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H. 'Sharp Dressed Man'

R. Solberg 2005

(Photo by Mary Vertz)

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President's Message

Andy Marlow, Hopkins, MN

What a fabulous time! Our first in-person convention in two years was fabulous, and I am not just saying that because I was part of the planning committee. I only heard positive comments from people incredibly happy to see their hosta friends again, and from those meeting hosta friends on the national stage for the first time.

The hotel and its facilities were ideal for our 300 or so attendees. The very public hosta show was a big success, even among the soccer moms and dads wandering the hotel halls between matches. The weather cooperated nicely - not too hot, not too cool and just the right amount of sun and clouds to accommodate the photographers among us.

I do want to single out several people who made the convention one worth remembering. The first is Convention Chairperson and Registrar Amy Peterson. When the Minnesota Hosta Society applied to host the 2020 convention way back in 2014, we expected a smooth road over which we had travelled many times, having hosted conventions in 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010. That turned out to not be the case as the 2020 convention had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But Amy did not let the rollercoaster ride affect her equilibrium. She was calm and steady all through the cancellation and rescheduling and kept her team together to have another go at it in 2022. Amy was ably assisted by Mary Schwartzbauer, who co-chaired the 2010 convention, and, among many other things, spearheaded the negotiations with the hotel to grant us a two-year reprieve on our contract.

There is a whole cohort of Minnesota Hosta Society members who followed Amy's lead in bringing the convention to fruition—too many to mention all of them here (and I'd probably forget someone and feel bad about it). A list of all our team leaders probably is still available on our website www.hostavision2022.com.

Special recognition should go to all the gardeners who allowed us to tour their gardens. I had the pleasure of being a bus captain on all three tours, and the gardens just sparkled. Hostas were in tip-top condition and

convention-goers were very impressed. Many wondered why the plants here were so much larger than they were at home. Climate explains much of it, but the great care the gardeners invested in their gardens did not hurt. Extra special thanks to the members of the Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeastern Minnesota for allowing us to visit some very special gardens.

There are a couple of people who staffed tables in the vending area that should be mentioned. AHS Membership Secretary has made an immediate impact on our membership numbers, and he continued his efforts at the convention. For the first time in my memory, there was a membership table in the vending room. I don't have a count of the new or renewing members Barry accepted, but he was available to answer questions and motivate people throughout the event.

Another unique presence in the vending area was Gayle Hartley Alley, the International Registrar for the Genus *Hosta*. Most of Gayle's work is behind the scenes, processing registrations. It's an intense and exacting job. But she has found time to seek out older, unregistered cultivars that should have been registered long ago and has gone through the process of collecting the data and taking the photographs necessary to register those plants. Over the last three years she has registered 45 of them.

In order to raise awareness of the need to register new cultivars and the capabilities of the relatively new *Hosta Treasury* website (www.hostatransury.org), Gayle set up shop in the vending room offering people the chance to win a free *hosta* by answering three questions on a quiz. All the answers could be found by searching the *Hosta Treasury*. Each person successfully completing at least three questions (being a guy who rarely reads the directions, I answered them all) was given one of some 300 *Hosta* 'Blessings' which Gayle had tissue cultured and grown out at her own expense.

It's people like Gayle and Barry and Mary and Amy who step up and do important and sometimes difficult jobs that make this an organization of which we are all proud. We all owe them a huge debt of thanks. I urge all members to step up when needed to continue our successes into the future.



Hostas and Associates

Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

Plant Hybridization

When you hear the word “hybrid”, what do you think of? With the rising prices of gasoline, hybrid cars might be near the top of your list. My Prius relies on both battery and gasoline for power and gets up to 50 miles per gallon. If you live in an agricultural area, hybrid corn might first come to mind. As members of hosta societies, you undoubtedly think of the plants that dominate your shade gardens. With these varying applications, let’s take a closer look at this often-used adjective, with emphasis on its botanical applications.

A hybrid is the offspring of two plants or animals with dissimilar genotypes. The objective of hybridization is to create genetic variation, which would not be achieved by simply cloning an individual. You and I are hybrids, created by combining the genes of our biological father with that of our biological mother. If you have siblings, you do not look exactly like them, (unless you are an identical twin), because the number of combinations that exist when combining the genotypes of your parents is almost infinitesimal. Genetic variation is necessary for survival of a species.

Having children is an example of intraspecific hybridization, where both parents are of the same species (in this case, *Homo sapiens*), but are genetically different. Whether the cross is within the animal or plant kingdoms, the progeny is almost always fertile. Intraspecific hybridization is common within agricultural crops. Hybrid corn is produced in order to get higher yield. This is sometimes referred to as hybrid vigor. If you have been browsing the seed catalogs that have recently arrived in your mailbox, you will find that it is common in tomatoes, peppers, and most other vegetable crops as well.

Hosta breeders are involved in creating interspecific hybrids, also referred to as intervarietal or intrageneric hybrids. These are created by crossing plants within the same genus, *Hosta*, but not the same species. An article I recently wrote about chestnuts talked extensively about this. (You can read the article, titled “Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire” on my blog at TheCottageGardener53012.Wordpress.com). More commonly to most gardeners are the examples of hostas and hybrid roses. The aim of plant breeders is to transfer a characteristic from one species to another, or to improve a characteristic within a species. The characteristic may be larger flowers or fruit, a hardier plant, size control, disease resistance, or any other trait. In roses, hostas, and other plants, combining breeding is done, which transfers characteristics from multiple varieties into a single variety. Hosta hybridizers may attempt to get a plant with blue coloration, wavy margins, and a small size. Through numerous generations of crossing and backcrossing, these characteristics may transfer from a large number of plants into a single specimen.

Much rarer is an intergeneric cross, where two plants from different genera but the same family produce a successful cross. The fewer the number of identical genes found in two organisms, the less likely that a successful cross will take place. In no instance have plants from different plant families been successfully crossed. One of the most common intergeneric crosses seen in the garden is plants of the genus *Heucherella*, foamy bells, which is a cross between *Heuchera*, coral bells, and *Tiarella*, foam-flower. It combines the attractive flowers of *Tiarella* with the stunning foliage of *Heuchera*. Another intergeneric cross that I have in my garden is *Mukgenia*, a cross between the genera *Mukdenia* and *Bergenia*.

There are three cornerstones of successful hybridization. The first is to prevent self-pollination of a flower. This is done by removing the anthers of a flower before the pollen found in them ripens. This technique is called emasculation. The second requirement is to prevent the pollination of a flower by an unknown source. This is achieved by fastening a small bag around the flower after you have emasculated it, so that insects and pollen carried by the wind cannot get to the flower. The third step is to en-

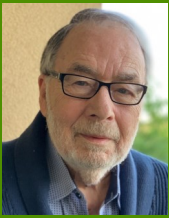
sure that the flower receives pollen from the desired cross. This is accomplished through hand pollination of the flower by dipping a brush into the chosen pollen and touching it onto the stigma of the flower. These steps may sound complicated, but with a little practice even an amateur gardener can be successful.

Many of our garden plants were first bred by home gardeners. Will you be the next to develop the latest plant must-have?

Additional articles on plants and gardening can be found on my blog:
<https://TheCottageGardener53012.Wordpress.com>



Heucherella 'Stoplight', an Intergeneric hybrid



GO HOSTAS!

Warren I. Pollock, Glen Mills, PA

Editor’s Note: Following is an interview Warren conducted with Gordon Schloatman about the disease problems he encountered in his garden last year.

“What occurred last year?”

“In the middle of summer 2021, I happened to notice some of the leaves of *Hosta* ‘Touch of Class’ were gone. The remaining foliage looked sick and I started removing it. When it became apparent that there was no salvaging the hosta, I started to dig it out. When I handled the root ball, I found that the whole crown was mushy and had a very strong odor *I would describe the smell as worse than dead fish*. I then removed additional soil and drenched the area thoroughly with a solution of bleach and water mixed about 50/50. Most significant was the insufferable putrefied stench. I did an Internet search and discovered the plant had “soft rot”. *The smell from soft rot is a distinguishing character of this destructive disease. Once experience it, you likely won’t forget it!*”

“What did you do then?”

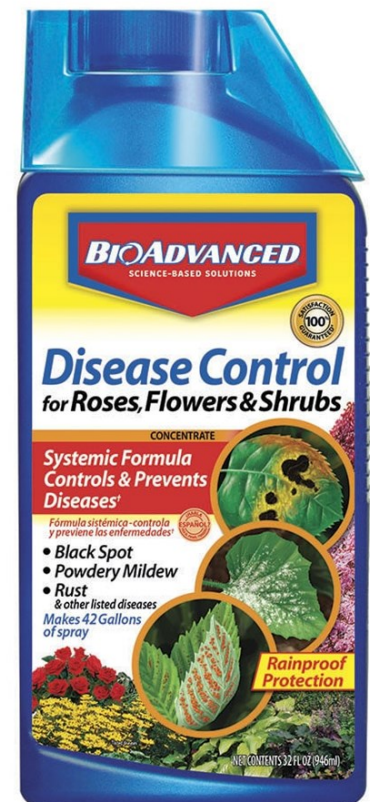
“*Obviously, it was to get rid of the plant as quickly as possible!* I dug about an 18-inch diameter hole, about a foot deep, containing the affected remaining clump, and discarded the total content in a tightly sealed plastic bag as trash. I then drenched with household bleach the sides of the hole and also the ground around it, about 18 inches wide. I then filled the hole with clean garden soil and shredded hardwood mulch. The site was now indistinguishable from the rest of the garden plot.”



Hole where *H. 'Touch of Class'* with soft rot had been.

“What did you do this year, Gordon?”

“In mid-April 2022, I applied BioAdvanced® “Disease Control for Roses, Flowers & Shrubs” at the recommended dilution concentration to the site -- as well as to all the hostas in the display garden. This chemical is **fungicide tebuconazole**, available in many nurseries and on the Internet. **Significantly, there now appears to be no “soft rot” in the hosta display.**”



“Gordon, why do you think your “Touch of Class’ had “soft rot?”

“I have no idea! I did nothing different to ‘Touch of Class’ than to the other hostas in the display garden. Maybe someone in Hostadome has thoughts? “

“Great suggestion: I’ll ask.”

If anyone has thoughts on this vexing problem, please contact me at giboshiwip@aol.com before August 31st. Further, if you had soft rot (or have it now), please contact me as I would like a follow-up article on the subject.

Pictures from Gordon of his garden.



Patio decorated for Memorial Day



Main Garden Area



Brits Ban Metaldehyde for Slug / Snail Mitigation

Starting on April 1st this year, the UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) banned metaldehyde for sale and outdoor use. The two commonly available molluscicides for home gardeners and small nurseries were metaldehyde pellets and liquid and iron phosphate pellets, which often is referred to as “Sluggo.” The ban stems principally from metaldehyde being a killer of birds and mammals (wildlife).

I and Bill Meyer (Woodbury, Connecticut) have written extensively about these molluscicide chemicals. In AHS publications I expressed my observations that the best molluscicide in the marketplace was **Deadline M -Ps mini blue pellets** which contain 4% metaldehyde. Other slug / snail mitigation products contain no more than 3% metaldehyde and usually considerably less.

It’s a changing world and, accordingly, it seems Deadline M-Ps no longer is manufactured in the States. Thus, availability is limited. Nevertheless, as of this writing, Deadline M-Ps is being sold on the Internet in 50 lb. bags, each retailing for about \$175. Shipping likely is extra cost.

Bill’s detailed writings are in *Hosta Library*’s Reading Room, Pest and Disease. His concern is that iron phosphate pellets may not be as “clean” a molluscicide as previously thought—and thus there should be caution in their application.

If you try to find a metaldehyde molluscicide product in your local nursery and DIY store, I suspect you’ll have difficulty. The huge Scotts Miracle-Gro company has just about eliminated sale of metaldehyde-containing products. Interestingly, Miracle-Gro now markets a molluscicide principally containing just a pinch of elemental sulfur!

GO HOSTAS!





Book Notice

Clyde Crockett, Carmel, IN

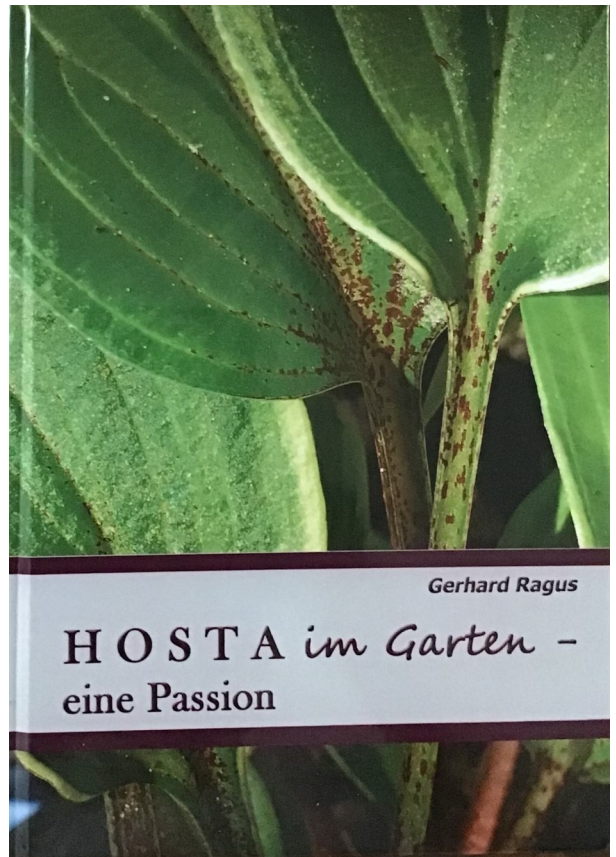
HOSTA Im Garten—eine Passion [2018]

Written by Gerhard Ragus

Photography by Renate Ragus

From the title, we recognize right off that we have the work of an ardent, indeed passionate, hostaphile. My interest in reviewing this product of a husband-and-wife team of Ganderkese, Germany, and which is one of only a handful of *Hosta* publications in German, was principally piqued by Dr. Warren I. Pollock, the well-known *Hosta* expert, author and keen observer of the goings-on in hostadom.

First, Warren emailed me and suggested that I consider noticing the book in a future article. Then, I was led to his “What’s In A Hosta Name” article in the Fall 2021 edition of *The Hosta Journal*, published by the American Hosta Society, where he observed in a segment discussing the hosta hybrids of the Raguses:

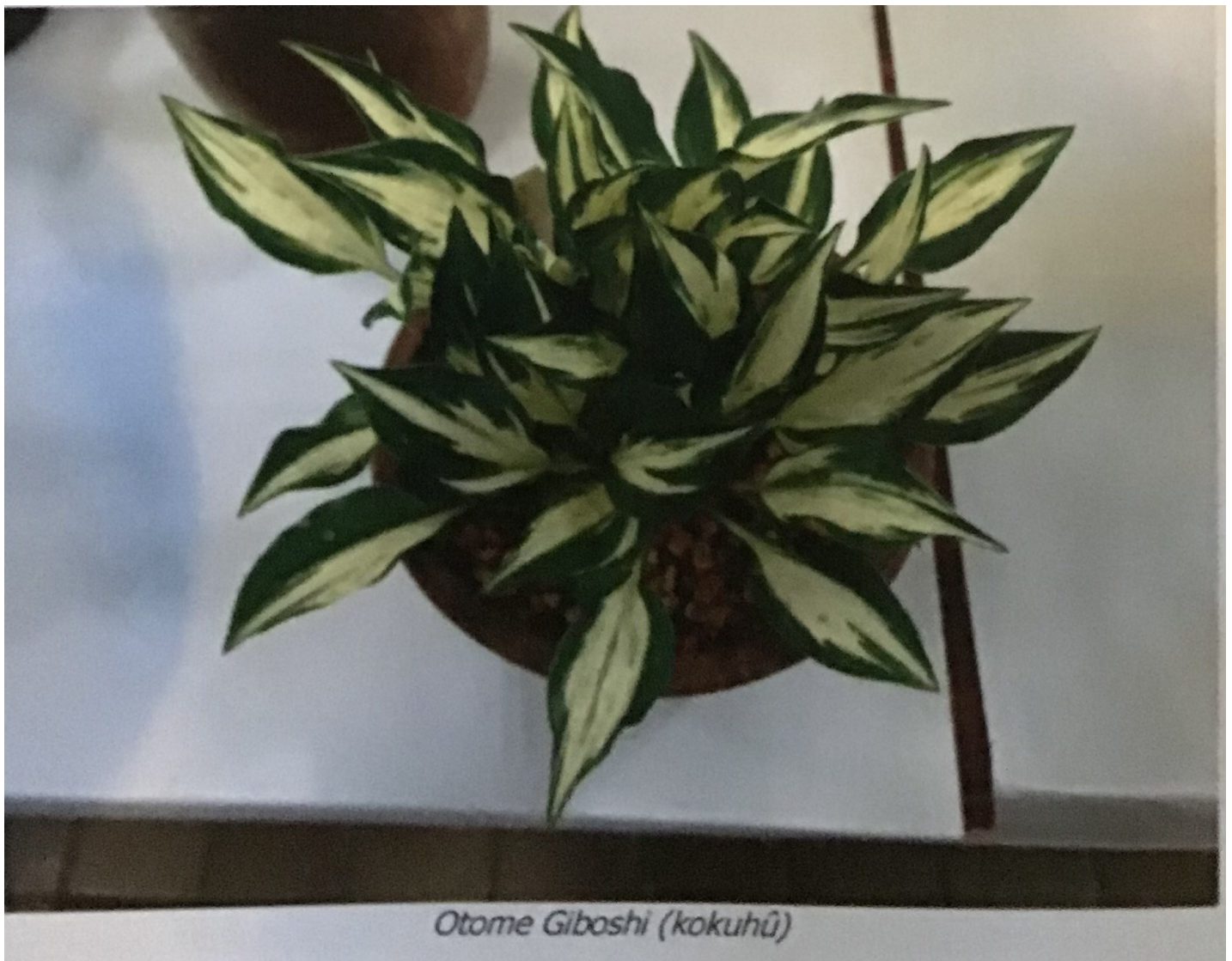


“Gerhard is author of *Hosta Im Garten —eine Passion*, an excellent 204-page hardcover book in German self-published in 2018. There are over 350 photographs. The last 50 pages are photos and descriptions of hostas, many of very limited availability in the States. The hostas from Japan are fascinating, all growing as single divisions in pots.”

Having this information and having received for my inspection and at my request a copy from Gerhard , I was convinced the book should be noticed even though in German. Along with the book, Gerhard included a letter which gave some reasons for the book including the paucity of material in German and also to spur hybridization by German enthusiasts.

The contents: My first reaction was puzzlement as to the format. There are three of what I call divisions, one I label simply Hosta, which comprises 60 parts, followed by a part dealing with hosta registrations and finally, the photos. The Hosta division is quite unlike the typical, almost obligatory, organization of hosta books — a chapter on history, then ones on shade, fertilization, úses, containers, etc. — all very neatly arranged. Here that format is completely abandoned in favor of short paragraphs discussing relevant but random topics. I can detect no organizational scheme. For example, we find a paragraph on edible hostas (“Über Essbares”) followed immediately by one on shade (“Hosta und Schatten”). This is not to be taken as a criticism. On the contrary, I found it to be rather fun and refreshing. Somewhat like reading an interesting diary of someone baring all. Too, it must be noted, that there are many topics addressed that have never been given any attention, such as the color of seed pods! There is also extensive commentary on pollination and hybridization. All of the topics are accompanied by brilliant photos.

The final division — photos and descriptions of rare hostas, hostas from Japan, hosta blooms — will be the favorite of many readers. Most of those featured are never or can only rarely be found in any other publication. I refer particularly to the Japanese varieties, referred to by Warren Pollock in his column quoted above. The photos taken apparently by Renate Ragus are outstanding. The section titled “Hosta aus Japan” include the following, labeled as indicated : *Iwa Giboshi (daiomaru)*, *Original Iwa Giboshi*, *Tachi Giboshi (yamatanooroti)*, *Otome Giboshi (kokuhû)* and many others . There are also photos and description of other rare hostas including several of the Ragus introductions .



For more information, including how to purchase the book, visit ragus@hosta-gaertchen.de

I look forward to English and French editions.

Happy Summer!

Clyde



Notes From a 'Half Hybridizer'

By Mary Vertz

What's a 'Half Hybridizer' you ask? They are someone who harvests the results of Mother Nature's hybridizing, then plants the seeds for her. So technically they are a 'Seed Grower' but calling them a 'Half Hybridizer' grabbed your attention—didn't it! I confess—that is what I am.

For years I've dabbled in being a 'Half Hybridizer'. I started out slow, harvesting seeds from just a couple of plants. *Hosta* 'Revolution' was one of the first ones I tried. I remember having quite a few streaked hosta babies from those seeds. Alas, it slipped my mind that you shouldn't use softened water to water plants (salt is not kind to baby hostas), none survived. For me, *H.* 'Revolution' is a finicky bloomer, so I haven't harvested its seeds that often through the years, but each time I have, it has always awarded me with several streaked babies.

In the beginning, I wasn't very persistent with labeling my hosta babies with their Momma's name (pod parent), and sometimes the cats dug up the labels. So the scattering of hosta babies that still exist in my gardens from my early seed growing efforts, are orphans. There are a couple that look like they may have come from *H.* 'Revolution'.

Some years I've gathered more of Mother Nature's bounty than others, but it has always been fun to see little hosta babies in the dead of winter—even if there are usually a lot more 'greenies' than I had hoped. The last few years, I've been gathering quite a few, even after telling myself I'm not going to gather as many as last year! But, oh, it is so hard to resist gathering seeds from a hosta that calls out to you "Pick me, I **might** give you beautiful hosta babies".

In the fall, as Mother Nature's seeds start to ripen, I travel through my gardens with my shopping bag filled with empty brown paper lunch bags and a pencil, looking for hosta Momma candidates. I definitely look at my streaker hostas and gather some of their seeds. Unusually shaped leaves always catch my eye too. Then I have the red legs calling out to me, as well as those golden dancers in my gardens. Oh, and don't forget those young seedlings from previous years that call to me too! Such hard choices—no wonder I end up with so many filled lunch bags in my shopping bag. All marked with hosta Momma names on them. Since the Poppa is unknown, the Poppa is only noted with 'OP' - Open Pollinated.

Though I've only been using Mother Nature's hybridizing, I am intrigued by those hostas that have a pedigree. The last couple of years to satisfy that interest I have purchased seeds from others through the Growers of Hosta Seeds Facebook page, Hosta Library Seed Auction and other reliable sources. Also my local hosta society (Green and Gold Hosta Society of Northeastern WI) has a small group that does a seed exchange, that provides an opportunity to bring in 'new blood' for my seed growing. Not as if I needed more seeds to grow!

To keep track of who is who, I use an Excel spreadsheet. I list all my seeds in alphabetical order by the Momma's name. Then I simply start numbering them with the year after I gathered the seeds, (since I usually don't plant them until January) followed by a dash and a number, starting with one. Ex. 2022-1, 2022-2, etc. Others use a more sophisticated numbering system, but whatever works for you is the best one to use.

It is always interesting to see what characteristics you'll get from a specific Momma. I've found that *H.* 'Carin's Wedding' has lots of streaked hosta babies and all very different from each other. Streaked Momma's usually have streaked babies, though on a rare occasion you'll get a surprise streaker from an all green hosta! Most of the time *H.* 'Old Cardboard Boxes' will pass on its thick leaf and a distinctive leaf shape to its babies.

Blue babies are hard to spot until they are a few months old, so culling for blues is always difficult. I've found that red legs don't show right

away either. After a few weeks, the red gradually starts creeping in from the bottom and travels up the petiole. Some travel far and some not so far. Sometimes the red travels even further up the next year. So always a difficult decision, which red legs do I keep!

Hosta babies usually don't show all their distinct characteristics the first year, so it is always difficult to decide which ones have promise. Streaked babies, and red legged babies show a lot of promise the first year, but what about all the 'greenies'. Surely some of them have promise! They could develop piecrust edges or become extremely ruffled in their second or third year. I can't keep them all for a year or two, so I look for hosta babies with leaves that look a little different from their siblings. Sometimes it is just a slight twist on the tip or an unusual shape that catches my eye. I try to find a few distinct looking 'greenies' to hold over for a couple of years. You never know what face they will give you the second year.

Growing hostas from seed is fun. It can be as simple as you want or as detailed as you want. The best part is seeing all those little hosta babies in the dead of winter and looking for those 'special' babies to keep. This year, I might even try taking over from Mother Nature and create a few crosses myself! H'mm, time will tell whether I can fit it in this summer or not and become a 'Whole Hybridizer'!

Here's a pictures of a few interesting ones I have this year. Hope it wets your appetite to try your had at being a 'Hybridizer' or 'Half Hybridizer'!



H. 'Carin's Wedding' x OP



H. 'Cranberries & Cream' x OP



(*H.* 'Holar Black Swan' x 'Aquamarine')#4 x OP
Seeds form Mike Vasey



H. 'Pink Panther' x OP



((*H.* 'Lakeside Ooltewah' x 'Sea Blue Monster') x
OP)#2 x OP

From a seedling from seeds I bought a few years ago.



H. 'Tinkle' x OP



H. 'Tinkle' x OP

One last note. Fungus gnats can be a problem when growing seeds indoors. This year after using *Myco Apply* when transplanting my seedlings, all my fungus gnats disappeared! It contains mycorrhizal fungi which helps with root growth. Only needs to be applied once as a soil drench after potting. I used 1/4 tsp to a gallon of water, so a 1lb bag will last me for a few years.

HAPPY SEED GROWING!



And In Other Hosta News . . .

Have you checked out the AHS Hosta Registry web site— *The Hosta Treasury* <http://www.hostaregistrar.org>? There is an abundance of information to be found. As Andy mentioned in his President's Message, during the convention the AHS Registrar Gayle Hartley Alley handed out a quiz to peak interest in the site. Gayle has graciously allowed her quiz to be published in this newsletter! Of course, only convention attendees could win the *Hosta* 'Blessings' but you can still enjoy checking things out. Have fun! - Mary Vertz, Editor

1. How many hostas were Registered in 1990? _____
(HINT: Select tab titled **Search**)
2. What year was *H.* 'Lakeside Cupcake' registered? _____
3. Nick Ternes has registered only one hosta. Who did he name it after? _____
(HINT: on the **Search** tab, read carefully what appears after the red text "**Please note -**")
4. How many AHGA vendors have *H.* 'Diamond Lake' for sale? _____
(HINT: Search first - then select "Hosta Finder")
5. and . . . what is the average price of 'Diamond Lake'? _____
6. What is a Cataphyll? _____
(HINT: Select tab titled **Hosta Terminology**)
7. What is the latest release date for the Cumulative Index of Hosta Registrations? _____
(HINT: Select tab titled **Published Lists**)
8. How many cultivars were Registered by Randy Goodwin in 2016? _____
(HINT: Use two Search criteria simultaneously)
9. How much would it cost to Register four hostas? _____
(HINT: Select tab titled **Registration**)
10. Who was the International Registrar for the Genus *Hosta* in the year 2004?

(HINT: Select tab titled **Published Lists** then review the pdf for **2004 Registrations**)
11. **Bonus Question!!** What is the email address for the current Registrar (Gayle Hartley Alley)?

Please use that email address to let me know what you'd like to see on *The Hosta Treasury*.

Artwork in a garden always speaks to the heart of a gardener and adds that extra special touch, showcasing the gardeners personality. When touring a garden, I always look for those special art pieces that speak to me. Here's a few that caught my eye in the convention gardens. Enjoy! - Mary Vertz, Editor.





If you missed Hosta Vision 2022, set your sights for the 2023 convention “Fields of Hosta Dreams” in Ames, IA June 7–10, hosted by Russ O’hara Hosta Society. Those who attended Hosta Vision, had an opportunity to sign up early for it. Early Registration Deadline is Dec. 30, 2022 Watch for details coming soon on the AHS Website:

[\(http://americanhostasociety.org/\)](http://americanhostasociety.org/).

The American Hosta Society is searching for hosts for future conventions! Tammy Borden, AHS VP Conventions, announced at Hosta Vision 2022, that they were still in need of a location for the 2024 convention. Tammy had a few leads, so may have someone lined up by now—fingers crossed! Conventions are great opportunities to meet up with existing hosta friends and meet new hosta friends.

If interested in hosting a future convention, please contact Tammy, at <http://americanhostasociety.org/Contacts/ContactTammyBorden.htm>

Great gardens, good friends...

The AHS invites you to showcase the great gardens in your area while hosting an AHS convention where good friends come together to appreciate everything Hosta.

This premier AHS annual event is the highlight of many a hostaphile’s year, combining business with pleasure: garden tours, vending, the AHS Live Auction and Cut Leaf Show are highly anticipated components of each convention, along with scientific lectures and other educational opportunities.
And Hostatality :)

The American Hosta Society will provide you with years of collected data and access to the wisdom of former convention chairs while planning your convention, and will bear major responsibility for organizing the Cut Leaf Show and Live Auction.

If your area has good hotel facilities and some grand gardens deserving of exhibition, contact me to begin a conversation and learn more about applying to host an AHS Convention. We’d love to visit your area!

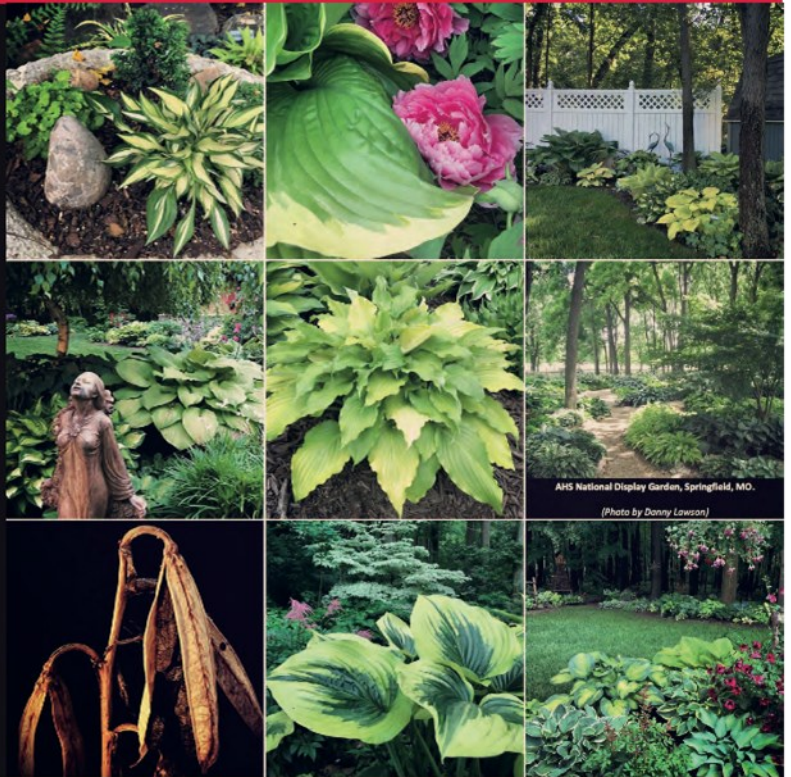
Tammy Borden, VP Conventions

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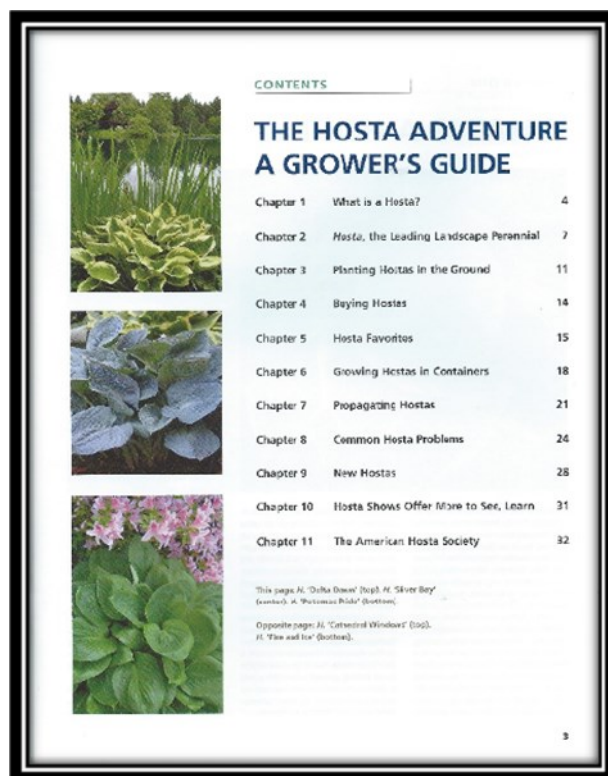
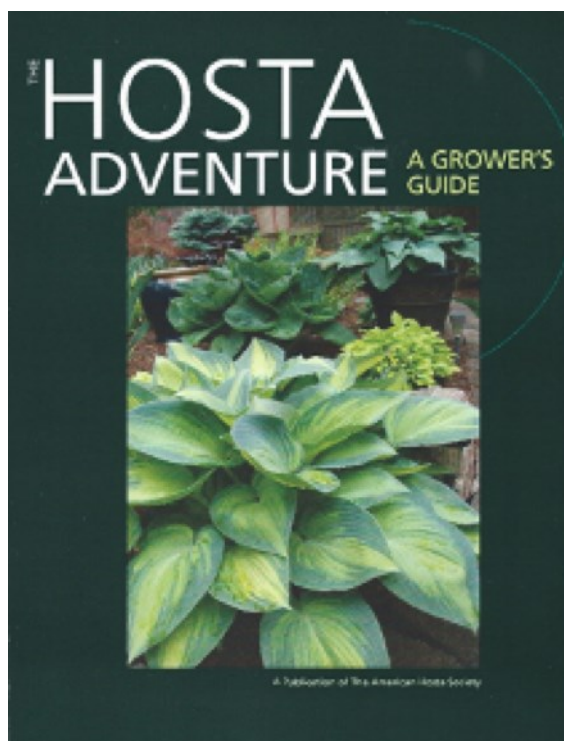
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From AHS Publications

The Hosta Adventure, Third Edition, contains a wealth of information about growing hostas. First published in 2001, *The Hosta Adventure* was intended as a guide for novices, but it appealed to all levels of hosta gardeners. The first two editions were popular additions to the libraries of new and seasoned gardeners. Now a new Adventure beckons.

This new edition of *The Hosta Adventure* is updated with the latest information including buying, planting, and growing hostas.



There is a chapter on growing hostas in containers. Common problems encountered in hosta culture with solutions to these common problems is included. For those interested in propagation, information on division of plants, bud cutting, and the Ross method is included.

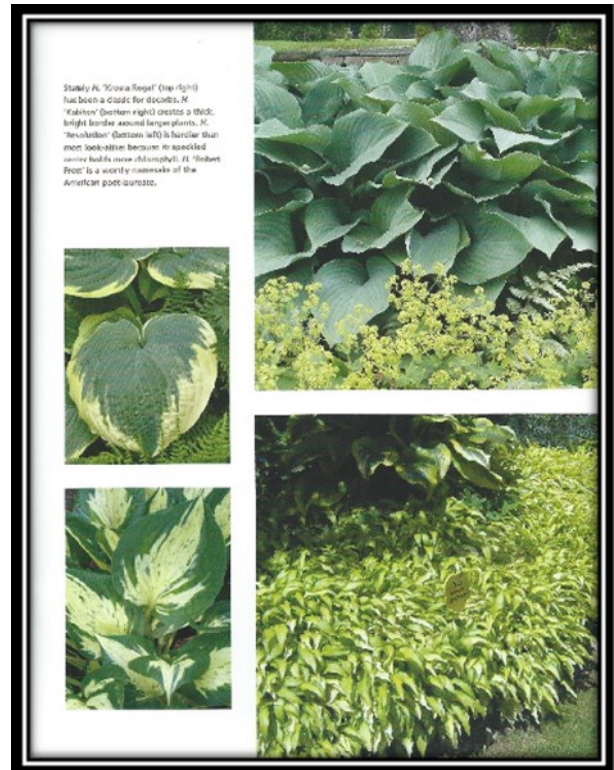
If you are new to hostas, a chapter on hosta favorites gives you an idea of hostas to acquire that are viewed as good plants by other hosta growers. A chapter on new hostas, including sports and seedlings is informative.

A list of popular hosta books that you may want to add to your library is given, as is information on hosta shows, and information on how to link up with fellow hosta growers by joining The American Hosta Society.

This publication should be part of every hosta grower's library.

Order *The Hosta Adventure—A Grower's Guide - 3rd Edition*

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The Hosta Adventure is filled with stunning photos of hostas and hosta gardens.

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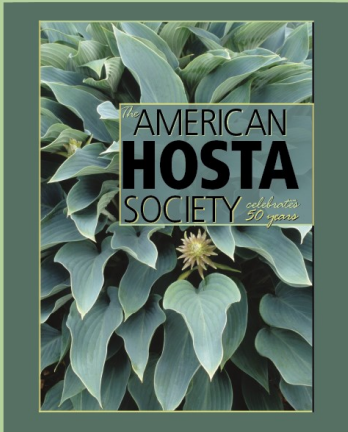
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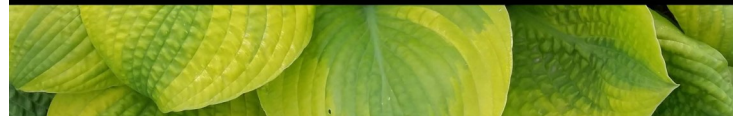
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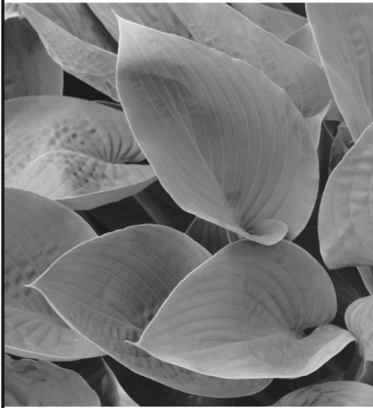
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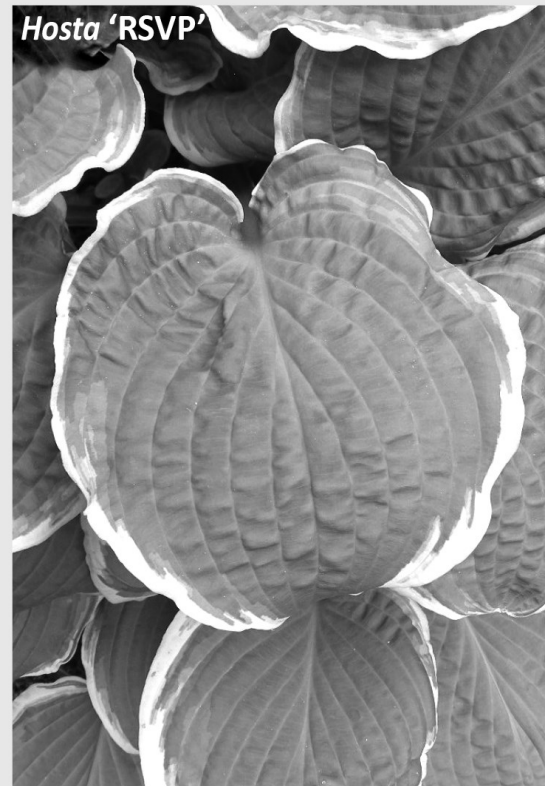
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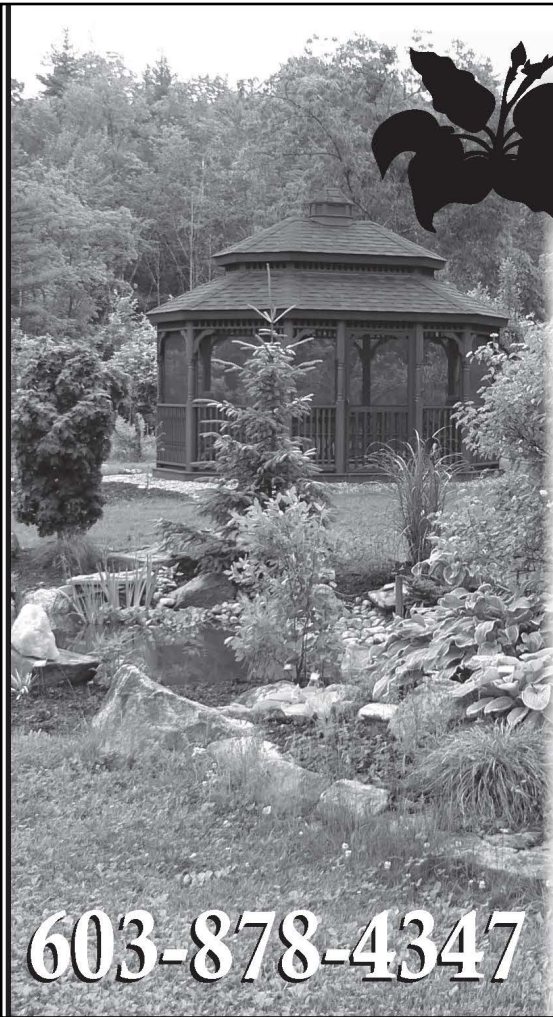
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