



Hosta Happenings

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2015 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **May 30 & 31, 10-4:30 pm, NIHS Hosta Leaf Display & Plant Sale, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Setup Fri May 29, 9 - 1pm)**
- **June 13, 7 am - 7 pm, Bus Tour to gardens in Northwest Indiana**
- **June 18 - 20, 2015 American Hosta Society Convention, Raleigh, NC, hosted by Bob & Nancy Solberg**
- **June 27, 8:30 am, Board Meeting, location TBA. Contact Barbara King**
- **June 28 Hosta Garden Walk at Cappy Johnston's in Lake Forest**
- **July 9-11, Midwest Region Hosta Society Convention, Dubuque, IA**
- **July 19 Hosta Garden Walk at Barbara & Jim King's in Batavia**
- **Aug 2 Hosta Garden Walk TBA**
- **August 9, 1-5 pm, Hosta & Companion Plant Auction, Hinsdale Community House**
- **Sept 13, 1-4 pm, Hosta Potluck, Annual Mtg, & Swap Loc TBA**
- **Dec 6 Holiday Party Loc TBA**

President's Letter

Happy Spring, Everyone! I hope that your hostas and other plants, like mine, are bursting through the soil into leaf and bloom. It's a gorgeous time of year.

This year's NIHS calendar of events got off to a good start on March 22 with a very enjoyable Spring Potluck at Windsor Park Manor in Carol Stream where long-time members Jan and Earl Smith were our gracious hosts. Though the day was cold and dreary, the warm private dining room provided a lovely view of the beautifully landscaped grounds. As usual, NIHS cooks provided delicious food. Sincere thanks to all of them for their efforts, and to Jan and Earl who, with help from Hospitality Chair June Vandervest, took care of all the arrangements.

Another bright spot of this gathering was passage of new NIHS bylaws during the business portion of the meeting. The details are elsewhere in this newsletter along with a copy of the new bylaws for your reference until they are printed in the NIHS Member Handbook.

April 26 found many of us in Wheaton at Cantigny Park, where Craig Kruckenberg, Horticulture Manager, presented a highly informative program. He focused on the development of Cantigny and its gardens—the results of the vision of Col. Robert McCormick, on whose estate they are located—and linked the proposed AHS hosta garden to them. *continued next page*



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Our volunteers will soon be working there to continue the planting started last fall. We now have a group of 23 volunteers who have completed the required training and are eager to get to work on our site. If you haven't visited Cantigny, you will find it a treat to stroll around the beautiful grounds. The hosta garden is well located, just to the south of the Visitors Center, with temporary paths to take you close to all the plants. Keep in mind that it is a work in progress.

Information about upcoming NIHS events is further along in this newsletter. I hope you will take the time to read about them and join us. Note that the next NIHS board meeting will be on June 27 at 8:30 am at a place yet to be determined—email me if you would like to come. We haven't been very good about letting you know about these meetings, but members are always welcome.

Something else that is always welcome is members' input about what we do. Are there particular programs or activities that you like or don't like? Should we be planning different types of programs or activities—speakers, workshops demonstrations or tours? For example, only about one-third of those who came to the March 22 potluck participated in the White Elephant Swap that was part of it. This participation rate has been fairly consistent for a few years. Those who did had fun. But is the swap something we should revise, discontinue, or replace with a different activity?

On a related subject, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find members willing to host one of our events. Granted, a home has to be large enough to provide seating for at least 30 people, and not all of us can do that. It has been suggested that maybe we should have our Holiday Party in December at a centrally located restaurant, like many other societies now do, instead of a member's home. How would you feel about that?

NIHS covers a very large area, and we understand that it is sometimes hard for members from one area to get to an event in a relatively distant location. We try to move things around so that it's not always people from the same area that have to travel. Is this working, or should we take a different

New Member Welcome!!

A special welcome to our new hostaphiles!

- * **Kathy Fox, Geneva**
- * **Bill & Mary Lloyd, Lloyd Landscaping & Garden Center, Genoa**
- * **Linda Slager, Matteson**
- * **Faith Zell, Mt. Prospect**



In Memoriam

The NIHS expresses its deepest sympathy to Becki and Tom Micheletti, whose daughter Megan died February 22 after an extended battle with cancer.

approach?

We will be talking about these issues at upcoming board meetings. This is a society for all 200 of its members, and we would love to see more of them at our events. What would it take? Please give it some thought and contact me at bhk430@att.net.

Enjoy the rest of your spring.
Hope to see you soon!

Barbara

HOSTA HAPPENINGS

**Experience the Hosta Leaf
Display May 30 & 31 Chicago
Botanic Gardens**

Back Again - INFORMAL WORKSHOP
BOTH DAYS early afternoon, Times will
be posted on site

**“Everything You Need to Know About
Growing Hostas”**

A brief overview by experts Lou Horton &
Tom Micheletti with time for questions.

Plus Hosta Vendor Sales by Jim Morrow
and Tom Micheletti

Vote for your favorite hosta Leaf

Display hours 10 am to 4:30 pm both days

WANTED: YOUR HOSTA LEAVES!!!

Hosta leaves from members' gardens are what draw people to the annual NIHS display at Chicago Botanic Garden on May 30 and 31. It gives us great exposure to the public—several hundred people come to learn about hostas, purchase them from our vendors, and vote for their favorites. The picture below shows the winners of last year's popularity contest: L to R, #1 Hollywood Lights; #2 Victory; #3 Wheee.

**PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT A SUCCESS BY
DONATING LEAVES FROM SOME OF YOUR BEST HOSTAS.
IT'S EASY—HERE'S WHAT TO DO:**

- Select as perfect a leaf as you can find and cut it cleanly from the plant within 48 hours of the beginning of the display. Leave the petiole long enough to put in a vase as shown.
- Write the name of the hosta on the petiole with something like a waterproof Sharpie Ultra Fine Point felt tip pen, or securely label the leaf in some other way.
- Thoroughly wash any dirt or debris from the leaf and put it in cool water to keep it fresh.
- Repeat the process for as many hostas as you wish to bring to the display.

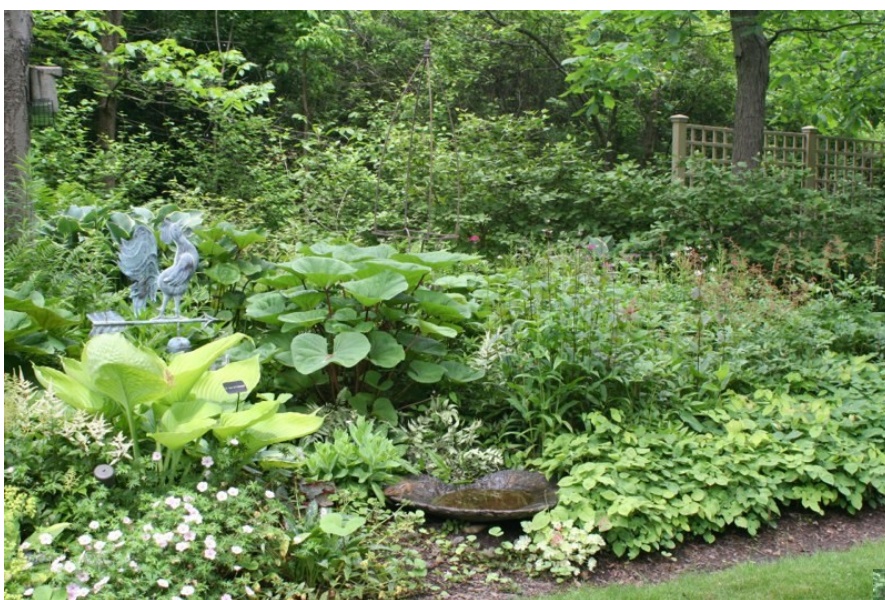
NIHS members will be at CBG on Friday, May 29 between 10 am and 1 pm, and on Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 am to accept your leaves and set them up for display. If you cannot get there during those hours, or if CBG is too far away for you, you can drop off your donations at the home of Colleen Graudins (north suburbs) or Barbara King (west suburbs) no later than the evening of Thursday, May 28. Let them know you are coming: Email Colleen at hrscolleen@aol.com or Barbara at bhk430@att.net. They will take your leaves to CBG.

If you would like to help with set up on Friday or at the exhibit between 10 am and 4:30 pm Saturday or Sunday, call or email Nancy Bodinet (847-550-0897; Bodinet@sbcglobal.net). Even if you do not donate leaves, you are welcome to come to see the display and buy some plants. NIHS members Jim Morrow and Tom Micheletti will offer hostas for sale during the hours the display is open. Tom and Lou Horton will also present a seminar each day with tips on growing hostas. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**



June 28 Hosta Garden Walk in Lake Forest

Cappy Johnston gardens on a heavily wooded one acre site on the edge of a ravine. When she started gardening there seventeen years ago, Cappy envisioned an English cottage garden and started planting the sun-loving flowers she yearned for. She quickly found they did not perform well in her shaded garden. She learned her #1 garden rule, "Plant what your *garden* likes, not what *you* would like for your garden." She then set about planting every shade tolerant plant she could find that grows in the Midwest. Once she realized the variety of hostas available she began collecting them. Last year Cappy reported she had included 420 hosta varieties in her garden planted in 21 beds. She is a Lake County Master Gardener and is passionate about expanding her



knowledge of gardening and hostas in particular. She uses the natural terrain, hardscape and decorative containers to great effect. Tom Micheletti declared, "Cappy's garden is not to be missed".

Driving Directions: The garden is located at 207 Maple Court, Lake Forest, IL 60045. From northbound I-94 take the IL Hwy 60/Kennedy Road exit and turn right (east) onto Kennedy Road. Proceed 1.5 miles and then turn left (north) onto North Waukegan Road for about 0.5 mile. Turn right (east) onto Deerpath for 2.1 miles to Sheridan Road. Turn right (south) onto Sheridan for 0.6 mile to Maplewood Road. Turn left (east) onto Maplewood for 0.1 mile and take the first right onto Maple Court. The Johnston house is at the south end of the court. From Chicago or the North Shore use the Edens Expressway (US Hwy 41) to get to Kennedy Road. *Photos by Cappy Johnston*



NIHS BUS TOUR 2015 Seven NW Indiana Gardens, Saturday June 13

We will visit seven gardens in the Lowell Indiana area on a day-long bus tour. Three commercial gardens and four stunning private gardens are included. If you are looking for a hard to find hosta Woldhuis Sunrise Greenhouse and the Fox Hosta Farm each offer hundreds of hosta varieties for sale. A few seats on the bus may still be available at a cost of \$50 each. The bus will leave from Woodridge at 7:00 a.m. If you would like to join us please contact Mark Rekoske at 224-622-1171 for availability.

Cappy Johnson's back yard. Very relaxing!



CANTIGNY GARDEN UPDATE

Lots of things are happening at our Hosta Display Garden at Cantigny Park this spring. After we finished planting hostas at the site last October, the horticulture staff put in thousands of daffodil and scilla bulbs that became a gorgeous yellow and purple wave a few weeks ago. Now the hostas and companion plants are pushing up among the fading colors, getting ready for their spectacular summer show.

Work will continue this spring with several NIHS workdays. Volunteers who have completed their Cantigny training requirements will begin the season with a cleanup session at our site on **May 11**. Other volunteer workdays will follow in late May and early June to plant at least 50 more hostas that have already been donated or purchased for the garden. Of course a few maintenance days will be scheduled throughout the summer. Hopefully by the end of the 2015 growing season, we will have fulfilled the requirements for making application to AHS for National Hosta Display Garden status.

NIHS members may wonder what they can do to help. We still want to add to the plant collection, both hostas and companions, and would welcome your donations. This newsletter contains lists of the hostas presently in the ground at Cantigny, as well as those that have been promised for this spring. Another list of "Hostas Wanted...." was compiled by a small group of members, but please do not consider it binding. It consists of hostas that a few people think are worthy. Lots of other desirable hostas are out there.

If you have specimens of healthy and mature varieties that you would like to donate, we would be thrilled to have them whether they are on the list or not. Companion plants, too! We will even come and help you dig them up! Call or email Lou Horton (630-293-7735; lehorton85@ameritech.net) or Barbara King (630-879-2263; bhk430@att.net).



April 2015 at the new Hosta Display Garden at Cantigny

Photo by June Vandervest

Hostas Wanted - Wish List for Cantigny Display Gardens

- Amos
- Abiqua Recluse
- Alex Summers
- Black Forest
- Blue Jay
- Blue Wedgwood
- Blueberry Muffins
- Blueberry Waffles
- Cameo
- Chartreuse Wiggles
- Christmas Tree
- Clifford's Stingray
- Corkscrew
- Cracker Crumbs

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**Hostas Wanted - Wish List for Cantigny Display
Gardens continued**

Diva
Ebb Tide
Emerald Charger
Ginsu Knife
Gold Drop
Golden Gate
Golden Meadows
Grand Slam
Gypsy Rose
Hadspen Blue
Halcyon
Holy Mouse Ears
Ivory Coast
Jack of Diamonds
Jimmy Crack Corn
Kiwi Black Magic
Lakeside Black Satin
Lakeside Shore Master
Lemon Lime
Mango Tango
Mardi Gras
Maui Buttercups
Midas Touch
Mildred Seaver
Minnesota Wild
Mississippi Delta
Night Before Christmas
One Man's Treasure
Pandora's Box
Peanut
Pixie Vamp
Powder Blue
Queen of the Seas
Radio Waves

Rain Forest
Rainbow's End
Ripple Effect
Sara's Sensation
Silk Kimono
Slick Willie
Spilt Milk
Spinach Souffle
Stitch in Time
Summer Music
Tea and Crumpets

Hosta Maui Buttercups

Tequila Sunrise
Tiny Tears
Twist of Lime
Valerie's Vanity
Venetian Skies
Ventricosa aureomarginata
Warwick Comet
Wheee



Hosta Lakeside Black Satin above; Hosta Ginsu Knife below



Hosta Maui Buttercups



Hosta Spilt Milk below



King Garden Featured on July 19 Hosta Garden Walk

Barbara & Jim King had a "blank canvas" when they moved into their home in 1979. The back yard was completely open and unplanted except for the grass & the now-aging spruce trees on the east border. Jim, with a longstanding interest in gardening, began to add trees and shrubs. Not until 2000 did Barbara's gardening interest emerge as she began to design and plant perennial areas. Soon both of them realized how much they were attracted to hostas and



Photos by Barbara King



the beauty they added to their ever-increasing shady areas. The rest, as they say, is history. Their garden now features more than 500 hosta varieties, quite a few heucheras and other companion plants, many trees not commonly seen, a few annuals and many perennials. Visit with the Kings and their hostas on Sunday July 19 in Batavia.

Kincaid Plant Markers Ordering Information

NIHS will once again offer the opportunity to order P-style Kincaid stainless steel plant markers at a small discount to our membership and a rebate to the Society. Board member Colleen Graudins will coordinate this group order and can be reached at HRSColleen@aol.com or (847) 520-5607 for more information or to include your selection(s) in the order. These markers are strong, do not bend or break and can be viewed at www.kincaidgardens.com. Markers come in bundles of 25 and the more markers ordered, the greater the discount. Order deadline is June 7. Please note the pricing listed below does not include shipping charges. Last year the average cost per marker **with shipping** was \$1 per marker. The final cost to each member will only be known when the order is placed. Delivery of the markers to any participating member will be arranged upon receipt of the order by Colleen.



Size	1 Bundle of 25	2 - 3 Bundles	4 or more bundles
10 Inch	\$27.80 for 25	\$23.90 each	\$20.00 each
15 Inch	\$31.30	\$26.90 each	\$22.50 each
17 Inch	\$33.05	\$28.40 each	\$23.75 each
20 Inch	\$34.80	\$29.90 each	\$25.00 each

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ANTED: HOSTA WALK GARDEN HOSTS

Our Program VP, Mark Rekoske, is always looking for special gardens for hosta walks. If you know of such gardens, or if you have one, please contact Mark at marekoske@gmail.com.



In 2015 I will offer 20+ hosta cultivars grown here for four years but never offered before by me. My 2015 Hosta Sale will be Saturday May 23rd from 8 AM to 12 PM.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLICITY CHAIR

The person for this job, which is an appointed Board position, is someone who understands hostaholics, has good computer and internet communication skills, and will enjoy being part of the team working to guide NIHS. The primary responsibility will be to publicize NIHS events that are open to the public, particularly our fundraising auction in August, and activities focused on recruitment of new members. Contact Barbara King at 630-879-2263 or bhk430@att.net with questions or to volunteer.

HOST A HOSTA SOCIETY EVENT

We have two opportunities this year for members to host an NIHS event at their homes: The Annual Meeting, Potluck and Plant Swap in September and the Holiday Gathering in early December. Sunday afternoons are preferred for these events, but the host gets to pick which one. NIHS will give \$75 toward the main course and beverages, and we will provide the paper goods, cups, etc. Usually 30 – 40 people come and bring dishes to pass. Our Hospitality Chair will arrange help for setup and cleanup. If you can help, contact Barbara King at 630-879-2263 or bhk430@att.net.

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Let's Talk Hostas

By Tom Micheletti



Our Editor, Ron, has asked me to write a regular column for our newsletter. So I'm calling it "Let's Talk Hostas". After all we are a hosta society and you joined to learn more about hostas didn't you? He said I could write on anything that "strikes my fancy" or is on my mind. Hmm! That could open a whole can of worms.

Ah yes, worms, they are certainly good for your soil, tunneling in the ground, providing air circulation in the soil. Plus their castings are an excellent fertilizer. In my opinion they are certainly good to have around. Another creepy crawly that is not so welcome in our gardens are slugs. When I give talks to garden clubs I say your slug program starts April first and ends March 31st. There are many treatments that can be tried, but your slug abatement program should start well before you start to see holes in the leaves of your hostas. It's still not too late to start. Space is limited here to go into detail so for more detailed discussion of slug treatment I have written an in-depth article that is posted on my website, www.hostapatch.com. It is entitled "That thug the Slug". As for the saucers of beer that are reported to work trapping slugs, well I say drink the beer and you won't see the slug damage. You actually need to place the saucers every 3 or 4 feet throughout your garden to have any real effect. Many of us would need to own a brewery in order to afford all the beer we need to provide.

Another thing that needs your attention at this time of year if you haven't already done it is to clean up the debris from around your hosta plants. It allows them to unfurl without any hindrance, and it removes the overwintering site for unwanted critters. This is another thing that should be done before if not as soon as the hostas begin to emerge.

Another springtime ritual is fertilizing your hosta garden. It is good to fertilize just as the plants begin to emerge. I also apply another application just before the leaves fully unfurl. This is because I broadcast fertilizer and don't want it to sit on open leaves, which will burn holes in the leaves. After the leaves are fully opened, you will have to lift the leaves in order to apply the fertilizer around the base of the plant. Well I'm running out of my allotted space. For more detailed information about fertilizer I wrote an article "The Poop About Fertilizer" which is also in the articles section on my website.

One last thought, if April showers don't bring May flowers you will need to apply water. It is critical that hostas get a lot of water as they are unfurling. The more they get, the bigger they will be. Until next time, I'll see what's swirling around in my head to share.

Now You See Them, Tomorrow You Won't Spring Ephemerals

By June Vandervest



The beauty and delicacy of spring has all of us under its spell. After shoveling over 20 inches of snow this winter, we were sure that spring would never come soon enough for us. Now in the blink of an eye, it is almost gone! Already my Snowdrops (*Galanthus ni-*



valis), Winter Aconite (*Eranthis Hyemalis*) and Tete-a-Tete Narcissus have finished blooming. The little white daisy

-like flowers of the Blood Root (*Sanguinaria Canadensis*) have disappeared, as have the colorful Crocus and Dutch Iris flowers. Hurray! for the lovely carpets of blue Squill (*Scilla siberica*), Corydalis solida, Striped Squill (*Puschkinia*), Glory of the Snow (*Chionodoxa*) and Spring Beauties (*Claytonia virginica*) that can still be seen in abundance. The diminutive Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*) and Hepatica with its three lobed mottled leaves and pale



bluish flowers almost require you to kneel on the ground to appreciate them.

Spring Ephemerals clockwise from top: Bloodroot/ *Sanguinaria canadensis*, Bleeding Heart/ *Dicentra 'gold heart'*, Fumewort/ *Corydalis solida*, Pasque flower/ *Pulsatilla vulgaris*.

Toothwort (*Cardamine concatenate*) and Trout Lily (*Erythronium albidum*) are also contenders for this viewing position. Graceful Red and White Trilliums can be seen in little groups here and there. Abundant colonies of Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*), False Rue Anemone (*Enemion*



Photos by
June
Vandervest

bitematum), Bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*) and those umbrella shaped wonders commonly called May-Apples (*Pododhyllum peltatum*), can all be seen in the wildflower garden at Wandschneider Park in Downers Grove. Lucky is the gardener who invested in Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*) and Pasque flowers (*Pulsatilla*) that are blooming right now. Look quickly. Before you know it, all traces of these lovely flowers will have disappeared and the only remnant of spring will be the yellow, drying leaves of tulips, hyacinths and daffodils.

Back To Basics: Hosta Fact Sheet

By Bob Solberg, 2nd Installment of 3

“Sometimes it is time to get back to the basics, to tell the old stories again so we can all try to share in the same view of the hosta world.” Bob Solberg



Hosta 'Halcyon'

11. Hostas are “deer candy”. The number one threat to Hostadom is deer. They have had an enormous effect on the growth of the popularity of hostas in the past decade. Serious hosta growers in areas when deer are too numerous need to get a fence or use repellent regularly to prevent those varmints from turning your beautiful hosta clumps into celery stalks. Hostas are evidently very nutritious to other mammals as well; voles and even the occasional crazed squirrel will eat hostas. Keep up the good fight!

12. Hostas with blue leaves are shade lovers. Since almost all blue hostas can be traced back to *H. sieboldiana*, a hosta that prefers a cooler spot in the garden, blue hostas are very reliable in shade. Some hybrids, like ‘Halcyon’ can, however, grow well in a good deal of sun but with some leaf damage if temperatures are extremely high.

13. Hostas with yellow leaves are not sun lovers. Yellow hostas, because they have less chlorophyll than green hostas, need more light to produce their food. Thus, it would make sense that they would prosper in more sun. Unfortunately, many gold hostas are children of *H. sieboldiana*, the shade lover, and cannot handle hot sun. Many gold hostas are also from *H. sieboldii* and *H. tsu-shimensis* and some of these are more sun tolerant especially in the North.

14. Hostas with fragrant flowers demand sun and water. All fragrant-flowered hostas can be

traced back to *H. plantaginea* as a parent. *H. plantaginea* grows best in a sunnier location, (but not the full sun of the Walmart parking lot), with lots of water. I grow my fragrant-flowered hostas on a deck that gets mid-day sun in pots sitting in saucers of water.

15. Hostas grow best in rich, well drained, moist soil. Not all of our gardens have “rich, well-drained, evenly moist soil” no matter how much soil amending we do. If not, the solution may be to grow your hostas in pots! In a container, the gardener can control the soil, light, water, and nutrition for its hostas. From Zone 7, maybe Zone 6, south, there is no winter protection needed for potted hostas, just maybe for your expensive ceramic pots.

16. Hostas make great cut flowers. Scapes of hosta flowers are great in flower arrangements. Cut the scape after a couple of flowers have opened, place in water, re-cutting the scape every few days, and the flowers will last for up to two weeks.

Does cutting your hosta scapes induce more hosta leaves? No, the growing point of the shoot that made the leaves is now on the top of the scape making flowers. Allowing seed set however might take some energy from next year’s plant so cut the scapes after they begin setting seeds, after several flowers have opened, or when the scapes become unruly, grabbing at garden visitors. *Continued next page*

Back To Basics: Hosta Fact Sheet

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17. Hostas can be propagated by division. We all know that hosta clumps can be divided in half, in quarters, or even down to single divisions using a sharp Ginsu knife. I like to do this in August after the hottest weather has past so that the divisions can regrow new roots before dormancy. Others prefer to divide their hostas in early spring as they emerge but usually only in half or maybe quarters, if it a large clump. The tissue culture process is just dividing hostas in test tubes in the present of growth regulating hormones. In TC, hostas can be divided every 4-6 weeks instead of 2-3 years in the garden. It is because of tissue culture that hostas are so affordable. Think how long it would take you to amass 100 divisions of your favorite hosta seedling by garden divisions. I bet you would have to charge a lot for them.

18. Hosta tetraploids are improved hostas. Hostas that are chemically converted from their normal two sets of chromosomes to double that number (4 sets) have their advantages and disadvantages. Converted tetraploids have shorter scapes, larger flowers, thicker leaves on more compact plants, and maybe richer colors. Unfortunately, they are smaller plants generally, except for white-centered forms,

have shorter roots and grow more slowly. There is some good and some not so good. Someday, because of their greater genetic variability tetraploid hybrids may produce great advances in hosta hybridizing but it looks to be a slow process.



Hosta 'So Sweet'

19. Hostas grow best north of I-80. I think they do. The combination of cooler summers with lower light intensity, longer days, and a shorter growing season allows hostas to be grown in more sun without heat stress. The more tropical *H. plantaginea* and its children, however, may actually grow better in the South if given ample water and light.

20. Hostas will grow in Florida. Not all hostas need a cold dormancy to flourish. Many hostas will grow well in the panhandle of northern Florida but 'So Sweet' is almost evergreen in Orlando and further south. Hostas can be grown in Los Angeles also, but all do better in pots than

in the ground. nematodes and Hosta Virus X, the two pest problems that get all the research money and bad press. That leaves slugs, sticks, and fungus, all temporary flaws on hosta leaves that will not reappear the next spring. I think it is unreasonable to want your hosta leaves to remain unblemished all summer; after all they do live in the real world.

From The Green Hill Gossip 2014, part 2 of 3

Early Spring Partying!

The March Potluck Meeting was held at Windsor Park in Carol Stream, the new residence of Jan & Earl Smith.



Photos courtesy of June Vander-vest & Andy Campbell



Clockwise around the perimeter from top right: Vickie & Allan Eaton; Maxine Butcher & Olga Swehla; Sherrie Hughes, Tony Kwiatowski, & Colleen Gaudins; Alex & Helga Ertas; Marvelous meal; Barbara King hyping a swap item.



Hosts Earl & Jan Smith enjoy showing off their new residential community.



2015 MRHS Convention *A Hosta Rendezvous*

When: July 9-11, 2015

Where: Holiday Inn, 450 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001
563-556-2000 888-465-4329 (reserved Rate is \$124) **Hotel Information**

Gardens: There will be 6 gardens to tour on Saturday. (Optional Bus Tour with boxed lunch \$30 per person - limited to the first 50 paid advance registrants.)

Sunday - Optional garden tours (information provided at registration)

Dining:

Thursday - Optional River Cruise with dinner (Prime Rib or Chicken) on the **Spirit of Dubuque**. Special rate of \$50.00 per person. Limited to 60 registrants. Make reservations directly. (563-583-8093)

The following meals are included with your registration:

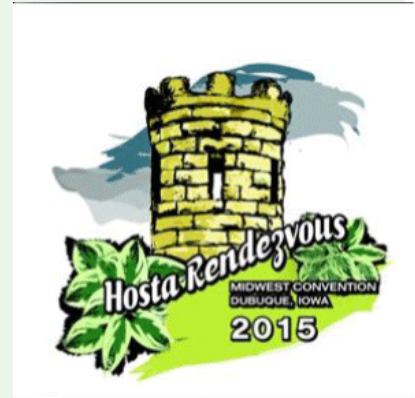
Friday - Dinner BBQ at the **Arboretum**.

Saturday - Continental Breakfast and Evening Banquet

Registration: Printable **Registration Form**. <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/Registration%20Form%202015%20MRHS.pdf>

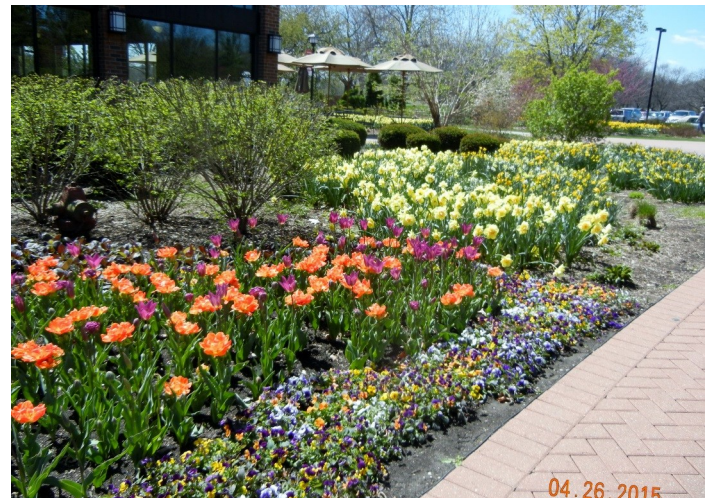
Hosta Seedling Competition: **Seedling Competition Information**.

Mark your calendar now. more information Contact Cheryl Hird 563-557-1535



April Spring Symposium at Cantigny

Kudos to Craig Kruckenberg for his excellent presentation at the NIHS Spring Symposium at Cantigny on April 26. "CK" is the Horticulture Manager at Cantigny who spoke to us about the history of the park, its founder Col. Robert McCormick, and the development of the gardens, including the hosta garden we are creating. As a thank-you gift to CK and Cantigny, we are providing them membership in NIHS. Thanks also to Tom Micheletti and Jim Morrow for digging up enough emerging hostas to offer our members some buying opportunities. It was good to see so many members there, several of whom commented on how much they liked the program! *Photos by Ron Asselborn*



Epimediums – Worthy Shade Companions for Hostas

By Harold McDonell

Until about 15 years ago, I barely knew what an epimedium was. It is not a commonly grown plant, especially here in the Southeast. I don't remember exactly what got me interested but it started with ordering a couple of species plants from a now defunct perennial nursery in New York. I liked what I saw as they grew and bloomed, so I started studying them and looking for suppliers of more. I now have over 40 species and cultivars and my love for them grows each year. Epimediums are members of the barberry family which includes such familiar plants as Japanese barberry, mahonia, nandinas, and mayapples. Just that information alone might give you a good idea of how hardy and trouble free they are. . Most epimediums

thrive in USDA Zones 4-5 through Zone 8. They have no major pests or diseases.

Epimediums are native to China, Korea, and Japan – just like our hostas. They do best in light shade but will

tolerate fairly deep shade. They will also tolerate some sun and they bloom best with stronger light. If your hostas are happy in a particular spot, so will be any epimediums in the same bed. Once established, they are drought tolerant but prefer moist, well-drained and amended neutral to slightly acid soil – just like our hostas. There are both spreading and clumping species and cultivars. I prefer the clumpers but if you have a large area in need of a good ground



Epimedium grandiflorum 'Red Queen'

cover, some of the spreading ones will do the job for you Epimediums may be evergreen or deciduous. Many have beautiful new growth in the spring with leaves netted, mottled, or edged in shades of red to deep chocolate. Many of the deciduous varieties

have beautiful fall foliage color, mostly in yellow. Some of the evergreen ones take on a strong red cast to the leaves in the winter. Leaf shape varies from round to narrow. Some epimediums have elongated leaves like lopsided arrowheads. Leaves may present either smooth or toothed edges. Heights of foliage vary widely, going from about 6" to over 3'. Most are in the 12"-18" range.

Epimediums bloom in early spring, starting around mid-March in Atlanta and lasting a month or more. Some cultivars

will re-bloom reliably, extending the bloom season all the way into mid-May. Their garden value is not in the individual blossoms but rather in the overall floral display. There are many blooms per floral scape, just like with their shrubby cousins, the nandinas and mahonias. Individual flowers may range from less than 1/2" to over 1 1/2". Flowers have unique forms with cups, spurs, and sepals. Many are bi-colored. Colors cover a wide range – yellow,



Epimedium youngiam 'Little Shield'

Epimediums – Worthy Shade Companions for Hostas

continued

white, red, rose, lavender, purple, pink, orange, cream, and butterscotch. Different species vary widely in their floral displays so it is best to research a little before buying sight unseen. Some also bloom below the foliage which diminishes their floral value. As a rule, most of the *Epimedium grandiflora* cultivars and most recently introduced hybrids bloom profusely. Most of the 60 or so species of epimediums have been discovered only in the last 25 years. With the introduction of all these new gene pools, cross-species hybridization was inevitable. The same occurred with hostas after



Epimedium Amber Queen



Epimedium franchetti

many new species of them became available to hybridizers in the 1970s and '80s. The result for epimediums, like with hostas, has been an explosion of fantastic new hybrids in the last 10 years

that far surpass their parents in performance. New colors, better flowering habits including reliable rebloomers, and great spring leaf patterns are some of the hallmarks of many of the new hybrids. Some of my favorites are shown with this article. Our founder, George Schmid, said at the very beginning of The Georgia Hosta Society that we would learn much more about not only hostas, but also about the many companion plants that form the supporting cast in the shade garden for our queen of perennials. Wow, was he ever so right. Epimediums are just one of those plants that I have discovered. I now consider them to be one of the four anchor plants in my shade perennial garden along with hostas, hellebores, and ferns. If you are not presently growing any in your garden, I encourage you to start adding a few now.

Epimediums are still hard to find in local nurseries but Popo's Garden (Steve McMurtry) may be carrying some this spring. Some good mail order sources are: +Plant Delights Nursery in North Carolina www.plantdelights.com +Garden Vision Epimediums in Massachusetts www.epimediums.com +Edelweiss Perennials in Oregon www.edelweissperennials.com

Reprinted from The Georgia Hosta Society March 2015

Nancy and Bob Solberg invite you to visit beautiful North Carolina next June and have nothing but fun. Our theme is "Back to the Future". We plan to combine the friendliness and simplicity of the conventions in the 90's while focusing on the future of hostas and hosta gardening.

Dates: Thursday- Saturday, June 18-20,
2015 with optional tours Wednesday, June 17.

Hotel: Hilton North Raleigh North/Midtown,
3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609,
919-872-2323. Special Double Room Rate
\$105.00.

Tour Gardens: On Friday, we will visit 5 local residential gardens including David Spain's nationally known moss garden, On Thursday evening we will visit Tony Avent's Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens. The nursery and extensive gardens are renowned for their diversity of rare plant material including many new hybrids produced as part of their research mission, www.plantdelights.com.

On Saturday morning, the buses will take you to Green Hill Farm in Franklinton, owned by Nancy and Bob Solberg, which is one of the leading sources of new hostas, www.HostaHosta.com.

Lunch Stop: On Friday our lunch stop will be at the North Carolina State Farmers Market in Raleigh. In addition to the wide selection of produce available from North Carolina, (it should be peach season), there are many interesting plants for sale also. You will enjoy a gourmet box lunch and then snack your way around the market testing the free samples.

Scientific Session: We plan to have an old fashion "Scientific Session", Thursday afternoon. The topic will be the "Future of Hostas" and hosta hybridizers everywhere are invited to send Bob Solberg, (HostaBob@gmail.com) a photo of their three best unnamed seedlings along with a description, parentage, etc. They will then be presented in a PowerPoint presentation as a group.

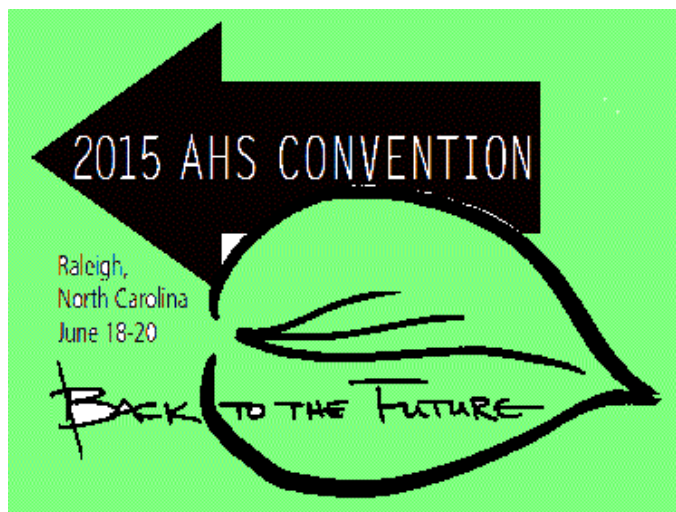
Hosta Show: Not only will we have the display of leaves and the artistic division but also a containerized seedling and sport contest, (Division VII).

Vending: We hope to have a good number of hosta vendors at the convention. We will have other plants available also as well as other items to decorate your garden or home.

Auction: Saturday afternoon we will have our annual auction open to the public. It usually features new hostas, rare hostas, and large hosta clumps as well as other hosta related items

Finally, there will be the usual meetings, judging clinics and an Awards Banquet on Saturday night. We will also provide a list of public gardens and nurseries that you can visit before or after the convention on your own. Plan to extend your stay here and make a **vacation out of your trip.**

Registration Form: <http://www.2015ahsconvention.com/2015RegistrationForm.pdf>



“Happy Birthday” to Margaret Eyre

By Michael Kraus

We wish a “Happy Birthday” to Margaret Eyre. She celebrated her 97th birthday on Mother’s Day. Margaret has been a member of the Northern Illinois Hosta Society since 1997. In McHenry County, Margaret is known as the “Hosta Queen”. She began her “hosta” adventures in the 1980’s, starting out with 15 - 20 varieties that quickly grew to a collection of more than 500 varieties of hostas.

In the mid 1990’s Margaret began selling hostas at Rich’s Foxwillow Pines Nursery, owned and managed by her son and his wife, Rich and Susan Eyre in Woodstock, IL. Sales have grown significantly over the years. What is different here is that every dollar collected from the sale of hostas is donated to Heifer International. While in the Peace Corps, Rich worked with this organization in Bolivia in 1968-70. Heifer International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger and poverty. They provide chickens, goats or cows and other resources to help struggling families build a sustainable future. The recipients of the animals must “pass on the gift” of the first



Margaret Eyre and Tom Micheletti share a story about introducing Hosta ‘Margaret Eyre’

female offspring to another person needier than themselves.

Margaret even has a hosta named after her. Hosta ‘Margaret Eyre’ was introduced and registered in 2007 by Tom Micheletti of “The Hosta Patch”. The hosta plant is called “the friendship plant”, proven every year by Margaret, Rich and Susan. They are able to contribute thousands of dollars annually from their “Hosta Haven” sales events held twice a year at Rich’s Foxwillow Pines Nursery. This year’s sales are June 6th and August 29th from 9-4. Hostas are available for purchase throughout the summer at the nursery. The hostas are potted and cared for by a group of volunteers. Many of the volunteers meet on Mondays for a “group therapy session” to work on the plants. Everyone is welcome to join the Monday “therapy sessions” where the world’s problems are solved and hostas are made ready for sale.

Through the Eyre’s dedication to Heifer International thousands of people have benefited from Margaret’s “friendship plant” sales. You will find Margaret sitting under the old willow tree holding court at each Hosta Haven sale greeting everyone as they enter. Happy Birthday Margaret!!



NORTHERN ILLINOIS HOSTA SOCIETY
HOSTA HAPPENINGS

NIHS APPROVES NEW BYLAWS

Special Nominating Committee

Authorized for 2015

On March 22, NIHS members present at the meeting of the society voted unanimously to approve new bylaws with an effective date of April 1, 2015. A copy of them is included in this newsletter for your reference, and it will also be in the 2015 Membership Handbook you will receive within the next month.

The new bylaws require staggering the election of officers and directors, but it was agreed that the current Board will remain in place until new officers are elected at the September annual meeting. The Board is proceeding to appoint a Nominating Committee that will present the slate at that meeting. It will consist of nominations for two-year terms for the president, recording secretary, treasurer and one director at large. The vice president, membership secretary, hospitality chair and one director at large will be selected for one-year terms.

During the discussion preceding passage of the bylaws on March 22, president Barbara King reported that two comments had been received from members when the draft bylaws were circulated in February. One recommended term limits for the president, while the other suggested that the president and vice president should be elected in the same year. After consideration of these proposals, it appeared that there was no clear consensus on the first, but there was general agreement on the second. It was agreed that, because a change to the draft bylaws would require recirculation of it to the membership with no action permitted for 30 days thereafter, we would proceed with the up-or-down vote on the revised bylaws. Changes desired by the membership, including the two discussed above, can be made by amendment to the new bylaws at the annual meeting in September, as long as members are notified of them at least 21 days in advance.

BYLAWS OF THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS HOSTA SOCIETY

Approved by NIHS membership March 22, 2015, to become effective April 1, 2015

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The Name of this organization shall be Northern Illinois Hosta Society (NIHS).

ARTICLE 2 – MISSION

Northern Illinois Hosta Society shall be an educational organization registered with the State of Illinois as a General Not For Profit Corporation whose purpose is to share knowledge and love of hostas and to promote wider use of hostas in the landscape.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society is open to any person, business, or organization that wishes to support the mission of the society.

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (Board) shall consist of the elected officers and directors-at-large of NIHS, the Newsletter Editor and the Publicity Director.

Section 1 - Powers and Duties.

The Board shall manage and supervise the business and activities of NIHS as directed by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Board may create standing and ad hoc committees to help it perform its duties. The Board shall also have the power to raise funds required to perform its duties and maintain adequate financial reserves.

Section 2 – Meetings. A minimum of three (3) meetings of the Board shall be held annually at times and places to be decided by the Board members. The President may call special meetings as needed and shall be required to call a special meeting upon the written request of a majority of Board members, as

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long as 48 hours notice is given. Board meetings shall be open to any Society members who wish to attend.

Section 3 – Quorum. One more than one-half of the Board members will constitute a quorum for Board meetings.

Section 4 – Conflict of Interest. Whenever a Board member has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Board, the affected member shall fully disclose the nature of the interest and withdraw from discussion and voting on the matter.

Section 5 – Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board through resignation, death or disqualification shall be filled by appointment of a member within 30 days by a majority vote of the remaining Board members. Such appointee's term shall continue until the next annual meeting when the position will be filled for the remainder of its term by election. Three consecutive absences of a Board member from a Board meeting without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation from the Board and from the office held.

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS, DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE, AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1 – Election, Terms, and Duties. Officers and directors-at-large shall be elected by the general membership at an Annual Meeting for terms of two years and shall take office immediately. They may be re-elected. They shall perform the duties specified below as well as other duties that the Board may assign.

The President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and one director-at-large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years. The Vice President, Membership Secretary, Hospitality Chair and one director-at-large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years. The President, with the consent of a majority of the other elected officers and directors-at-large, shall appoint the Newsletter Editor and the Publicity Director.

Section 2 – President. The President shall pre-

side at all meetings of the Board and the Society, or shall designate another person to do so; may, with Board approval, appoint standing or ad hoc committees; shall be an ex officio

member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; may sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes in the absence of the Treasurer; shall sign with the Recording Secretary all contracts and other instruments as approved by the Board; and shall perform such other duties as the Board shall direct. The out-going president shall remain on the Board as an ex-officio member for one year and shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

Section 3 - Vice President. The Vice President shall assume the office of President in the event of the absence, disability, resignation or death of the President. If the Vice President is unable to serve as President, the Board shall fill the vacancy from among the members of the Society. The Vice President shall perform such duties as the President and Board shall direct, and shall be responsible for supervising the planning and execution of NIHS programs and activities.

Section 4 - Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the Society and the Board. The Recording Secretary shall also attest to all contract and other instruments signed by the President when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other duties as the President and Board shall direct. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the official records of the society, including minutes, reports, contracts, correspondence and any other official documents.

Section 5 - Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary shall maintain a current membership list, send this list to all members annually, and notify members of imminent expiring memberships. The Membership Secretary shall notify the full member-



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ship of upcoming society events and shall provide the newsletter editor with the latest membership information for distribution of the newsletter. The Membership Secretary may also collect dues and shall forward all such sums received to the Treasurer.

Section 6 – Treasurer. The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due the Society, serve as custodian of these and all Society funds, deposit them in a bank designated by the Board, and disburse funds as authorized in the budget or by the Board. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Society; shall report to the Board at its regular meetings on the Society's financial status and other financial matters; and shall provide an annual financial report to the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Another responsibility of the Treasurer, which may be delegated to a qualified expert, is preparation of the Society's required annual submissions to the US Internal Revenue Service and the State of Illinois.

Section 7 – Hospitality Chair. The Hospitality Chair shall plan social occasions of the Society, shall be responsible for providing refreshments at activities of the Society, and shall provide assistance as needed at home-hosted Society events. The Hospitality Chair shall coordinate these activities with the Vice President.

Section 8 – Directors-at-Large. Directors-at-large shall perform duties as assigned by the Board.

Section 9 – Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall perform all tasks required to publish a newsletter at least four times per year to report to the membership about past and future Society activities and to inform them of opportunities for future member involvement.

ARTICLE 6 – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 - The Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members. The chair and one member, who shall not be Board members, shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. The Board shall then appoint one of its members to the committee. The term of office for Nominating Commit-

tee members shall be one year. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by appointment of the President with the consent of a majority of the Board. Any Society member may send suggestions for nominations to the Nominating Committee.

Section 2 – Report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a report containing its slate of nominations for officers, directors-at-large, the chair and one member of the next year's Nominating Committee, and any existing board vacancies, and provide it to all Society members by electronic or written means at least 21 days before the Annual Meeting. The Report of the Nominating Committee shall also be presented at the Annual Meeting. Members may make additional nominations from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Section 3 - Elections. Election shall be by ballot, except if there is only one nominee for an office, election shall be by voice vote. A majority vote shall constitute election.

ARTICLE 7 - PROGRAMS

The Board shall develop and approve such programs and activities for the membership and the public that will accomplish the mission of the Society. The Vice President shall have chief responsibility for this task, using input from Society members and the Board.

ARTICLE 8 - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Section 1 - Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Society shall coincide with the calendar year.

Section 2 - Dues. The amount of dues shall be reviewed annually by the Board and approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Dues shall be payable by January 1 for two years. New members joining after the annual meeting shall be considered paid through the two year period beginning the fol-

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lowing January. Dues not paid shall be considered delinquent after April 1. If dues remain unpaid after that date and after notice by the Membership Secretary, membership will be terminated.

Section 3 - Bonding and Insurance. Bonding of the Treasurer and adequate liability insurance to protect the Society shall be provided as directed by the Board.

Section 4 - Budget Preparation. The Board shall draft a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and shall provide it to all members by electronic or written means at least 21 days before the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 - Audit. The Board shall arrange for an annual audit of the Society's financial records by an impartial auditor who shall report audit findings to the Board.

Section 6 - Compensation. Services of all Board members, chairpersons of committees, and members shall be voluntary and without compensation.

Section 7 - Distribution of Funds in Special Circumstances or on Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution or other special circumstances of the society, all money and other assets of the society at

that time shall be distributed to such person, organization or corporation for such public, charitable or educational use and purposes consistent with those of the society as the Board in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Society shall be between Labor Day and October 31 of each year, the date and place to be determined by the Board. The purpose of this meeting is to make reports to the membership, elect officers and directors-at-large; approve the proposed program and budget for the next fiscal year; set the amount of dues for the next fiscal year; act upon proposed bylaws changes, if any; and transact other necessary business of the Society.

Section 2 - Regular Meetings. Regular meetings and activities of the Society shall be held throughout the year on dates and at locations selected by the Board.

Section 3 – Special Meetings. Either the President or the Board of Directors may call for special meetings or activities.

Section 4 – Quorum. One tenth of the total membership shall constitute a quorum for all meetings.

ARTICLE 10 - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the meetings of this society in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE 11 – REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1 – Review. These bylaws shall be reviewed annually by the Board prior to the annual meeting to assure they continue to reflect the purpose and operations of the Society.

Section 2 – Amendment. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at an annual meeting, provided the Board has given members at least 21 days electronic or written notice of the proposed amendment. Dates of amendments shall be added to the title of this document.

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Hostas Installed at Cantigny Display Gardens



Hosta 'plantaginea'

Abiqua Drinking Gourd
 Aphrodite
 August Moon
 Blue Angel
 Blue Cadet
 Blue Mouse Ears
 Bressingham Blue
 Bridal Veil
 Daybreak
 Dorothy Benedict
 Earth Angel
 Elvis Lives
 Empress Wu
 Fire Island
 First Frost
 Fort Knox
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 Frances Williams
 Geisha
 Gold Edger
 Gold Standard
 Golden Sculpture
 Golden Tiara
 Grand Tiara
 Great Expectations
 Guacamole
 Guardian Angel
 Invincible
 Irish Eyes
 Jade Cascade
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 Katy Q

King of Spades
 Korean Snow
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 Lady Isobel Barnett
 Lancifolia
 Lemon Frost
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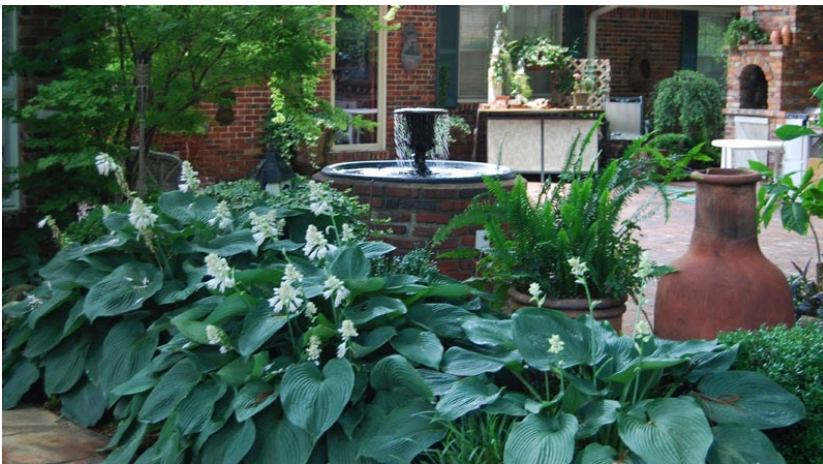
Hosta 'Liberty'

Liberty
 Little Treasure
 Maraschino Cherry
 Midwest Magic
 Moonlight Sonata
 Nigrescens "Elatior"
 Old Faithful
 On Stage
 Paradigm
 Patriot
 Paul's Glory
 Pineapple Upside Down Cake
 Plantagenea

Praying Hands
 Rainforest Sunrise
 Red October
 Regal Splendor
 Rhino
 Rosedale Genevieve
 Royal Standard
 Sagae
 Sieboldiana "Elegans"
 Sleeping Beauty
 So Sweet
 Stained Glass
 Striptease
 Sum and Substance
 Sweet Home Chicago
 T Rex
 Undulalta albomarginata
 Undulata medio-variegata
 Ventricosa
 Victory
 Whirlwind
 Wide Brim
 Yellow Splash

Hostas On Order or Donated Due for Cantigny Installation Spring 2015

Antioch	Dick Ward
Atlantis	Final Summation
Bigga Luigi	Golden Meadows
Black Forest	Hoosier Dome
Black Hills	Humpback Whale
Blue Hawaii	Key West
Blue Mammoth	Komodo Dragon
Blue Visions	Lakeside Paisley Print



Clockwise from top right: Hosta 'Lakeside Paisley Print'; Hosta 'Atlantis', & Hosta 'Blue Mammoth'.

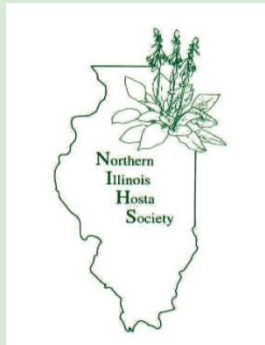
Blueberry Muffins	Little Wonder
Bright Lights	Love Pat
Brother Stephan	Millennium
Captain Kirk	Nancy Gill
Cathedral Windows	Neptune
Coast to Coast	Olive Bailey Langdon
Cracker Crumbs	Pixie Vamp
Dawn's Early Light	Potomac Pride
Deep Blue Sea	
Designer Genes	



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The Northern Illinois Hosta Society is dedicated to educating the public and promoting the use of hosta in the landscape. NIHS serves the people of Northern Illinois and surrounding areas.

Enjoy the stunning views and plant varieties in Cappy Johnson's garden on June 28 in Lake Forest



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