostas societies.

Presently Dr. Olson is serving as the editor of *The Hosta Journal*.

Outside of gardening Bob enjoys bicycling, hiking, cross-country skiing and photography.

Dr. Olson is a gastroenterologist now working at Healthpartners Riverside Clinic in Minneapolis. He is a Professor Emeritus of medicine at the University of Minnesota, was Chief of Staff at Regions Hospital and Head of the Gastroenterology Section at Regions County Hospital for 25 years.

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Some of us gardeners roll our eyes when we learn we are about to hear a lecture on species hostas. And for good reason. Sometimes the speaker drones on about things that seem of minimal relevance and minor interest. Despite our best efforts, attention wanes and heads nod. We look upon species lectures as something akin to spinach. A small amount is probably good for you, but you reach the point of diminishing returns quickly. On the other hand, for the hosta glitterati, spinach seems to hold great appeal; species lectures are a delicacy, hosta florentine. Why is this?

Well, there are several reasons. Prime among them may be that we are not familiar with species. They seem to be an acquired taste, like olives or Wagner operas. Few of us grow species hostas, except by accident. (We might have *Hosta plantaginea*, for example, but we didn't know it was a species plant when we got it.) We do not consider species very exciting plants. Rarely are they variegated. They tend to look alike. They're little green plants with strap-like leaves, which tend to get lost when the shrubbery becomes big.

It might be different if there were some story to go with a species plant, to give it a past. I would venture a guess that there is a good story to go with most of the species. Alas, our speakers must have chosen to keep these delicious tales to themselves, for in their talks they focus on scientific facts, such as the color of the anthers or the scapes. Often speakers forget that a large segment of the audience is new to species hostas and hasn't yet acquired a taste for them. Some people never will like olives -or species hostas - and almost no one likes them the first time around.

At times species talks may seem a less-than-spellbinding discourse on very small variations observed in scape colors among plants of the same species, I'll bet the information would be better appreciated if you knew some gossip about the plant first. So, let me start by telling a story about my first encounters with *H. hypoleuca*.

I first saw a specimen of *H. hypoleuca* while on a garden tour in Iowa. It was a good-sized clump with leaves over a foot long. The clump wasn't very tall and the long leaves were drooped over and splayed on the ground. Someone had run a lawnmower over two of the leaves, leaving the specimen looking even more forlorn. I wondered why anyone would grow such a thing. But hosta buffs will glom onto anything that's said to be new.

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In those days there weren't many new plants to choose from. People actually believed they could get them all. *H. hypoleuca* was an undistinguished variety, in my judgment, and I promptly forgot about it.

My next meeting with *H. hypoleuca* was about five years later. I was editor of the Midwest Hosta Society's newsletter, the *Hosta Leaves*, when there was an interesting occurrence at the Midwest's plant auction. Michigan hosta doyen Herb Benedict offered up an unusual plant, and told a fascinating story. The legend was that Jack Craig, an American expatriate plant hunter, was trekking through rural Japan when he came upon a temple surrounded by a stand of hostas in bloom. The flowers were absolutely stunning. He tried to buy a specimen from the monks, but they would not sell. Nonetheless, Jack had to have it, according to Herb, and he returned under cover of darkness and stole one. It became known as 'Craig's Temptation'.

After hearing this yarn the bidders went wild. The plant sold for a princely sum after hotly contested bidding. Naturally I put the story in the *Hosta Leaves*. It got reactions. Quick, angry reactions. Alex Summers called me from Delaware averring that his good friend Jack Craig wouldn't steal anything and where did I get off putting such a canard in a gardening newsletter. Peter Ruh also called, from Ohio. He, too, was a friend of Jack Craig's and read me the Riot Act much as Alex had. This was a bad scene.

All I had done was report on the hosta auction and suddenly two living legends were mad at me. I couldn't see a way out, but my wife could. Karen told me I should ask Jack Craig what really happened and print what he said. This was a good idea, but it was easier said than done.

No one had seen Jack in years. No one seemed to know where he was living. However, the network of friends you make in gardening is a phenomenal resource. My friend Robyn Duback, who lives in the Pacific NW, told me Jack Craig used to correspond with an old-timer out there, Roy Davidson. She gave me Roy's phone number and, after several tries, I finally found him home. Roy said the last time he had heard from Jack was two years earlier, and that was just a Christmas card. But it had a return address: Tambun-Bekasi, a remote spot on the island of Java.

I wrote to Jack Craig at the exotic address and explained my quandary. About three weeks later, a miracle occurred. An envelope covered with Indonesian stamps arrived. In it was a letter from Jack Craig, written on flimsy airmail-type tissue paper. He explained that, after 20 years in Malaya and the Philippines, he had moved on to Indonesia and had lived on Java for the past six years. He no longer went on long plant-seeking forays, but hadn't lost his zest for new and interesting plants, including temperate varieties. He hoped to start a highland garden there in the tropics and, who knew, perhaps it would even sustain some hostas. He thought *H. sieboldiana* the best bet.

Regarding the plant known as 'Craig's Temptation', Jack didn't recall "stealing plants under cover of darkness," but he found it a fascinating tale. He said perhaps someone was thinking of *H. hypoleuca* and how he had searched for that. He then began a fantastic account of his adventure hiking up small mountain paths in search of the fabled giant white-backed hosta. The story was far better than what he wrote when he told the same tale for the *Hosta Bulletin* in 1970. For some raconteurs

the stories get better each year and Jack Craig is one fine raconteur. I published his letter in the *Hosta Leaves* and all was forgiven. I'll never forget his story. Not only was it fascinating, it got me off the hook.

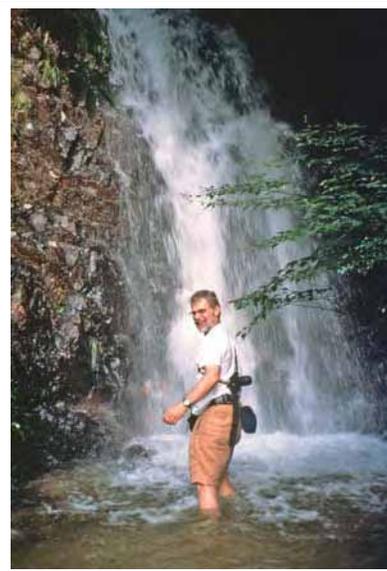
So, in 1995, a group of us from the AHS went to Japan to look for species hostas in the wild and to prowl Japanese nurseries in search of other treasures. I was interested in finding *H. hypoleuca*.

Looking for hostas in Japan is harder than you think. Very few gardeners there have plots large enough to grow big clumps of plants as we do. They are likely to have tiny and compact gardens crowded with container-grown plants. And although most nurseries do carry a few, usually nondescript hostas, those with large selections of interesting cultivars are a rarity.

Fortunately, our group was led by Yoshimichi Hirose, a long-time AHS member with contacts all over Japan.

Arrangements had been made for us to travel by charter bus to secluded spots where species hostas could be found growing wild.

One such journey would take us to the rugged mountains of central Honshu. There we were to climb Mt. Chi Chi Iwa in search of *H. hypoleuca*. Our guide, Mr. Ishiguru, a professional plant hunter assured us we would see *H. hypoleuca* growing out of the mountainside. But, he added, it was unlikely we could obtain specimens. Foraging hikers had decimated the populations close to the trails. He offered to sell us some good-sized plants from stock he had obtained in past years, and he would sell them at a fair price of \$5.00. There are two types of *H.*



hypoleuca. Mr. Ishiguru said he would give us the specimens with the green scapes and white flowers, said to be the prettier of the two. People literally threw \$5.00 bills on the table to reserve their white-flowered *H. hypoleuca*.

The white-flowered type grew at the base of the mountain and in the river valleys below. The second type grew at the very top of Mt. Chi Chi Iwa. It had a dark purple spot at the base of the petioles and at the base of the scapes, and its flower had a tinge of purple to it.

The day after we had purchased our white-flowered *H. hypoleuca* plants, we set off for the top of Mt. Chi Chi Iwa. After an arduous hike that culminated in a climb up an almost vertical stone wall, we did indeed see *H. hypoleuca* in the wild. It was growing out of the sides of this huge edifice, nourished by rivulets of water running down clefts in the sheer rock face. It was spectacular. And, as Mr. Ishiguru said, "it was inaccessible." But in a nimble feat of derring-do, he climbed out on a narrow rock ledge 200 feet above the ground and harvested two specimens. He gave one to me. It had the spot. So, there are two forms of *H. hypoleuca*. The difference is not very great and perhaps only of interest to a handful of scholarly collectors. But, for me, anything about *H. hypoleuca* gets my rapt attention. Stories from Herb Benedict and Jack Craig helped me acquire an interest in it.



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cindy Tomashek



H. by Linda Orleff
Photo for *Best Leaf or Flower*
In a member garden - 2008
And Member's Favorite Photo

By the time you read this it's nearly spring and despite the latest bleak news, I am hopeful that our nation's leaders will get our economy back on track, new jobs will absorb the throngs of newly unemployed and families will be able to stay in their homes. It's a lot to wish for, but optimism has its' perks. It's that same optimism that allows me to focus on the certain wonders of spring, the new hostas that will grace the gardens, and especially the hosta gardeners who have entered my life in the past few years because of a shared passion for hostas. Now there is something to smile about!

Hosta gardeners adore sunshine and shade, dance in the rain, gush over seedlings, and grin at the end of a grueling weeding session. Gardening against the odds, whether it's what Mother Nature throws at them or physical woes that ail them, they share an optimistic strategy: plot for future success (recognize failures of the past and learn from them), harvest the kernels of knowledge and plant them in new rich ground, prepare to work hard, store up everything good and share with neighbors.

Speaking of sharing, your Executive Board discussed venues that could be user-friendly avenues to communicate with other SOGHS members to trade plants, share ideas, and make plans to car pool or share a hotel room at a convention. Our "trade sheet" venture was mostly a failure, but we learned that members would like help connecting when they have plants (or other garden-related items) to share or plants they'd like to acquire. To that end, we are investigating a couple of possibilities and hope to develop either a "member-only" forum on our web site or another web-based venue. We're currently giving Facebook a trial run. Thanks to

Gerry Meyer, who has set up an 'SOGHS Group' in Facebook, so check it out! At the April meeting I'll be asking for input about the venue you prefer to use, so give it some thought.

There's a lot of good in store, despite the headlines. Meet me at Old Country Buffet (T. J. Maxx Plaza, Rochester, MN) to share garden pictures, specialty catalogs, and hosta fellowship over a piping hot breakfast from the vast array of goodies (breakfast on your dime...yeah...used to be nickel!), Saturday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. ***New members this informal gathering to learn about specialty hosta mail order vendors and meet other members.***

We have a unique opportunity to hear Dr. Robert Olson, Editor of The Hosta Journal, at our April 2 general meeting. Plus, there is still room to sign up for the road-trip to Bloomington on Saturday, April 4, to attend Mark Zilis' talk and book-signing. Come on – get in on the excitement!

SOGHS strives to return maximum value for your membership support. Are we meeting your expectations? If you have ideas or suggestions, send them my way! I also want to hear about areas that need improvement. Your thoughtful, constructive criticism is most welcome.

Growing for you (and hoping that hard work in the garden this year will take it all off ☺!),

Cindy



H. 'One Man's Treasure'

Hosta in Member's Own Garden
Photo by Pat Heck



Winner 2008 Hosta Companions

Photo by Linda Orleff



ANNUAL PLANT SALE

**OLMSTED COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS HORTICULTURE BUILDING
SALE SATURDAY MAY 30**

(SET-UP MAY 29)

Jason Leigh, chair

As the days start to lengthen and the sun starts to feel warm again, true gardeners and Hosta lovers long for the touch and smell of some good old dirt! As your gardening senses start to perk up, I ask you to start thinking about the annual Hosta Sale. The Hosta Sale is the major yearly fundraiser for Shades of Green Hosta Society, and it allows us to support our mission by providing education, guest speakers, scholarships to horticulture students, sponsoring AHS memberships, awards at the County Fair, and Hosta Plants of the Year to our members. It is an event that takes great cooperation and teamwork from our member. With that teamwork we are greatly rewarded by the excitement and satisfaction shown by our customers at the sale.

The 2009 Hosta Sale will be Saturday May 30th from 8am-Noon at the Olmsted County Fairgrounds in the Horticulture Building.

The set-up day is the time for members to bring in plant donations and for a crew of volunteers to price plants, arrange plants on tables and get all prepared so we can open the doors and start selling at 8 am sharp the next morning.

We accept any and all Hosta varieties, as well as, any and all companion perennial plants. Plants should be potted in an appropriate container which provides ample room for the roots, and all plants should appear vigorous and healthy. Please do not bring in plants of questionable health because we want our customers to know they are receiving quality plant material. Quality plants that grow well in your own yard will keep customers coming back each year.

Please clean/sterilize any containers and tools when potting plant donations. This helps to deter the spread of any disease from plant to plant which may affect the quality of our sale items. An easy way to prevent contamination is to clean pots an bleach solution.

Again, we will have several locations available for members to pick-up potting soil and pots for Hosta Sale donations. The locations will be available at the April meeting and check the website.



Other things to donate:

Besides plant donations, the Hosta Sale depends on many other donations.

Plastic mini-blinds that are used for plant labels and pricing are always welcome. We cut them into 8" strips that slide easily into containers for easy identification of plant type and cost.

Cardboard boxes and flats are also greatly appreciated to help our customers carry their purchases out to the car.



Wagons - a wagon donation for the day helps us transport heavy loads to customer's cars. A sign of a successful sale is wagons that are busy and full!

Finally our biggest need for the Hosta Sale is **your time**. We have many areas that need volunteers to help our sale run smoothly. The sale seems to go better every year with the great volunteer effort our members provide.

Areas to volunteer in are:

- plant rescue**, which includes helping to dig plants from donor's yards as well as helping to transport potted plants from a donor's house to the plant sale
- sale set-up** including plant pricing and signage and staging in hosta and companion plant area,
- potluck/food** for set-up day and sale day
- people for sale day** including cashiers, holding area, and customer service, wagon crew, and members walking around the sale helping customers with questions and finding certain plant varieties.

So as you can see, many spokes are needed to make the wheel turn smooth! Sign-up sheets will be available at our next meeting on April 2nd. Please take some time now to choose an area you would enjoy helping out with.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Hosta Sale please feel free to contact any of the following:

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THE BUS TOUR
SATURDAY
JUNE 6 6:30 AM TO 6:30 PM

**CAN YOU
CHAIR THE
TOURS
COMMITTEE?**

The "Three Stops, Shop and Tour" Bus Tour is planned for June 6. Some great gardens are scheduled to be visited on this trip to Wisconsin.

Destination #1 The Halfen Garden Center
Located near Chippewa, Falls WI

- Featuring a Touring and shopping experience
- Over 500 varieties of Hostas (Largest selection in Chippewa Valley area)
- Annuals, vegetables, and herbs
- 300 perennials, many shade tolerant plants
- Houseplants, including tropicals and cacti
- Many gardening accessories
- <http://www.halfengardencenter.com>

Destination #2 Lynn Nehring Gardens
Picnic in the Shade stop
Located near Colfax, WI

- Featuring 130 varieties of hosta and over 1450 total hostas on the property
- Abundance of other perennials including many shade lovers
- Gardens are divided by walking paths and lawn
- We will have lunch in Lynn's beautiful yard. There will be some seating available, but picnic blankets are suggested.

Destination #3 Witt's Hosta Garden
Eau Claire WI

- A stop and shop experience
- Over 1400 varieties of hosta
- An oak woods on 5 acres features many paths that lead to Garden Rooms
- While hostas dominate, they are complemented with a large variety of perennials such as ferns, astilbes, heuchera, pulmonaria, brunnera, lilies and others.
- Accented with annuals, oriental statuary and water features



H. 'Paradigm'

Runner-up 2008
Best leaf or flower in
member garden

photo by Karen Nolte

These tours are always great fun. You will visit some unique gardens and have 2! opportunities to shop. Bring a water bottle. Snacks will be provided. Bring your own lunch if not purchasing the box lunch.

Sign up now to reserve a spot

- June 6th 6:30 a.m.– 6:30 p.m.
- Cost \$30
- \$35.00 cost for non members
- Cost of optional box lunch
- Leaving from Wal-Mart North Parking lot
- Registration is non-refundable

Sign up by sending name, address, phone and email with check to:
Cindy Tomashek
1288 Wicklow LN SW
Rochester MN 55902

Include whether you are also signing up for a box lunch.

NEEDED
A volunteer to chair the Tours Committee is needed. Please contact Cindy Tomashek if you are interested in helping out.
There are some great members signed up to help with this committee.



H. 'Blue Jay' and H. 'Remember Me'
2008 Runner up "Just for Fun" by Jane Yunginger



3RD ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST 2009

Categories

- ❖ Most Beautiful Hosta—in member's own garden
- ❖ Most Beautiful Hosta—in tour & other gardens
- ❖ Gardens & Landscapes
- ❖ Flowers & Foliage
- ❖ Garden Accents & Oddities
- ❖ Critters and Creatures

Judging Criteria: Impact, Creativity, Composition, Originality, Technical Quality, Humor

Entries: Each photo submitted must include:

- ❖ **Member's name**
- ❖ **Category**
- ❖ **Title of the picture**
- ❖ **Name of hosta(s) included in the photo**
- ❖ **Location of the photo**

The photo can only be entered into one category. Members may submit up to five (5) photos in each category.

Judging:

The winners will be selected by the SOGHS membership at the February 2010 general meeting. The photos will be viewed as a slideshow and members will have ballots to choose a winner in each group as well as a grand prize winner. Winning entries will be posted on the website and in the newsletter. The Photo Contest Committee may eliminate categories with few entries, separate categories with a large number of entries, or pre-select photos to fit in the time frame available at the general meeting, as needed.

Rules:

1. This contest is open to members of SOGHS only.
2. **Each picture submitted must include an identified hosta.**
3. The photo must be taken by the person submitting it. (You cannot submit photos taken by another person.)
4. Photos must be taken in the 2009 calendar year.
5. Cropping of photos is allowed but photos submitted cannot be otherwise digitally edited or retouched. You can set the scene for your hosta photo—it does not have to be spontaneous.
6. All photos submitted become the property of SOGHS and will not be returned. Copyright of the image remains the property of the photographer, but SOGHS retains the right to use the photo for SOGHS meetings and promotional materials.
7. Photos that do not comply with category criteria will be eliminated.
8. All entries must be received by December 31, 2009 at midnight.

To enter:

Send your pictures digitally as a .jpg, .btm or .tiff file with 300 dpi resolution or better, if possible, by email to: linda@orleff.com or send printed photos or CDs to:

Linda Orleff
2116 8th AV NE,
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Questions? Call Linda at 282-0243



2008 Runner up in Hosta Grouping Photo by Suzy Olsen



Winner 2008 Best Hosta Grouping Photo by Linda Orleff

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You are invited to a night set aside for garden clubs to preview the greenhouses and view the new plant offerings and their inventory of plants for 2009. Refreshments will be served and they will have drawings for door prizes.

The objective is to view plant varieties available and get ideas to help with gardening plans. Purchasing plants is an option, of course!

Karen Nolte reports: this is a fabulous place to find a big variety of garden ready plants in the spring! Their prices are always so reasonable and the selection so large! (Last year I counted about 20 + varieties of Marigolds alone!)



H. 'Great Expectations'
2008 Runner up Most Beautiful Hosta in Member's own Garden
Photo by Mona Keehn

meeting notice

Mark Zilis will be speaking April 4, 2:00 pm at the Bloomington Sheraton, Bloomington MN.

The Minnesota Hosta Society is sponsoring the meeting. Cost will be \$8.00. Mark is a very knowledgeable and engaging speaker.

If you would like to attend this meeting contact Cindy Tomashek.

prestonplants@aol.com or 289-2614

Seating is limited so reserve early.

H. 'Ice Age Trail'

Winner
2008 'Just for Fun'

Photo by
Linda
Orleff



New Hosta Book

The much awaited new hosta book by Mark R. Zilis is going to print and will soon be available. This comprehensive book covers every hosta Mark has observed here in the US as well as collections and native plants in Japan.

The Hostapedia By Mark Zilis, 2009

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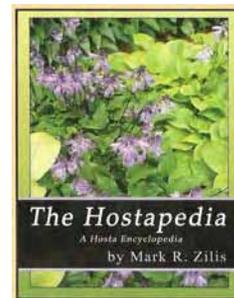
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A GARDEN IS A GARDEN IS A GARDEN ...

BY JEANNE TRUESTEDT

Naming one's garden is not an easy task. How does one find just the right flavor to express all the nuances, characteristics, and challenges encountered within the linguistic confines of a few syllables of English? So much time, effort, and money is spent within our garden borders so that our deepest feelings, frustrations, and dreams of the future are forged there and held deeply within us. And so we seek personal expression for those feelings in picking the perfect name.

From everyday usage we know that not all names are created equal. Even though a ravine is a gulch, we seek to romanticize it. We use words like valley, vale, slope, or canyon if at all possible. Bramble Bluffs certainly sounds better than Thistle Patch. We rely on a little artistic license to soften reality just a bit. Of course, should we reach for too lofty a name we may encounter open skepticism over our presumption. As the old saying goes, 'One can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear'. A 4 foot by 4 foot raised bed may be 'Green Acres' to you -- but it won't fly with your neighbors in a reality check.

If one is unable to come up with an elegant sounding moniker, humor may be another option. For example, unable to truthfully proclaim your space the 'Garden of Eden', a tongue in cheek 'Garden of Weedin' might be more apropos. A patio garden made up of a collection potted plants could be called 'The Pot Hole'. If you're unable to impress, go for humor and the chuckle factor.

Of course there are a few gardens worthy of magnificent nomenclature. Any name ending in estate, wood,

or acres probably fits that bill. In this case, size matters with regard to land mass, species numbers, and garden staff. Winterthur and Longwood Gardens in Delaware come to mind as prime examples of grand gardens on a grand scale. These are the types of gardens that find themselves listed on the National Trust with endowments to maintain them.

Hosta gardens are a challenge because they are all about greens, leaves, and shade. Adding a dollop of cleverness to the name will make it memorable. For example, the fact I live in Minnesota where snow is the only thing that grows in winter made my southern friends call this the 'Truestedt Tundra'. In summer they refer to it as 'Nomad's Land' because we travel so much and no one is watching over it. It's also been called 'Jeanne's Jardin', 'the Rockery', and other descriptive names as it evolved into different strokes for different folks as they are attracted to its many quirks.

In the greater scheme of things garden names are not really matters of life and death. Yet after our car accident and the resulting years of therapy, the garden became my Saving Grace. Three years later, already larger than planned, it grew out of its defined borders even more By God's Grace and a disastrous windstorm. And now, eighteen years after the accident, I look out on the land that has been leased to me for a short space of time and see bright blossoms of hope, healthy leaves of healing, and an incredible beauty that can only be thought of as Amazing Grace –

even if it does need weeding!



H.
Runner up 2008 Most beautiful hosta
in tour or other garden.
Photo by Linda Orleff



H.
Runner up 2008 Companion Plants
Photo by Jan Gerke



H. 'Ivory Coast'
Winner 2008 Most beautiful hosta in
a tour or other garden by Karen Noltee

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2009 Calendar

April 2	6:30 pm General Meeting/Program Good Shepherd Church 559 20 th ST SW, Rochester MN
April 4	MN Hosta Society Meeting with Mark Zillis speaking Bloomington Sheraton, Minneapolis
April 25	2010 and 2012 Conventions - Planning Meeting
May 1	Public sign up for June 7 bus tour if not filled
May 21	Members Only Garden Tour
May	Rochester Garden Club Plant Sale
May 29	2 pm-7pm Set up for SOGHS annual Plant Sale
May 30	8 am – noon SOGHS Annual Plant Sale Bldg 40, Olmsted County Fair Grounds
June 6	The Bus Trip
June 11-13	Midwest Regional Convention, Champaign, IL
June 18	Members only Garden Tour
June 24-27	National Hosta Convention, Lansing MI
July 11-12	Leaf Show, Tentative
July 16	Rochester Garden and Flower Club Tour
July 21	SOGHS exec Board Meeting
July 23	Member Garden Tour
July 25	10 am 2010 and 2012 Conventions Planning Meeting
Jul 27-Aug 9	Olmsted County Fair – Hosta leaf Exhibition
Aug 6	Members Only Garden Tour
Sep 12	Founder's Day Potluck, and Silent Auction, Tomashek Farm 21587 Hwy 52, Preston MN
Oct 1	Member meeting, Year End Special Event 6:30 pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rochester
Oct 24	10 am 2010 and 2012 Conventions Planning Meeting
Nov 17	6:30 pm SOGHS Exec Board Meeting- Budget requests due
Dec 14	Executive Board Year End Reports Due

Other Important Hosta Memberships

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3 yrs, Ind/\$80.

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