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Getting ready for 2009

There are hosta seeds chilling in the fridge as I await a shipment of milled sphagnum moss that should arrive today. And there's a dog-eared 2009 hosta catalog on my desk. Plus I just watched the promotional video for the 2009 AHS National Convention in Lansing, Michigan, on the AHS web site, www.hosta.org. There's nothing like a good dose of hosta humor laced with gorgeous pictures when the snow is piling up outside.

Use your gardening "down time" wisely. Winter is a great time to assess what worked and what didn't in your gardens. Jot down ideas for plant combinations you liked in the gardens we visited this year, draw plans for a new bed, and freshen up your wish list (then make sure it gets into the hands of someone who can fill it!).

My own garden needs to be thinned before much can be added and most of the excess will be earmarked for our plant sale in May. There are small plants to be rescued from the canopies of larger ones and countless other tasks awaiting me come spring...which I will tackle with glee and sore muscles.

It's exciting to look ahead to 2009, though when I reflect on our 2008 activities and accomplishments it seems like a tough act to follow. Nonetheless, hold onto your hostas because 2009 is shaping up to be hostalicious!

Our calendar of events is packed with great opportunities and stellar speakers. In order to take full advantage of our activities and continue receiving this newsletter, your membership has to be current.

At our February Annual Meeting *members* will receive a complimentary copy of Iowa State University's publication, Hosta Diseases and Pests, a handy reference to help you determine what's bugging your hostas.

We will also begin taking orders for Plant of the Year – a *members-only* fundraiser.

A special event featuring Mark Zilis (hosted by the MN Hosta Society and open to NWHHS and SOGHS *members*) may have participation limits requiring advance sign-up due to room capacity at the Sheraton. Some details remain to be worked out, but my guess is there will be a packed house!

Let SOGHS help you grow as a gardener and get in on the excitement – membership forms are available at our web site, www.soghs.org. The fun begins in February – hope to see you then!

Cindy



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cindy Tomashek





Coffee 'n Catalogues

March 14th

8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Old Country Buffet in Barclay Square, Rochester MN

Let's have coffee!

Let's kick the winter blues and start talking hostas.

**Bring your catalogues, your gardening ideas and your hosta hot list
and any interesting news.**

Great breakfast buffet , also.



PROGRAM NOTES - 2 Exceptional Speakers for February

Feb 5 and Feb 8

Get rid of winter doldrums, ramp up gardening plans with new strategies



Mark Dwyer

FEB 5 6:30 pm

Ferns and Moss in the Shady Garden

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
559 20th ST SW, Rochester MN**

Mark has been the Director of Horticulture at Rotary Gardens (Janesville, WI) for 10 years. He is responsible for managing and directing the continued development and improvement of this 20 acre botanic garden with the help of dedicated grounds staff and many wonderful volunteers.

Mark came to Rotary Gardens from Fernwood Botanic Garden (Niles, MI) and has experience as a landscape designer.

He has a bachelors degree in Landscape Architecture (University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana) and masters degree in Urban Forestry (University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point).

Mark lives a vegan lifestyle in Janesville, WI with his wife, two daughters and many animals.



Special Program with **MIKE SHADRACK**

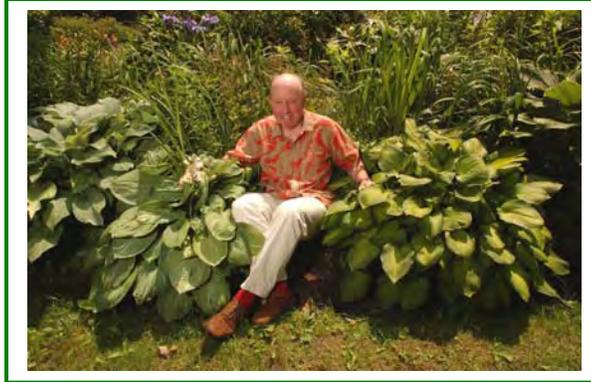
Sunday, February 8

2:00 p.m. Rochester Public Library 101 2nd ST SE

British Horticulture Speaker & Photographer -

Looking to lighten up these dark cold winter days? Be sure to attend this very special extra program from SOGHS.

Attendees at the national conventions will attest to the humor and dynamic qualities Mike brings to the podium and auction. His lively presentation with lots of wit and wisdom is appreciated by all.



Another hobby, photography, has led to a library of about 4500 slides of hosta varieties and hosta gardens, many of which have been published in UK and USA catalogues and magazines. In addition, he supplied the illustrations for the Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley handbook 'Hostas'.

He has been a member of the American Hosta Society since 1992 and is currently Vice-President Publications. He has also been a member of the British Hosta & Hemerocallis Society for twenty-two years, is former Chairman and currently their executive Bulletin Editor. He has been growing hostas since 1986 and has been trying to hybridize almost as long.

He came to hostas through his other hobby, fish-keeping, when the beauty of hostas reflected in the garden pond was drawn to his attention in a TV gardening program. He now has many more hostas than fish and now gardens in Western New York where with his wife Kathy he maintains a large collection of modern cultivars and a garden devoted to small hostas.

In 1996, Mike retired from London's Metropolitan Police after thirty-two years service and has rarely sat down since. As a police officer he served in many parts of London including Soho, (the seediest part of the West End), Whitechapel, (the seediest part of the East End) and at Scotland Yard where he was responsible for Public Order and Ceremonial planning.

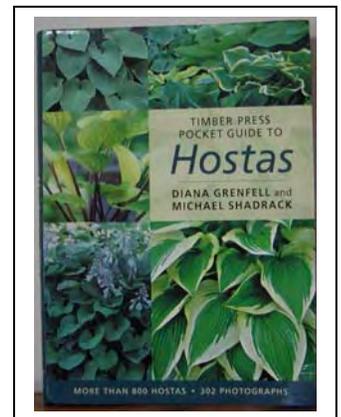
He is also a qualified London Tourist Board Guide and organizes garden tours both in England and specialized hosta tours in the US.

He is co-author with Diana Grenfell and photographer of the book, "The Color Encyclopedia of Hostas, (ISBN 0-88192-618-3) released by Timber Press in April, 2004. The book was named the '2005 Reference Book of the Year' by the British Garden Writers Guild.

A second edition of "The Color Encyclopedia" is in production.

The sequel to that book, "The Timber Press Pocket Guide to Hostas," was released in September, 2007.

In addition, a French hosta book, "Les Hostas" was published in early 2007 with Mike as photographer and co-author.



Mike will be speaking on

Little Wonders –

the charm of dwarf and mini hostas –
an exploration of growing the smallest hostas --
special cultural needs, container growing and --
selections.

Winter Scientific Meeting, Schaumburg, IL Sponsored by Midwest Regional Hosta Society

by Jean Meyer

(This article is based on a talk given by Mark Zilis at the Midwest Winter Scientific meeting.)

Mark Zilis: *Patented Hostas*

from the gardener's and nurseryman's viewpoint

Why are hostas patented? Are they hostas of distinction? Are they truly unique? What does that PPAF or PP number mean for the consumer? For the nurseryman?

Plant patents have become more popular in recent years for plant developers and breeders. Many thought it would protect their time and investment in developing new plants. Gardeners, who like to propagate and share or fill plant sales, and small retailers were less approving of the patent process due to the limits on propagating and resale. Some gardeners thought the patent suggested a superior plant and liked the "stamp of approval". The reality is more complicated.

Plant patents are issued by the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The patent grants property rights to the inventor. The USPTO web site reads "the right conferred by the patent grant is, in the language of the statute and of the grant itself, "the right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling" the invention in the United States or "importing" the invention into the United States. What is granted is *not* the right to make, use, offer for sale, sell or import, but *the right to exclude* others from making, using, offering for sale, selling or importing the invention. Once a patent is issued, the patentee must enforce the patent without aid of the USPTO."

(<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/whatis.htm>)

A patent is in effect 20 years from the date of application. The patent allows licensing agreements between the patent holder and others allowing for the collection of a royalty for each plant sold, usually between \$.05 and \$.50. The royalty trend has been downward with \$.10 being more common now.

While this looks good for the inventor there are drawbacks. The process is time consuming and can be expensive. The rules are detailed. The patent gives no protection in foreign markets. Patent attorneys are recommended. The cost can run \$3,000.- \$5,000. The patent holder is responsible for enforcement of the patent which may entail more cost. A lot of plants would have to be sold just to recoup the patenting cost.

How do you get a patent? First you must find or develop a distinct and new hosta in a cultivated setting which may be a sport, mutation, hybrid, seedling, etc.

The new plant must have at least one distinguishing characteristic that is not caused by growth or fertility conditions.

Second, you must be able to reproduce the plant asexually. The purpose of the asexual reproduction is to prove stability and that the distinguishing characteristics remain.

The inventor is the one who discovers the plant and asexually reproduces the plant. The assignee is the entity that is the recipient of the patent from the inventor(s).

The application must include the following information (and more) in a recommended format.

Source:

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/index.html#patent



H. Prairie Sky' PP17,039
Photo from www.Shadyoaks.com

1. The inventor(s) and assignees must be stated.
2. Title of Invention
3. Cross reference to related applications
4. Statement regarding Federally sponsored research
5. Latin name of genus and species
6. Variety denomination
7. Abstract – brief description of plant and most distinguishing characteristics
8. Claim – single sentence in formal terms for plant as describing why it should be patented.
9. Background of invention- where found or how invented, how asexual reproduced. Describe relevant prior information such as parents of the plant with their distinguishing characteristics, how this plant is different, how plant was obtained, and statement of stability of characteristics.
10. Summary of invention to include major characteristics of plant, list of novel characteristics, how plant is different from others, *identify other similar plants and describe how this plant is different from them*
11. Description and details of photographs of plant and plant parts that are included (and required)
12. Detailed botanical description of plant, with specs of genus, species and market class, parents, growth habit, characteristics in dormancy, description of *all* plant parts, characteristics which can not be shown or easily described, such as fragrance, vigor, etc., should be substantively described.

This summary section should be botanical in nature and sufficient detail to prevent others from attempting to patent same plant at later date

13. Photographs of plant and plant parts

Plant Patents cont.

The application will be reviewed for completeness of application and of the botanical description, novelty of the claimed plant, and “obviousness”. It is up to the inventor to compare it to the most similar plant and to distinguish the plant from similar plants in the application. Exactly how well the examiners decide on the novelty and obviousness of the distinguishing characteristics is not clear.

The consumer will also see ‘Patent Pending’ or ‘Patent Applied For’ declarations. These are used by some to give notice that a patent has been applied for. It doesn’t guarantee that a patent will be received.

From the business point of view and given the expense and time for patenting, you would want to make sure you have a truly unique plant, a complete application to expedite the process, and a great marketing plan.

If the plant is a naturally occurring sport it may be appearing in other places also. Inventors may run into competition with similar or identical plants being found elsewhere. These plants could be named something else and entering the market at the same time.

This is a problem for the consumer and patent holder. These unpatented plants can more quickly flood the market. This could reduce the value of the patented plant. Many gardeners have what appear to be identical or near identical plants with different names which brings confusion to the market, the gardener and hosta circles.

Consumers should be aware that the plant patent does not necessarily guarantee that the plant is absolutely unique from everything else on the market.

Furthermore, the patent does not address the garden worthiness of the plant or suggest that it is an improvement over other or similar hostas. Personal observation and recommendations of specific hostas grown in your area is still your best guide.

The patenting application does give us a lot of helpful information on the plant, however. Parentage, similar hostas and distinguishing characteristics are found in the descriptions. Information on how the plant differs from similar hostas is included.

Be a little wary though. Some parentage information may not be entirely correct or may be educated guesses. This information has gotten more reliable in recent years, especially for sports and known crosses.



H. ‘Neptune’ PPAF
Photo from www.Shadyoaks.com



H. ‘Liberty’ PP12,531
Photo from www.Shadyoaks.com



H. ‘Ivory Coast’
Photo by Jean Meyer



H. ‘Paradise Power’ PP12,119
Photo by Jean Meyer

At least 20 different “inventors” have sought patents and at least 6 of the patents had assignees other than the inventor. For instance, Hans Hansen was the inventor for at least 14 of the patents but the assignee was Shady Oaks. This difference is due to the technical definition of these terms and to “ownership of invention policy” in the workplace environment.

51 hostas have been patented since 1976. 47 of 51 hostas have been patented in the last 10 years. This growing trend has been negatively received until recently. Gardeners have been accustomed to dividing plants as a natural right. We are starting to accept that those that spend the time and money developing new plants might be entitled to some protection for their work. It is more of a problem when we want to propagate plants for club or personal sales and we should be aware of patent patents as we do this.

44 of 51 of the patents are sports. Hostas ‘El Nino’, ‘Solar Flare’, ‘White Triumphator’, ‘Lonesome Dove’, ‘Prairie Sky’, and ‘Mourning Dove’ are from selected crosses.

Hosta ‘Royal Standard’ was the first hosta patented on Jan 19, 1965 and is now expired. The patent was never really enforced.

H. ‘Solar Flare’, by Henry Ross, was a later patent. It was much more strictly controlled and the plant harder to find in the market. This patent expired in 2008.

All types of plant patents are on the rise. Plant developers, like all inventors, will want to reap the reward for their work. Given the time and cost of developing new plants this is only common sense. Also, Some patent holders may just want the pride of having a patent for an invention of their own.

Gardeners can view patented plants as a specimens that were considered worthy enough by the inventor to spend money, time and effort to obtain the patent. Whether it will actually be a great garden hosta and truly unique is not answered by the patent alone.

Below are some other addresses of interest:
The web site for the US patent office:

<http://www.uspto.gov/>

Search the patent or application database

<http://patft.uspto.gov/>

A list of Patented Hostas since 1976

Patent #	exp. Date	Hosta	
1	PP19,647	12-28-2027	<u>Hosta plant named `Roy Klehm`</u>
2	PP19,623	3-12-2027	<u>Hosta plant named `Blue Ivory`</u>
3	PP19,565	7-30-2027	<u>Hosta plant named `Singing in the Rain`</u>
4	PP19,539	2-9-2027	<u>Hosta plant named `Little Jay`</u>
5	PP19,508	1-31-2028	<u>Hosta plant named `Fragrant Queen`</u>
6	PP19,507	1-31-2028	<u>Hosta plant named `Secret Ambition`</u>
7	PP19,003	3-20-2027	<u>Hosta plant named `Great Escape`</u>
8	PP18,466	8-15-2026	<u>Hosta plant named `Eye Declare`</u>
9	PP18,371	3-23-2026	<u>Hosta plant named `Beckoning`</u>
10	PP18,318	5-30-2026	<u>Hosta plant named `Pineapple Punch`</u>
11	PP18,061	1-17-2026	<u>Hosta plant named `Stitch in Time`</u>
12	PP17,644	10-13-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Forest Fire`</u>
13	PP17,524	8-15-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Magic Fire`</u>
14	PP17,441	4-26-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `American Icon`</u>
15	PP17,313	9-6-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `High Society`</u>
16	PP17,311	9-20-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Mourning Dove`</u>
17	PP17,309	9-20-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Prairie Sky`</u>
18	PP17,296	10-6-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Hollywood Lights`</u>
19	PP17,295	9-14-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Cathedral Windows`</u>
20	PP17,294	10-6-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Lonesome Dove`</u>
21	PP17,279	9-12-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Clifford's Stingray`</u>
22	PP17,251	9-25-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Rainbow's End`</u>
23	PP17,093	4-6-2025	<u>Hosta plant named `Atlantis`</u>
24	PP17,044	5-20-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `Independence`</u>
25	PP16,895	4-6-2025	<u>Hosta plant names `Journey's End`</u>
26	PP16,742	12-3-2023	<u>Hosta plant named `Orange Marmalade`</u>
27	PP16,435	12-8-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `Time Tunnel`</u>
28	PP16,290	5-20-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `Eskimo Pie`</u>
29	PP16,217	11-23-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `Hanky Panky`</u>
30	PP16,062	12-12-2023	<u>Hosta plant named `Fireworks`</u>
31	PP15,977	5-2-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `Dancing in the Rain`</u>
32	PP15,961	3-25-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `Grand marquee`</u>
33	PP15,591	1-20-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `Lady Guineverre`</u>
34	PP15,340	2-2-2024	<u>Hosta plant named `June Fever`</u>
35	PP14,632	12-6-2022	<u>Hosta plant named `El Nino`</u>
36	PP14,232	10-29-2021	<u>Hosta plant named `Thunderbolt`</u>
37	PP14,040	10-14-2017	<u>Hosta plant named `Twilight`</u>
38	PP13,080	12-3-2019	<u>Hosta plant named `Touch of Class`</u>
39	PP12,663	8-22-2020	<u>Hosta plant named `Karin`</u>
40	PP12,662	8-22-2020	<u>Hosta plant named `White Triumphator`</u>
41	PP12,531	11-17-2019	<u>Hosta plant named `Liberty`</u>
42	PP12,503	12-3-2019	<u>Hosta plant named `Old Glory`</u>
43	PP12,402	12-3-2019	<u>Hosta plant named `Titanic`</u>
44	PP12,119	8-22-2020	<u>Hosta plant named `Paradise Joyce`</u>
45	PP12,117	8-22-2020	<u>Hosta plant named `Paradise Power`</u>
46	PP11,603	12-28-2018	<u>Hosta plant named `Tattoo`</u>
47	PP11,286	5-11-2018	<u>Hosta plant named `Aristocrat`</u>
48	PP10,661	8-29-2017	<u>Hosta plant named `Anne`</u>
49	PP8,016	8-24-2010	<u>Hosta plantaginea -- "Gold Margin" variety</u>
50	PP8,015	6-19-2010	<u>Hosta plantaginea -- "White Margin" variety</u>
51	PP7,046	11-25-2008	<u>Hosta plant Solar Flare</u>

Mark Zilis has spoken at the Winter Scientific for a number of years. His talk is on *Hostas of Distinction*. Below is a brief summary of his choices for hostas of distinction. Last year he mixed it up a bit and talked about some of the newer hybridizers and the distinctive hostas they are bringing to the market.

2000 H. *sieboldiana* 'Elegans'

2001 H. 'Sum and Substance'

2002 H. 'Halcyon'

2003 H. *plantaginea*

2004 H. *pycnophylla*

2005 H. 'Golden Tiara'

2006 H. 'Praying Hands'

2007 H. *rectifolia* in Japan: Tachi Giboshi
Sometimes seen under Trade Name Silver Star

2008 some new Hybridizers of Distinction
Watch for their introductions

1. Don Dean Ramsey MN
H. 'Silver Bay', H. 'Woodland Elf'

2. Randy Goodwin
H. 'Splashed Leather' H. 'Rhino'

3. Olga Petryszyn IN
H. 'Key West' H. 'Hoosier Dome'

4. Don and Bev Stegman
H. 'Midnight Oil'

5. Bob Balitewicz
H. 'Star Wars' and big hostas

6. Brian and Virginia Skaggs
H. 'Empress Wu'

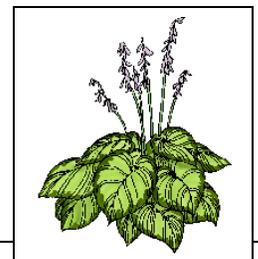
7. Steve Schulte Foxfire Gardens, WI
Foxfire series e.g. H. 'Foxfire Bamm Bamm'

8. Stuart Asch
H. 'Red Hot Poker'

9. Ron Livingston
H. 'Red Dragon'



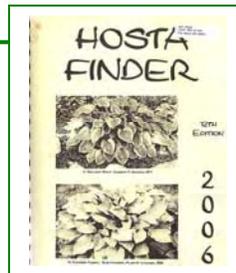
H. 'Praying Hands' by Jean Meyer



SOGHS will offer members a chance to purchase

**THE HOSTA FINDER-
A Reference to Retail Prices and Locations.**

This is a great resource for locating hard-to-find hostas. It also gives an idea of average prices for numerous hostas but be aware that age and size of hosta impacts prices. It gives information on several hosta retailers all over the country with addresses, web addresses, hours of operation and more. This is a great resource for buying or planning places to visit while on vacation...



Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

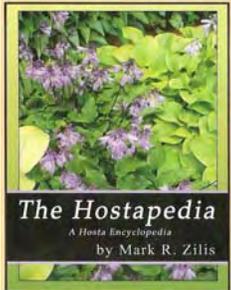
_____ copies at \$16.00 ea Total: _____ (if we get 10 or more orders cost will go down to \$13.)

Check should be made out to: **SOGHS**

**Mail by Feb 15 to: Jean Meyer 10236 95th AV NW Pine Island MN 55963.
Delivery will be to our April general meeting**

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. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss. If you would like to attend this meeting contact Cindy Tomashek. Seating is limited so reserve early. prestonplants@aol.com or 289-2614



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

The most definitive work on hostas in print and a must for every collector, nurseryman and gardener
9x12 Hardcover, 1128 pages, 1900 color photos
Over 7400 hosta descriptions listed A-Z
Complete index of names, Factual and entertaining
Retail price \$79.95

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**Pre-paid order by March 31, 2009 \$71.95
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Available for pick-up at the April 4, 2009 MHS meeting where author will be speaking that day**

Or, let Cindy Tomashek know you are ordering and make arrangements to have Cindy bring it back to Rochester for you.



Order form:
Your name: _____

Address: _____

Email or phone: _____

Number of copies _____ x \$71.95

Total _____

Check payable to: **Mark Zilis**

Send completed order with payment by March 31 to:

Mary Schwartzbauer
17190 Neill Path
Hastings, MN 55033

Phone 651-437-8899



2009 Membership Registration Form

Shades of Green Hosta Society Of Southeast Minnesota, Inc

_____ New Member _____ Renewal Membership

Single Membership

Dual Membership

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell# (optional) _____ Cell# (optional) _____

e-mail: _____ e-mail: _____

Membership Dues - check one (payable by calendar year/not prorated)

Two types of membership available: "Single" or "Dual" (Couple/family)

Membership Type	Dues (check one)		Amount
___ Single Membership	___ 1 yr = \$10	___ 2 Yr = \$20	\$
___ Dual Membership	___ 1 yr = \$15	___ 2 Yr = \$30	\$
___ Name Badge*	___ x \$5.25 each		\$
Total Payment: make check payable to SOGHS			\$

*Name on Name Badge: _____ *Name on Name Badge: _____

(If you would like to order a name badge, or order a replacement, indicate how you would like your name/s engraved and include the fee in your membership dues) Cost is \$5.25 each.

<p>Check a committee /s on which you are willing to serve: Other Memberships (Hosta related only):</p> <p>___ Program & Education</p> <p>___ Membership & Promotions</p> <p>___ Hope Lodge Committee</p> <p>___ Plant Sale, (check) ___ Planning Committee</p> <p>___ Helper</p> <p>___ Hostatality</p> <p>___ Retail Sales</p> <p>___ Volunteer Pool</p>	<p>___ American Hosta Society</p> <p>___ Midwest Regional Hosta Society</p> <p>___ Minnesota State Hosta Society</p>
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Submit form & payment to: Shades of Green Hosta Society

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Date Paid _____ Check # _____

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2009 Calendar

Jan 24	2010 and 2012 Conventions - Planning Meeting
Feb 5	6:30 pm General Meeting with program Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 20 th ST SW, Rochester, MN
Feb 8	Program: Mike Shadrach, 2:00 pm, Rochester Public Library
Feb 17	SOGHS Exec Board Meeting
Mar 14	Coffee and Catalogues, 8:30am -11 am Old Country Buffet
Mar 20-21	Hosta College, Piqua, OH, http://ihostohio.org/Portal/glhc/
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 Zilis 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 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

Midwest Regional Hosta Society

\$20./2yr Send dues to

Peter Postelwaite

2112 Andover Road

Kildeer, IL 60047

1-847-438-7790

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