A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2014 is starting with a bang and so is the St. Louis Hosta Society. You may think there is nothing being done but members of the Society are busy organizing and planning the events for the coming year. As usual, Creve Coeur Government Center will be the scene of most of the meetings. We will be having a meeting at the Missouri Botanical Garden and a meeting in a member’s garden.

The list of all activities can always be found in the newsletter or on our web site (www.stlouishosta.org).

Our first meeting of the year is always a pot-luck lunch, February 16th at 1 o’clock. There will be good eats, fun conversation, a new game, and a business meeting.

One of the items we need to discuss is if our society would like to host a national convention in 2016 for the American Hosta Society. There will be lots of work by lots of our members. There is someone interested in being the Chairman of the Convention. That person will need people to head committees like Marketing/Promotion, Vendors/Convention Plant, Tour Gardens, Hotel/Banquet, Budget/Finances/Registration and more. These people in turn will need their own group of volunteers. The American Hosta Society will take care of the Plant Auction and the Leaf Show. We will need everyone.

We did this in 2008 and did it very well. We know how much work is involved. There will be discussion at the meeting, or let me know in advance of the meeting how you feel about this and what you will do to make it a success by writing me at pow1031@gmail.com or call at 314-965-7027.

Remember the pot-luck lunch on February 16th, A-M brings dessert and N-Z brings a side dish or salad. The main dish will be provided by the society.

See you there,

Phyllis
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It’s Kickoff Time!

No, not
The Rams vs The Bears!

It’s the 2014
Hosta
Gardening
Scene!

Remember that curried cauliflower, the cranberry wild rice or the chocolate cake topped with toasted coconut?
It’ll be hard to beat the great dishes brought last year.
So shake the snow off your boots and the cold from your bones - Join us!

FEBRUARY POTLUCK LUNCHEON MEETING

Sunday, February 16 at 1:00 PM, doors open at 12:30 for socializing
Creve Coeur Government Center
300 N. New Ballas, St Louis 63141
(N New Ballas Rd. between Ladue Rd. and Olive)

The first Society meeting of 2014 will be our annual Potluck Luncheon at Creve Coeur Government Center. Our Hospitality Chairs, Sharon and Mike Schmitt, supply a cold cut and cheese tray with bread and condiments. Members please bring the following: if your last name begins A-M, dessert; N-Z, salad or side dish.

Then stay for a short business meeting during which our president Phyllis Weidman will give a preview of all the exciting events scheduled this year.

Do you think the St. Louis Hosta Society should consider hosting an AHS National Convention?

Would you be willing to lend a helping hand?

Think about it! Make your views known to Phyllis Weidman.

The subject will be discussed at the February meeting.
2014 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 ‘13’ appears after your name, your dues are paid through the 2013 year and are now payable for 2014.

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 ‘13’ appears after your name in the attachment list, your dues are paid through the 2013 year and are now payable for 2014.

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:

Cindy Michniok
14300 Quiet Meadow Ct.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Let’s Go Green - Give E-mail a Try

In an effort to bring the newsletter to you sooner with color pictures and highlights, 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 16th meeting, check the Member List to verify that your e-mail address, your postal address and telephone number 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. If at any time, you change your e-mail address or wish to change your e-mail status, just send an e-mail to SLHS Newsletter Editor Joan Poos at david.poos@att.net.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Patrick Klott of Warrenton, Missouri
Andrew Shea of Imperial, Missouri

Join us at our annual Pot Luck Luncheon. It’s the perfect time for us to get to know you.
2013
St. Louis Hosta Society
Christmas Party

Phyllis Weidman talks with members Ted and Kim Piekutowski before the luncheon.

Other members found places around tables beautifully decorated with centerpieces created by Karen Frimel and her sister Susie Rucker.

Jim Weidman leads the singing of a new Christmas carol “Hosta Plants”.

Hosta Plants
lyrics by Karen Frimel and Susie Rucker

Verse 1:
Hosta nubs peek through in the spring time of the year.
In the shade they grow.
First frost is a fear.
On the new green leaves bunnies chew for fun.
Just like Elmer Fudd would do, I shoot “wabbits” with my gun.

Verse 2:
I try drowning slugs with varieties of ales.
Only thing it does is boost Budweister’s sales.
Liquid Fence I spray ‘round my gorgeous plant.
I’m the one that’s kept away the smell I cannot stand!!!

Refrain:
Hosta plants, hosta plants leaves I love so well.
Their color, shape and texture seem to hold me in their sp-ell.
Voles and moles, chipmunks too, ‘dillos on the way.
Squirrels in pots, dig a lot.
Will deer eat my plants today?
Karen Frimel, party chairwoman, explains how to play "left right".

Barb Moreland won a Santa cookie jar by keeping her left and right straight.

Dave Poos unwraps bird ornaments to hang on his Christmas tree.

Many members lingered after lunch catching up on the doings of their hosta friends and reminiscing about the past gardening year.

Mary Lou Farrow visits with Nancy and Arlie Tempel while Cindy and Mark Michniok, Linda Van Devon, Dolores Schaumberg and Dianne Sherrillo chat.

Many thanks to Karen Frimel and her merry band for a delightful afternoon.

"Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream."

-Josephine Nuese-
Each year the St. Louis Hosta Society compiles a list of plants that can be purchased by members for wholesale prices. This is one of the perks of belonging to this society. Enclosed at the end of this newsletter is the SLHS Club Plant Sale order form for 2014. Listed are twelve selections from Rob Mortko’s Made in the Shade Nursery. The selections include something for everyone – mini, small, medium and large, in combinations of green, blue and gold. There will be pictures at the February meeting or you can look them up at http://www.hostaguy.com or http://www.hostalibrary.org

Please fill out the form indicating the number of plants of each type that you wish to order. Total your order. Then bring the form with your check to the February meeting. Make your check out to St. Louis Hosta Society.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, mail the form with your check to our plant sale chairman Ted Piekutowski. Deadline is February 16.

Ted Piekutowski
1269 Brenthaven Land
Florissant, MO 63031

This year all plants will be given out at the April 27 Vendor’s Day.

Our Society Board decided it’s time to retire those red tee shirts from the 2008 convention and the even older but still good army green shirts from the 2003 convention.

Secretary Kelly Hall has volunteered to spearhead this project. This year two styles will be offered. One is a lime green polo shirt (the only color available), the other a long-sleeve denim blue shirt. Both styles will be embroidered with our Society logo. There will be sample shirts at the February meeting. The order form appears at the end of this newsletter.

Simply fill out the form indicating the desired type, size, quantity and cost. Under the column “Specify Item # & Mens/Ladies”, use one of the codes listed.

- For Men’s polo, use code K500, for Ladies polo, use code L500
- For Men’s denim shirt, use code S600, for Ladies denim shirt, use code L600D

The ladies denim shirt is fitted, the polo is not. Sizes available are:

- Men and Ladies S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
- Tall men ST, MT, LT, 2XLT

Bring your form and check made payable to “St. Louis Hosta Society” to the next meeting or mail to

Kelly Hall
12473 Robyn Rd
Sunset Hills, MO 63127

Pre-payment is required. The items will be ready 7-10 days after receipt of order and available for pick up at the next hosta meeting.
### SLHS Club Plant Sale – 2014

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<td><strong>Almost Heaven</strong></td>
<td><em>Med (16&quot;ht x 30&quot;w)</em> (Beilstein 2012) This hosta sports dynamic cream centered leaves with wide dark green margins. A lighter green color appears in between every leaf a little different. Prominent veins frame the tri-colored heart-shaped leaves. Pale lavender flowers arise in late summer. Mounding habit.</td>
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<td><strong>Awakening Angel</strong></td>
<td><em>Med (15&quot;ht x 32&quot;w)</em> (Nyikos 2005) This hosta’s rich blue, long, spear shaped leaves are deeply veined and exhibit heavy substance. Flat, pancake-like growing habit. Dense clusters of pale purple flowers appear in midsummer.</td>
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<td><strong>Big John</strong></td>
<td><em>Giant (32&quot;ht x 72&quot;w)</em> (Owens 1986) This plant forms a massive mound of blue-green (early) to dark green (by early summer) leaves that measure up to 21&quot; long and 16&quot; wide. The leaves display moderate corrugation and good substance. Near white flowers appear in early summer. This is a good specimen hosta.</td>
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<td><strong>Blueberry Ala Mode</strong></td>
<td><em>Med (22&quot;ht x 46&quot;w)</em> (Strandberg) A sport of H. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd', this plant retains all the great traits of its classic parent along with a variable white margin. Excellent blue color and cupping.</td>
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<td><strong>Candy Kisses</strong></td>
<td><em>Small (12&quot;ht x 24&quot;w)</em> (Solberg/SOGHS) This 2012 Midwest Regional Hosta Society convention plant is a H. 'Candy Dish' hybrid. Glossy, heavily ruffled medium green leaves with heavy white wax on the underside are held horizontally on dusty purple petioles. Lavender flowers in late season.</td>
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<td><strong>Devil’s Poker</strong></td>
<td><em>Small (12&quot;ht x 12&quot;w)</em> (Savory 2009) Medium-green foliage, slightly shiny on top, contrasts with bright red to red-purple petioles. A H. 'Maraschino Cherry’ seedling, the red of the petioles extends into the leaf blade on front, back and up into the veins. Near white flowers, with a touch of pink, in September. Exhibits an upright growing habit.</td>
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<td><strong>Her Eyes Were Blue</strong></td>
<td><em>Small (12&quot;ht x 30&quot;w)</em> (Dean/Schwartzbauer 2008) Intensely silver-blue, almost steel gray, leaves are heavily rippled and lightly serrated. The leaf tips twist and curve downward creating a low mound with good substance and corrugation. Pale lavender flowers in mid-summer.</td>
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<td><strong>Humpback Whale</strong></td>
<td><em>Giant (35&quot;ht x 84&quot;w)</em> (Seaver 2012) Finally available from TC, this hosta was auctioned for a record $3700 at the 2006 AHS convention. The largest hosta ever introduced by the late Mildred Seaver its convex, humped down foliage inspired its name. Blue green foliage. Semi-upright growing habit. Near white flowers.</td>
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<td><strong>Lakeside Contender</strong></td>
<td><em>Med (16&quot;ht x 50&quot;w)</em> (Chastain 1998) A cross of H. ‘Newberry Gold’ and H. ‘Sun Glow’, this hosta has glowing gold foliage that is moderately wavy and slightly corrugated. Pale lavender flowers appear in July. A gorgeous plant.</td>
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<td><strong>Lakeside Ripples</strong></td>
<td><em>Large (26&quot;ht x 50&quot;w)</em> (Chastain 1991) This hosta forms a huge upright mound of heavily rippled, medium to dark green leaves with good substance. Pale lavender flowers appear on tall scapes in July.</td>
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<td><strong>Spinach Soufflé</strong></td>
<td><em>Small (14&quot;ht x 30&quot;w)</em> (Solberg 2006) Nearly round, rich green leaves with a very bright 2&quot; gold margin grace this heavy-substance sport of H. ‘Garden Treasure’. Likely a tetraploid. Very pale lavender flowers in June. Great, bright color.</td>
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<td><strong>Sunlight Child</strong></td>
<td><em>Mini (4&quot;ht x 15&quot;w)</em> (Benedict 1991) This is a mini hosta with brilliant gold foliage. Lance shaped, wavy leaves twist at the tip. Purple flowers in August.</td>
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**TOTAL**
St. Louis Hosta Society
Logo Polo Shirts and Denim Shirts

Show your spirit and purchase a polo or denim shirt embroidered with the St. Louis Hosta Society logo!

Polo shirt, short sleeve. Color: Lime; (65% polyester, 35% cotton pique). Mens K500; Ladies L500.
S-XL $19 ea; 2XL $21 ea; 3XL $22 ea; Tall (Mens only) ST-XLT $21 ea, 2XLT $23 ea

Stonewashed denim, long sleeve. Color: Faded denim (100% cotton). Mens S600 (has pocket); Ladies L600D (no pocket). S-XL $26 ea; 2XL $28 ea; 3XL $29 ea; Tall (Mens only) ST-XLT $28 ea; 2XLT $30 ea

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**AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY**

Members receive three issues per year of The Hosta Journal, which includes color photographs of hostas, reports on national conventions, scientific information concerning current research pertaining to hostas, and advertisements of interest to hosta families.

Membership checks should be made out to “AHS,” and mailed to:

Sandie Markland, AHS Membership Secretary  
P O Box 7539  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Dues for one year are $30 for an individual and $34 for a family. For more information, visit the AHS website:  http://www.americanhostasociety.org/