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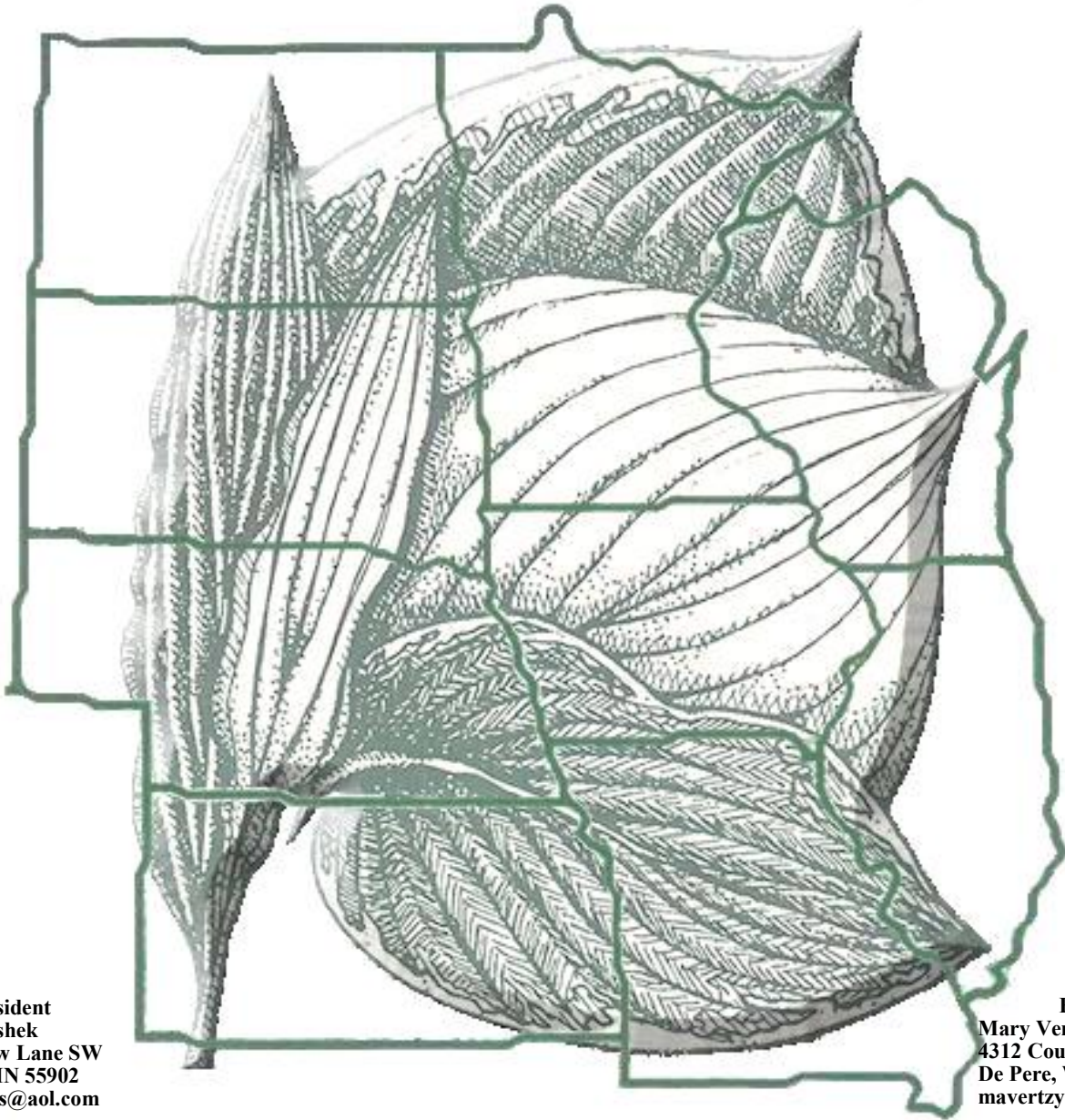
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President's Message

There's little more exciting than watching our beloved hostas rise from a long winter's nap, and the arrival of spring is bringing that long-awaited sight to reality in warmer parts of the region. During the winter doldrums, your MRHS Board has been busy brainstorming ways to bring more value to regional societies and our members. To date, we've received and approved three applications for Display Garden Educational Grants. More recently, we rolled out a new member initiative for FIRST TIME members, thanks to the support of sponsoring Midwest Region nurseries/mail order/vendors (see participating sponsors at <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/Vendors/shtml>). Presidents in the Midwest Region received an email from me recently with all the details- hopefully you have seen this promotion in your recent newsletter or perhaps an email blast. If not, contact me for details.

It's time to make plans for the Annual Convention in Champaign, IL. Get your registration in before gardening chores distract you and be sure to make hotel reservations. With little time to prepare, the Illinois Prairie Hosta Society has put together an amazing convention, chock full of beautiful gardens and a variety of great speakers, and, of course, a lively auction (do you have something to share?). Check out the convention web site for more details at <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/MRHS2016Convention.shtml>

At the convention we will be presenting By-Laws revisions (printed in prior newsletter and available online). Since the initial revisions were published, there have been two changes approved by the Board - one is insubstantial and one substantial: We have taken out all references to Executive Committee/EC since we will no longer have a two-tiered Board (voting vs. non-voting positions) if the revisions are approved - it will just be an all-inclusive "Board" since all positions will have a vote; the substantial change is bringing the quorum requirements for online meetings in line with in person meetings by requiring the same percentage of voting members to be present to conduct business and approve motions. Please refer to the updated revisions available on the web site and contact me if you have any questions.

Winter Conference was attended by almost exactly the same number of people this year as last year. I may be biased, but it was one of the best ever in my book! The content of the keynote speakers and breakout sessions received high praise, so kudos for a job well done! Special thanks to the seed donors who made the seed sales a success and especially to Mark Rekoske and Lou Horton for their thoughtful planning of the entire event. This event always warms my gardening heart and the time spent, though briefly, with Hosta comrades from around the region and country, recharges my batteries.

While I have a love/hate relationship with the various devices that keep us in constant contact with one another, the ability to finish this article while a continent away is a bonus. Spring has arrived in Munich and so will my first grandchild...soon, her parents and I hope! While out on walks about the city, the huge, colorful blooms of daffodils, tulips, and hyacinth adorn sidewalks and parks and the forsythia shrubs in full bloom are electric splashes of color. This was not the case in Minnesota when I departed but hopefully will be upon return, though many of you have surely seen spring blossoms fade already and are enjoying the splendor of fresh Hosta foliage emerging and unfurling.

Whatever your garden's status, spring is when we get back to the labor we love - be sure to take it easy while getting your gardening game on - no one wants to be sidelined with sore muscles or injuries! Hope to see you at the Annual Convention!!

Rooted in the Midwest,
CindyTomashek,
President

Join us this summer
in Champagne, IL for
the Midwest Regional
Hosta Society conven-
tion.!



Overview of the 2016 Winter Conference

Following submitted by Lou Horton

Hybridizer's Perspective

Presented by Owen Purvis

Owen's guiding principle for his hybridizer's project:" It has got to be fun"

If things get too complicated and/or too tedious, it takes the fun out of it.

Therefore, Owen limits the number of crosses and the number of breeder plants that he works with. To Owen, marketability is not the first priority. Plants which please him are what he is looking for. Qualities which he especially prizes include upright shape, yellow color, red petioles. Only 10-12 mother plants are used in Owen's program in any given year. Plastic egg cartons are used for starter pots for his seeds.



Owen began his hosta hybridizing on a 50 foot wide city lot in Milwaukee and eventually moved it to a couple of acres in rural Princeton, WI.

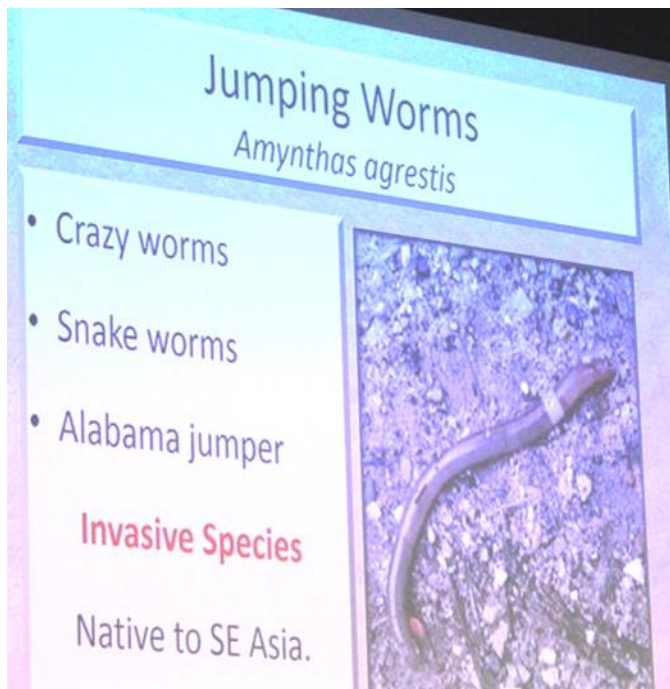
The bottom line for Owen Purvis is that he does not consider his hybridizing program to be a business. He considers it a hobby which he pursues for the pure enjoyment it brings him and as a way to satisfy his need to be creative.



Pests and Problems of the Shade Garden

Presented by Nanette Kalscheur

Nanette approaches the topic of garden pests from the perspective of a Dept. of Agriculture Nursery stock inspector which allows her a broader overview than that available to most gardeners. While she touched on topics such as nematodes and virus problems, she reserved her greatest concern for a specie of earthworm- the Asian Jumping Worm.



Amyntus agrestis came into the U.S. on horticultural material from Asia and has spread from the East Coast to the Midwest with amazing speed.

While in appearance it is similar to our common “nightcrawler” (also originally a non-native species) it is much faster when disturbed, thus the reference to “jumping worm” in the various common names it goes by.

The big problem with the Jumping worm is that it is a voracious eater and as well as extremely prolific so it soon consumes the organic material in soil to the point where the soil basically cannot support life. The problem is compounded by the fact that especially in the south, the Jumping Worm is commonly sold as fish bait and even as compost worms. Once introduced into an area, no obvious control measures are available other than hand picking, which at best simply slows the spread of the creatures to a minor extent.

Following submitted by Gregg Peterson

Hosta Basics
How to Plant, Arrange and Display Your Shade Garden

Presented by Jeff Miller
Land of the Giants Hosta Farm

No matter what level of hosta gardener you are, there is nothing wrong with periodically revisiting the basics of successful hosta growing. And who better to review those basic hosta propagation and cultivation techniques than Jeff Miller, owner of Land of the Giants Hosta Farm, who has demonstrated that he can grow hostas with the best of them!!

Drawing upon his years of hosta growing experience, Jeff outlined four key factors that gardeners should focus on, namely water, soil, fertilization and light. Highlights from each of these four areas include:

Water – Hostas are water-loving plants and most recommendations are to provide at least 1” of water a week during the growing season. Jeff has increased his watering level to 2” of water per week with marked improvement in sustained growth throughout the season.



Photo by Gregg Peterson

Soil – The first hosta beds that Jeff planted were in soil that had no soil amendments and while the hostas grew, they didn't flourish. Do as much to amend the soil as you can, especially when establishing a new garden bed, but also don't overlook your existing garden beds. Mushroom compost and leaf mold are two components that work well in the Land of the Giants gardens.

Fertilizer – Hand broadcast a general 10-10-10 granular fertilizer in early spring throughout your beds. Jeff puts his down when the pips of *H. montana* 'Aureomarginata' and *H.* 'Empress Wu' first start to emerge.

Light – Don't be afraid of the sun. An *H.* 'Empress Wu' grown in full shade for three years might have only 1-3 eyes, while one grown in sun could have 20 eyes.

The "Sleep, Creep and Leap" year growth cycle is always worth reviewing for experienced hosta growers, but is vital for those new to hosta gardening to understand. The first year of a newly planted hosta is the "Sleep" phase and the second year is the "Creep" phase with the focus on root growth resulting in 1-3 eyes. The third or the "Leap" year can result in a rapid expansion of growth, with up to 12 eyes in many cultivars. During the fourth year, growth of up to 50 eyes can be reached in some varieties.

Finally, the choice of varying colors in the garden beds, use of garden art in your hosta gardens and the use of other companion plants will help each hosta stand out and be a unique plant in your garden. These tips also help make hosta gardening fun, which after all, is the most important hosta "basic" of all.

Following submitted by Barry Ankney

Best of the Best in the World of Hostas

Presented by Mark Zilis

Mark reviewed the Hosta of the Year (HOY) from 2017 back through 1996, when the HOY program was initiated by the American Hosta Growers Association.

2017 – Brother Stephan
2016 – Curly Fries
2015 – Victory
2014 - 'biqua Drinking Gourd
2013 - Rainforest Sunrise
2012 - Liberty
2011 - Praying Hands
2010 - First Frost
2009 - Earth Angel
2008 - Blue Mouse Ears
2007 - Paradigm
2006 - Stained Glass
2005 - Striptease
2004 - Sum and Substance
2003 - Regal Splendor
2002 - Guacamole
2001 - June"
2000 - Sagae
1999 - Pauls Glory
1998 - Fragrant Bouquet
1997 - Patriot
1996 - So Sweet'



Following his description of the AHGA Hostas of the Year, Mark talked about his own picks for “Hosta of the Year” for the years between 1995 and 1968, the year when the American Hosta Society was formed.

His picks were:

1995 - Night Before Christmas
1994 - longipies (a species hosta know in Japan as iwa giboshi or the rock hosta)
1993 - Niagara Falls
1992 - plantagenia ‘Aphrodite’
1991 - yingeri
1990 - Solar Flare
1989 - Dorothy Benedict
1988 - Sea Lotus Leaf

1987 - Great Expectations
1986 - Sun Power
1985 - Blue Angel
1984 - Embroidery
1983 - Green Fountain
1982 - Krossa Regal
1981 - Allan P. McConnell
1980 - Gold Standard
1979 - Golden Tiara
1978 - Frosted Jade
1977 - Halcyon
1976 - Birchwood Parky's Gold
1975 - Gold Regal
1974 - sieboldii (Koba giboshi)
1973 - ventricosa 'Aureomarginata'
1972 - montana 'Aureomarginata'
1971 - Undalata Albomarginata
1970 - August Moon
1969 - Royal Standard
1968 - Frances Williams

After 1968, the year AHS was formed, Mark went back in time by the ten year period to 1900, then a final pick for the year 1800, when Hostas were coming to America.

His picks for those years:

1960 - Honeybells
1950 - Undalata 'Erromena'
1940 - Elatior
1930 - Tokudama Aureonebulosa
1920 - Tokudama
1910 - Elegans
1900 - plantagenia
1800 - Lancifolia

This represents a listing of truly classic hostas.

Following submitted by Mark Rekoske

Gardening on the Edges with Shrubs and Sedges

Presented by Sandra Mason

Sandra Mason is a horticulture educator with University of Illinois Extension. Ms. Mason has a master's degree in horticulture education from the University of Illinois and has held a variety of horticultural positions.

She delivered a lively and highly informative presentation on selecting plants to grow on the edges which she defined as those areas that are partially shaded. She emphasized native plants and noted there are many plants found in the Midwest that are well-adapted to the edges where prairie meets forest.

Lawns and most grasses do not tolerate shade well, but sedges, *Carex*, are ideally suited and many species adapt easily from mostly sunny to shaded conditions. She maintained that sedges, planted in drifts and masses, can look good in any landscape.



Ms. Mason reported that over 50 species of sedges are native to Illinois. They are deer resistant and easy to maintain. Sedges grow best in the cooler seasons, but look good all summer. Many sedges are semi-evergreen and an annual trimming or mowing in early spring is all that is required. Sedges generally have triangular leaves that are held upright. Their flowers are unremarkable, but the seed heads, borne on three-sided stems can be weird and attractive. Many sedges can be inter-planted with spring bulbs and other ephemerals.

She described a number of native sedges commonly used in landscaping and provided attendees with a handout describing their characteristics and cultural needs. Ms. Mason argued that sedges are ripe for hybridiza-

tion to capitalize on their best attributes. She noted that there are many newer non-native sedges that have variegation including *Carex* ‘Evergold’ that may not be as hardy as the native plants and said that native sedges could be similarly developed.

Ms. Mason then turned to the use of shrubs as a backdrop in the shaded edges. Many shrubs are quite adaptable and exhibit some tolerance of shade. She said that shrubs perform differently in shade and may have fewer flowers and a more open habit. Many native shrubs that spread with suckers are well-adapted to partially shaded areas. The suckering may not always be desirable, but it helped such plants survive in places prone to fires. When planted very densely shrubs can provide a barrier to deer. Her presentation included a number of pictures of shrubs in the border thriving in varying degrees of shade. She also provided a handout that emphasized native shrubs, listing them by size.

At the conclusion of her presentation Ms. Mason cited the Morton Arboretum website as the source of some of her information and a good reference for choosing shrubs for the garden. She took questions from the audience until time was exhausted and was frequently seen at breaks throughout the day responding to questions individually or in small groups. Her knowledge and her enthusiasm for her presentation were appreciated by all.

Following submitted by Mary Vertz

Hostas Tricks and Treats

Presented by Bob Solberg

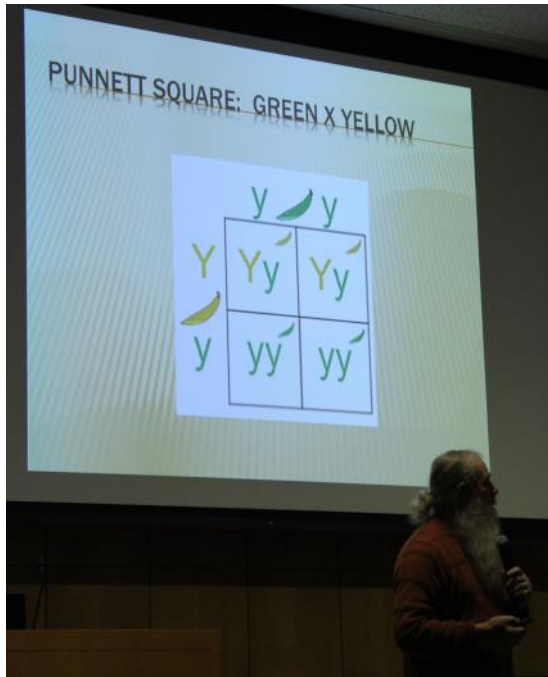
Bob started out his presentation with the disclaimer “This might sound like science”, but made two promises “to speak only plain English” and if he didn’t, he would “translate, do not fear! Just shout out, ‘what?’”

He then proceeded into Evolution! But never fear, it was a brief dissertation on adaptation, cultivation, natural selection vs human selection, and the fact that hostas are pretty good at evolving rapidly on their own. But does all this lead to a perfect hosta?

What has cultivation done to affect the ploidy of a hosta? Daylily people talk ploidy all the time—diploid vs tetraploid. Do hostas have the same thing going on? After all, it really is just the number of chromosomes and

all plants have chromosomes!- right? But wait. Seems there's something about aneuploidy too. Then mix in "incomplete mitosis", "errors in mitosis" and "chimera rearrangement". Boy talk about 'tricks'!

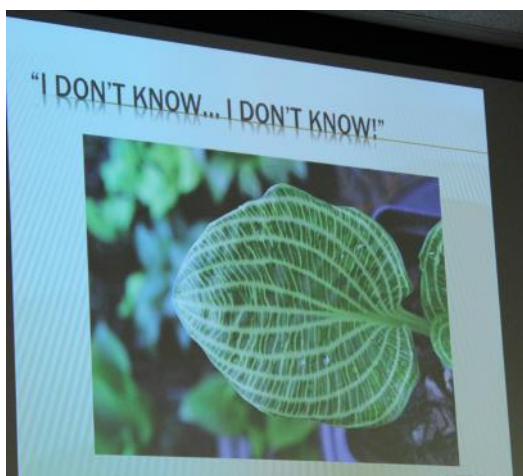
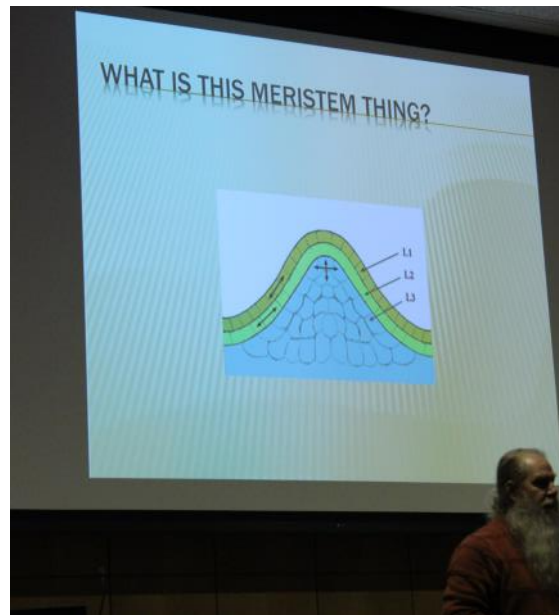
With all this evolution going on, how do we get from green to yellow hostas and where does streaking come from? H'mm, seems that's related to what's going on in the hosta's cell.



Most everyone had flashbacks to high school biology genetics, when Bob shared his, Punnett Square showing a Green x Yellow hosta cross.

But all is not that simple in the hosta plant kingdom. Bob then went into a lively discussion of what goes on in the meristem, L1, L2, L3 and what it is all about.

You had to be there to fully appreciate his discussion of "Hosta Tricks and Treats" that affect the coloring and size of the plant we all love.



Landscaping 101 for Plant Collectors

Presented by Mary Ann Metz

How do you define a plant collector? The audience all shared a laugh as Mary Ann shared her definition of a plant collector:

- ♦ On your car you have a bumper sticker that says; “I break for Garden Centers”, and you do.
- ♦ You tell yourself that there’s always room for one more plant in your garden.
- ♦ Your garden has a dedicated space for potted material just waiting for somewhere to be planted. It’s considered a minor miracle if December comes and there are not pots of plants sitting on top of the ground in that special spot.
- ♦ Your local garden center sends you a thank you note every month.

Many of us probably fit into at least one of those statements!

Mary Ann then posed the question “So what is landscape design?” Answer? “it is the process of developing an aesthetically pleasing and functional outdoor space”.

Mary Ann then defined the parts that make up that process as “Principles and Elements”. Scale, proportion, repetition, symmetry and balance are all part of principle. Elements consist of form, texture, color and line.

Throughout her presentation, she showed numerous pictures that demonstrated each of those landscape design principles and elements. All can be defined by plants, hardscape or a combination of both. As plant collectors, how we define them is defined by the plants we collect and how we display them.



2016 Winter Conference Meeting
Financial Summary
2015-2016 Income/Expenses

No. of Registrations	101
Revenue:	
Registration Fees	\$5,880.00
Seed Auction Net	<u>\$ 540.00</u>
Total Revenue:	\$6,420.00
Expense:	
Speaker Expenses	\$2,516.45
Convention Center	\$5,147.39
Miscellaneous-Printing & Support	<u>\$ 92.66</u>
Total Expense:	\$7,756.50
Net :	-\$1,336.50
Budget for 2016	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
Under Budget	\$1,163.50
Budget planned 2017 \$4,000.00	

About Our Speakers

Bob Solberg- Bob and his wife Nancy operate Greenhill Nursery in North Carolina. Bob is generally recognized as one of the most knowledgeable experts on the genus Hosta in the U.S. He has introduced some of the most popular hostas including Guacamole and Orange Marmalade among many others.

Mary Ann Metz- Mary Ann is a veteran Master Gardener in the Champaign area and a popular garden design consultant.

Sandy Mason- Sandy is an Educator for the University of IL Extension.

Jeff Miller- Jeff and wife Penny own Land of the Giants Hosta Farm where he grows thousands of Hosta cultivars and tens of thousands of hosta seedlings .

Owen Purvis- Owen is perhaps one of the most widely respected and well liked hosta growers in the Midwest.

Nanette Kalscheur- Nanette is a Plant and Pesticide Specialist with the IL Dept. of Agriculture. As such, she conducts diagnostic inspections of commercial nursery and greenhouse stock.

Mark Zilis- The author of two very popular and well respected books on hostas, Mark is a nationally known hosta expert and sought after speaker on hostas.

Deeta Montgomery Award Winners

the "DeEtta Montgomery Outstanding Service Award" was established on July 13, 2007. It is to acknowledge a person or local society's contribution to benefit the Midwest Region. This award would be given at the discretion of the board or recommendation of a local society and would not necessarily be given every year.

2007	Deeta Montgomery (posthumously)
2008	Roger Koopmans
2009	Floyd Rogers
2010	Audra & Fred Wilson
2011	Irwin Johnson
2012	Tom Micheletti
2013	Carolyn Hamilton
2014	Bob Olson
2015	Barb Schroeder



Three Cheers for Trillium!

By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

When Europeans settled North America, one of the plants that impressed them the most was *Trillium*, a genus of the lily family containing about 30 species that are found only in North America and Asia. Twelve of these species are found east of the Mississippi River including five in my home state of Wisconsin. All trilliums are noted for their colorful flowers, which may be white, yellow, green, pink, crimson, purple, or bicolor. Some are pleasantly scented, such as the yellow trillium (*Trillium luteum*) and nodding trillium (*T. flexipes*). Others have an offensive odor, found in prairie trillium (*T. recurvatum*). Still others have no scent at all.

The word trillium comes from the Greek word, tri, meaning three, and refers to the fact that virtually all parts of the plant are in groups of three. Three, leaves, produced in a whorl at the top of a short stalk, three petals, three sepals, six stamens (3 times 2!), and three stigmas can all be found on trilliums. The fruit is a three-celled berry.

The plant arises from a short, thick, underground stem called a rhizome. This structure, which may be up to 1/2 inch in diameter, has the faint fragrance of turpentine and causes salivation when chewed. Native Americans used it for both medicine and as an aphrodisiac. The Menominee Indians of the Great Lakes region grated the raw rhizomes to make a poultice which reduced eye swellings. The Chippewas, and many other tribes, found it helpful in facilitating all phases of childbirth, so much so that they called the plant birth root. Both internal and external bleeding were treated with trillium.

Of the four species found near my residence in Cedarburg, WI, the first to bloom is the snow trillium (*Trillium nivale*). This little gem usually blooms in March, often before the snow is completely gone. The common name, wake robin, given to many trilliums, is best applied to this species, for its bloom often precedes the robin's spring return. The entire plant is only 4 to 5 inches tall and has three leaves topped by a small white flower. You have to take an early walk through the woods to discover this delight.

Giant trillium (*T. grandiflorum*) is the showiest of the genus and most likely to be used as an ornamental. The leaves grow 12 to 14 inches high and are topped by a 2 to 4 inch white flower, usually blooming in May and June, which fades to pink as it ages. It is native throughout Wisconsin, being found on rich, moist, woodland soil.

As you walk through the woods in most Midwest states, you are most likely to come across the prairie trillium (*T. recurvatum*). This species grows 6 to 16 inches tall and is distinguished by a whorl of mottled leaves. The flower, reddish-brown in color and stalkless, is not nearly as showy as many other species. Blooming in April and May, its dark color can be easi-

ly missed on the forest floor. Prairie trillium adapts well to disturbed sites and may be found in oak forests as well as grassland border regions and disturbed fields.

The fourth species found in my area is the nodding trillium (*T. cernuum*). It derives its name from the white flowers which hang solitary below the leaves. Like giant trillium, it blooms in May and June.

Many species of trillium have been decimated in the wild due to careless collecting. To establish trillium, and any other wildflower in your yard, purchase only nursery propagated plants. Avoid the urge to dig up plants from wooded areas, for the generations to come may no longer have trillium to cheer about.



Trillium grandiflorum, Giant trillium is an excellent companion in my hosta garden. It blooms before hosta emergence and fades away as the hostas reach mature size.

2016 MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA CONVENTION

The Illinois Prairie Hosta Society is proud to host the 'Grand Prairie Hostas' 2016 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention in Champaign, Illinois, July 7-9, 2016. The convention location is the Hawthorn Suites, 101 Trade Centre Drive, Champaign, IL 61820. The convention includes all the expected activities such as national vendors, live auctions, garden tours, banquet, hospitality suite, and optional garden tours on Sunday. New events include a Thursday evening Wine and Cheese party, educational seminars on Friday and Saturday.

The metro area of Champaign, Urbana and the University of Illinois campus offers attendees a variety of restaurants, garden centers, shopping, museums, parks and other activities. Travel to Champaign is easy and direct via three interstate highways, Willard Airport (CMI), Amtrak or Greyhound. Contact the Hawthorn for room reservations at 217.398.3400 and use "Midwest Regional Hosta Society".

2016 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY: The convention begins on Thursday when the vendors open. Only a short distance from the convention hotel, enjoy a wine and cheese party in the adjacent gardens of a *hostaholic*.

FRIDAY: Friday features garden tours in the morning and several educational seminars as well as the seed growers show. The vendor area is open to attendees and the public all afternoon so come early for the best selection. During evening cocktails enjoy the dinner followed by the live auction. The evening concludes in the hospitality suite.

SATURDAY: Saturday begins with garden tours. After lunch you can return to the hotel with time to relax, visit the vendors, attend educational seminars and the seed growers show, and get ready for the convention banquet. The evening concludes in the hospitality suite.

SUNDAY: Before leaving on Sunday, take optional tours of beautiful private gardens or the University of Illinois' Arboretum with Idea Garden, National Trial Gardens, Japan House, and Illinois Prairie's AHS National Hosta Display Garden. All in Champaign.

<http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/RHS2016Convention.shtml>



2016 MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA CONVENTION

Hosted by
Illinois Prairie Hosta Society
July 7-9, 2016

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham
101 Trade Centre Dr. Champaign, IL 61820

Full or Children's Registration

1. One Form for Each Person – Please Print

Name (as you want it on your badge): _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Auction

I will donate plants or garden items for the Friday night auction. Approximate number: _____

5. Reservations – Refunds through June 9, less \$25 processing fee

Registration Fee includes two meals: Friday banquet, Saturday banquet. Hawthorn Hotel offers free breakfast for guests. Fee also includes: Thursday evening cocktail party, convention hosta voucher and handbook, auction, vendors, garden tours, educational seminars and hospitality room.

Contact the Hawthorn Suites directly for room reservations at (217) 398-3400 and mention attending Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention. The group rate of \$89.99 plus tax is available through June 7, 2016.

- Full Registration** (by June 9) **\$120.00**
 Children Registration (12 and under) **\$ 70.00**
 With Parent
 Late Full Registration (after June 9) **\$140.00**

Plan to attend Thursday evening wine and cheese party. Please circle YES or NO

6. Send Form and Check

Mail to: Carol McClure
1413 S Western Ave.
Champaign, IL 61821
clmcclur@illinois.edu

Total Registration Amount: \$ _____

Checks payable to: **Illinois Prairie Hosta Society**

For additional information and schedules, see
www.illinoisprairiehostasociety.com/2016mrhs.html

2016 MRHS Convention
Grand Prairie Hostas - Revisited



Hosta Seed Growers
Seedling Competition

2016 Hosta Seed Growers Seedling Competition/Show

Class I	Green (all shades & sizes)	Class VI	Streaked/Splashed/Misted (all shades & sizes)
Class II	Blue (all shades & sizes)	Class VII	Red Petioles (all foliage colors & sizes)
Class III	Yellow (all shades & sizes)	Class VIII	Mini (all foliage colors)
Class IV	Margin-variegated (all shades & sizes)	Class IX	1st Year Seedlings*
Class V	Medio-variegated (all shades & sizes)		

Rules

1. Entry of seedlings in the HSG Seedling Competition/Show is open to everyone attending the 2016 Midwest Hosta Convention in Champaign, IL.
2. All plants must be grown from seed by the exhibitor or originator and be established in their containers, the size of container is limited to a #7 size pot (6 gallon or top diameter 14" height 11 1/2"). Seedlings may be entered into the competition in someone else's name. Any awards or prizes are awarded to the seedling's originator. The person entering this plant would be considered the originator's representative.
3. Only unregistered plants and those not introduced into the trade may be entered in the competition/show.
4. A \$5 registration fee per plant is required. All proceeds will go to fund future HSG Seedling Competitions.
5. Each exhibitor may enter no more than 3 plants per class and no more than 15 seedlings total.
6. receive entries at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 101 Trade Centre Dr., Champaign, IL. The date and time along with further instruc-

tions will be emailed to competition entrants one week before the convention.

7. When other convention activities are occurring, the Competition Room will be locked. The Hosta Seed Growers board and group assume no responsibility for the seedlings on exhibit.
8. Times for registration of HSG Seedling Competition entries, competition viewing before voting, and viewing after voting will be included in the convention handbook.
9. At the close of the HSG Seedling Competition/Show viewing, a time will be set aside to facilitate plant retrieval by competition entrants. Only HSG board members and competition entrants will be allowed. All plants must be in black pots. Only potting soil and fertilizers are allowed in the pot. Flower scapes may be left on the plant at the discretion of the exhibitor.
10. Exhibitors determine which class each of their seedlings will be entered into.
11. Identifying features of any kind are not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to: paint, markings of any kind, pebbles or fertilizer on the soil surface, perfume, tape, staples, labels or markers and stakes. A plant will not be allowed into the competition with any of these identifying features.
12. No foreign substances may be applied to the plant. This includes dyes, polishes, inks, paints, powders, and perfumes. If any of these are found on an entry, the plant will be disqualified.
13. Plants appearing to exhibit nematodes, viruses or other diseases or pests will not be allowed in the exhibit area. If the plant shows an unusual type of variation that is questionable, a certification that the plant is virus free from a reliable source could allow the plant to be entered. The final decision on this will be made by the HSG board.
14. Touching the plants is not allowed. During voting no talking about the plants to others will be allowed, once your voting is done you will turn in your ballot and leave the room so others may enter.
15. There will be three winners per class for Classes I-VIII: Best of Class, 1st Place, 2nd Place. Each class must have more than one entry for a ribbon to be awarded. Voters will vote for one (1) seedling per class.
16. *1st year seedlings (Class IX) are ones started on or after September 1st of the preceding year. All show rules apply. Only 1st Place and 2nd Place are awarded. This class is NOT eligible for Best of Show.
17. The Best of Show winner will be awarded to the Best of Class winner with the highest overall number of the popular vote.
18. Anyone who chooses to enter seedlings in the competition/show will be required to pre-register by e-mail or by mail.* Registration deadline is June 15, 2016. A \$10 late fee charged after this date. *(See Registration Form for email and postal addresses.)
19. No person involved in or attending the HSG Seedling Competition/Show may discuss a plant or reveal who entered a plant before or during the voting process. If this occurs, the seedling will be removed from the competition.
20. Hosta Seed Growers board members will be in the room at this time.

HSG Seedling Competition Registration Form

The 2016 HSG Seedling Competition will be held
at the 2016 Mid West Convention
July 8-9 at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham
101 Trade Centre Dr., Champaign, IL
All are welcome to enter seedlings

Seedling check-in time: Tentatively Friday July 8, 11am.-1pm.

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Phone:

<u>Qty</u>		
_____	Class I	Green (all shades & sizes)
_____	Class II	Blue (all shades & sizes)
_____	Class III	Yellow (all shades & sizes)
_____	Class IV	Margin-variegated (all shades & sizes)
_____	Class V	Medio-variegated (all shades & sizes)
_____	Class VI	Streaked/Splashed/Misted (all shades & sizes)
_____	Class VII	Red Petioles (all foliage colors & sizes)
_____	Class VIII	Mini (all foliage colors)
_____	Class IX	1st Year Seedlings

**Limit 3 seedlings per Class per entrant. Limit 15 seedlings per entrant.
\$5.00 fee for each seedling entered.**
Proceeds will go toward funding future HSG Seedling Competitions.

Registration Deadline – Poastmarked by June 15, 2016

Walk-ins will have a \$10 total late fee.

Please read all the rules for the 2016 HSG Seedling Competition.

Please make checks payable to “Hosta Seed Growers” Send to HSG Treasurer: Rod Kuenster 126 Glenn Drive Iowa City Iowa 52245
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If you have additional questions please contact one of the HSG Seedling Competition Board Members.

Jeff White at blackhawkgiboshi@gmail.com

Jeff Miller at mrhosta@charter.net

Owen Purvis at osp1991@sbcglobal.net

Rod Kuenster at hostaseedling@mchsi.com

2016 CONVENTION VENDORS

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Effingham, IL 62401
Aahostas.com

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MCG BioComposites
3425 Sycamore Ct. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Mcgbiocomposities.com

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thepapercretepotter.blogspot.com

Champaign Artists
Barb Dalenberg – The Artists Gallery
Beth Darling – Beth Darling Studio

**2016 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention
Hosted by the Illinois Prairie Hosta Society
July 7-8-9, 2016**

TENTATIVE

Schedule

Thursday, July 7 (Noon until 11 PM)

8 AM – Noon	Vendor Setup	Holly & Jim	Grand Prairie
Noon – 5:30 PM	Registration	Carol & Bev	Convention Lobby
Noon – 4 PM	Auction Plants Received	Rick & Floyd	White Oaks I
Noon – 5:30 PM	Vendor Sales (Open - Public)	Holly & Jim	Grand Prairie
6 PM - 8 PM	Wine & Cheese Hour	Mary Ann	Their Home
8:30 PM- 9 PM	Car Tour Instruc- tions Meeting	Rick & Mike	White Oaks I

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Saturday, July 9 (6 AM until 11:30 PM)

8 AM – 9 AM	Registration	Carol	Convention Lobby
7 AM – Noon	Garden Tours (Driving Tours)	Mike & Rick	5 Gardens
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Education Seminar (3)	Barb & Ruth	Savoy (Mary Ann Metz)
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Education Seminar (4)	Barb & Ruth	Savoy (Lee Coates)- Japanese Maples in Hosta Garden
Noon – 5 PM	Vendors (Open - Public)	Holly & Jim	Grand Prairie
Noon – 5 PM	Seed Growers Show (Open - Public)	Rod Kuenster	Skyway
5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Cocktails/Dinner/ Meeting/ Future Convention/ Speaker	Barb & Ruth	White Oaks I (Mark Zi- lis-Ancestry of a Hosta)
9:30 PM – 11:30 PM	Hospitality	Kathryn	President's Suite



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2016 AHS HOSTA CONVENTION

June 15-18, 2016

*The St. Louis Hosta Society is honored and excited to host the
2016 AHS National Convention, "Gateway to the Gardens"!*

Convention Information

The National convention of the American Hosta Society will be held in St. Louis on June 15 to June 18, 2016. The convention hotel will be the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis.

Events OPEN TO THE PUBLIC include the Auction, Hosta Show, and Vendors.

2016 AHS Hosta Convention Registration Form - Register Now!

Visit Convention website for a fillable form and complete details:

<http://www.stlouishosta.org/2016Convention/2016Convention.htm>



American Hosta Society 2016 Convention Registration Gateway To The Gardens June 15-18, St. Louis, Missouri

Clear Form

One form per person – please print

Name (as you want it on your badge): _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ St: AL Zip: _____
 Country: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Is this your first convention? Yes _____ No _____ Date of Arrival _____

\$215 FULL REGISTRATION (Postmarked by April 30th) Includes 10 self-guided garden tours, Friday & Saturday breakfast buffet, Friday banquet, Saturday banquet, gift hosta, handbook, and access to all seminars, speakers, and vendors.

\$250 LATE FULL REGISTRATION (Postmarked May 1 and thereafter) Same as Full Registration. **After June 1, contact Registrar for availability.**

\$50 BUS: One will be available for the first 54 people who sign up. Box lunch provided.

\$100 BANQUET ONLY REGISTRATION Includes Friday's Banquet, and Saturday's Banquet

Will you need a carpool ride for the garden tour? Yes _____ No _____
 Can you offer a ride for others on the tour? Yes _____ No _____

Cancellations received prior to May 15 will be charged a \$50 processing fee. Cancellations received thereafter will not be refunded.

Fri banquet preference: Chicken breast Roasted pork Vegetarian

Sat banquet preference: Grilled salmon Grilled fillet of beef Vegetarian

If you have any serious dietary restrictions, please note here: _____

JUDGES CLINICS – Please note which clinics you will attend.

Clinic I (Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm) **Clinic II** (Friday 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm) **Clinic III** (Thursday 8:30 am – 10:00 am)

JUDGES HANDBOOK If attending a Judges Clinic, you must bring a current Judges Handbook. Download it free at www.hosta.org
 Check here if you would like to receive the official handbook and binder at the clinic (\$10 fee payable at the clinic).

HOSTA SHOW – The Show Schedule will be available online at www.stlouishosta.org. Please check your planned entries and anticipated number of entries in each:

- Leaf Show Div I _____ (Limit of 25 entries for Div I)
- Containers Div. II _____ Artistic Div. VI _____
- Troughs Div III _____ Specialty Div. VII _____
- Ed Div IV _____

Please check if you plan to: Judge Clerk

For additional Hosta Show information (including Div VII – seedlings and sports grown in containers), contact Phyllis Weidman:

pow1031@gmail.com Tel: (314) 630-9036

Registration Amount \$ _____
Credit Card Fee \$15 \$ _____ (If applicable)
Bus Fee \$ _____ (If applicable)
Total Amount \$ 0.00 (US dollars)

Checks payable to: **St. Louis Hosta Society**

Mail to: **Jolly Ann Whitener – Registrar** (636) 240-5068
10 Oak Hollow Dr (636) 485-9537 Cell
St. Peters, MO 63376 jawhit6@gmail.com

Credit Card Visa MasterCard Expires ____ / ____

Security Code

Name on Credit Card: _____

Signature: _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please contact **Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel** directly at (800) 325-3535 and mention **American Hosta Society** or go online at www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/americanhostasociety. The group rate of \$129 + taxes in effect from 6/12/15 to 6/19/16. Hotel needs to receive reservations by 5/31/16.
 Hotel Addr: 191 Westport Plaza Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146
 Tel: 314-878-1500

See www.stlouishosta.org for convention information and additional Registration Forms

Deer Resistant Landscaping

By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

Deer can be one of the most devastating pests in the garden. Antler rubbing can totally destroy a tree at an age when it is finally providing some shade and landscape significance. And their browsing will chew the tips off shrubs in the winter and take a perennial down to the ground in the summer. For the gardener, nothing is more frustrating than seeing your landscape investment reduced in value and beauty, sometimes overnight. And who can blame these long-legged pests? After all, we, through the building of subdivisions and rural homes, are invading their territory, not the reverse.

While various types of spray-on repellents exist, none are totally effective and must be reapplied frequently. A fence is the most effective deterrent, but may have to be eight feet tall, for deer are excellent high jumpers. This may not conform to the ordinances of some cities, not to mention the cost involved. The first line of defense should be to plant flora that is not to the deer's liking. Individual deer have differing tastes, but in general, deer do not eat plants that are pungent, thorny, or hairy. Herbs, in general, are deer resistant, as are plants that are native to the prairie environment. Let's take a look at a recommended few.

Shade gardens are generally dominated by hostas, but this plant is loved by deer. While those cultivars with fragrant flowers, such as *Hosta plantaginea* and its hybrids are favorites, no variety is totally resistant to the critters. Even though I am the past-president of the Midwest Regional Hosta Society, I'll be the first to admit that shade gardeners need to look elsewhere for a deer-resistant garden. At the top of my list are the many cultivars of Coralbells (*Heuchera*) or the native Alumroot. Columbines (*Aquilegia*) are a companion option that are valued for their flowers in the spring. *Astilbe* can provide blooms in a host of colors and plant sizes. While most ornamental grasses prefer full sun for best performance, sedges (*Carex*) are an alternative for the shade. Varieties are available for both wet and drier sites. An abundance of ferns, intermixed with your hostas, may also help to deter deer. Two of my favorites are the varieties 'Ghost' and 'Lady in Red.'

Early spring woodland wildflowers, such as Bleeding Hearts (*Dicentra spectabilis*) and Troutlily (*Erythronium* sp.) are left alone by the deer. A favorite of mine in part shade is the hardy geranium. Planting the cultivar 'Rozanne' will give you flowers throughout the summer. For deer-resistant ground covers, choose *Ajuga*, Sweet Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*), *Epimedium*, or Spurge (*Pachysandra*.) Other deer-resistant options for shade include Lungwort (*Pulmonaria*), Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia*), and Hellebore (*Helleborus*).

Deer resistant sun perennials are numerous. Most prairie plants are resistant as well as grasses. Try Tickseed (*Coreopsis*), Bergamot (*Monarda*), Prairie Dock (*Silphium*), False Indigo (*Baptisia*), or Butterfly Flower (*Asclepias tuberosa*.) Coneflowers (*Echinacea*) provides dozens of options in a host of colors in addition to the traditional purple. An often ignored plant for fall flowers is Goldenrod (*Solidago*.) Blooming at the same time that Ragweed releases its pollen, it is often falsely accused for causing fall allergies.

Most conifers are fairly resistant to deer browsing, but Yews (*Taxus*) and American Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*) are the exceptions. Prevalent in Midwest landscapes, you don't have to go far to see the damage caused by their eating habits. Interestingly, while American Arborvitae, also known as White Cedar, is loved by deer, the Western Arborvitae (*Thuja plicata*) is resistant. Unfortunately, these are not commonly found in local garden centers.

While it may not be totally possible or desirable to design a landscape with only plants that are left alone by deer, with proper plant selection we can keep their damage to a minimum. This will keep the frustration level low, and the enjoyment level high. Though they may be cute to watch, deer are vicious on plants. The prudent gardener would be wise to distance himself/herself from them.



***Athyrium filix-femina* 'Lady in Red' is an excellent deer-resistant fern for the hosta garden.**



[Coming Soon - A Yellow-Flowered Hosta](#)

by Harold McDonell

Yes, it's true. Thanks to the diligent work of hosta hybridizer Hajime Sugita, who is often credited with giving us *H.* 'Doctor Fu Manchu' and 'Raspberry Parfait' via seeds he provided to Peter Ruh, we will soon have a yellow-flowered hosta for our gardens. Its name is *Hosta* 'Miracle Lemony'.



Hosta 'Miracle Lemony'

Photo: Heemskerk Vaste Planten - Perennials

Mr. Sugita, who lives in Okazaki, Japan, worked diligently for over 20 years to develop this distinctive hosta. According to Loek Teeuwen, Manager Business Development with Heemskerk Vaste Planten - Perennials which owns the distribution rights for *H.* 'Miracle Lemony' in Europe, Mr. Sugita had originally set out to develop a true red-flowered hosta. Ten years into the effort and much to his surprise, he found a yellow-flowered seedling which he named 'Miracle Lemony' after verifying the stability of the yellow color of the flowers over several years.

***H. 'Miracle Lemony'* is now available in Japan but is not yet for sale in the United States. According to Mark Zilis in a presentation to Midwest Regional Hosta Society Winter Scientific Meeting in January, 2013, he hopes to make the plant available to retailers here this year or in 2017. Mark owns the distribution rights for 'Miracle Lemony' in the United States.**

'Miracle Lemony' is derived from the hosta species *tsushimensis*. It is a medium small plant with oval to heart-shaped leaves that are light green with glossy lighter green undersides. The flowers are pale but distinctively yellow in color. *H. 'Miracle Lemony'* is not yet registered but hopefully it will be with a full description by time of its introduction in the United States.

(Much of the background information for this article was gathered by GHS member Mikky Lockwood through her Japanese contacts. Thanks, Mikky. Also, thanks to Loek Teeuwen for additional data and the image of *H. 'Miracle Lemony'* flowers.)

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Dreaming of summer....



Great Expectations

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**MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

15 January 2016

Call to Order 8:10

Present: President – Cindy Tomashek, Vice President – Barry Ankney, Treasurer & Membership Chair – Barb Schroeder, Secretary – Holly O'Donnell, Newsletter Editor – Mary Vertz, Immediate Past President – Glenn Herold. Not attending: AHS Region 5 Liaison – Pat Gwidt

Electronic minutes from 2015 distributed. Motion to approve the minutes – Cindy, Second – Barry. Motion approved.

Future Conventions

Rob Mortko has secured a hotel contract for the MRHS Convention in 2017 and has around 400 Master Gardeners willing to volunteer to assist in the operating of the convention.

Barry confirmed that Peoria will host the 2018 MRHS Convention. If the Central Illinois Hosta Society board votes not to host the convention, Barry and Penny Bocelli would be the hosts. Barry assured the board that there were ample members of the CIHS to help them as well as staff members of ICC and members of IPHS.

Educational Grants

Grant committee is comprised of Barb, Barry, and Glenn. Barry reported that only two clubs have submitted applications:

- 1. Illinois Prairie Hosta Society for plant labels at the U of I Arboretum AHS Display Garden (\$300)**
- 2. Central Illinois Hosta Society for small and miniature *Hosta* cultivars as well as to help fund an educational brochure for the small and miniature *Hosta* garden at the ICC AHS Display Garden (\$300)**

Cindy will email clubs involved with other AHS Display Gardens in order to promote the MRHS grant. The application will also appear in all future newsletters.

Motion to approve the applications from IPHS & CIHS – Glenn, Second – Holly; Motion approved

MRHS Website

Barry reported that info on 2016 Convention is posted in PDF format so the hosts can make more easily make changes and updates. The PDF format will be used for future conventions.

Members Only Section: Now includes the current as well as archived newsletters, bylaw changes and explanations for changes, and the Educational Grant application. To be added: the membership directory and the annual financial report. Membership renewal forms would include a field that members could indicate if they would be willing to open their garden

to other members of MRHS to visit. This info will be included in the membership directory. Also, Barb will send Barry a quarterly updated membership list (with the possible exception of late fall when members are renewing) so the online membership list will be current.

Treasurer's Report

2015

Net income: \$8,804.44

Expenses: \$1,222.05

Total Assets: \$55,448.67

Treasurer's report approved: Motion—Glenn, Seconded – Barry. Motion carried.

Board agreed the need to change the club investment in mutual funds to a money market account and Barb will make the change.

2017 budget presented and amended. Motion to approve – Holly, Second – Barry. Motion approved.

Membership

Decline in number of members and ways to add perks to member dues was addressed. Tabled for later discussion.

Newsletter

Newsletter will be published in April. Deadline for submissions will be 15 March. Included will be the 2016 convention registration form and an article on the Winter Conference. Glenn offered to share gardening articles he has written to be published in future newsletters. Changing focus of Winter Conference articles to one general overview rather than articles on each presentation was discussed.

Other

1) Quorum for electronic meetings to be stated in bylaws. Wording to be amended in Article VII, Section 1. Second sentence to be replaced by: "Two-thirds of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum." Last sentence in this section to be replaced by: "Two-thirds majority of board members shall constitute a quorum for online meetings."

Motion to amend bylaws – Barb, Second – Glenn. Motion carried.

2) Membership fees for hard copy members shall remain \$30 for two years.

3) Montgomery Award nominations – A selection was made and will be announced at the 2016 Convention.

4) Lifetime membership in MRHS for Montgomery Award recipients - Motion – Glenn, Second – Barry. Motion carried. (Subject to the bylaws being passed at 2016 Convention, then would be effective in 1 Jan 2017)

5) Coordinators for future Winter Conference silent seed auctions needed. Online auction instead? Decision will be made pending result of 2016 sale –item tabled.

6) Need to recruit volunteers to help with Convention live auctions.

7) Attracting more attendees at conventions – need to appeal to younger

people such as students at colleges/universities with hort departments as well as staff at local garden centers/arboretums. Need a marketing rep to help – Barry will talk to Shelly Baldini.

8) Expand value of membership such as a member discount for conventions. Contact vendors about giving a \$10 discount for 1st time members and in return vendors would receive free ad space with logo on club website and a link to their website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.
Holly O'Donnell, Secretary

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

ALL ACCOUNTS

Category	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	Difference	Notes	2017 Budget To be approved in June 2016
Income:					
Convention	\$6,109.95	\$5,000.00	\$1,109.95		\$5,000.00
Income-Interest	\$130.67	\$0.00	\$130.67		\$0.00
Membership	<u>\$2,563.82</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	<u>\$263.82</u>		<u>\$2,300.00</u>
Subtotal	\$8,804.44	\$7,300.00			\$7,300.00
Expense:					
Award-Montgomery	-\$62.00	-\$200.00	\$138.00		-\$200.00
Awards-AHS	\$0.00	-\$200.00	\$200.00		-\$200.00
Grants-Display Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	14 National Display Gardens in Region 5	-\$1,500.00
Grants	\$0.00	-\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		-\$2,500.00
Miscellaneous	-\$10.00	-\$100.00	\$90.00		-\$200.00
Newsletter	-\$971.47	-\$1,600.00	\$628.53		-\$1,500.00
Internet Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Paid 5 years out	\$0.00
Winter Scientific 2015	-\$2,218.58	-\$2,500.00	\$281.42		\$0.00
Winter Conference 2016	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>-\$4,000.00</u>
Subtotal	(\$3,262.05)	(\$7,100.00)			(\$10,100.00)
Totals	<u>\$5,542.39</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>			<u>(\$2,800.00)</u>

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

ALL ACCOUNTS Cont'd

Winter Conference 2016	<u>\$1,336.50</u>	-\$2,500.00
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Overlaps 2015
and 2016

Account Balanc-

Checking	\$31,572.15
Mutual Fund	<u>\$23,876.52</u>
Total Assets	\$55,448.67

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schroeder

Treasurer

December 31, 2015

Editor's Note:

If April Showers bring May Flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?????

Unless noted I was behind the camera lens for the Winter Conference. Sorry for the angle on some—next time I'll remember to not sit on the side!

If you have any suggestions, pictures to share, or articles for future newsletter, please send to mavertzy@gmail.com.

If you are getting this newsletter by "snail mail", please help save money and request your next newsletter be sent by email.

Happy Spring! Looking forward to seeing everyone in Champaign!

Mary

Answer: Pilgrims!

AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

We invite you to join over 3,000 other hosta enthusiasts as members of the American Hosta Society. Members receive two issues per year of The Hosta Journal, which includes color photographs of hostas, reports on national conventions, scientific information concerning current research having to do with hostas, and advertisements of interest to hosta families. A third publication is the Online Journal. 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—check their website for multi-year rates. Joining AHS will enable you to attend our national conventions. <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/>

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Size	Single Issue	Full Year	Dimensions
Full page	\$275	\$475	6½" x 9½"
1/2 page	175	300	6½" x 4½"
1/4 page	90	155	3⅜" x 4½"
1/8 page	45	80	3⅜" x 2"
Black & White Ads:			
Size	Single Issue	Full Year	Dimensions
Full page	\$100	\$175	6½" x 9½"
1/2 page	55	95	6½" x 4½"
1/4 page	40	70	3⅜" x 4½"
1/8 page	30	50	3⅜" x 2"

Contact Mary Vertz for publishing deadlines and more details. (920) 336-7678 or mavertz@gmail.com

Wanted

Host Societies for future MRHS Conventions. If your local group has never or not recently hosted a convention, please consider doing your part by hosting one of these convention openings in 2019 2020, 2021.

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY
SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

Barb Schroeder
1819 Coventry Dr.
Champaign, IL 61822
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Membership

Please check the expiration date on the label located above this notice or on the Subject Line on your email . If it says “2016”, please send in your check to continue your membership. We would miss you. If the date is later, send in a check anyway *just in case*.

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY

Our Regional Society is composed of over 300 members in AHS Region Five (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) and many members from other states. We publish a twice-a-year newsletter, hold an annual convention each summer, and hold the Winter Conference each January in Lisle Illinois. To join, or renew membership, please send a check for \$20 (ten dollars per year) to Barb Schroeder, .1819 Coventry Drive, Champaign, IL 61822 for email newsletters. \$30.00 per year for paper copy mailed newsletters.

Next summer’s convention will be held in Kansas City, KC and in 2018 we’ll be in Peroria, IL Our conventions usually include a Hosta Show; a Judges’ Clinic; garden tours; speakers; vendors of hostas, companion plants, and garden art; a lively auction; a sit-down banquet; a buffet dinner; and lots of hospitality and fellowship!