



Don Dean

AHS President

Presidents Message

Each year's growing season offers an abundance of options for our gardens to grow as well as opportunities for us to grow through gardening. This season has been similar to others. It began with the scramble of opening the gardens and within what seems to be but a moment, the travel season for hosta lovers to gather began. The local, regional, and national events stepped into action; the gardening is off and running.

The national convention in Raleigh, NC was a tremendous success. Numerous first time attendees from around the Dixie region joined the festivities as well as travelers from as far as Russia! Excellent gardens, speakers, a show and auction, and visits to two hybridizers' nurseries provided a glimpse of what lies ahead in the future of hostas. The event lived up to its billing of "Back to the Future."

Members from across the country are to be commended for facilitating a well organized, full schedule of events during the three-day convention. Bob and Nancy Solberg's outstanding efforts of setting the stage and making arrangements led the

way for this convention to be a great success. Many other individuals throughout the society as well as a local society worked diligently to bring us this enriching experience.

Some of our readership finds the distance to attend a national overwhelming; consider attending one of the many regional events organized annually. The AHS regions were established primarily for judging and exhibitions purposes and cover a large geographical area (see <http://americanhostasociety.org/Community/LocalSocieties.htm> for the states included within each region). Each of the active regions, albeit organized by a society or a group of individuals, offer larger events with some combination of garden tours, speakers, auctions, shows, etc. AHS Region 1 offers First Look, usually in the New England area and organized by a few individuals; Lobstah Classic in southern Maine is organized by a local; and Fall Forum held in northwestern Pennsylvania is organized by two local societies. AHS Region 3 holds an annual convention, organized by the Dixie Regional Hosta Society, at venues moved around the southeastern states. Region 4, Great Lakes Regional Hosta Society, organizes Hosta College in March, at an Ohio venue, and also a Hosta Tailgate event that moves around the geographical area. Region 5, Midwest Regional Hosta Society, conducts two events, Winter Scientific Meeting near Chicago in

January and an annual convention sponsored by one of the local societies within the region. AHS Region 7, Eastern Canadian Region, holds its Hosta Forum each spring. All of these events are open to attendees from outside of the region as well as within the designated geographical area. One or more of these may be well within most of our readership's driving range each year or in a coming year for events that change venues annually. Previous attendees to these and the national convention are often drawn by the plants but return for the people each year. Still too far? Check out a local organization and their activities. You will likely not regret the decision and will grow along with your gardens!

The annual convention is the venue for conducting and updating much of the society's business. Full reports from the Board and Advisory Committee as well as minutes from the Board of Directors meeting and annual business meeting have been posted upon the AHS website in the Members Only section. Members are encouraged to keep yourself apprised of the happenings within your society. Non-members and members alike will see that a number of National Display Gardens have been installed and venues for a full five years of AHS conventions have been scheduled.

Enrich your gardening experience and grow together by participating in some of the many options available annually to each of you.

In service,

Don Dean

AHS President



Barbara Schroeder

AHS VP Publications

This has been a great year. The conventions are winding down and now we are busy getting *The Hosta Journal* for the fall and the *On Line Journal* ready.

After we had the nice surprise this spring when one of our members decided she needed to downsize and sent us all of her old issues of the journal, a few other members joined in and sent journals too. I was so happy. We were able to fill up another complete set of journals for the AHS archives and are working on the third set. The goal is to have 6 complete sets. We are in need of the following original issues: 15, 20.2, 21.2, 23.2, 28.2, 34.1, 34.3 and 37.2. If you have two copies and are willing to donate one to us (or have a collection to donate) please email or call me and we can make arrangements. Plus, since we have gotten a couple of large sets, we have old copies of journals from 1969 to 2014 (not all originals) available again. So if you need some to fill your own collection please contact me. The journals are \$5.00 each plus shipping. Think about filling out your collection as well as ours.

Barbara Schroeder

VP Publications

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Rob Mortko
AHS VP Conventions

AHS Conventions

A huge thank you to Bob and Nancy Solberg for hosting our 2015 AHS National Convention in Raleigh, NC. Over 400 of us enjoyed views of some unique Southern gardens. Where else could you enjoy a nationally known moss garden or a dining/shopping adventure at Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens? How appropriate and timely that owner Tony Avent would be awarded the Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award later in the week. What was even hotter than the weather? In a word – vending! Ask anyone who attended about the “feeding frenzy” that took place as vending first opened on Thursday morning. The hosta show featured leaves as large as anyone could recall in recent history – thanks in large part to the rain most have enjoyed this year. And a special congrats to Southern belle Claudia Walker as this year’s winner of the Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Award.

Ask anyone that has ever attended more than a couple conventions and they will inevitably say, “It was the plant that got me started coming. Now it is the people that keep me coming back.” It is always tough saying goodbye to old (and new) friends. But with our “Back to the Future” memories now behind us, we are already looking forward to the 2016 AHS Convention in St. Louis June 15-18. Conversations with hosta friends will assuredly pick right back up in St. Louis where they left off in Raleigh.

Conventionally yours,

Rob Mortko

AHS VP Conventions

Tony Avent welcomed convention attendees to Plants Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens during the 2015 AHS National Convention.





Sandie Markland

AHS Membership Secretary

AHS Membership numbers have been holding firm for the past year or so and we all look forward to the opportunity to welcome new friends to our ranks. As the excitement of spring begins to fade and the chores of summer take their toll, why not take a break from the garden and give some thought to who might enjoy a membership in the American Hosta Society --- *The Hosta Journal* is the perfect read on a hot summer's day! Remember: all new AHS members receive a copy of *The Hosta Adventure: A Grower's Guide* AND a \$15 plant voucher which can be used at a considerable number of participating mail order nurseries! What a great gift for those gardeners in your life!**

Our new electronic membership is a great option for the spouses of AHS Life Members who want to actively participate in the AHS, but don't want the additional expense or duplicate publications of a standard membership! Or for anyone who wants to simplify and cut back on stacks of paper! eMembership recipients receive the same welcome packet as regular members!

All AHS Memberships run from January 1 through December 31 regardless of when an individual joins or renews. The year of your membership expiration immediately follows your name on the mailing sheet which accompanies each paper publication you receive from the AHS. The second *Journal* mailing of each year is always accompanied by a renewal form.

It is important to keep the AHS Membership Secretary informed of changes in your contact information. If you do not receive AHS mailings due to an unreported change of address, a \$6.00 payment is required to cover the cost of shipping and handling for the replacement issue. Please send address changes to AHSMembershipSecretary@charter.net as promptly as possible. Individuals who travel between summer and winter homes should advise the Membership Secretary of their change of address approximately 6 weeks in advance.

AHS Memberships make great gifts for your gardening friends ---or great door prizes for your local club events! It's the perfect time or year to introduce your friends to the American Hosta Society and our beautiful Hosta Journal!

Enjoy those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!! May all your hosta dreams come true!!

Sandie Markland

AHS Membership Secretary

**All memberships received prior to September 1, 2015, will be effective for this calendar year (as of 01-01-15). Memberships received on or after that date will be applied to calendar year 2016, but will receive the same membership packet (minus the first issue of the 2015 print Journal).



TAKE A JOURNEY WITH US THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Each year for the past 17 years, two hosta clubs separated by a mere 200 miles, have co-sponsored a fabulous forum loosely based upon a theme. This year, given the changes in the hosta world (the closing of Q & Z and Shady Oaks and the realigning of the hosta supply stream, among other things), we thought that a fitting theme would be that strange and curious place, “Wonderland”. We’re calling this year’s Fall Hosta Forum “Through the Looking Glass”.

The clubs that organize the Forum, The Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania and the Western New York Hosta Society work quite well together. The Forum itself is situated at the halfway point between the two clubs in Edinboro, Pennsylvania at Edinboro University. All events of the Forum take place in one huge room there - including talks, vending, lunch, silent and live auction and whatever other nonsense might come up. The basic formula has been this; two hosta speakers and two non-hosta speakers all with a nod to the basic theme. To that end, in the past we have had “Dutch Treat” with Marco Fransen from Holland and CH Falstad from Zeeland, Michigan. We have had “Wild Thang” with Rob Mortko preceding his species talk with a raucous rendition of the Troggs hit. We’ve had “Damn RIGHT I’ve Got the Blues” with blue hosta hybridizers Don Dean and Rick Goodenough. We’ve even had a Clint Eastwood theme and a Seven Samurai theme. We’ve had Ran Lydell dressed up like the Wizard of Oz and on another occasion, Marcia Sully as Vanna White. *We have fun.*

This year it’s “Through the Looking Glass” and, as Alice might say, “it’s curiouiser and curiouiser”. We have four spectacular speakers planned; Bob Solberg “Down the Rabbit Hole” his humble opinion on the future of the hosta industry; Rob Mortko “Through the Looking Glass”, the journey of a TC hosta named ‘Alice’ from test tube to nursery bench; Al Pfiesser, well-known acer grower on “A Wonderland of Acers”, and Lloyd Traven of Peace Tree Farm “Shine Your Ever-Lovin’ Light on Me”, who will introduce a new way to look at plants.

But wait, there’s more! Many people arrive on Friday and book a room at the Edinboro Comfort Suites. For those folks we will have a dinner over at the University with a speaker, a special take-away hosta, a preview of the vendors and then camaraderie back at the Comfort in our hostatality room.

Of course, there are vendors...both hosta and other delights. There is also the comedy team of Mike Shadrack and Ran Lydell running a lively auction and there is a silent auction and raffles as well. Is there anything you’d RATHER be doing on September 19th? I don’t think so!

We hope you’ll consider joining us this year. Details and registration material are at www.wnyhosta.com. We already have folks from Illinois, Wisconsin and Maine who are regulars. We’d love to add your names!

Kathy Quest Shadrack

Organizing Committee, Fall Hosta Forum



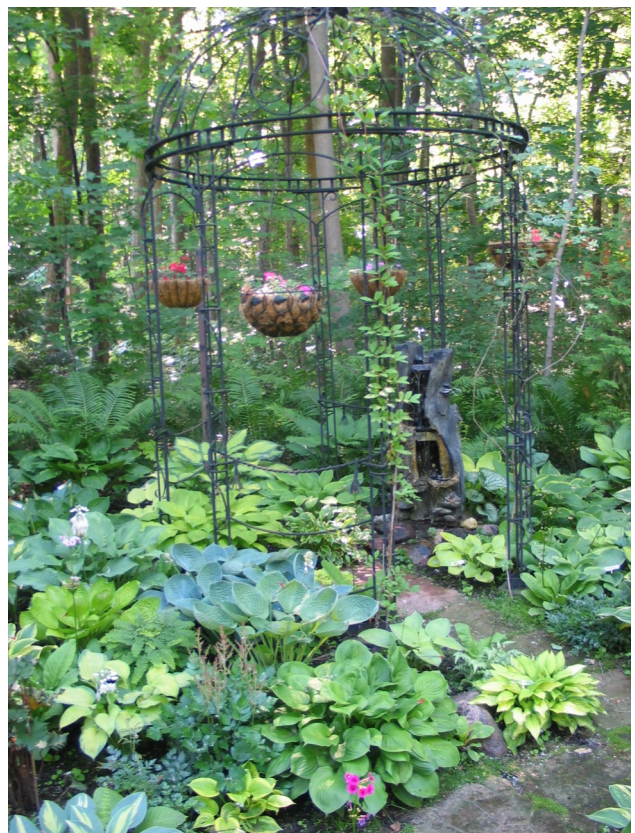
Lobstah Classic: An AHS Region 1 Event

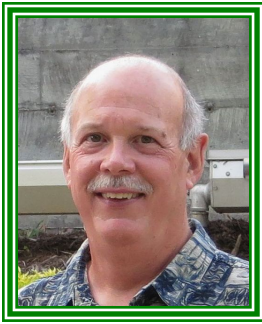
How would you like to spend a day in Maine? How about a day in Maine right on the coast? Better yet how about day in Maine, right on the coast, eating lobstah, talking about hostas and daylilies? Does that sound like fun? Well you can have all of that and MORE!!! Throw in a silent auction, live auction, and not one but TWO guest speakers!

All this held at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, Maine overlooking Casco Bay.

Southern Maine holds this event the third Saturday in August. For this year our guest speakers were Jeff Miller from Land of the Giants Hosta Farm and Lori-Ann Jones from Knoll Cottage Daylilies. For more information go to our website www.SMDHS.info and please like us on Facebook, Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society (SMDHS). Contact person: Pat Boissonneault, email zbest@maine.rr.com.

So Save the Date for next year: Saturday, August 20, 2016. Guest speakers will be Melanie Mason of North Country Daylilies, Buskirk, NY and Rick Goodenough Marshfield, MA.





Michael Greanya

Benedict Garden Performance Chair

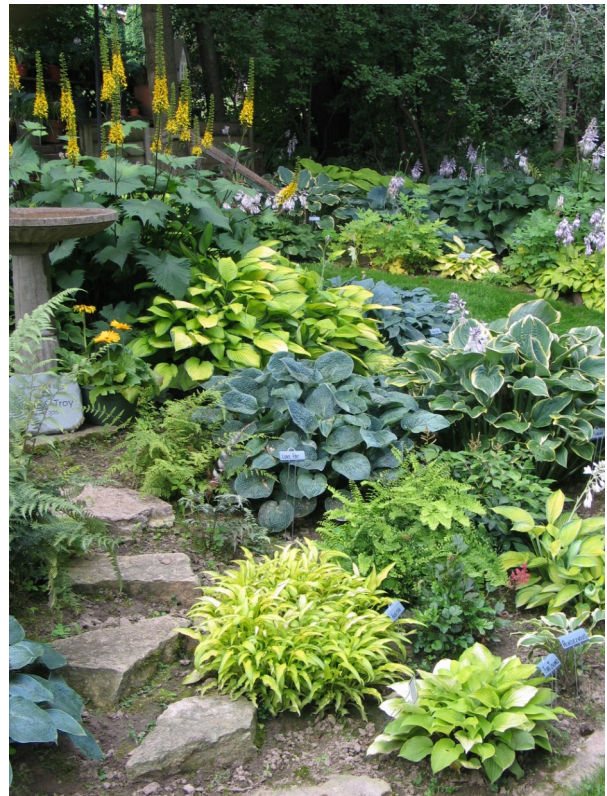
The Benedict Garden Performance Awards were created by The American Hosta Society to recognize hostas that demonstrate superior garden performance. These awards are named in honor of the late Dr. Ralph (Herb) Benedict, one of the great pioneers of improving the genus hosta through hybridization, a long time promoter of hosta as the premier shade perennial, and a strong supporter of The American Hosta Society. Each year the originator/hybridizer or registrant of a cultivar nominates a hosta(s) that he/she feels might display exceptional qualities worthy of the awards. Those nominated cultivars proceed through a three tier award system where top winners in each level compete for the Benedict Medal, the highest award given for a hosta given by the American Hosta Society.

The 2015 awards balloting is now open to registered Garden Judges. Only registered Garden Judges may vote for these awards and if you are not already a judge, we hope you will consider becoming one this year. Garden Judges are American Hosta Society (AHS) members who have been members of the AHS for a minimum of three years; have extensive knowledge of hosta; and, have visited a cross section of gardens across their Region. It is important to note that it would be nearly impossible for a Garden Judge to have knowl-

edge of every registered hosta. If a person regularly tours hosta garden and takes note of cultivars that really stand out from the crowd or if they are already a leaf judge and have judged leaf shows in the past, it is likely that you have the knowledge and qualifications to become a Garden Judge. We need your help selecting this year's winners. It only takes minutes to fill out your ballot and you can either mail it in or email it to the Garden Performance Chair at the addresses found at the bottom of the ballot. But, before you can participate in the balloting you must become a registered Garden Judge. You may become a Garden Judge and/or submit your ballot by filling out the application or ballot and mailing it to Michael Greanya, Garden Performance Chair, 2204 Vandemere Dr., Jackson, MI 49201

Michael Greanya

Benedict Garden Performance Chair



**AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY
GARDEN JUDGE APPLICATION FORM**

As an AHS Garden Judge, a candidate should be qualified in the following:

- ◆ Be a maintaining member in good standing of the AHS for three consecutive years. **Requirement met? (Y/N)**
- ◆ Reviewed the Benedict Garden Performance section of the AHS Handbook found on the AHS web site. **Requirement met? (Y/N)**
- ◆ Have a background knowledge in hosta culture and individual cultivars. **Requirement met? (Y/N)**

Garden background information:

Approximate number of hostas grown in personal garden. (many, dozens, hundreds, or specific number) _____

Approximate the number of hosta cultivars added to personal garden in the last five years.

List the gardens visited in your region, other regions, or at national AHS conventions during the last two years. Use additional page if needed.

Year	Garden	Location
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- ◆ Have the desire and ability to visit a representative number of gardens containing hostas in his/her region of residence. **Requirements met? (Y/N)**

Send application to the AHS Garden Performance Chair for processing and approval. (Michael Greanya, 2204 Vandemere Dr., Jackson, MI 49201)

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Signature _____

The American Hosta Society

2015 Official Benedict Garden Performance Plan

AWARDS BALLOT

Honorable Mention Award - Vote for a maximum of three (3) cultivars listed below.
 - Vote only for cultivars observed in your region and/or AHS Convention Gardens.
 - Year listed to the right of cultivar indicates year it was nominated or advanced to the next category.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 'All That Jazz' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Coal Miner' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Marquis' 2011 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Behemoth' 2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Edina Hornet' 2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Mistress Mabel' 2013 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Blue Betty Lou' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Elizabeth DeBird' 2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Silver Giant' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Bobbie Sue' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Faith' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Straka Gold' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Captain Kirk' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Fantabulous' 2013 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Twist and Shout' 2011 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Chante's Dark Emerald 2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Flower Power' 2011 | |

Award of Merit -Vote for a maximum of three (3) cultivars listed below.
 -Vote only for cultivars observed in your region and/or AHS Convention Gardens.
 - Year listed next to cultivar indicates year it was nominated of advanced to the next category.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Aspen Gold' 2013 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Mourning Dove' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Sugar and Spice' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Awakening Angel' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Orange Marmalade' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Summer Breeze' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Bedazzled' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Pewterware' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Sunshine Glory' 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Bumblebee' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Phantom' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Tidewater' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Eventide' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Pineapple Upsidedown Cake' | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Tongue Twister' 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Frozen Margarita' 2015 | 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Victory' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Hope' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Ringtail' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'World Cup' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Indigo' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Rubies and Ruffles' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Worldly Treasure' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Mike Shadrack' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Spartan Arrow' 2015 | |

Benedict Garden Performance Medal - Vote for only one (1) of the cultivars listed below.
 - Vote only for cultivars observed in your region and/or AHS Convention Gardens.
 Year listed to the right of the cultivar name indicates the year nominated or advanced to the next category.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Abby' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Dancing Queen' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Ivory Coast' 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Blue Angel' 2013 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Dawn's Early Light' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Jack of Diamonds' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Blue Ice 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Dorset Blue' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Key West' 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Brave Amherst' 2013 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Emerald Necklace' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Love Pat' 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Crumb Cake' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Fragrant Bouquet' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Pearl Lake' 2014 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Curly Fries' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Hoosier Dome' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Prairie Sky' 2015 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Dance With Me' 2015 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Invincible' 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Sun Power' 2013 |

Print or Type

Name (print) _____ Region Number _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of Judge _____ Date _____

Not yet a judge and would like to vote? An application is listed in the “Hosta Judges” section under “Benedict Garden Performance” on the AHS website (www.hosta.org). Members are encouraged to send both the application and ballot to the Garden Performance Chair listed below by mail or email.

Garden Performance Judges are required to vote regularly in order to maintain judge’s status. If you become unable to vote this year, please notify Garden Performance Chair below. Judges not voting may be dropped. Reapplication in the future will be treated as a new application.

To find your region number, go here: www.americanhostasociety.org/Community/LocalSocieties.htm

Only signed ballots postmarked no later than 2 weeks after receipt of the Fall Journal (approximately the end of November) will be counted, but please send in your ballot as soon as possible.

Send completed ballot to: **Michael Greanya**
Garden Performance Chair
2204 Vandemere Dr.
Jackson, MI 49201

mfg10@comcast.net





Amy Peterson

VP Awards and Honors

It is my privilege to become the new VP Awards and Honors. My husband Gregg and I began our hosta journey in 2000, just missing the AHS convention in Minneapolis. Since then we have attended almost all Midwest regional and National Conventions, judge and clerk at Hosta Shows and support the efforts of our local society to spread the news and passion about hosta. When the call came the timing was just right. I just took early retirement after 38 years in the medical device industry shepherding devices through FDA process for commercialization.

Our family passion for hosta is diverse, Gregg likes them small and blue and I like them big and yellow. We are the crazy couple who moved 75 hosta plants cross country and returned with hundreds five years later. While we already have a sizeable collection, one of our current focuses is yellow hosta as we are developing a yellow hosta themed garden in the front of our home. An idea that germinated from a garden toured at the AHS convention in Philadelphia.

In any new role, it is difficult to follow in the footsteps of your predecessor and Mike Shadrack will be a tough act to follow. As this VP role is all about recognition at numerous levels, I want to thank Mike for his contributions during his tenure. Working with the Board and others, Mike led the charge to update and renew

the AHS Service Pin recognition award. His sincere appreciation and heartfelt comments about the contributions others made to the Society are obvious during award distributions which he did with humor and grace. He and Libby Greanya worked together networking with local Societies to keep interest up in recognition nominations as well as sponsoring awards.

I look forward to working with Libby, who graciously agreed to continue in the position of Sponsored Awards Chair. Together we will work with the AHS Board, membership and Societies to build on the foundation of the VP Awards and Honors predecessors. Mike, a grateful thank you, for all you did in furthering the interest, knowledge and friendship around hosta. Your dedication truly facilitated the intent of the Awards and Honors functional purpose.

The AHS has the following Award opportunities:

- Hosta Leaf Show Awards
- Gardens on AHS National convention tour recognition
- Service Awards
- Best Newsletter, Article and Photography Awards
- Online Auction Awards
- Benedict Garden Performance Medal & Awards of Merit
- The Eunice Fisher Distinguished Merit Award
- The Alex J. Summers Distinguished Service Award

Amy Peterson

VP Awards and Honors



Gregg Peterson

VP Judging/Exhibitions

The Real Impact of a Hosta Show

Last weekend our local society put on its hosta show at a local garden center and nursery. While our exhibit numbers were down a bit from previous years and the number of exhibitors was off slightly as well, the number of visitors we had visiting the show was up markedly.

Most members think of a hosta show as a venue for exhibiting their best cut leaf exhibits, their special plants grown in a container or arranged for effect in a trough. Perhaps it's an artistic design incorporating hosta leaves to help interpret a specific design category. While these are all important aspects of a hosta show and help to bring visitors in to view many impressive leaves and stunning pots, containers and troughs full of hosta, the real impact of our hosta show is much more than the physical elements of the show.

Over the course of the two days that our show was open to the public, we had almost 200 visitors come through and view the show. As members of our society met and talked with various visitors, the real importance of having a hosta show became clear. We represented real people who could answer their questions about the "friendship" plant, no matter how simple or complex their question was. We shared our experiences in getting started

with hosta, gave tips and techniques regarding the cultivation and propagation of hosta, as well as sharing our setbacks and successes in dealing with pests, diseases and challenging growing situations. But most of all, we were able to share that enthusiasm for not only the plant, but also for the friendships that we have made over the years as we come together at various hosta society events.

As we start to wind down the hosta season for this year, stop to think about the opportunities you had this year to educate the public about the genus *Hosta*. If you had a hosta show, did your society put as much effort into talking to and answering questions from the visitors to your show, as you did in staging and judging the show. Were there other opportunities that were available during a hosta sale or tours of local member's gardens that were overlooked or missed? Finally, just asking a visitor the simple question "Do you enjoy growing hostas?" can break the ice and also provides the visitor an easy means to talk about plants and ask a question without feeling embarrassed or uncomfortable. Looking for these situations will help all of us in fulfilling one of the basic missions that each of our societies has, to provide resources to help educate the public about that wonderful plant.

Gregg Peterson

VP Judging/Exhibitions



Cindy Tomashek

VP Member Services

New Hosta Society

Welcome to the Central Carolina Hosta Society based in Greensboro, NC. The AHS convention in Raleigh sparked enough interest in hostas to start this new society...one more positive outcome of a great convention!

AHS exclusive Member-Only Plant Update

Hosta 'Sterling Medallion' is on track for release in 2016 and anticipation is building toward adding this great hosta to our gardens! Stay tuned to future e-Newsletters for announcements about order placement/delivery. Unfortunately, the 2017 offering has been uncooperative in the lab, so **we are now seeking additional plants for consideration**. Hybridizers/others, please send submissions to Tom Micheletti, Chair of the Members-Only Plant committee (tom@hostapatch.com) by Sept. 15, 2015.

New AHS Display Garden

The Ward Meade Botanical Garden in Topeka, Kansas (sponsored by the Friends of Ward Meade Garden) was recently approved as an AHS Display Garden.

For complete details on all AHS Display Gardens, visit <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/Community/DisplayGardens.htm>

To all club Presidents and Newsletter Editors

This is a gentle reminder to promptly report email changes to Mary Arnberg, Newsletter Editor Coordinator (mkarnberg@comcast.net), and all NLE's when an editor change takes place in your club. Presidents, be sure to check your website link on the AHS web site periodically and provide new information as changes occur or to report problems with the link. Susan Hedrick, AHS Club Liaison Chair, will help you update or correct contact information. ahsclubpresidents@yahoo.com

Follow AHS on Facebook

Join over 3500 other hosta enthusiasts on Facebook. Moderated by Rick Goodenough, AHS Social Media Chair, this has become THE source for hosta questions along with pictures that inspire, and perhaps generate a little envy, as well as provide a glimpse of potential hostas of the future. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2248595978/>

The excitement is growing!

Cindy Tomashek

VP Member Services

(507) 250-5311



AHS Membership

The American Hosta Society (AHS) is a society dedicated to the study and improvement of the genus *Hosta* and the dissemination of general and scientific knowledge about hostas. There are many benefits for the members that result from these efforts, both social and in nursery trade. AHS members receive several publications a year, including two colorful issues of *The Hosta Journal* (mailed), four *eNewsletters* (emailed), and *The Online Journal* (posted on the web for members only). All of these include articles on cultivation tips, propagation techniques, landscape uses, new cultivars and old species, pioneers and personalities, scientific advances, convention awards and gardens and news about the AHS.

- ◆ An opportunity to attend national meetings and conventions which offer educational and scientific presentations, garden tours, judge's clinics, and a chance to see the latest and best hosta in the hosta show.
- ◆ A Biennial AHS Membership Directory
- ◆ The privilege of visiting display gardens throughout the country, many of which are only open to AHS members.
- ◆ An invitation to exhibit your favorite hostas and compete for recognition in various AHS national and regional hosta shows.
- ◆ Developing friendships with people who share an interest in growing hostas.
- ◆ Access to Members Only section of the AHS website

Other membership benefits:

Another benefit of becoming a new member is you receive a voucher from the AHS Membership Secretary good for \$15.00 towards any purchase at sponsoring nurseries. Go to

<http://www.americanhostasociety.org/Membership/AHSVoucherProgram.htm>

Go to <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/Membership/Membership.htm> to join online or print the membership application and mail to the Membership Secretary listed.