



## The Hosta Leaf

of Southeastern Minnesota

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'Sun Power'



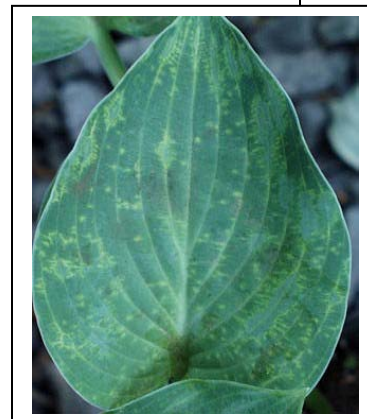
### April 3 General Meeting

Featuring

**Dr Ben Lockhart**

**Professor, Plant Pathology U of MN**

HVX on  
H. 'Blue  
Cadet'



Hostas have expanded our shade gardening possibilities. Many of us love hostas for their beautiful color variations, their textures, forms and many of us appreciate their flowers and fragrance. What we all appreciate is how easily they grow with few pest and disease problems. The discovery of Hosta Virus X (HVX) is a cause for growing concern for hosta devotees.

Because of the growing problem with Hosta Virus X in the retail market the American Hosta Society has underwritten research to try to understand this problem better. (SOGHS has donated to this program.) They have turned to the University of MN

and Dr. Ben Lockhart to do this research. Dr Lockhart discovered the virus in the mid 1990's when unusual leaf coloring started showing up in large numbers and widely spread across the country, causing concern among collectors and growers.

Our April meeting will feature Dr Ben Lockhart as our speaker and he will address this virus concern. Bring your questions -- this is a rare opportunity to hear the expert on this growing problem.

Dr Lockhart is a world authority in plant pathology and plant virology. He has made contributions to both international development of plant pathology and to basic research and is especially know for his work on a new group of viruses he has named badnaviruses.

Born in the West Indies, he studied at the Univ. of Trinidad, earned his Ph D at U California, Riverside and did post doctorate work at Univ of Nebraska and U California, Berkeley. In 1971 he joined the U of Minnesota. One of his first assignments was to begin a relationship with the Universities in Morocco where he played a key role in developing plant pathology and virology programs and research laboratories. He would spend many years collaborating with the Moroccans. He taught, oversaw graduate research projects, set up free diagnostic clinics, and conducted research. Of 60 viruses identified in Morocco, Lockhart identified or contributed to the identification of 50 of those. Looking for real life solutions he worked with the Institute of Agriculture to develop practical applications from the research. His program developed resistant varieties of plants and developed virus free certification programs. In 1993 the Moroccan ambassador awarded him a gold medal for his service to Moroccan science and agriculture.

Besides this successful collaboration he has developed similar relationships in 22 other countries and forged other collaborations working on a variety of plant virus problems and solutions for these problems. This work has earned him an international reputation as a world authority in both basic research and international development of plant pathology programs.

HVX on H. 'June'

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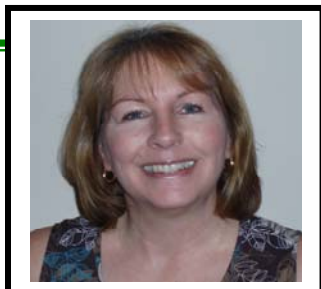
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**General Meeting April 3**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**559 20<sup>th</sup> ST SW Rochester MN**  
**6:30 pm**

**Notes  
from  
the  
President**

**Cindy  
Tomashek**



**March 2008**

It's been a long, cold winter. Flu season is in full swing...seems like spring will never get here. The flu shot I got in November has kept me safe so far...from flu...but it's useless against the Hosta Bug (not to be confused with Hosta Virus – Dr. Lockhart will advise us about **that** at our April meeting)! This especially bitter winter has favored the spread of a virulent strain of Hosta Bug characterized by the following symptoms: strong urges to scratch (the soil), pick (new varieties), cough (up more funds), sweat (spending that money) and hallucinate (about how good they'll look in the garden). When the delirium clears, I realize that hostas could be the solution, rather than the problem.

**Hostas** are healers...hallmarks of exuberance, they bounce back from adversity, forgive gardening faux pas, and reach new heights each growing season, hoisting **Outstanding**, ornate foliage, often outlasting other plants.  
**Simple**, yet complicated, sometimes sophisticated,  
**Tasteful**, tantalizing, at times truly pricey, their **Amazing**, awesome array of attributes and **Steadfast**, stalwart performance steals, seduces and heals the hearts of hosta-lovers.

Hey, I'm feeling better already, because beneath the snow, the excitement is surely growing...even if the plants are still snoring! (Rx – Order two new hostas and call me in the morning to tell me which ones!)

Think spring,

*Cindy*

**“Meet  
a Member”**



**June Stoehr**

***SOGHS's new vice president responsible for education and programs***

June accepted the challenge to be our new 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president in charge of programs and education and has already got a great schedule of speakers started.

June grew up in Norwood, MN, living in the country as a young girl. About the age of 11 they moved into town. The town was small, about 900 people, so it still had the wide open feel of the country. She went on to college at ST Cloud majoring in Art. She now works for Benchmark Electronics.

June and her family have lived in several places. Her husband was in the Navy. Between work, school and service they have lived in Minnesota, Denver, Colorado, San Francisco, Big Harbor, Washington, Massachusetts, Tennessee and back to Minnesota. June and Joe have two children, Aaron and Rochelle, both in The Cities.

While always dabbling in gardening, it got more serious in Rochester. On this last move to Rochester they found themselves on a lot that needed lots of landscaping. 'I started out with lots of gift perennials and used them to fill up spaces. I had a lot of spot beds,' says June. Now she is expanding the borders of all those beds and they are rambling together. The neighbors are also expanding beds and the yards are even growing together. They and the neighbors have added stepping stones and so all can meet and greet and enjoy a glass of wine and their gardens.

June first saw a 'Krossa Regal' and loved its form and color and "had to have it." Then a friend took her to Shady Oaks and she saw 'Frances Williams' and "had to have it". When SOGHS started she promptly joined. On our first field trip she was amazed at the armloads of hostas folks were buying at The Hosta Leaf. And, since they were so reasonably priced and great plants she thought she would get a few more also. Thus began the hosta addiction we all have come to know.

*If you have any ideas on speakers or a program you might like to have SOGHS offer, please feel free to contact June. She would like to hear your ideas.*

# 2008 Plant Sale



Yes, under all those snowdrifts there are plants waiting to emerge to our

delight when spring finally arrives. In two short months our Annual Plant Sale will be here. This is our key fundraiser for the Shades of Green Hosta Society and we need your participation to guarantee another successful event.

**Plant Sale -- Saturday, May 17  
8AM-Noon**

**Olmsted County Fairgrounds  
Horticulture Building**

**Plant Sale Set-Up – Friday, May  
16, 2008 1 PM-7 PM**

You can help by donating plants, volunteering your time, service and distributing plant sale flyers to friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Volunteers will be needed for plant rescue, set-up day activities as well as day of sale to run the sales. Plant pricing staff and signage staff are two new sign-up areas this year. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. You may sign up for the schedule that works best for you.

Funds support and promote the Society mission through educational opportunities, program guest speakers, sponsoring scholarships, sponsoring AHS memberships, sponsoring awards at the Olmsted County Fair, Community Service Projects, Hope Lodge, Plant of the Year to Members, Hosta Adventure book to Members, etc.

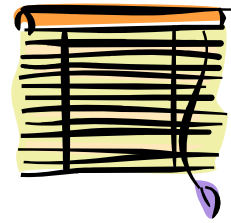
### **Guidelines for Plant donations:**

Plants that grow well at your home sell well. Donations will include all varieties of hostas (old and new), companion perennial plants (all types including ferns) and garage sale items in good condition (i.e. stepping stones, garden sculpture, garden accessories, etc.). Your generous donations are deeply appreciated to support a successful fundraiser.

Beautiful plants sell quickly. As soon as you can start digging in early spring to divide and pot up plants, the better they will look by May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need help digging, dividing and potting plants for the sale, you may call Cindy Tomashek at 289-2614 and arrangements will be made to offer assistance.

### **OTHER DONATIONS**

Continue donating used mini blinds for plant labels and pricing tags. Plastic blinds work best.



Heavy corrugated cardboard boxes are also needed for our customers to carry home their new purchases. Your donation of boxes on set-up day would be very helpful and appreciated.

### **Potting Process Hints:**

Betty Olson, Doris Amundsen, and Mary Herring have volunteered to host potting mix and plant pot pick-up locations. Contact one of these volunteers before you are ready to start potting your plants. You can use a coffee filter in the bottom of the container to keep soil in while allowing water to drain out. Once your plants are potted, keep them watered and in a location appropriate to the plant type.

Dig your plants using a garden fork (it's much kinder to the root system). Use a sharp knife or shovel to divide the plant making sure to have at least 2-3 growing shoots with roots attached to each division. Be sure to disinfect your tools, garden fork, shovel, knives, etc with a 10% bleach solution between plants! Also use this solution to sterilize used plant pots for reuse.

Be sure to use a container large enough to hold all the roots. The root ends produce the hormone that signals the plant to grow, so you want to leave them intact if possible! Place the crown at soil level or just slightly below soil level. Water them well and keep freshly potted plants out of the wind in a shaded location – don't let them dry out.

Please choose only healthy plants for sale. That means no distorted, funny colored (splashed, blotchy, streaky) leaves – unless of course it is one of the more unusual varieties meant to have those characteristics.

If you have other questions, please call a Plant Sale Committee member or send e-mail:

Joan Dotzenrod (507) 533-6614 [CDOTZ@prodigy.net](mailto:CDOTZ@prodigy.net)

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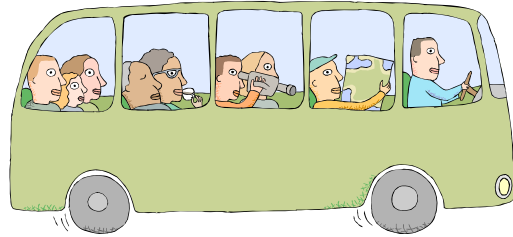
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The excitement is growing for a fantastic Plant Sale.

# ROAD TRIP



# June 7

## **Bus trip** DO NOT MISS THIS ONE

Another great bus trip has been planned by Casey Funk, Vince Herring and the rest of her committee. This will be a chance to visit some great Minnesota gardens and there will be lots of buying opportunities. Budget accordingly...

The cost will be \$30. for members and \$35. for non members. Sign up early to reserve a spot.

The bus will load at 6:45 am and leave at 7am from the parking lot by Gander Mountain by Sam's Club off 55<sup>th</sup> ST NW, Rochester. This will be a full day of touring. We will be visiting:

Global Gardens by Zimmerman, MN. Pat Ferguson visited here last summer and came away quite impressed. Global is a retail and mail order outlet for over 800 different hostas and many perennials as well. They have about 2 acres of display gardens featuring mature hostas. Get some great ideas. Visit their website for a taste:

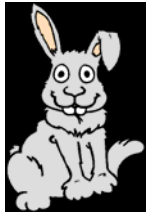
<http://globalgardens.com/>

Venero Gardens: located west of Minneapolis in Shorewood. They have beautiful gardens with sun loving and shade tolerant perennials and shade loving hostas plus a water feature surrounding their personal residence. They also have retail sales. Last time there they had a striking border of Hosta *plantaginea* and many mature specimen plants.

Gowan's Gardens: Just a couple miles away are the gardens of Ben and Hideko Gowan. Hideko has introduced several wonderful hostas including: H. 'Bridegroom and H. 'Silk Kimono'. As a long time hosta fan she has a huge selection on hostas to view and many you won't see elsewhere due to her long association with early hosta hybridizers. There will probably also be hostas for sale here. This may be one of the last chances to view this garden as the Gowans are considering moving .

The committee is working on lining up another private garden to view but details are not complete yet.

Bring your own lunch and snacks. Water and some snacks will be provided.



**Don't forget your camera. Some great photo ops will be available for the photo contest.**



## **Sign up for bus tour** (put additional names on back)

**Members SOGHS \$30**

**Non Members \$35.**

Send to: SOGHS Bus Tour  
Casey Funk  
1615 Teton CT NE  
Rochester MN 55906

Make check payable to: **SOGHS**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number going \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Number going \_\_\_\_\_ at \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL enc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Committee Reports

## Photo Contest NEW IN 2008 Summer Fun Prizes

Garden tours are starting in June and it's time to get your cameras out. To make things more fun, we're adding incentives to get member photographs of SOGHS events for the scrapbook and early entries for the photo contest.

**Each month in June, July, and August a name will be drawn from those who send in photos to win a prize (one chance per person per month, but feel free to send more photos.) You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to win 'fabulous' prizes!**

Send your photos to Linda Orleff  
by email: [linda@orleff.com](mailto:linda@orleff.com)

or by mail to:  
Linda Orleff  
2116 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE,  
Rochester MN 55906.

Please do not compress photos sent by email.

## Member Garden Tours

### Tour Dates

Tuesday, June 17 Tuesday, July 8 Tuesday, Aug 5  
Time: 5:30-8:30 pm

Check the calendar for dates of above events. Please consider showing your garden on our SOGHS member garden tours this summer.

We have had some members sign up to show their gardens but are in need of more people to sign up. Members are delighted to visit all styles and sizes of gardens. Won't you consider sharing?

Remember--new this year--all members that show their gardens will receive a very new and exclusive hosta plus label stick, courtesy of SOGHS. Just a small way to say "Thank You" for sharing your garden with others.

Please call  
Barb Hunt  
(281-3424)  
if you are interested.  
Thanks!



Rosemary Anderson garden, 2007



### Shades of Green Hosta Society of SE MN Board for 2008

Back, left to right: Tricia Torrens-Burton, Cindy Tomashek, Jeanne Truestedt, June Stoehr, Joan Dotzenrod  
Front, left to right: Mona Keehn, Linda Orleff, Jean Meyer, Vicki LeCocq. Missing - Casey Funk

## Hosta College 2008

By Linda Orleff

I just returned from Hosta College and my head is swimming with all the information I learned in my classes. Never heard of Hosta College? It's an annual educational event in Piqua, Ohio (just north of Dayton) put on by the Great Lakes Region Hosta Society. This year Hosta College was March 14-15.

There were nearly 100 classes with over 50 Volunteer instructors and about 500 hosta gardeners attending. The registration fees are pretty reasonable - \$40 for members and \$55 for non-members. The optional evening banquet with speaker was another \$18.

The classes are not just about hostas. My five class choices were:

- 'Ten Favorite European Gardens' which was a of some fabulous gardens in Holland, England, France and Italy – I have my passport and I'm ready to go;
- 'How Sketch Books Can Help Your Garden' where I got some great tips for keeping a journal of my garden and more;
- 'Mulches and Ground Covers' with helpful tips and dos and don'ts;
- 'Pulmonaria - the Spotted Hosta' where I learned that bees are attracted to blue, which is why the Pulmonaria flowers turn from pink to blue when they're ready to be pollinated (I thought that was too cool); and
- 'Hosta Hybridizing 101' with step by step instructions on doing your own pollinating for coming up with the next great hosta.

Who knows, three or four years from now you may be planting 'Hosta Lucky Linda' in your garden.

<http://ihostohio.org/Portal/glhc/> This link should get you to the Hosta College website to see a full list of classes offered. Great Lakes Region members get first choice for registration, so if you decide to attend next year and there's a class you really want to get, consider joining a Great Lakes society before registration begins.

I wasn't able to get into the 'Hosta Bonsai' class which was full. I talked to a few people who did – they

registered online at 12:01 am when registration opened. Needless to say, Hosta College is a very popular event.

How could I forget to tell you about the other fun stuff at Hosta College? It wasn't just classes. Friday night throughout the day on Saturday they had a vendor

sales room with hostas and other perennials and garden accessories for sale. I bought the 2008 Hosta College stepping stone (only to be found at Hosta College) and some dwarf perennials for my trough garden. Did you know there is a dwarf heuchera? I can't wait to see it's tiny blooms .



Rose Mares Linda Orleff

They also had the college bookstore with discounted garden books (yes, I bought several) and an auction on Friday night with rare and unusual hostas (no, didn't get any.)

The Saturday evening banquet entertainment was an amusing comedy duet by Doug Beilstein and Mike Shaddrack, (co-author of The Color Encyclopedia of Hostas. It is a wonderful reference book .) It was the perfect ending to a fun experience.

Five SOGHS members attended Hosta College this year (including me.) If you want to find out more about Hosta College, ask them about their classes and experience.

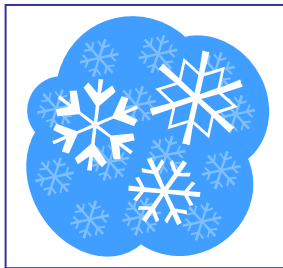
If you haven't been already, you should add Hosta College to your 'Things I Want To Do At Least Once' list.

Five members attending: Linda Orleff, Rochester MN and Rose Mares, Germantown WI pictured with the 2008 Hosta College stepping stone; Gene and Jan Erickson, Good Thunder MN, Ross Johnson, Chaska

Coffee  
N  
Catalogues  
2008



**A Mid-Winter's Dream Day**  
By Cindy Tomashek



(More Highlights from the Winter Scientific Meeting)

In keeping with a long-standing tradition at Winter Scientific Meetings, Mark Zilis gave the final presentation of the day, "Hostas of Distinction", with a twist! After re-capping the "Hostas of Distinction" selected over the past umpteen years, he veered into new territory with "*Hybridizers of Distinction*".

Mark began with Minnesota's own Don Dean, whose hybridizing program has brought us H. 'Silver Bay', H. 'Pewterware'(heavy, long-lasting wax for good blue color long into the season), H. 'Frosted Dimples', H. 'Titanium', H. 'Ebony Towers', H. 'Strawberry Parfait', H. 'Faith', and others. Don has had success breeding vibrantly colorful petioles and scapes as well as improved flower habit.

Randy Goodwin, whose hybridizing prowess was on display in his Indianapolis AHS convention tour

garden, has been churning out great hostas like H. 'Rhino' (super Substance), H. 'Majestic', H. 'Lost World', H. 'Worldly Treasure', H. 'Avalanche', H. 'Battle Ship', H. '**Daisy Do Little**', H. 'Denali', H. 'Jen', H. 'Shade Parade', H. 'Bodacious Blue', H. 'Small Sum', H. 'Indy Parade Lap', H. 'Summer Warrior' and others.

Another couple, Brian and Virginia Skaggs, have introduced the Xanadu series, including H. 'Xanadu Paisley' and H. 'Xanadu Virginia Mary'. More notably, Brian and Virginia are the proud introducers of H. 'Empress Wu', which Mr. Zilis believes is a breeding breakthrough that has produced the largest leaves ever seen in a hosta. If you plan to add this to your landscape, give it space to sprawl. This ones dimensions is measured in feet!

Foxfire Gardens owner, Steve Schulte, received attention for his Foxfire series that includes H. 'Foxfire BamBam', H. 'Foxfire X-philes', H. 'Foxfire Flash', H. 'Foxfire Irish Moon', H. 'Foxfire Fluer de Lis', and H. 'Foxfire Dark Shadows' – and I'm sure I missed a few.

Zillis visited the gardens of Stuart Asch and Ron Livingston, who are gardening neighbors, and photographed their introductions for inclusion in his soon-to-be released Hosta encyclopedia. Mr. Asch's introductions include H. 'Aliyah's Grace', H. 'Bri Bear', H. 'Justa Gigolo', H. 'Made You Look', H. 'Red Hot Poker', H. 'Seducer', and H. 'Unexpected Pleasure'.

Mr. Livingston has bred some great hostas as well, including H. 'Arten', H. 'Elp 2', H. 'Red Dragon', H. 'Tenny Up', H. 'Conquistador', H. 'Lemon Ice', H. 'Lincoln', and H. 'Pretty Fil

That's a lot of great introductions to get excited about! Some of these plants aren't available yet and some are only available from a few select sources. It pays to seek

out plants from these hybridizers – they each take hybridizing seriously and choose only the best plants that meet the criteria of their individual programs.

There wasn't time for Zilis to talk about every hybridizer at work today, but it was nice to learn more about some of the great people who are working toward bringing better features out in

hostas while adhering to their own strict goals (distinction, substance, better flowers, vigor, etc.)

While a keen understanding of the genus *Hosta* and the traits each species possess is helpful to any hybridizer, it's an even greater depth of patience and perseverance that must be part and parcel of a successful hybridizing program. I applaud everyone who is willing to embark into serious hybridizing. Of course, you can still have a whole lot of fun by acquiring good parents, allowing Mother Nature to handle pollination, and collecting and sowing seeds. You may even end up with something special, but your odds will favor fun!



H. "Daisy Doolittle"  
pic from Shady Oaks

Women have long played a key role in hosta hybridizing and promotion, a role that Olga Petryszyn fills brilliantly. Olga is a meticulous hybridizer whose goal is to breed giant hostas. Among the many notable introductions to Olga's credit are H. 'Niagara Falls', H. 'Manhattan', H. 'Hoosier Dome', H. 'Brother Stephan', H. '**Dawns Early Light**', H. 'Golden Gate', H. 'Key West', H. 'All That Jazz', H. 'Mardi Gras', H. 'Blue Hawaii', and H. 'Chesapeake Bay'. We have a great opportunity to learn more about Olga's hybridizing program at the end of October when she speaks to SOGHS at our end of season special event.

Bev and Dave Stegeman are devoted to hostas! The Stegemans have brought fellow hosta lovers H. 'Midnight Oil', H. 'Skylight' (a gorgeous light blue hosta), H. 'Pieces of Eight', H. 'Red Reject' (given a second chance after time spent in the compost bin!), and H. 'Tickle Me Pink'.

Then there's Bob Balitewicz (aka Indiana Bob), whose large yellow H. 'Kruggerand' I recently ordered to add to my garden this summer. Bob's other creations or discoveries include H. 'Master of Ceremonies', H. 'Captain America', H. 'Star Wars', H. 'Silvermist', and H. 'Indiana Blue'.



H. 'Dawns Early Light'  
Pic from Shady Oaks

## Upcoming Conventions-- Make your reservations now.

### AHS National Convention

*Meeting You in St Louis in 2008 June 11-14*

An extravaganza of hosta garden tours. And take the time to go up in the Gateway Arch or take Anheuser Busch Brewery tour plus many other sights. Visit the link below for information:

<http://www.stlouishosta.org/2008/2008.htm>

Register before April 30 and save \$\$\$. Be sure to reserve a hotel room early also to take advantage of special convention rates.

### Midwest Regional Convention - Schaumburg, IL

**Chi-Town Classic** July 10-12  
a little closer to home and a fine road trip

The Chicago area is just a great place to visit and explore PLUS you get to tour a bonanza of hosta gardens and a trip to Rich's Foxwillow Pines Nursery featuring hundreds of rare and unique conifers. Hostas will also be for sale. And, there are a number of super hosta nurseries on the way (and some a little out of the way) to visit.

<http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/convention.html>

*L to R: Pat Ferguson, Cindy Tomashek, Jeanne Truedstedt at 2007 Midwest Convention in Davenport, IA*



Hosta 'Paradigm'



Your first job is to prepare the soil. The best tool for this is your neighbor's garden tiller. If your neighbor does not own a garden tiller, suggest that he buy one.  
Dave Barry







# American Hosta Society

## 2008 National Convention Registration

### Meet Me In St. Louis

June 11-14, St. Louis, Missouri

#### One form per person – please print

Name (as you want it on your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you do **not** want your name and city/state included on an attendance list given to attendees.

**A**

**\$250 FULL REGISTRATION** (Postmarked by April 30th) Includes coach garden tours, 2 lunches, Thursday buffet and auction gala, Saturday banquet, *Spirit of St. Louis* gift hosta, handbook, and access to all seminars, speakers, and vendors.

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

**\$300 LATE FULL REGISTRATION** (Postmarked May 1 and thereafter) Same as Full Registration **After May 28th, contact Registrar for availability.**

**\$100 BANQUET ONLY REGISTRATION** Includes Thursday's buffet and auction gala, access to vendors, Hosta Show, Saturday's Banquet and handbook.

Please indicate your Saturday Banquet preference:  Beef  Chicken  Vegetarian

**B**

#### OPTIONAL TOUR I

**Wine Country Nursery Tour \$40** (Wed. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm) provides a tour through the Missouri River Valley with stops at two premier nurseries including one that features a lunch and wine tasting venue. (Seating is limited)

#### OPTIONAL TOUR II

**Missouri Botanical Garden Tour \$40** (Wed. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm). Visit one of the world's finest botanical gardens including a tram tour of the facility. Price includes a voucher towards lunch. (Seating is limited).

#### JUDGES CLINICS – Please note which clinics you will attend.

**Clinic I** (Wednesday 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm)  **Clinic II** (Friday 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm)  **Clinic III** (Thursday 8 am – 9:30 am)

**JUDGES HANDBOOK** If attending a judges' clinic, you must bring a current judges' handbook. Download it free at [www.hosta.org](http://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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_  Troughs Div. III \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ed Div. IV \_\_\_\_\_  Artistic Div. VI \_\_\_\_\_  
 Specialty Div VII \_\_\_\_\_ (see Show Schedule)

Please check if you plan to:  Judge  Clerk

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

[marthalake@aol.com](mailto:marthalake@aol.com) Tel: (636) 398-5909

Registration Amount (Box A) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Tour Amount (Box B) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US dollars)

Checks payable to: **St. Louis Hosta Society 2008 Convention**

Mail to: **Mary Lou Farrow – Registrar** (314) 849-4699  
**10574 Sonata Drive** convention2008@swbell.net  
**St. Louis, MO 63123**

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**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Please contact **Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet** directly at (800) 325-3535 and mention **American Hosta Society** or go online at [www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/hosta](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/hosta). The group rate of \$119 is available on or before May 13, 2008.

Hotel Addr: 191 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146  
Tel: 800.822-3535 E-mail: [sheraton.com/westportchalet](http://sheraton.com/westportchalet)

See [www.stlouishosta.org](http://www.stlouishosta.org) for convention information and additional Registration Forms

**Shades of Green Hosta Society  
of Southeastern Minnesota**

<http://www.soghs.org>

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**2008 Calendar**

- April 3 General Meeting/program, 6:30 pm business meeting followed by program, Fellowship Hall, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- May 16 Plant Sale set up, Olmsted County Fairgrounds, BLDG 40  
May 17 Plant Sale 8-noon, Olmsted County Fairgrounds, BLDG 40
- June 7 Bus Trip, Global Gardens and others, garden tour and purchasing opportunity
- June 11-14 American Hosta Society National Convention, St Louis, MO
- June 17 Member Garden Tour 5:30-8:30 pm
- June 21 Car Pool Event- Wabasha area tours
- July 8 Member Garden Tour 5:30-8:30 pm
- July 10-12 Midwest Hosta Convention, Schaumburg, IL
- July 17 Rochester Garden and Flower Club garden tour
- July 22 SOGHS Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- July 28-Aug 3 Olmsted Co Fair, Enter those hosta leaves
- Aug 5 Member Garden Tours
- Sep 13 Founder's Day Pot Luck/ Plant Swap/ Silent Auction  
Tomashek Farm, Preston, MN
- Oct 2 General Meeting/Program/Member Photo Contest
- Oct 25/26 Year End Special Event , Olga Petrszyn speaker

**"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month." - Henry Van Dyke, *Fisherman's Luck*, 1899**

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