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Schedule of Events for 2016

April 10, 1:00 – 2:30, Jan Riggenschach's Presentation on shade plants, including shrubs and trees, at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office, 8015 West Center Road, Omaha.

Jan is author of *Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Your Midwest Garden: An Owner's Manual*, as well as gardening articles in the Omaha World-Herald newspaper.

We believe this will be a very worthwhile presentation. In addition, we will make this presentation available to other garden clubs.

May 13-15, Lauritzen Gardens "Spring into Spring"

Friday: Garden members only from 4:30-7 pm.

Saturday & Sunday: Open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to watch the Shady Choice table. Please contact Ray Wollberg at 402-651-2663 (cell) or 402-397-9138 (home) or ray.wollberg@gmail.com for day and time.

June 4, Omaha Council of Garden Clubs Bus trip to northeast Nebraska to private gardens, a greenhouse, and St James Market.

Registration starts February 1 to April 1. For more details call 402-681-2541. The cost is \$80.00 per person.

June 5, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Shady Choice Annual Plant Sale, Sarpy/Douglas County Extension Office, 8015 West Center Road, Omaha

This is our only fund raising event of the year! Those members who are donating plants should put them in pots early so they will have time to rejuvenate and look good for the plant sale.

We will have several members there who will be selling their plants and give 10% of their sales to Shady Choice. In addition to plant vendors, 'Talavera-style' pottery maker and vendor, Marisol Angel of Guardian Angel Art Gallery, has agreed to participate in the plant sale.

Those who are donating plants, please bring them to the extension office parking lot before 1:00 pm.

June 15-18, American Hosta Society National Convention, St Louis, MO.

See www.americanhostasociety.org/activities for more information.

July 7-9, Midwest Regional Hosta Convention in Champaign, Illinois. The convention is being hosted by the Illinois Prairie Hosta Society.

See <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org> for more information.

July 17, 1:00 – 3:00, Sarpy/Douglas County Extension Office, 8015 West Center Road, Omaha. Bob Dodendorf, Shady Choice member, and Scott Evan, two of the Master Gardeners responsible for maintaining Hospice House - The Josie Harper Residence gardens, including the recently Shady Choice created hosta garden, will present a history of the gardens.

August 14, 1:00 – 3:00, Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St, Omaha. Rick Schroeder, a member of the Illinois Prairie Hosta Society and editor for their newsletter "*Prairie Hosta Herald*", American Hosta Society (AHS) photo editor for the On Line Journal and active in both the AHS and the Midwest Regional Hosta Society.

Rick will present "Designing with Hostas", which he recently presented to 75 master gardeners in the Champaign, IL area. The presentation covers not only size and colors but how to hide walls, design a deck to add potted plants and how to have some 75 potted hostas in your yard once the ground gets filled.

Rick's additional hobby is model railroading with a large layout in the basement of his house as well as photographing trains. If you would like to read more about Rick and his wife, Barbara, you can go to www.schoederfamily.info. You can also view pictures of their gardens as well as his train layout.

September (date to be determined), 4:00 pm, Annual Wrap-up Meeting. Location to be determined.

As of now, no one volunteered to host this year's wrap-up meeting? Please contact Ray Wollberg at 402-651-2663 (cell) or 402-397-9138 (home) or ray.wollberg@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

The meeting is pot luck with the host providing meat (Shady Choice will reimburse) and attendees bringing a side dish or dessert.