



SOGHS

Shades of Green
Hosta Society of
Southeast Minnesota



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*Promoting knowledge and interest
in the friendship plant, through
education, outreach, and member
involvement.*

WHO ARE WE?

The Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeast Minnesota, Inc., established in 2005, is a non-profit organization formed to educate members about hosta selection, cultivation and nomenclature, new and improved varieties, uses in the home landscape, and to promote interest in the genus *Hosta*.

Our mission is supported through the publication of a society newsletter, educational programs, garden tours, a web page, and numerous other activities during the year.

QUESTIONS?

Write to: soghscontacts@gmail.com



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SPONSORSHIPS

- Educational speakers
- American Hosta Society (AHS) support, including: Hosta Virus X research, Nematode research, *The Hosta Journal*, and AHS and Midwest Regional Hosta Society (MRHS) membership awards at SOGHS member meetings
- University of Minnesota support, including: Jumping worm research at the Arboretum
- RCTC Horticulture Scholarships (from 2007-2022)
- Hope Lodge garden maintenance
- Olmsted County Fair Horticulture Awards
- 4-H Horticulture Awards
- S.M.A.R.T. Garden Hosta display garden, featuring Minnesota hybridizers/originators and Hosta of the Year selections



MEMBER EVENTS

Spring Hosta Sale

The annual hosta sale is our major fundraiser. Proceeds support educational programs, research related to hostas, and the American Hosta Society's publication, *The Hosta Journal*. This one-of-a-kind shopping experience features many varieties of hostas, plus a special gift to early shoppers.

Bus Tours, Carpools and Educational Trips

The coach bus tour to public and/or private gardens is an annual highlight, offering opportunities to expand our hosta knowledge. Bus tours include stops at specialty nurseries with shopping opportunities, and may be in conjunction with the Rochester Garden and Flower Club and the Olmsted County Master Gardeners. Carpool tours to nurseries and destinations of interest also are available.

Annual Hosta Show

This AHS-accredited event allows members to participate in a variety of divisions, including Cut Leaf entries, Container-Grown Hostas, Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect, Educational Displays, and Artistic Design.



EVENTS *(cont'd)*

Spring Open House

The Spring Open House is held in a member's garden and provides inspiration for the new gardening season.

Member Garden Tours

Member garden tours during the summer provide a glimpse into the unique ways SOGHS members incorporate hostas into their gardens.

Fall Founder's Day Picnic

The fall Founder's Day Picnic is a family event that offers great food, conversation and laughter in a pastoral setting that includes hosta gardens. Live and silent auctions ramp up the excitement.

Member Meetings

Members meet three times a year (usually in February, April, and October). A special educational speaker or panel is followed by a brief business meeting. Fellowship, light refreshments, and door prizes round out the evening.

Special Member-Only Sales

Periodic, special member-only sales offer hostas at discounted prices.

Social Events

Many opportunities are available for members to meet socially, including breakfast or dinner events at a local coffee shop or restaurant.

All events accompanied by friendly, dedicated, and fun-loving hosta enthusiasts

MEMBERSHIP

Individual \$10/yr
Couple/Family \$15/yr

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/ State _____

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