**NEWLY SCHEDULED GARDEN WALK**

Did you admire all the pots of hosta displayed at the entrance, in the lobby and around the meeting rooms of the hotel during the 2008 American Hosta Society convention? All were arranged and beautifully grown by Rick Clarkson. Rick has an artistic bent that is obvious when one sees the flower arrangements that he constructs for our society’s potluck luncheon and Christmas party.

Joan and Rick have invited members to their Alton home for a garden walk and potluck supper. Rick will grill hotdogs and hamburgers and we, the invited guests, will bring a dish of our choice to share with other members. Bring a lawn chair, your beverage of choice and side dish or appetizer. Join the fun of spending time with your friends viewing, in Rick’s words, ‘a garden in progress’. Ask Rick how he puts together and maintains all those fabulous pots.

**August 15, 2009 – 5:00 PM**
Joan and Rick Clarkson
14 Hebner Drive
Alton, IL  62002

DIRECTIONS: From Creve Coeur travel I-270 North. Take MO-367 N exit, EXIT 31B, to Alton. Merge onto LEWIS AND CLARK BLVD. LEWIS AND CLARK becomes US-67 N crossing into Illinois. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto IL-143 E/BERM HWY/LANDMARKS BLVD. In 0.1 mi turn left onto BROADWAY CON. In 0.2 mi turn RIGHT onto E BROADWAY ST. In 0.3 mi turn LEFT onto WASHINGTON AVE/IL-140. In 1.2 mi turn LEFT onto EDWARDS ST, then in 0.2 mile turn LEFT onto HEBNER DR.

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

- **September 13, 1:00 PM**  
  Meeting and nationally known guest speaker Mike Shadrack

- **October 17, 1:00 PM**  
  NEW special event - nationally known hybridizer and speaker Bob Solberg

- **October 18, 1:00 PM**  
  Field trip to weather center with Melissa Byrd

- **December 6, 1:00 PM**  
  Christmas party

More information will be included in the September and October newsletters.