

Show Me Hostas Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Pam Wolkowitz President
Photo by Kelly Hall

Happy New Year to all! I hope that you all had a great Christmas with family and friends.

As I look outside now at the cold, gray, snowy winter, I realize that the only color I see is the green cedars and pines. It's this time of year when we all check our mailboxes daily for that first seed catalog filled with bright colored plants for the spring. Our spirits are lifted and it gives us hope that we will make it until Spring.

We have had a "changing of the guard" so to speak, and the new Board has a lot of new ideas for our club. As you will see on the Calendar, we will be having meetings every month starting in February. There will be the old favorite events, plus we hope to bring you lots of new speakers with information to help you in different aspects of your gardening.

We all enjoy walking through gardens and hope that we will have a lot of you open your garden to us this year. It is a casual time of visiting with friends and walking the garden, seeing a plant we don't have (but now want) and taking home some new idea for our own garden. Big, small, country or county...we love them all. Contact Phyllis Weidman if you're interested.

Enjoy looking over our Club Plant List for 2010. There is something for everyone. We have some great selections. Rick Clarkson has also lined up a special plant from Bob Solberg that is only available to garden clubs, called "Sno Cone".

I'm looking forward to a great year for our club and a great year for gardening.

Pam Wolkowitz

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 21 Annual Potluck Luncheon and Meeting

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

March 21 Meeting and Speaker Jim Hoefener

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

April 18 Vendor Day and Club Plant Pick-up

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

May 16 Leaf Show

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

Early June Work Day at the Missouri Botanical Garden

Date and time yet to be scheduled

June 19 Plant Sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

June 23-26 American Hosta Society National Convention

Bloomington, Minnesota

July 8-10 Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention

Des Moines, Iowa

July 18 Member Plant Auction

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

August 15 Member Bus Tour

TBA

September 19 Meeting with Speaker

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

October 17 Meeting with Speaker

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

November 21 Meeting with Speaker

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

December 5 Holiday Party

1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

FEBRUARY POTLUCK MEETING

Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 PM

At Creve Coeur Government Center 300 N. New Ballas, St Louis 63141 (Ballas Rd. between Ladue Rd. and Olive)

The first Society meeting of 2010 will be the annual Potluck Luncheon at Creve Coeur Government Center. Our Hospitality Chair, Barb Moreland, will supply cold cuts, cheese and bread. Members please bring the following: if your last name begins A-M, side dishes or salads; N-Z desserts. A DVD presentation of the 2010 AHS National Convention to be held in June in Burlington Minnesota will be shown. Bring your Club Plant Order Form. A business meeting and description of some upcoming events will follow the luncheon.

St. Louis Hosta Society Club Plants

Enclosed with this newsletter is the 2010 Club Plant Order Form (see page 5). Listed are twelve selections from Naylor Creek plus one from Green Hill Farms (Bob Solberg). The selections include something for everyone – small, medium, large and VERY large, in combinations of green, blue and gold.

Each year Bob Solberg offers a special new hosta introduction exclusively to hosta clubs for their members. They do not offer it on any of their other wholesale or retail lists meaning that the only way that you can get this hosta is through a local hosta group. This is Green Hill Farms way of supporting local hosta clubs. This year their exclusive club hosta is H. 'Sno Cone'. It is the last selection on the plant order form.

A limited number of plants of each cultivar have been ordered. So order early to ensure the availability of each plant you want. Extra forms will be available at the Potluck meeting. All plants will be given out at the Vendor Day and Club Plant Pick-up on April 18th.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING PLANTS IS FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Please bring your order form and payment to the February 21st meeting or mail to:

Rick Clarkson 14 Hebner Street Alton, IL 62002

2010 Membership Dues are Payable Now

If you receive the newsletter by postal mail, check the two-digit number appearing after your name on the address label of this newsletter. Your membership dues are paid through the end of the year appearing after your name. For example, if '09' appears after your name, your dues are paid through the 2009 year and are now payable for 2010.

If you receive the newsletter by e-mail, check the attachment for a list of all members and the year through which their dues are paid. For example, if '2009' appears after your name in the attachment list, your dues are paid through the 2009 year and are now payable for 2010.

Dues are \$7 annually (individual or family) or \$18 for three years. Make checks payable to SLHS (St. Louis Hosta Society) and bring to the next meeting or send to:

Dave Poos 9904 Crestwood Drive Crestwood MO 63126

Snail Mail or E-mail?

In an effort to bring the newsletter to you sooner, with color hi-lights and pictures, SLHS would like to distribute your newsletter by e-mail instead of regular postal mail. Use of e-mail saves paper and will significantly reduce club printing and mailing costs. At the February 21st meeting, check the **Member List** to verify that both your e-mail address and your postal address are correct.

If you prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail, mark (X) in the box under the 'Don't E-mail Newsletter' column. If you would now prefer an e-mail copy instead of a postal copy make sure your e-mail address is on the **Member List**.

In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened by the death of fellow Society member Jim Durbin. Jim passed away on January 2, 2010. Besides being a hosta enthusiast and lover of gardens, Jim was active, from its beginning, in Gateway Greening. He was instrumental in the building of many of the community gardens in St. Louis. Besides gardening, Jim was quite active, in various capacities, with the Boy Scouts of America. On behalf of the Society, we extend our sympathies to his wife Mary Lu and their family.

St. Louis Hosta Society

SLHS Club Plant Sale – 2010

Name:	Telephone:		
<u>Description</u>	<u>n</u>	Count	Cost
<u>Arctic Blast</u> <m> (Carlson) A hybrid of H. 'Komodo Drago hosta forms a vase-shaped clump with heavily ruffled, thick shady location. Lavender flowers in summer</m>	k leaves with tips that twist. Best grown in a		
Blue Ivory PPAF <m> (Klinkhamer) A sport of H. 'Hales wide creamy-yellow border in spring that later turns to white.</m>			
<u>Cherry Tart</u> <s> (Scheer) A small plant with bright chartred glow yellow. The upright character of the mound shows the leaves brighten. Pale purple flowers in August</s>	ne deep, lipstick red petioles that darken as the		
<u>Chain Lightning</u> <m> (D. & J. Ward) A superb grower with yellow to creamy-white centers. Pale lavender flowers in mid</m>			
<u>Dancing Queen</u> <l> (Terpening) Large mound of pie-crust yellow late in the season. Pale lavender flowers mid-July</l>			
Empress Wu <vl> (Skaggs) A massive (39" high x 66" foliage. The 20" plus long leaf blades have deeply impressivent flowers on 5' scapes in midsummer</vl>	ressed veins and tremendous substance. Pale		
<u>Holy Mouse Ears</u> <s> (Deckert) This sport of H. 'Blue Mosurrounded by a blue-green border that streaks to the center.</s>			
Marilyn Monroe <m> (Hawes) Named because the frilly, scene of Marilyn Monroe standing over the grate. The thick reddish petioles. Purple flowers in September</m>	k, green leaves have an intense white back and		
Pineapple Punch PP#18318 <s m=""> (Walters Gardens) A vishaped leaves with an intensely wavy margin, dark green convince. Lavender flowers in August</s>	enter and creamy-yellow border that later turns		
<u>Prime Meridian</u> <l> (Goodwin) Green leaves with a narr some twisting and folding and display corrugation Pale lave</l>			
Regal Supreme PP19818 <m l=""> (Van den Top) A stunning green leaves have a very wide creamy-white border and are higrown in some morning sun. Lavender flowers in July</m>	elp upright creating a vase-shaped clump Best		
Seducer PPAF <m l=""> (Asch) A showy hosta with large dark border. There is a trace of white between the center and the burgorous grower with near-white flowers in late summer</m>	oorder which develops later in the season. A		
Sno Cone < M> (Solberg 2009) A dark green-margined, white thick leaves emerge bright white, not yellow, and never melt shade. Lavender flowers on white scapes in July	out. Enjoys morning sun but also grows well in		
	TOTAL		

Karen and Santa's helpers



Rick's masterpiece



Tim performing his miracle



What is it Rose?

Hosta Society Holiday Party

The party was planned with great care. Karin Frimel and her committee had festive tablecloths, place settings and holiday decorations at hand. Rick Clarkson had created his usual fantastic centerpieces. The beverages were purchased and chilled. All Santa's helpers waited for the appointed time.

Then H1N1 struck! On Saturday afternoon, our caterer called to say she had been stricken with the dreaded virus and would be unable to supply the food. Was that a scream, a gasp or a moan I heard? Undaunted, Karen and Pam Wolkowitz sprang into action. By chance, Pam had attended a similar party the night before and, impressed by the tasty food, had obtained the caterer's business card.

A frantic call to 'Gas House Grill' got the response "Of course, that's what we do." Sunday at noon, Tim Cancila and helper arrived laden with bowls of salad and pans of delicious chicken and green beans. Dave Poos quickly put together veggie and fruit trays while Karen and Joan Poos put on their baking caps and whipped up cookies, brownies and pies.

Society members soon arrived, filling the room with chatter and laughter. Tim and his staff stayed through the luncheon, filling water glasses, clearing dishes and making sure all were thoroughly stuffed. Following the lunch, a gift swapping game called 'Rob Your Neighbor' was played with many coveted gifts changing hands many times before the end. Everyone wanted that frog! All in all a good time was had.

In case of emergency, make sure Karen and Pam are on your speed dial. Without their quick thinking, our holiday bash would have been a bust. If you are ever in need of a good caterer (hopefully not at the 24th hour) or would like a nice meal, visit

Tim Cancila The Gas House Grill 12643 Olive Blvd Creve Coeur, Mo 63141 (314) 542-5000

Over the river and across the wind-swept plains

Hard to believe, but it was a balmy 40 degrees on January 23 when six members of the St. Louis Hosta Society trekked north to the Chicago suburb of Schaumburg. These six 'hostaholics' and about 140 others attended the 2010 Winter Scientific Meeting sponsored by the Midwest Regional Hosta Society. As usual, it was an opportunity to meet new hosta lovers, catch up on the comings and goings of old hosta friends and listen to interesting speakers.

Bob Solberg began the day with a talk titled 'The Evolution of Miniature Hostas'. Bob explained that the AHS definition of a mini is a plant whose leaf blade area is no greater than 4.0 sq. in. and whose leaf blade length is no longer than 4.5 in. There are two types of minis, those whose size is dictated by genetics and those that are small because they do not grow well. Many hostas can be made small by decreasing fertilizer, light and water. The genetic evolution didn't really begin until the 1980s with the work of Russ O'Harra and Bill Zumbar. Now with the explosion of sports from hostas such as H. 'Baby Bunting', H. 'Lemon Lime' and H. 'Tiny Tears', minis have become the rage. Throughout his talk, Bob lobbied for H. 'Blue Mouse Ears' and smaller to be the standard size consideration for a designation of 'miniature'.

Roy Klehm took us on another nostalgic trip. Roy described how he and his nursery began and grew through the years. Through pictures we met Scott and David Reath and Dr. Martin Meyer doing early tissue culture experiments at the University of Illinois, Dr. Robert Griesboch who took daylilies to the tetraploid level and Dr. Robert Hartman and Paul Aden who did the tissue culture and propagation then sent the plants to Roy to sell. His journey was an interesting look at 'who's who' in the hosta world, yesterday and today.

Mark Zilis continued his series of presentations titled 'Hostas of Distinction'. In the past Mark has focused on landmark hostas, hybridizers of distinction and on patented hostas. This year the emphasis was on giant hosta. Mark's criteria included heights greater than 36 inches, leaf area greater than 120 sq. in. and a mature plant must have been measured by him. As you might have guessed, H. 'Sum and Substance' was first in the parade. It was the highest at 48". H. 'Solar Flare' was the widest at 120", while H. 'Sum It Up' had the largest leaf size.

Dave Wanninger of Khelm's Song Sparrow Farm introduced us to his favorite hosta companions. His list included brunnera, bleeding heart, ferns, hellebore, grasses, epimedium and heuchera. Woody plants included hydrangea, fothergilla, tree peony, conifers, boxwood and maples. In each case, Dave described their requirements and their good and bad attributes. You're sure to see some of his selections in upcoming 'Companion Corner' pieces.



Glenn Herold breakout session

Attendees could select two of three breakout sessions. One presented by Mark Zilis gave 'everything you ever wanted to know' about nematodes and Virus X. Glenn Herold focused his session on the many species included in the barberry genus (did you know epimedium are in this genus). Don Dean gave his perspective on hybridizing, giving tips on what works and doesn't work for him.

Like all good hosta get-togethers, this one included an auction – silent seed auction. Who knows, maybe the St. Louis contingent will find the next breakthrough hosta in one of their packets of seeds.

Missouri Botanical Garden Project Update by Phyllis Weidman

The Missouri Botanical Garden Project is well on its way. A list of 50 varieties has been ordered from Avalon Acres, Homestead, Made in the Shade and Green Hill Farms. They should arrive at the Garden at the end of May. We will be planting the first part of June. Why so late? The area of the Garden we will be planting is now full of daffodils. They will need to bloom, be dug out and the bed prepared.

We also hope to have a trough or planters in the garden to showcase some mini hosta. All will want to help plant at the Garden in June. (Editor's note: watch future newsletters for date and time of the Botanical Garden work day.)



photo taken from www.stlmg.com

'Garden on the Rocks' Jim Hoefener

March 21, 2010

1 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center

Join Jim Hoefener on March 21 to learn the pleasures of rock gardening. Is it possible for you to have one within your own garden? Learn how and where to build one, what plants to choose and how to care for them. It may even be possible to include hosta in your array of plants. Let's hear what Jim has to say about that possibility.

A former U.S. Army pilot, member of the Corp of Engineers and businessman, Jim is a volunteer at the Missouri Botanical Garden and a member of their Master Gardener Speakers Bureau. He also volunteers at Flora Conservancy of Forest Park and is a landscape garden advisor to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Mark your calendar for this March 21 event.

Upcoming Conventions

2010 Midwest Regional "American Gothic"

JULY 8-10 Des Moines, Iowa

The convention will have all the exciting activities participants have come to expect: national and local vendors, accredited hosta leaf show, live auction, raffles, banquet, the Garden Tour and a chance to see the Better Homes and Gardens test garden.

See: www.rohs.org for more info

2010 American Hosta Society Convention "Stars of the North"

June 23-26 Bloomington, Minnesota

Fabulous Garden Tours, Vendors, Hostatality, AHS Auction, Hosta Show, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Speakers, Classes, Demonstrations

Enter the 'You know you're a hostaholic when' contest.

Contact info nschwartzbauer@aol.com or see www.starsofthenorth.net

If postal newsletter, registration forms on the next two pages; if e-mail newsletter, see separate attachments

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Dues: \$7 per year, \$18 for three years

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and Olive), unless otherwise noted.

Visit our Web site

www.stlouishosta.org

Other Hosta and Garden Web Sites

American Hosta Society – http://www.hosta.org/

Midwest Hosta Society - http://www.midwesthostasociety.org

Hosta Library – http://www.hostalibrary.org

Hosta Forum – questions/answers – http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta/

Mini Hosta forum – http://groups.yahoo.com/group/minihosta

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Baker	2010	Hanratty	2010	Schmaeng	2009
Baltz	2012	Hansen	2009	Schmidt	2011
Barker	2010	Hauf	2010	Schmitt	2009
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Bastien	2009	Henderson	2010	Schwarz	2011
Berry	2009	Hennigh	2011	Shanker	2010
Bilderback	2009	Hilliker	2009	Sherrillo	2011
Bonstead	2012	Holst	2009	Shore	2009
Bourisaw	2010	Horstmann	2010	Sifrig	2013
Bradshaw	2010	Hulen	2011	Simmons	2009
Brammer	2011	Hummel	2012	Sorenson	2010
Brown, Martha	2009	Jones	2011	Squire	2010
Brown, Sheila	2011	Karlovetz	2010	Standlee	2010
Buchheit	2010	Keyser	2010	Steppig	2009
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Byrd	2009	Kintz	2012	Suntrup	2011
Cammarata	2009	Kohn	2009	Tempel	2011
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DeCaro	2011	Mayer	2012	Wehrman	2009
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Durbin, Anne	2009	Metzler	2012	Wesche, Gregg	2013
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2010 MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY CONVENTION

"AMERICAN GOTHIC"

Hosted by Russ O'Harra Hosta Society July 8-11, 2010

Renaissance Savery Hotel, 401 Locust, Des Moines, IA 50309

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3. Hosta Leaf Show- <u>P</u>	reparation time Thurs	sday 10:00 AI	M to 9:30 PM
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Judging will begin on Fri	day, July 9, 2010 at 7:30 A	<u>M</u>	
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6. Send registration for Herman Kopitzke, Registra 414 Q Avenue Boone, Iowa 50036 hkopitz@opencominc.com	ar Make check payable	to: Russ O'Harı	ra Hosta Society

AHS 2010 Convention Registration Form June 23 – 26, Sheraton Bloomington Hotel Hosted by the Minnesota Hosta Society



Register online and pay by credit card at: www.starsofthenorth.net or send in *one form per person* with payment. Please print.

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Judges Clinics – please indicate w Clinic I (Thurs. 2-5 pm)	Clinic II (Thurs.	5-6 pm)	hurs. 9-10 am)
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