



***Hosta 'Glen Tiara'***  
**A Glenbrook Farm Introduction**

***Welcome to the new version of the American Hosta Society eNewsletter. The content of the eNewsletter is changed from previous editions. In this and future editions, we will focus on more hosta news, and less on Hosta Society business.***

***In each issue, we will highlight a local hosta society. All local hosta clubs that are affiliated with the American Hosta Society have been given the opportunity to submit information about their club. Each issue of the eNewsletter will feature a local club, published in the order that information from the clubs has been received.***

***Every issue will also feature a hosta vendor who is a member of the American Hosta Growers Association (AHGA). The AHGA is funding an online replacement for Steven Greene's Hosta Finder. This is a project that is sponsored by the AHS and AHGA, with the AHGA providing the funding and content for the Hosta Locator. To aide our readers in locating hostas, we will offer details about each AHGA Member Vendor who chooses to participate, with feature articles printed in the order received from member vendors. Our cover photo is Hosta 'Glen Tiara', an introduction from Glenbrook Farm, our first featured AHGA Member hosta vendor. Each issue will have a cover photo of a hosta from the featured vendor.***

***Additionally, each issue will focus on a current hybridizer. Information from hybridizers throughout the U.S.A., Canada, Europe, and New Zealand has been solicited. Articles about their hybridizing programs and availability of their introductions will appear in each issue, beginning with the next issue.***

***We also want to initiate a new column devoted to cultivation of hostas. In this issue, we cover soil amendmets. We want to provide information to our readers about growing hostas. What works for our readers, what was not successful. Please consider submitting your own experiences in hosta gardening that you feel would benefit others, particularly those new to hosta cultivation. Send your articles to the email address that appears below. For the next issue, please let us know how and how much you water your plants to maximize growth.***

***We will continue to provide news about sponsored AHS events and programs. We also will continue to provide information about how you and your friends can join the American Hosta Society.***

***Email your feedback about these changes to [AHS.eNewsletter@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AHS.eNewsletter@GMAIL.COM).***

## ***President's Musings***

Welcome to the revamped American Hosta Society (AHS) eNewsletter. I am excited about the new changes and emphasis of the newsletter and want to share some brief thoughts about some of the areas now being covered.

The first emphasis that I am pleased to note is the highlighting of a local hosta society. Most of us who are members of the AHS are also members of a local group in our area. The article on the Wichita Hosta Society was very thorough and presented a great overview of the events and activities that they carry out during the year. The nice thing about this write-up is that many different events are detailed, and the Wichita Hosta Society wouldn't mind at all if your local club or group wanted to "shamelessly steal" an idea to try. The contact provided is also more than happy to answer any questions or provide additional information, so don't be afraid to reach out to the contact. Well done, Wichita Hosta Society!!

Many of you are familiar with the live AHS auction that is held during our annual national convention each year, but did you know that the AHS conducts an annual Online Auction in January of each year? Having participated in both auctions, it is entirely different going online to place your bid against other bidders that are identified only by their bidding alias name. You don't have the opportunity to see who you are bidding against and their reaction to your bid and in fact you don't know what bidders are "lurking" in the background to submit a surprise bid right at the end of the bid period for a plant. If you haven't participated in this auction, I encourage you to sign up and give it a try. In addition, I encourage people to consider donating a plant or two to the auction, as we depend on the donation of plants for the success of the auction. Check out the information and join us during the two weeks of the auction in January.

I have made several presentations to local garden clubs this fall and have brought several copies of the newly published *Hosta Adventure: A Grower's Guide* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) to give away as door prizes. The reaction to the revised guide has been amazing and has been well received by both novice as well as experienced hosta gardeners. I encourage all local societies to place an order for copies of the booklet and use them in your local events and programs.

I was delighted to see the article on Viktoria Serafin's Glenbrook Farm as our featured hosta vendor. While Small Business Saturday has passed, I still encourage you to visit the website of our featured vendor and future vendors as most of them are small businesses and could definitely benefit from your business. What better purchase can you make by buying from a specialized hosta grower and especially from one who has introduced some stunning new plants as well. I have already started my wish list of new and unique plants!!

I have sent in our registrations and called and made our hotel reservations. In June 2018, the American Hosta Society will be celebrating a major milestone, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a national plant society. I invite you to join me at our national convention, scheduled for June 20-23, 2018 in the Philadelphia area. Check out the AHS convention website and get your registration sent in!!

If you are not a member of the AHS, I extend a personal invitation to consider membership. If you are a member, I thank you for your continued support of the society and encourage you to consider giving the gift of a membership this holiday season to family members, friends and neighbors. Check out the back pages of this newsletter for membership information and our membership application.

I hope you enjoy this revamped issue of the eNewsletter and watch for additional new features in upcoming issues. I also encourage everyone to settle down now that the gardening season has come to a close for this year and visit the AHS website at your leisure and explore all the resources available to you.

Yours in the "friendship" plant.

Gregg Peterson  
President, American Hosta Society



## AHS ONLINE AUCTION

### January 13<sup>th</sup> through January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Heats up the Middle of Winter!

Our seventeenth annual **American Hosta Society Online Auction** brings some welcomed break to winter. The holiday season and participating in seasonal events will have been memories, and white is getting old. Once the hustle and bustle of the year's end subsides, we all love to look at great pictures of green, yellow, and blue and dream of our next treasure for the garden to arrive in the mail next spring. Each year many of you have kept our hosta society in mind and given generously. Let's give it a go again this year.

Never donated an item? No problem. New and exciting hosta, classic hosta that newcomers will enjoy as much as you have enjoyed, hard to find collector plants, companion plants, books, or garden art. All have been donated and well received in the past. Now is a great time to take inventory and consider what you may contribute. Grab a photo if you do not have one.

I am excited to share that some new and past donors have already sent messages. Hosta folks truly are special! Any time now through the first of the year helps greatly for us to prep the donation text. Yes, donations can be sent later than that. Dive right in, give it a try and enjoy the show as others show interest in your donation, something you, yourself, appreciate

Email messages will begin to be sent out by me shortly, with more info and reminders. Sometime in December or the first week of January simply send me both a photo (we can often help if you do not have one) and a description including enough detail for the bidders to understand what the item is. We can work together on the write-up for clarity if need be, our experience may help with follow-up questions that we anticipate bidders may be curious about. We will make it work!

All are welcome to this event. Help your society out by forwarding this information to gardening friends that may not already be receiving this message. AHS membership is **NOT** required to participate in the auction. Who knows, after seeing the type of fun you and other members are experiencing, they may choose to join us in initiating a membership! Each year some of us change our email address. Help these folks out by forwarding it to those friends that you know have participated in the past to ensure they got the word. A simple email to me [dedean@g.com](mailto:dedean@g.com), requesting to be added to the mailing list will ensure that all receive the latest details regarding the Online Auction. Events such as this require the efforts of many volunteers, representing numerous hours of dedicated time. Thanks goes out to those who are instrumental in providing the support, created the site, are vital to spreading the information, donors of materials being sold, and all those choosing to support the AHS with their bidding. Special thanks to Josh Spece for continued tech support.

All proceeds go directly to the society's treasury. Auctions are a primary source of revenue to bring one of the world's best horticultural journals to its members and libraries across North America and abroad. *The Hosta Journal* will continue to improve its standing as a premier publication because of all of your support!

Thanks. I look forward to seeing the "old pros" return and meeting new folks that join us!

Don Dean  
Online Auction Chair

# FEATURED LOCAL SOCIETY



## Wichita Hosta Society

[www.WichitaHostaSociety.org](http://www.WichitaHostaSociety.org)

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The Wichita Hosta Society was founded in 2000. The society currently has 47 paid members, and an additional 6 courtesy members. The club meets monthly, year-round. Winter meetings are held at a local botanical garden, while summer meetings are held at local member gardens. Members are asked to volunteer to host garden meetings. Average attendance at meetings is from 30 to 35 members. Annual dues are \$12.00 per household. Wichita Hosta Society is affiliated with the Midwest Regional Hosta Society (MRHS) and the American Hosta Society (AHS).



The Wichita Hosta Society publishes a monthly newsletter that is distributed electronically. Printed copies are available at meetings for guests. Most articles are written locally, but some are reprinted from the newsletter exchange from AHS.

Two major fundraisers are held each year. The first is "Herb Day", held at the local Extension Office, followed by "HostaPalooza!" three weeks later. The annual *HostaPalooza!* event, dreamed up by then President Dana Smyser working with Lee Coates, features several vendors specializing in hosta, shade companion plants, and other garden items. Several speakers are also featured at the *HostaPalooza!* event. Proceeds from the two fund raising events are used to support the ongoing operation of the club, and to support local clubs who are hosting regional and national conventions.



The best attended events are the April meeting, where Rob Mortko from Made in the Shade Gardens is the featured speaker, and the annual Christmas Party, held at a member's home. At the April meeting, Rob also sells plants from his *Made in the Shade* nursery. At the Christmas party, the club provides the meats, and members bring a favorite dish to share.



"Dirty Santa" drawing.



Christmas Party feast.

The Christmas party lasts for hours and hours. Each member also brings a small gift, an ornament or other Christmas decoration (homemade items are encouraged). They play "Dirty Santa" by drawing numbers on who gets to go first, and then each person after that can "steal" a gift that has already been opened or choose to open a new one. It can get very competitive - hence the "dirty" in the name. It is always a lot of fun.



Vendor tables at the *HostaPalooza!* event.

The club has sponsored bus trips to visit gardens in other communities. Currently, they do not hold an AHS sanctioned leaf show, but they do have informal leaf and plant contests. They partner with the local club from Kansas City for some events, and are currently working to share an event with the club from Oklahoma City.

While they are a small club, the Wichita Hosta Society is active with the Wichita Area Garden Council, and helps to support local Garden Shows with them. The leadership of the society encourages members to join both the Midwest Regional Hosta Society and the American Hosta Society. They believe that the strength of the regional and national societies is based on the strength of the local clubs.

The Wichita Hosta Society has worked with the local Extension Office to install a small display garden at the Extension Office site. They also donated twenty-eight 'Frank Lloyd Wright' hostas to the local Frank Lloyd Wright historical landmark home. Currently, plans are underway to offer a display garden featuring hostas with patriotic names to the local Veterans Administration Hospital. Also, work is underway on the installation of a display garden that will seek AHS National Display Garden status next year.

The Wichita Hosta Society is a very active club that has provided support to both regional and national conferences through donations of materials and volunteer help. Their leadership knows they are too small to host a regional or national convention themselves, so they choose to offer support to the larger clubs that do host conventions.

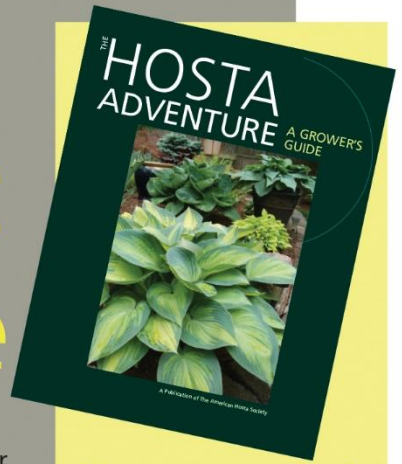


*HostaPalooza! vendor.*

3<sup>rd</sup>  
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The American Hosta Society's

# Hosta Adventure: A Grower's Guide



Beautifully revised... the third edition of this popular hosta primer. It has been updated with new pictures of popular cultivars and information regarding the latest research on hosta culture and pest control. The 32-page guide, illustrated with dozens of colorful photos, features valuable advice from experts, who provide tips on how best to purchase, plant and propagate hostas. Chapters also address landscaping with hostas, container gardening and growing minis. *The Hosta Adventure* is popular with garden clubs, plant societies and collectors. If you love the "Friendship Plant," you will want to order this updated essential AHS guide.

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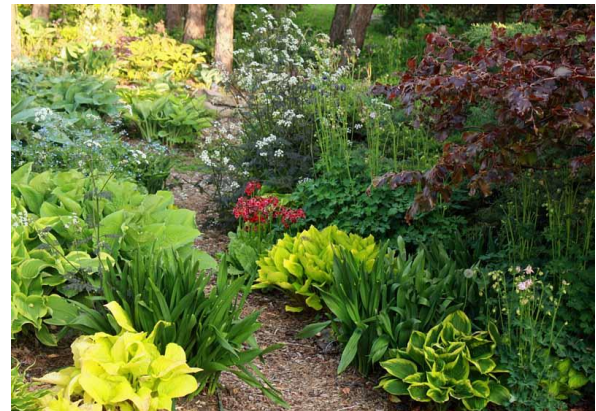
# FEATURED VENDOR



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Glenbrook Farm was founded in 1997 because of market research done in college. Because of the seasonal nature of the business, several part-time employers come on board for the summer as needed. The nursery is located in Montgomery County, NY, just west of Schenectady.

The nursery has three acres of display gardens with thousands of hosta specimens encompassing over 1700 varieties. There are also collections of other plants for the pleasure of customers with horticultural interests beyond hostas. These include but are not limited to trees (more than 150 different deciduous, evergreen, dwarf and other special forms, plus flowering ones), shrubs including a nice lilac collection, perennials including a collection of more than 75 different peonies, and much more.



Glenbrook Farm is primarily a mail-order business, although on-site sales and special events contribute nearly half of the sales. Because of the location on a quiet road, the nursery is open by appointment only. Visitors are welcomed from mid-May until the end of September, and can be scheduled seven days a week, dawn to dusk. Orders are shipped from the end of April until the end of September, with Mother Nature's cooperation.

They usually have several thousand hostas in containers available for purchase. They do not dig plants for visitors, but they have hundreds of varieties from which to choose.

Since 2003 Viktoria Serafin has introduced and registered a modest number of hostas of Glenbrook Farm origin, beginning with 'Glen Tiara' (displayed on the front page), and including but not limited to 'Glen Triumph', available from TC for the first time in 2018, 'Steffi', 'Glen Fetish', 'Glen Luminaria', and 'Glen Eyeful Tower'. There are many more that have yet to be registered. Glenbrook Farm is also the only source of Phyllis Kedl's introductions.



*Hosta 'Glen Triumph'*



*Hosta 'Steffi'*



*Hosta 'Glen Eyeful Tower'*



*Hosta 'Glen Luminaria'*



(Photo by Steve Shaw for First Look.)



Viktoria won Best New Seedling as voted by the AHS judges and the First Look 17 attendees. Pictured are Kathie Sisson, judges chair, Viktoria, and Carol Brashear, Region One Director and First Look meeting chair. Viktoria was honored with the winning entry, tentatively named 'All Rise' (above right).

*Make plans now to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
AHS Convention in Philadelphia*

*1968-2018*



*Philadelphia*

The 2018 Convention will be held at the  
*DoubleTree by Hilton, Valley Forge* Hotel on **June 20-23, 2018.**

Make your plans now to attend this celebration of the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the **American Hosta Society**. More information will be coming soon. Save the date!

[www.ahs2018philly.org](http://www.ahs2018philly.org)



**2018 AHS Convention Registration Form**  
**June 20-23, hosted by Delaware Valley Hosta Society**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia – Valley Forge**  
[www.AHS2018Philly.org](http://www.AHS2018Philly.org)



Instructions: in Word, type in or check shaded boxes, then print or save file for emailing. Or print blank form (PDF or Word document) and complete by hand.  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work  Mobile\* (Check one)

*\* If possible provide one smartphone number per travel group, capable of receiving texts, email, etc. We will keep phone and email information private.*

AHS member?  Yes  No Local society member?  Yes  No Society: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fees: see [www.ahs2018philly.org/register](http://www.ahs2018philly.org/register) for detailed description of categories.**

Check one **Registration category (bold)**, plus any *additional items (italics)*. Then calculate and pay the total.

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**Partial "Hosta Widow(er)" Registration** includes Wednesday Vendor Gala, Thursday/Friday/Saturday breakfasts, and Saturday Dinner Banquet.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Wednesday Optional Barnes/Philly bus trip</i>                 | \$ 30  |   |

**Total of checked boxes** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Note: Multiple registrations, mailed together, may be combined on a single charge if desired.

*\* You may pay by credit card prior to January 31 at this price, covering the cost of electronic transactions.*

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Friday/Saturday boxed lunches:  Vegetarian  Meat options (Check one)

Saturday banquet:  Short ribs  Salmon  Crab cake  Vegetarian  Will not attend (Check one)

Please note if you have any particular dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please contact the hotel if you have significant concerns about meeting any restrictions.*

**Scientific presentation, Wednesday evening: space is limited to 70 attendees.**

Do you wish to attend Warren Pollock's scientific presentation?  Yes  No

**Hosta Show and Judges' Clinics**

Are you an AHS Judge?  Provisional  Senior  Master (Check no more than one)

Are you willing to serve as:  Judge  Clerk  Elther  Helper (Classification, placement, show docent, etc.)

I plan to attend:  Clinic I  Clinic II  Clinic III  Clinic I *first-timer* (must purchase Judge's handbook)

*(Tentative schedule: Clinic I is Wednesday evening, Clinic II is Friday afternoon, Clinic III is Thursday morning)*

**Hotel information: You MUST make reservations DIRECTLY with the hotel to receive convention rates.**

Visit [www.ahs2018philly.org/venue](http://www.ahs2018philly.org/venue) or call the hotel at 610-337-1200 and reserve under code AHS-2018 0619 ("Hosta Convention").

Convention room rate valid for bookings until May 29 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.

**Submission information**

For payment by check, mail to: Convention Registration, 1411 Deer Meadow Ln, Gamet Valley, PA 19060.

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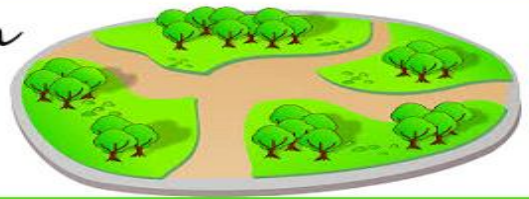
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## *Down the Garden Path* *Hosta Gardening 101*



### *Planting: Soil Amendments*

Let's take a look at what some experts in the field say about how to prepare the soil for planting your new hostas. Bob Solberg from Green Hill Farm says, "The most important ingredient in successful hosta growing is bed preparation. Good hosta soil should remain moist after a good rain yet drain well. It should have enough organic matter to provide plenty of air spaces for vigorous root growth but be firm enough to discourage voles and other rodents."

Tony Avent from Plant Delights writes, "One of the easiest ways to convert less than desirable soils to productive growing environments is through the incorporation of organic matter. Organic matter is basically something that used to be alive. For most gardeners, this could mean a variety of materials from peat moss to compost to manure."

Rob Mortko from Made in the Shade Gardens posts, "Work organic matter (I prefer sphagnum peat) into the soil at the time of planting. Hostas prefer well-drained soil that is slightly acidic, but thrive even in our alkaline clay soil."

The University of Minnesota Extension states, "Hostas prefer rich, moist soil that is high in organic matter, yet well drained. Having a soil test done prior to planting can be valuable in understanding soil condition and providing recommendations of what amendments can be added to obtain the optimum nutrient levels and pH range. Adding organic materials such as peat, composted manure, or leaves will help improve soil structure and tilth. That said, hostas are generally adaptable and survive in a wide range of soils, adding to their ease of growing and popularity."

The AHS website lists the following, "as the result of discussions at various local and National meetings and responses to questionnaires, it appears that a majority of persons rototill the soil down 12-18 inches and amend it with peat humus, larger size organic material and some coarse sand. In clay soil, sand alone actually will make the soil harder than it already is, stunting root development."

In *The Hosta Adventure: A Growers Guide, Third Edition*, the following is written, “Hostas benefit from large additions of organic matter – such as garden compost, leaf mold, well-rotted manure, composted pine bark and peat moss – in the planting hole, especially if the soil is heavy clay or light and sandy.”

So, it seems that those who know how to grow hostas well agree that organic matter is key in preparing the garden bed for your new hostas.



I think we all know what garden compost is. But what about leaf mold? Moldy leaves? No, leaf mold is the result of letting leaves sit and decompose over time. It is dark brown to black, has a pleasant earthy aroma and a crumbly texture, much like compost. In fact, leaf mold is just that: composted leaves. Instead of adding a bunch of organic matter to a pile, you just use leaves.

By “well rotted manure”, what is meant is that the manure has sat and composted for a period of time. When it has “cooked”, i.e. composted, it has very little odor, compared to raw or fresh manure. Horse manure may take several months to be “well rotted”. Horse farms often will give away manure if you are able to haul it away. Sawdust as bedding is preferred, as there are fewer weed seeds contained in the manure than manure mixed with straw. The big box stores often sell composted cow or horse manure in bags, a much more convenient source for most gardeners.

Pine bark or pine bark fines are usually available at the nursery department of the big box stores. Another great source of organic matter is sawdust. If you live near a sawmill or have a woodworker in the neighborhood, ask about getting some free sawdust for your garden.

How much organic material should you add to the soil? Most experts say that at least one third of the mix in the hole where you are placing the hosta should be organic matter. According to the AHS website, a mixture that seems quite common is:

1/3 native soil (the stuff already in the hole)

1/3 peat moss or other composted material

1/3 pine bark fines (or other larger material such as hardwood bark)



If preparing a bed, till the bed then add enough of the organic material to equal two thirds of the native soil that has been tilled. If planting a single hosta in a hole, add the organic materials and thoroughly mix with the native soil before planting your hosta.

In the next edition, we’ll talk about water needs for your hosta plants.

# 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 Hosta Journal* (posted on the web for members only). These Journals include articles on cultivation tips, propagation techniques, landscape uses, new cultivars and old species, pioneers and personalities, scientific advances, convention awards, gardens, and news about the AHS.

Membership provides 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.

## Other membership benefits:

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.

**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.**

**For information about this program, go to**

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

**Print and mail the application form on the next page, or to join online, go to**

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# American Hosta Society Membership Application

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Canada	Individual	\$39	\$107	\$168	\$1170
	Family	\$43	\$117	\$185	
Europe	Individual	\$51	\$142	\$219	\$1530
	Family	\$55	\$152	\$236	
Pacific Rim	Individual	\$59	\$165	\$254	\$1770
	Family	\$62	\$175	\$267	
E-membership		\$20	Receive everything electronically		

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