



Don Dean

AHS President

President's Message

The American Hosta Society is nearing the end of 2016 while gearing up plans in preparation for 2017. This process is much like closing out the gardens while also readying them for the coming year. Members will enjoy The Online Journal, our third major publication, posted in December with its focus on the AHS Convention held in St. Louis last June. Non-members should consider taking action to join the society and savor the benefits of membership. Go to <http://americanhostasociety.org/> and select the "Membership" drop-down tab.

The AHS Online Auction provides an enjoyable winter reprieve in mid-January by tuning into the annual 2017 AHS Online Auction. This event is open to both members and non-members. The auction itself is web-based, with elements conducted via electronic communications and emails. News, information, and updates are sent to an email group. Send a message to dedean@q.com to be added to the group. Take a look at past

years' results at <http://americanhostasociety.org/Activities/Auctions.htm>. A link to the actual auction will be posted on the AHS Homepage in early January.

Join the many who are already looking forward to the 2017 AHS Convention in Indianapolis this coming June. Details are available at <http://www.indyhosta2017.com/>. You cannot go wrong by joining us in Indianapolis if you garden and love hosta. The planners have assembled a selection of activities, speakers, and gardens that will surely pique attendees' interests.

Wishing you all a restful winter and dreams of an even better growing season moving forward.

In service,

Don Dean

AHS President

AHS 2017 Online Auction

January 14th through 28th, 2017

Visit the AHS Website for more information beginning early January, 2017 at

<http://americanhostasociety.org/>



Gregg Peterson

VP Judging/Exhibitions

“Part of a Hosta Show Can Happen Year Round”

As we look out over the hosta garden beds at this time of year, we see the foliage of our prized hosta cultivars well past their prime, with many on the downward slide toward winter. Clumps of hostas that offered up excellent leaves to pick from to exhibit at a Hosta Show in June, now are nothing more than a matted golden mess laying on the ground. We remember the local, regional and national hosta shows that we participated in this past summer and think to ourselves that we don't have to think about any shows for the next six or seven months.

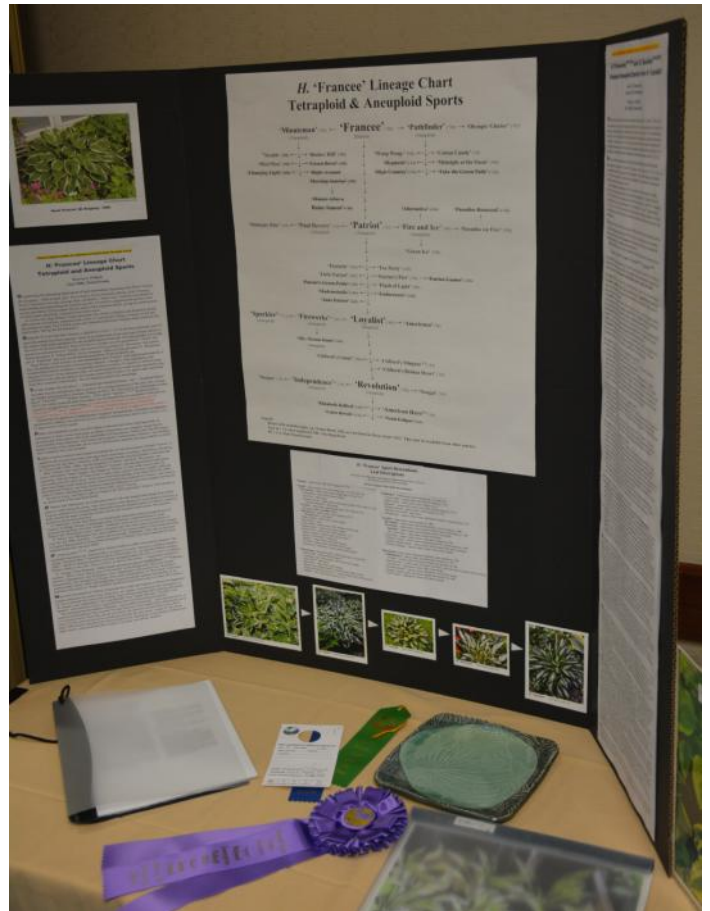
However, there is one category of a Hosta Show that you can deal with year-round and the upcoming winter months present an ideal time to think about and put together your exhibit in this show division. Division IV – Educational Displays is a show division that is simple to enter, can be worked on during the off-season and is applicable to situations outside of the hosta show in which it is exhibited. The only criteria an Educational Display needs to meet is it must pertain to hostas. After meeting that threshold, the following judging criteria are used:

Educational Value (50 points)

- Points based on Theme, Originality and Materials Used

Staging (50 points)

- Points based on Arrangement, Attractiveness and Neatness



The nice thing about Educational Displays is that they can be put together by all levels of hosta society members and can cover all levels of hosta knowledge. A simple display covering one aspect of hosta growing and cultivation geared toward “newbies” to the genus *Hosta* can be entered alongside the results of a full-blown scientific study of hosta hybridization. Both displays have an equal chance of winning the Grand Award for Division IV.

Why should you and/or other members of your local society consider putting together an Educational Display? Foremost, all local, regional and national hosta societies have an educational component as a part of their overall mission and a display can help to address that aspect. Secondly, an educational display can help to answer routine questions from the general public, as well as imparting general

information in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Finally, a well-thought-out and executed display can help recruit new members to your society, as well as providing current members with new information about their favorite plant.

So how do you get started in putting together an Educational Display? First, put together a list of the top questions that you and other members are asked and what general categories do they fit in. After that, let your imagination go to work to brainstorm how you might present the information in a creative and unique manner. Don't overlook all of the different media and don't be afraid to try something new and radically different. Finally, have fun putting together the display and using it in a creative manner as part of your group's program and outreach!! I'm looking forward to seeing all of your efforts at next year's Hosta Shows!!

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VP Judging/Exhibitions





Amy Peterson

VP Awards and Honors

Volunteer and Contributor Award Opportunities 2017 -

It's About PARTICIPATION!

Participation is essential when it comes to recognition. Each year awards are presented to membership in recognition of their involvement and /or contribution to the AHS. These awards can be for participation in specific events such as the AHS Hosta Show or Photography contest to lifetime contributions in the areas of hybridizing or service. In addition, some awards are specific to contributions to the larger AHS organization and others are to recognize membership at the local society level. Almost all require membership to make nominations or participate in events and both are VOLUNTARY. Recognition is not typically the motivator behind the contribution or service provided, but it is important that we recognize our VOLUNTEERS. Without volunteer participation and contributions, the vitality of the AHS and local societies would be diminished.

The available awards and due dates for membership participation are listed in the following Table. Additional details are provided within the AHS Website under the Hosta Judging/Show Judging/Section V Awards tab. Information is also periodically provided in The Hosta Journal, the On-line Journal, the E-Newsletter or targeted e-mails to a local hosta society designated contact and AHS judges.

The awards marked with an asterisk (*) are awards sponsored by local societies or individuals. Other awards may be available for sponsorship. If interested in sponsoring an award please contact the AHS VP Awards & Honors to discuss the opportunities.

Merit Awards	
• Alex J Summers Award	AHS membership nominations due 3/15.
• Eunice Fisher Award	AHS membership nominations due 4/1.
Benedict Garden Awards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable Mention • Award of Merit • Benedict Medal 	<p>Hosta originator or registrant nominations are due 2/15 (maximum 7/year with the cultivar having a minimum of 3 years as a registered plant). AHS BOD may also nominate cultivars whose originator and registrant are deceased.</p> <p>Only AHS Garden Performance Judges may ballot vote between 4/1 & 10/15 for award selection.</p>

Hosta Show Awards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidents Exhibitor • Sweepstakes • Kevin Vaughn Youth Achievement * • Best Seedling or Sport* • Best Container Grown* • Best Trough/Container Garden Arranged for Effect* • Best Educational Display* • Artistic Design* 	<p>Membership entries into the AHS National Convention Hosta Show.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Same or similar award categories may apply to local society Hosta Shows entries, with local society sponsored recognition.</p>
Contribution Awards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Convention Auction Donation 	Donations, typically membership derived, received at the AHS National Convention per convention schedule details.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-line Auction Donation 	Membership donations supporting the on-line auction typically held in January each year. See AHS Website under the Activities/On-line Auction tab for more information.
Activity Awards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Contest Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Best Hosta Close-up</i> ▪ <i>Best Picture of an Entire Mature Clump</i> ▪ <i>Best Landscape Picture Showing Multiple Clumps</i> ▪ <i>Best Landscape Picture Involving Hostas</i> ▪ <i>Artistic Expression</i> 	Membership submissions due 4/1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Society (LS) Newsletter Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Best LS Newsletter & Editor</i> ▪ <i>Best LS Newsletter Author</i> 	Membership submissions due 2/1.
Service Recognition	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Citation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>National & Local</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime Service Award • Special Project Award • Hosta Enrichment Award 	<p>The National Awards are given at the sole discretion of the AHS President.</p> <p>The Local Awards are based on Local Society Board of Director (BOD) nominations with rational submitted by 3/1 to AHS President who makes final selection if any.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Service Pin</i> ▪ <i>Presidential Plaque</i> 	AHS VP Awards & Honors processes per tracking records.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Appreciation 	Local Society BOD nominations due 4/1

One volunteer opportunity to highlight is becoming a Benedict Garden Judge. Application to be a judge includes meeting some minimal criteria and participation is limited to 15% of membership residing in each AHS defined geographical region. For more information on becoming a Benedict Garden Judge, go to the AHS Website under Hosta Judging/ Benedict Garden Performance and there is a link at the bottom of the page with supporting information and the Garden Judges Application Form. Don't miss out repre-

senting your region in the selection process for awarding the Benedict Garden Performance Awards.

In closing, a big THANK YOU to all volunteers and contributors. What you do is greatly appreciated!! Everyone please continue to recognize how important it is to actively participate and volunteer. Your time, energy and participation are essential to maintain the vitality of the AHS, your regional and local hosta societies. As members, we all receive benefits to learn and read about hosta, meet friends and have fun at local, regional and national society events. These opportunities only occur when volunteers give their time, resources and enthusiasm toward making those events happen. Collectively, we are AHS. We need to volunteer and participate in one or more ways to sustain its vitality. Think on it and do what you can, when you can. Volunteering and participating can be your way of contributing to yours and others next great experience!

Amy Peterson

VP Awards and Honors



American Hosta Society National Convention

hys-te-ri-a [hə'stirēə]: exaggerated or uncontrollable emotion or excitement, especially among a group of people.

Hosta Hysteria: The uncontrollable excitement a gardener experiences after attending or hearing about the fantastic conventions at Raleigh, NC in 2015 and at the 'Gateway to the Gardens' in St. Louis in 2016. This emotion also appears in anticipation of the 2017 American Hosta Society National Convention in Indy, aptly named "Hosta Hysteria!"

As Jaime Street noted at the closing of the 2016 convention: "Whether you are a Hosta aficionado, collector, connoisseur, dabbler, fan, fanatic, friend, maven, lovers or addict, consider this your personal invitation to join Hosta Hysteria in Indianapolis, June 7 - 10, 2017."

—Top 10 Reasons to Register Today —

- 1) New this year is online registration at www.indyhosta2017.com (receive a free conference t-shirt if you register before January 15th) You can join the pre-convention communication on Facebook at: Indy Hosta 2017
- 2) Find a place in your garden when you bring home the convention plant that comes with your conference registration: Hosta '*Indy Fan Favorite*' — from Hoosier hybridizer Randy Goodwin won best seedling and sport division in 2014.
- 3) A phenomenal line-up of speakers including: Dr. Paul E. Cappelletto, executive director of Yew Dell Botanical Garden in Crestwood, Kentucky and co-author of "Dogwoods" the first book on the genus. David Culp, the creator of the gardens at Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Vice President for Sunny Border Nurseries in Connecticut, Culp is author of the book *The Layered Garden* and is a herbaceous perennials instructor at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. Dr. Peter Zale, Breeder and curator of plants at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania will also share his expertise. Zale holds over 2,000 taxa in his personal collection and is always on the lookout for the next botanical curiosity.
- 4) The Indy Hosta 2017 Garden Marketplace will include our vendor-friends:

Hostas from Bob Solberg of Green Hill Farm, Jeff Miller of Land of the Giants, Rob Mortko of Made in the Shade and Marlene Rosenberg of Uniquely Hostas. Dave Dannaher Landscaping & Nursery will bring rare and unusual plants including Japanese maples.

Pine View Nursery will bring ornamental trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants specializing in the growing and propagation of the “MVP” (Most Valuable Perennials)

Windswept Creations will display Sea glass jewelry and Leaf Recreations will show reverse leaf impression stepping stones, coasters, and birdbaths. [confirmed vendors will continue to be shared upon confirmation.]

5) In addition to the Hosta leaf, troughs and display arrangement judging and show, a new category, the “Trifecta” will be introduced. Information can be found on the website.

6) Wednesday choices: Tour three private juried gardens that were showcased during the IHS 2016 Garden Tour and shop Soules Garden, while perusing their display gardens — or purchase the optional bus tour to the historic West Baden and French Lick hotels and lunch in southern Indiana.

7) Also new this year, the Hosta Seed-growers Competition will bring their fun to the AHS convention, directed by Jeff Miller.

8) Enjoy and take garden notes from touring the ten juried convention gardens chosen especially for Hosta Hysteria 2017. Highlighted in our gardens will be Hostas that come from Indiana “Hoosier” Hybridizers including household names like: Indiana Bob, Bill Brincka, Randy Goodwin, Olga Petryszyn, Lucille Simperts, Marge and Clarence Soules, Dave and Bev Stegeman, Brian and Virginia Skaggs and brothers Frank Nyikos and Steve Nyikos.

9) In case you’re wavering about attending, did you know that Indianapolis is a one-day drive for 65% of the US population — an easy drive to Wyndham Indianapolis West, our host hotel?

10) What others are saying about why they attend AHS conventions:

- Jennifer Reed Peterson, Wisconsin: “To see gardens, meet people, buy Hostas, auctions, and to just have fun. They are so worth going to! Where else can you go, where when you tell them how much you love hostas they don't look at you like you have 6 eyes.”
- Mary Arnberg, Massachusetts, noted why she has attended fifteen conventions: “As they say, I ‘started for the plants, stayed for the people.’ It’s a pleasure to see other parts of the country, inspiring to visit and meet some of the most dedicated Hosta people around, and so inspiring to see what gardeners have done with their gardens. Looking forward to 2017!”
- Of course we should be transparent and share the warnings: Kevin Tyler, Mississippi noted: “My first convention was this year — I wanted to see the gardens, which were great, then came the auction, which put a dent in my wallet!”

Hope to see you in Indianapolis June 7-10, 2017. Remember if you sign up before January 15th, you’ll receive a free “Hosta Hysteria” convention T-shirt.

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AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION

“What to do Wednesday”? — Hump Day never looked so Hostastonishing!

Of course you don't **have** to arrive on Wednesday June 11th for the 2017 American Hosta Society National Convention — but if you do, you have some awesome choices. Choices can be hard, like choosing between going to a movie and having popcorn, or going to your local plant nursery and purchasing a new Hosta. [Duh, everyone knows you go to the early matinee to save money first and then proceed to the nursery to purchase a trunk load of new Hostas.]

“What to do Wednesday” offers you two exciting choices during Hosta Hysteria:

Choice #1

Wednesday Gardens, include three private juried gardens that were showcased during the Indianapolis Hosta Society 2016 Garden Tour. In addition, the renowned Soules Garden, which will be open for shopping and perusing their display gardens.

THE SCHULTZ GARDEN



A mile east from downtown Indianapolis is the cities' first 'suburban' neighborhood. Woodruff Place began development in 1872 — a *Victorian version of formal Italian Renaissance gardens*. From the beginning, Woodruff's development possessed all the requisites of a park: three boulevard drives bisected by grassy esplanades, spacious lots, picturesque homes, clusters of graceful cast-iron statues and costly multi-tiered fountains.

One of two fabulous tour gardens in Woodruff Place is the Schultz Garden. Formal boxwood parterres form the structure of this Woodruff Place garden. Vintage hostas are planted within the par-

terres, acting as frames, giving each Hosta cultivar its own area to shine. This landscape ties the parterres to this turn of the century home.

THE BRISSMAN GARDEN



The Brissman Garden is an extension of the Queen Anne Home, built in 1923. With over 120 different Hostas marked with small stone identifying markers, the Brissman garden is full of luscious outdoor rooms.

Brissman explained: “We have tried to make the main gardens more soothing to the eye — a blend of Zen and traditional plantings. *“I have crammed in as many favorite Hostas and Japanese Maples as I have room for. . . I love to swap ideas with other avid gardeners and am happy to offer any meager advice I may possess.*

I have spent a good deal of time and money on the gardens, but I believe that they are not at all intimidating and show what can be done with some time and energy.”

THE HOMMEL MANGAS GARDEN



Just south of Indianapolis' downtown is the Hommel Mangas Garden. Five acres of garden rooms for the purpose of playing include: the Apiary and "Ode to Indiana Hybridizer's Hosta Garden, Hosta of the Year garden, Pool garden, Hammock City, Raised Potager, Hoosier-style Japanese Garden, Creekside Oasis and labeled Biblical Plants with accompanied verses. Enveloped by a sloping terrain and mature wooded area, AHS convention-attendees/friends are invited to come and rest all day or as little desired. Corn-hole games, checkers, and the hammocks with garden magazines and iced tea are awaiting your arrival.

The Hommel Mangas Garden, only 13-minutes on your way back to the conventional hotel, is a must stop at Soules Gardens, where you can purchase rare items and enjoy their display gardens.

Choice #2

THE ROAD TRIP TO FRENCH LICK RESORT AND WEST BADEN SPRINGS HOTEL



A second offering for "What to do Wednesday" is a unique "Road Trip." You will head south of Indianapolis by bus to a very special area: the French Lick Resort with two historic hotels, French Lick Springs and West Baden Springs. Both hotels have been renovated to grande dame status, receiving multiple accolades.

Docents from Indiana Historic Landmarks will guide us in small groups, allowing us to see each hotel, hear their histories and learn their "secrets." It's lunch under the West Baden Springs

dome with an opportunity to walk the grounds that once hosted Major League Baseball teams, the rich and famous, the Jesuit brotherhood and an educational institution. We'll return to the Convention hotel ready to enjoy the evening's activities.

The "Road Trip!" requires a minimum of thirty-five attendees. Come join Hosta enthusiasts in Indy, June 7-11, 2017, for "Hosta Hysteria" and a great "Road Trip!"

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Don't forget to register online at www.indyhosta2017.com (receive a free conference t-shirt if you register before January 15th) and please join us for some pre-convention Hosta Hysteria on Facebook at: Indy Hosta 2017.

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AHS Membership Secretary

Time seems to fly more quickly with each passing year --- **YES, IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME AGAIN!** If there is a "16" after your name on the mailing sheet which accompanied your copy of **The Hosta Journal**, then it's time to renew. --- You wouldn't want to miss any of the fun, would you?! I know this might be surprising news (and possibly somewhat distressing) to those who recently joined for just a single year immediately prior to the 2016 membership cut-off date at the end of August and I'm sorry for that ... but, remember, your membership was backdated to 01-01-16!

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 (which will arrive shortly if it hasn't already) is always accompanied by a renewal form. It is important to renew in a timely manner in order to avoid the \$5.00 late fee which **MUST** be applied to all renewals mailed or entered online after January 15 of each calendar year --- mailing that first issue of the year individually to late renewals is a costly process!

eMembers --- Your membership renewal will also come due at the end of the year. Although a late renewal fee does not apply to eMemberships, why wait for the last minute?!

It's 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.

If you have questions about your membership or believe you might have missed the first Journal mailing of this year, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address above.

AHS Memberships make great gifts for your gardening friends --- the holidays will soon be upon us --- or great door prizes for your local club events!

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AHS Membership Secretary



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 print the membership application and mail to the Membership Secretary listed.



**American Hosta Society
2017 Convention Registration
Hosta Hysteria
June 7-10, 2017
Indianapolis, Indiana**

See www.indyhosta2017.com for convention information and online registration.

One form per person

Name (as you want it on your badge): _____
 Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Country: _____ Email: _____ Phone (____) _____

Is this your first convention? Yes _____ No _____



\$269.00 EARLY BIRD FULL REGISTRATION (postmarked by 1/15/2017)
 (Adults & Children 12 & older)

INCLUDES FREE CONVENTION T-SHIRT, 10 garden tours with bus transportation, 3 optional self-guided garden tours, Thursday lunch, Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast, Friday lunch, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, convention hosta, handbook, and access to all seminars, speakers, and vendors.

Free T-shirt size (check one): XS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

\$269.00 FULL REGISTRATION (postmarked by 4/15/2017) (Adults & Children 12 & older)

Includes 10 garden tours with bus transportation, 3 optional self-guided garden tours, Thursday lunch, Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast, Friday lunch, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, convention hosta, handbook, and access to all seminars, speakers, and vendors.

\$299.00 LATE FULL REGISTRATION (postmarked by 5/31/2017)
 (Adults & Children 12 & older) Same as Full Registration

\$150.00 CHILD Age 5-11 FULL REGISTRATION (postmarked by 5/31/2017) Same as Full Registration

\$ 60.00 CHILD Age 0-4 FULL REGISTRATION (postmarked by 5/31/2017)
 Only register if riding on the tour buses, otherwise no charge.

\$165.00 Meals Only (Adults & Children 12 & older)
 Includes meals at the convention hotel, Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner.



\$ 90.00 OPTIONAL ROAD TRIP - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

Includes transportation, tours of historic West Baden and French Lick hotels, and lunch. (Minimum of 35 attendees required)



\$ 15.00 each CONVENTION T-SHIRT (available on pre-order basis)

Enter quantity next to T-shirt size : XS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

MEAL CHOICES (Please choose one for each meal below):

Thursday Lunch: Vegetable Lasagna Flat Iron Steak

Saturday Dinner: Salmon New York Strip Steak

Hosta Show – Please check if you plan to: Judge Clerk Participate in the show

The Show Schedule will be available online at www.indyhosta2017.com. Please refer to the show schedule for details.

You may also contact the show chair, Aleesa Drennen (aleesa@oakleafmarketing.com) or 765-478-5746 for more information.

Judges Clinics – Please indicate if you will be attending: Clinic I Clinic II Clinic III

Check if you would like to receive the official handbook and binder at the clinic (\$10 fee payable at the clinic).

Registration Amount \$ _____

Optional Road Trip \$ _____

Convention T-Shirt(s) \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Checks payable to: **Indianapolis Hosta Society**

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Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Kansas City
3 Fun Days of Activities • 2 Host Cities • Topeka & Kansas City (Johnson County, KS)

Registration includes:

Educational Classes: 8 to choose from with local and regional speakers and 2 keynote dinner speakers

Garden Tours: Topeka – 2 exceptional private gardens and 1 public garden featuring an AHS display garden. Johnson County, KS – 4 diverse gardens, 2 public gardens featuring Johnson County EMG projects

Tour a Hosta Tissue Culture Lab

Local Nurseries and Garden Centers

Convention Gift Hosta

Hosta Leaf Show: Back by popular demand!

Vending, Auction and much more...

Stay at the brand new beautiful Hyatt Place Kansas City/
Lenexa City Center Hotel and enjoy three dinners catered by
award-winning Grand Street Café, complimentary drink
coupons and hot breakfast.

Complete information will be available
January 2017 on the MRHS website.

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