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H. 'Bullfrog'

W. Hoover 2016

(Photo by Mary Vertz)

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President's Message

Andy Marlow, Hopkins, MN

I sat down to write my president's message about some mundane hosta business when I learned that my dear friend Dr. Bob Olson had passed on. It was not surprising as he had battled multiple myeloma for several years, beating it back and then being beset again. But I had just visited with him and thought there would be time for more visits. That was not to be.

For those of you who had not had the good fortune to get to know him in person, Bob served three terms as president of the American Hosta Society. He was editor of *The Hosta Journal* for more than two decades. Along with designer Janet Mills, he built the magazine into the premier plant specialty magazine in America. Many people joined the AHS and happily paid their dues just to receive this fantastic, glossy, photo-filled and extremely informative publication. For these and many other achievements in 2019 he was awarded the AHS Lifetime Achievement Award, one of only five people in the history of AHS to be so honored.

But Bob was much more than just these things. He was an outstanding human being, unfailingly kind and always willing to talk hostas with anyone interested. He had an incredible knowledge of all things hosta, and what he didn't know he knew just who to ask to find out. He was an excellent photographer, too. His photos were featured on the front cover of *The Hosta Journal*, a very high honor, more often than all but two other people. The cover shots were not chosen because they were Bob's photos, but because they were outstanding.

I knew Bob for almost 40 years. He joined the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis (now the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Minneapolis) in 1984, a couple of years after I did. We hit it off as friends, and eventually he helped me understand that the "green and green and white" hostas growing in my yard were just the tip of the iceberg. He sent me to Bob Savory's nursery and gave me cuttings from some of his own plants. My interest grew with his encouragement. I called him my personal hosta guru.

In 2003 he invited me to become photo editor of *The Hosta Journal*. He was gently very persuasive. A couple of years later he dragged me to my first hosta convention, a Midwest Regional gathering, in nearby Rochester, Minnesota. And then off to a national convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Along the way he talked me into becoming the recording secretary of the Minnesota Hosta Society, which later led to my becoming Treasurer and then President.

He and I also teamed up to make presentations, mostly humorous, some even intentionally so. We entertained at the annual awards banquet of the Men's and Women's Garden Club. We did a review of the Benedict Garden Performance Hosta contenders for an annual Minnesota Hosta Society luncheon. And being the hams we were, spoke to nearly any organization that would have us.

And we did road trips together, usually to hosta gatherings, and usually with our mutual friend Steve Shubick. A most memorable jaunt was our two-day, almost non-stop journey to the 2015 AHS convention in Raleigh, North Carolina. Driving at night in a pouring rain through the West Virginia mountains was scary, but Bob maintained his stoic Swedish persona in the backseat throughout.

His passing leaves a big hole in my heart, and a huge absence in hos-
tadom. I'm afraid we shall not see his like again. My Jewish friends would
say, "May his memory be blessing." I am blessed to have known him.



Steve Shubick, Andy Marlow and Bob Olson in Karen and Carl Vanden
Heuvel's garden during the 2019 AHS Convention in Green Bay.



Hostas and Associates

Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

The Political Persuasions of Trees

The last several years in America have been especially politically-charged, and the elections this fall are not likely to be exceptions to the trend, so it might feel like a relief to get away from the news headlines and just read an article about trees. Maybe that's why you're reading this article. If that is the case, you'll be surprised to learn that trees might have political persuasions of their own. In fact, you might even say that trees are socialists. Socialism is defined as "a theory of social organization which advocates that production, distribution, and exchange should be regulated by the community as a whole." There is evidence to suggest that trees share their resources for the equal benefit of members of their community, so by definition, they are socialists!

Nut trees, such as oaks, hickories, pecans, walnuts, and beeches, tend to produce heavy crops in some years but not in others. Though the exact reasoning for this is not known, the theory is that the tree stores up energy, in the form of carbohydrates or sugars, and produces a nut crop that mimics the amount of energy stored. In the year following those where moisture and sunshine are in abundance, the tree produces a wealth of nuts. Another theory is that when a tree senses that its life may be on the line, nut production is plentiful, so that its lineage may endure.

The first argument makes a lot of sense, for it takes much energy to produce fruit and seeds. If this were the case though, some trees in the forest would produce a heavy crop in a given year, while another tree would not, because conditions are not equal for all trees all the time. But they don't. If one tree produces a heavy crop, others do the same. The trees act

not as individuals, but somehow as a commune, for the benefit of all. We still don't understand how they do this but we have to wonder: are the trees able to communicate with each other?

Well actually they do, not as animals do, but by pheromones, hormone-like compounds that are carried by the wind. When one tree is attacked by a pest, that tree will release specific compounds that warn other trees of the invader. Downwind trees receive the signal and are able to manufacture defensive chemicals. The trees warn each other and the invaders are repelled.

Can they do the same with food storage? Possibly. Trees are interconnected by an underground network of beneficial fungi called mycorrhizae. Hostas make use of mycorrhizae for their survival as well. Astute readers may remember that I wrote an article about this for the *Hosta Journal* (See: "Do My Hostas Need Mycorrhizae?", *The Hosta Journal*, vol. 49, no. 1, 2018) These fungi inhabit the roots and assist the tree in the uptake of water and nutrients. It's a symbiotic relationship. The fungus benefits by receiving carbohydrates from the trees. Mycorrhizae form fungal bridges that connect all trees in a forest and redistribute the wealth of carbohydrates from tree to tree. This equal distribution might then result in the uniform production of nuts. In other words, the trees are playing Robin Hood; they take from the rich and give to the poor. Looking back at the definition of socialism, we can see that the trees fit this definition. It's not one tree against another, but rather benefiting the community as a whole. All flourishing is mutual.

Perhaps we can learn something from trees. While this political ideal is quite controversial in America, for trees, their "socialism" is simply a method of survival. I'm not advocating socialism, but those of us who have more than we need should find ways to help those who don't. By doing so, we will all benefit and the community as a whole will flourish.



GO HOSTAS!

Warren I. Pollock, Glen Mills, PA

Editor's Note: Following is an edited/expanded article Warren wrote in the Summer 2022 issue of the *Delaware Valley Hostas Society Newsletter* (Vol 31:4):

UPDATE: OVERWINTERING HOSTAS IN CONTAINERS

Photos: Myrna Bloom Marcus, Glen Mills, PA

In the Spring 2022 *DVHS Newsletter* (Vol 31:3), Kathy Miller, *DVHS Newsletter* editor, and I composed an article titled "Now You See It, Now You Don't: Overwintering Hostas in Containers." Here is additional information.

Bob Olson who recently passed away, editor of *The Hosta Journal*, The American Hosta Society's biannual membership publication, reported on his own methods for overwintering containers. (*The Hosta Journal* Vol 52:2, pp 31-33). Most problems with winter damage, Bob states, arise when hostas emerge from dormancy early and water moves from the roots up into the crown. An early spring cold snap cannot only injure leaves but potentially also the crowns as the additional intracellular water freezes and ruptures cells. Early but temporary warm spells are common in temperate climates.

Bob Olson resides in the Minneapolis area where this problem generally is avoided. Nevertheless, protecting dormant plants from the bitter cold is helpful. In the past he has dug a pit in the garden in which he placed the containers and covered them with soil. He has also tried stacking pots against a wall and covering them with bags of leaves. Both methods worked well for him

As Bob Olson mentioned in his article, when I lived in Wilmington, Delaware, my property was beset with tree roots that made it hard for the hostas to compete. I started out growing them in pots placed in the ground where they wouldn't have to compete with the trees for water and nutrients. Each fall I pulled the potted plants in dormancy out of the ground, copiously watered them and brought them into my unheated garage.

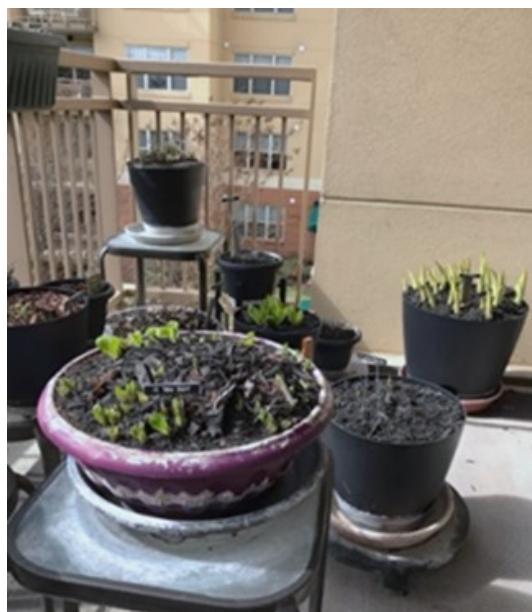
At the back end of the two-car garage along the entire rear wall, I had

built a series of shelves, five shelves high, from 2 by 4 lumber. This is where I stored the pots over winter. In the spring, when they broke dormancy, I brought them outside.

Currently my hosta pots reside on the balcony of my third floor retirement apartment in Glen Mills, PA. In part, because there are folks below me on the second floor balcony, all my containers sit on large saucers. They collect the excess drainage water.



H. 'Gunther's Prize' on balcony. A beautifully streaked sport of *H.* 'Sum and Substance'. Never registered.



Springtime. Hostas on balcony. Note Saucers.



Wintertime. Hostas on balcony.

I need to emphasize that containers with hostas growing in them should have drainage holes at their bottoms or along their sides. The holes must never be clogged. Aggressive young roots often will clog drainage holes, sometimes peeking out of the holes along the container's bottom. But, more often, they are hidden densely packed in the container's bottom. To unclog, I place the container on its side and insert a long knife in the hole to cut the plug out. This may be needed several times during the growing season.

Water, whether from overhead irrigation or from melted snow and ice, needs to drain out. How fast water flows out depends almost entirely on the composition of the potting media and the *depth of the pot*. The "perceived" water table critically is lower with *deep pots*. There is more room for drained aerated media and therefore less chance for root and crown rot.

[A detailed discussion on "perceived" or "perched" water table was in my *Go Hostas!* column in the January 2022 *AHS eNewsletter*, pp. 14-29. The title was "Rocks, Gravel & Other Stuff in the Bottom of Pots DO NOT IMPROVE POT DRAINAGE." You will find this article and my other *Go Hostas!* columns on the AHS Web site, www.americanhostasociety.org. Click Publications, then eNewsletter and Newsletter Archive. Issues are itemized. **NOTE: You don't have to be an AHS member to read these publications. They are free to the public.** I want to thank Pieter Klopwijk, Richmond BC, Canada for assistance on this subject.]

Excess water drains into the saucers, so it is easy to assess whether the holes are working effectively. When full of water, the saucers are emptied. This is especially important in winter. You don't want water in contact with the hosta's crown. Bacterial and fungal infections (soft rot) can occur.

Commercially available, bagged potting soils are satisfactory for containers. However, I don't like those with water retention granules. My current favorite potting soil is "Organic Mechanics", made by a small Pennsylvania company. It's fairly widely available east of the Rockies. The company's web site tells you where you can buy it. Many Whole Food stores sell it. "Organic Mechanics" contains rice hulls. To help ensure the potting soil remains well draining after several years' service in containers, initially to every five handfuls I mix a handful of horticultural perlite or chicken grit.

An additional aid in overwintering is to fill the pots to the brim with mulch, thus removing any void space where water could accumulate. Over the last three years all hostas on the balcony have successfully survived

winter with shredded bark mulch packing, and by ensuring the drainage holes are open.



H. 'Liberty' on balcony in 16" container. Note mulch packed to rim. Also seen in the background along the wall in the springtime picture.

Mentioned in Kathy's and my article is placing containers with hostas on their side. This method is often successful but is critically dependent on the containers' shapes. This important caveat usually is not mentioned. Pots with straight sides can be tipped into a horizontal position and essentially all water drains out. For pots with curved sides, a certain portion of pot remains undrained and the remaining water can cause destructive problems. Increasing the angle of the pot by tipping it further with a rock or similar object will minimize this problem.



Effect of tipping on water level.

In conclusion, it is water, not cold temperature, that kills hostas overwintered in containers.



FREE, FREE, FREE: NEW REGISTRATION FEE POLICY

The American Hosta Society has made a significant change in their policy for registration fees. Starting in 2022, there are **no fees** charged for the first five (5) hosta registrations from any single registrant each calendar year. The free registration policy applies only if you use the online registration tool at hostaregistrar.org/Registration/.

The older paper forms were prone to errors as handwriting was often difficult to read and hard copy forms were occasionally delayed in mailing. Using the online tool provides each registrant with immediate feedback showing exactly what information has been submitted. Online registration also provides the *Hosta* Registrar (Gayle Hartley Alley) the submitted information electronically with the time & date captured.

So you're encouraged to find your five best hosta cultivars and get them registered! If you have more than five cultivars that you'd like to document, each one beyond the original five is \$10 each.

There's also a new "worksheet" to assist with gathering and organizing registration details. This worksheet isn't required but you're encouraged to try it and see if it proves to be a useful tool. Worksheets can be obtained multiple ways.

- back pages of the *Registrations 2021* booklet (AHS members receive with the first *Hosta Journal* each year)
- Registrations Guidelines on the *Hosta Treasury* website at: <http://www.hostaregistrar.org/Registration/>
- Email the Registrar at GiboshiGayle@gmail.com and request a copy.

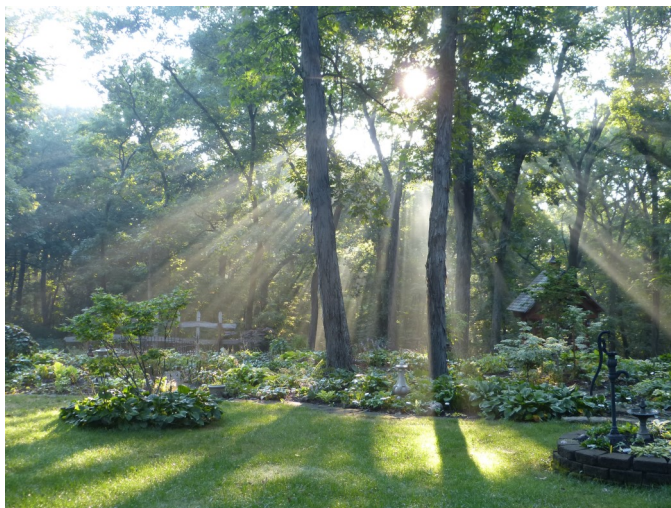
For those who cannot register online, the Registrar will provide registration completion for a fee of **\$15** per cultivar. Complete instructions for this option are available in the *Registrations Guidelines* document (see 2nd bullet above).

NOTE: You do not have to be a member of The American Hosta Society to register a hosta cultivar. Registration via the **International Registrar Genus *Hosta*** is the easiest method of establishing your hosta cultivar and preserving forever the proper name and associated size, color and configuration details.



Let me help!

(Picture from Gayle Hartley Alley
**International Registrar
Genus *Hosta***)



Not Too Shabby!

(Picture from Gayle Hartley Alley
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GO HOSTAS!





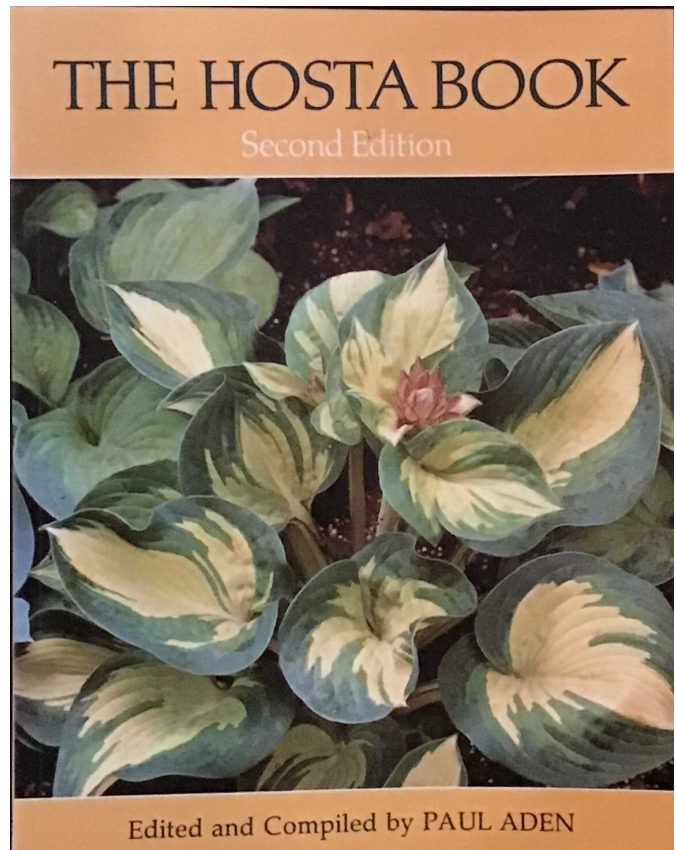
Book Notice

Clyde Crockett, Carmel, IN

THE HOSTA BOOK (Second Edition)

Edited and Compiled by Paul Aden (Timber Press, Inc.: 1988)

In the English-speaking world, this might be the most famous hosta book of all, as it is indeed the first hosta book written entirely in English. It was also a smashing success. When published, Hostamania had indeed begun. Hostas were the rage. People like me were craving anything we could read , discover, see—you name it—about hostas. I suppose a slightly less elegant and more accurate way to put it was we were



anxious for anything about those plants we get our hands on. Comes to the rescue, the leading originator of the tons of beautiful varieties , Paul Aden. For this best-seller, *The Hosta Book*, he assembled a group of contributors who were all well-known and stellar members of the then- horticultural world. The book, which comprises 14 articles, might be described as a type of an anthology; however, it would appear that the pieces were written specifically for *The Hosta Book*, not ones published elsewhere . No matter what you call it, it has a lot in

it—from the technical to the sublime. See, for example, “Flower Arranging with Hostas,” by Mabel-María Herweg as compared to “Hostas with Latinized Names,” by Paul Aden.

Like me, you might not immediately recognize a number of the authors* but one, Andre Viette, is, I am sure, familiar to many. His offering, “Some Companion Plant Combinations “ remains as important today as it was decades ago. (You might have detected from my previous offerings, I am particularly interested in what we call “companions,” which some consider to refer to all plants other than hostas .)

Another horticultural celebrity, the late Graham Stuart Thomas , who is referred in the preface as the “world’s leading gardening writer, “ gives us the delightful “Color Combinations,” accompanied appropriately by beautiful pictures.

Let me mention several other features that I found quite attractive:

“Hostas As Viewed By A Botanist,” by Dr. Samuel B. Jones, Jr., contains one of the better histories of hostas that I have ever read. If anyone has in mind doing a Hosta History article , please do so! It is always a fascinating topic.

In “ Hosta Enjoyment and Cultivation in Japan,” Yoshimichi Hirose illustrates how captivated the Japanese are by the genus as are gardeners in other nations, especially the UK and U.S. A. Yoshimichi tells us how one goes about acquiring rare Japanese hostas. Read with care—the same rules about digging them up might not apply today.

“A Woodland Setting for Hostas,” by Dr. Lillian Eichelberger Cannon, is a loving description of the cultivation of The Timber , a property which

she acquired when it was a virgin woodland, and about adding hostas to compensate for the disappearance of native wildflowers.

Another still timely piece is Harold Epstein’s “Small Hostas in Difficult Places.” When you see the pictures of *H. ‘Chartreuse Wiggles,’* you would hope ones like that are still on the market.

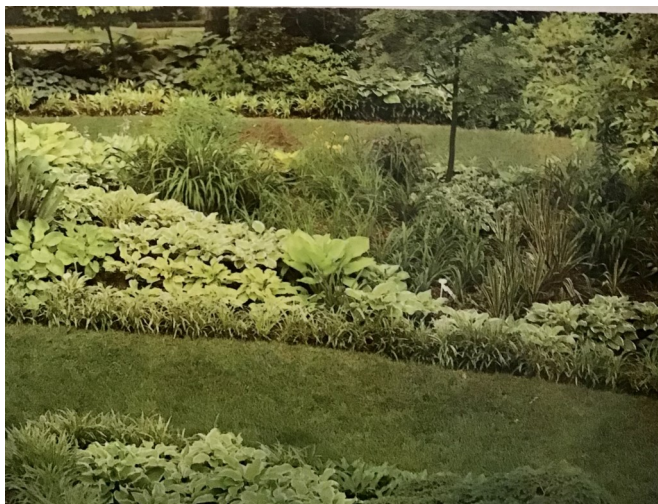
Finally we come to six articles by Paul Aden, the editor and compiler. These cover cultivation, hybridization, landscaping, and recommendations of hostas for your garden. Like the articles by others, these are exceptionally well-written , erudite , interesting and polished essays. They each provide a lot of useful information for today just as they did 30+ years ago. One thing you might find interesting as I did is to see how many of his suggestions are known or grown by you now.

The Hosta Book , despite its age. Is still available from various sources.

Happy Gardening,

Clyde

*Although not credited with the authorship of an article, Dr. Warren I Pollock, George Schmid and Diana Grenfell are cited for “[v]aluable input and support.” I am sure these names will be familiar to many.



The Garden of Aden. Photo by C. Allen. Courtesy of Klehm Nursery.



And In Other Hosta News . . .

List of 2022 AHS Convention Awards & Honors

Janet Hommel-Mangas

+ 2022 Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Award

Sandie Markland

Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Hosta: *H. 'Michael's Mud Pie'*
AJS winner's name, their selected hosta, photos of both, along with a copy of the acceptance speech will be sent to The Hosta Journal editor for publication. The recipient is also acknowledged on the AHS Website.

+ 2022 Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award

Rod Kuenster

Eunice Fisher Distinguished Merit Hosta — *H. 'Cosmic Crocodile'*
EF winner's name, their selected hosta, photos of both, along with a copy of the acceptance speech will be sent to The Hosta Journal editor for publication. The recipient is also acknowledged on the AHS Website

Benedict Garden Performance Medal

— **The Benedict Garden Performance Honorable Mention**

Award:

H. 'First Blush' (Bob Solberg)

H. 'Gold Standard' (Pauline Banyai)

H. 'Halcyon' (Eric Smith)

— **The Benedict Garden Performance Award of Merit:**

H. 'Coast to Coast' (Olga Petryszyn)

H. 'Spilt Milk' (Mildred Seaver)

— **The Benedict Garden Performance Medal**

H. 'Autumn Frost' (Originator: Walters Gardens Inc. Registrant:

Hans Hansen

Benedict Garden Performance Award winners will be published in The Hosta Journal and on the AHS website after presentation of the awards at the National Convention. acknowledged on the AHS Website

2022 On-line Auction Awards

2022 Online Auction Outstanding Contributor Award — Chick Wasitis

2022 Online Auction Top Choice Donation — Rick Goodenough for “Seed Pack Krugarrand Watermark & Friends.”

2022 Shirley & Van Wade Convention Auction Contributor Award — Dave Chopko

Auction Award Recipients will be acknowledged in The Hosta Journal and on AHS website

2022 (Local Newsletter — Editor, Articles awards)

2022 Award for Best Newsletter — Ron Asselborn, Editor *Hosta Happenings, Northern Illinois Hosta Society, July 2021 Edition*

2022 Award for Best Newsletter Article — Mary L. Albrecht, Author of “Saxifragaceae: Companion Plant of the Month”

published in the August 2021 Newsletter from the East Tennessee Hosta Society

Winning newsletter editor and winning author photo and copies of winning entries provided to VP Awards & Honors, The Hosta Journal and the AHS Website Coordinator. (see attached newsletters)

2022 Service Pin

Patricia Gwidt

Service Pin honorees will be published and listed on the AHS website

2022 Friendship Ambassador Award

Lonna Engel

Danny Lawson

2022 AHS National Convention Hosta Show Awards

AHS President's Award — Best of Show (*Hosta* 'Tidewater' leaf) — Richard Barbee, Orient Ohio

AHS Sweepstakes Award — (presented to exhibitor with most blue ribbons) — Richard Barbee, Orient, Ohio

Best Seedling or Sport Award — Dawn Geske, Milton, Wisconsin (Award sponsored by the Michigan Hosta Society)

Best Container Grown Hosta Award — Nancy Gardebrecht, Lakewood, Wisconsin (Award sponsored by the Georgia Hosta Society)

Best Trough/Container Award Arranged For Effect — Beverly Lambert, Roseville, MN. (Award sponsored by Ron Dow from Maine)

Best Educational Display Award — Judith Artley, Framingham, Massachusetts (Award sponsored by the Western New York Hosta Society)

Best Artistic Design Award – Rita Gindt-Marvig, Chaska, MN (Award sponsored by Russ O’Harra Hosta Society, Iowa)

All Hosta Show winners will be acknowledged in The Hosta Journal and on the AHS Website.



Pictures of the 2022 AHS Hosta Show

Photos by Mary Vertz

2022 Photography Awards

Winners and photos were published in print Spring /Summer 2022 *The Hosta Journal* (done) and will be listed on AHS website.

Category One - Best Hosta Close-up

Winner: *Hosta ‘Venus’*

Ginny Pearce, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Reserve: *Hosta* 'Sugar Plum'

John Butterfield, Worthington, Ohio

Category Two - Best Picture of an Entire Mature Hosta Clump

Winner: *Hosta* 'Sweet Home Chicago'

John Butterfield, Worthington, Ohio

Reserve: *Hosta* 'Choko Nishiki' streaked

Gail Russo, Cedarville, New Jersey

Category Three - Best Picture Showing Multiple Clumps

Winner: Curving Border

David Teager, Garnet Valley, Pennsylvania, Ohio

Reserve: Russo Garden #2

Gail Russo, Cedarville, New Jersey

Category Four - Best Landscape Picture Involving Hostas

Winner: Lake House Garden

Debbie Hurlbert-Minard, Howard, Ohio

Reserve: Landscape – Gary and Linda Joslin

Mary Vertz, De Pere, Wisconsin

Category Five - Artistic Expression

Winner: *Hosta* 'Blue Angel'

Jeff Ouimet, Rochester Hills, Michigan

Reserve: Raised Bed

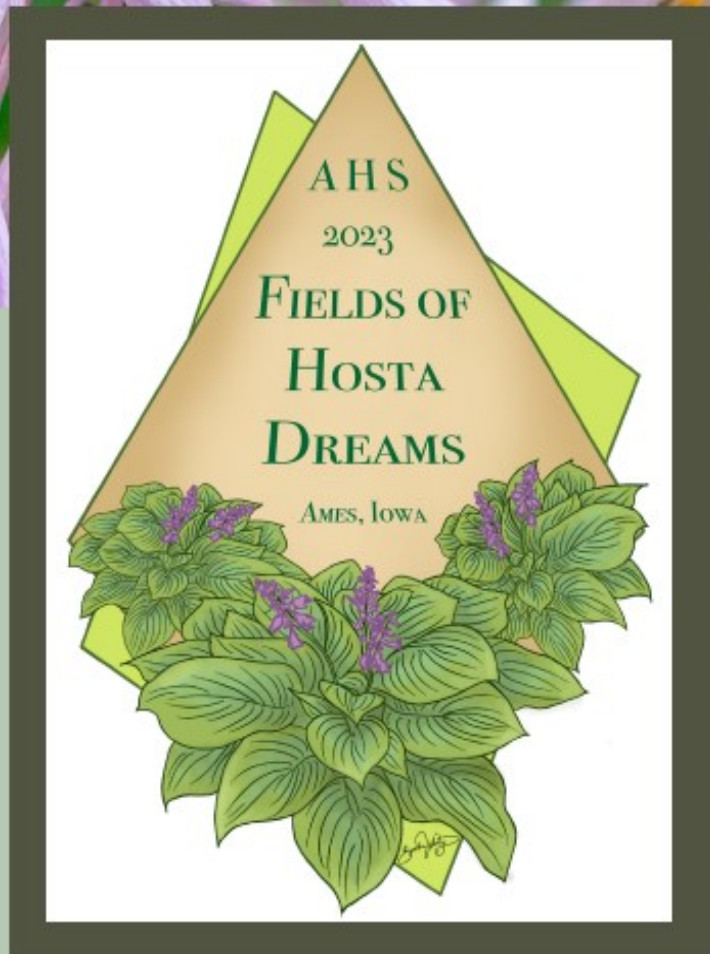
Herb Burgess, Lewes, Delaware

June 7-10, 2023



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

- ⊗ Bases-loaded garden tours by bus. And car.
- ⊗ Out-of-the-park educational sessions.
- ⊗ Homerun AHS sanctioned Hosta Show.
- ⊗ Batter-up Hosta auction
- ⊗ Better-than-ballpark hospitality with food, drinks, and entertainment.
- ⊗ Vendors, and we don't mean peanuts!



Get Registered!

www.hostaconvention.org

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/Activities/Conventions.htm>).

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. Since then a place has been found for 2024. The AHS 2024 convention will be June 19-22, 2024 - Marlborough, MA. 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

The AHS Members Plant program is returning!

Barry Ankney, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Several years ago, we initiated a program to offer a new plant to our members. The Members Plant program was suspended due to some unforeseen difficulties. We are pleased to revive this program which adds value to your membership. Be sure to renew your membership for 2023 to take advantage of this program, as only current members will be eligible to participate. We will offer 600 plants to our members. The plant will be offered on a first paid basis. Once the 600 plants are sold out, no more will be available. The price for the AHS Members Plant will be \$26.00, which includes the cost of shipment. This plant will only be available to AHS Members in 2023. We are only able to offer this plant to our members in the United States at this time.

Look for the details about the Members Plant for 2023 in the Fall *Hosta Journal*. The AHS Members Plant for 2023 is *Hosta* 'Speakeasy'. This hosta is a sport of *H.* 'Powder Blue', a plant originated by Hajime Sugita from Japan and named and registered by his friend, Peter Ruh in 1998. It is, as its name suggests, a powdery blue, large hosta with a rippled margin. *H.* 'Speakeasy' has the characteristics of its parent but adds an irregular golden margin that turns creamy yellow as the season progresses.

We have several other AHS Members Plants in production that will be offered in the next few years. You can anticipate that a new Members Plant will be available only to members for the coming years. If a plant is slow in production, it may be necessary to skip a year in the program, in order to assure that the plants offered our members will be garden worthy when made available.

If you are not currently a member of the American Hosta Society, join now to insure that you are eligible to purchase this plant next year. You may complete the membership form found in this eNewsletter, go to www.hosta.org, or call the Membership Secretary with your credit card at 309-678-4119.

The first 20 new members who join before October 15, 2022 will receive a free plant. This plant is *Hosta* 'Blessings', donated by Gayle Hartley-Alley, the AHS Registrar. It is not available commercially and can only be obtained through AHS. The cost of shipping is being donated by the Membership Secretary. To obtain this free plant, you must call the Membership Secretary and mention **free plant** when you join AHS for the first time. This offer is limited to the first 20 new members and is available only to U.S. residents.

*Together, we can make the world a more beautiful place,
one hosta and one new friend at a time.*





Membership Application

THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

Contact info. as it will appear in the AHS Member Directory:

Name(s) _____

E-mail _____

Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Country _____

How did you find us? _____

▶ Please circle membership type:

Membership Type		1 yr.	3 yr.	5 yr.	Life
USA	Individual	\$30	\$80	\$129	\$900
	Family	\$34	\$90	\$146	
Canada	Individual	\$39	\$107	\$168	\$1,170
	Family	\$43	\$117	\$185	
Europe	Individual	\$51	\$142	\$219	\$1,530
	Family	\$55	\$152	\$236	
Pacific Rim	Individual	\$59	\$165	\$254	\$1,770
	Family	\$62	\$175	\$267	
E-Membership*		\$20	\$55	\$90	

*Receive everything electronically.

Membership Preference

RENEWAL GIFT ADDRESS CHANGE

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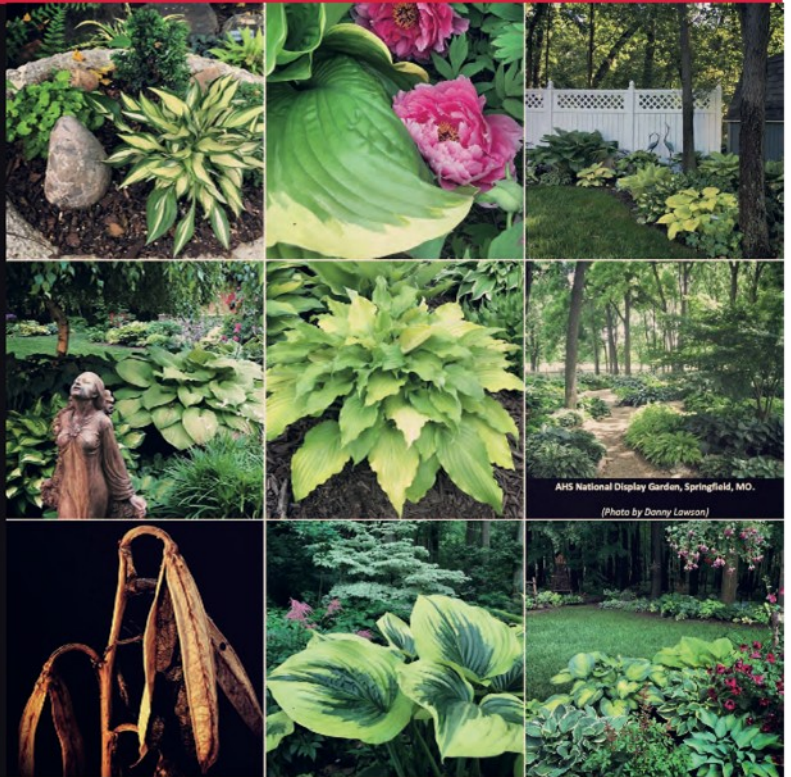
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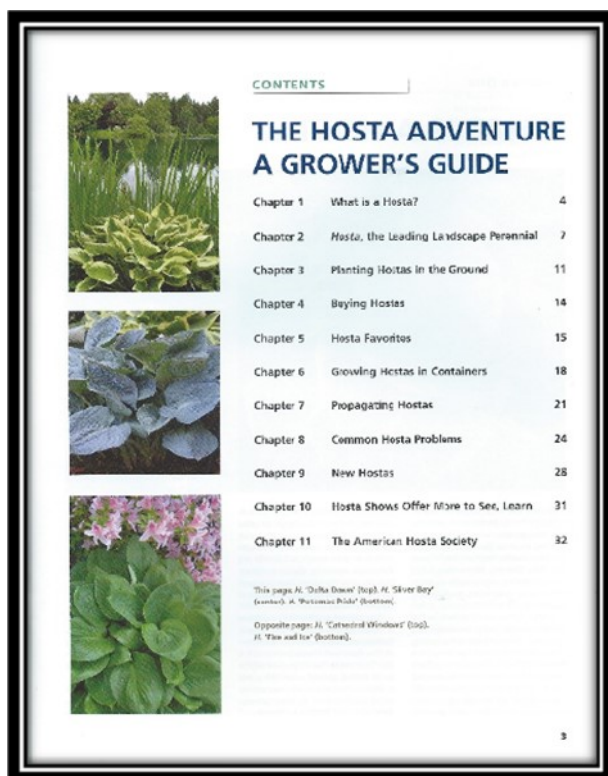
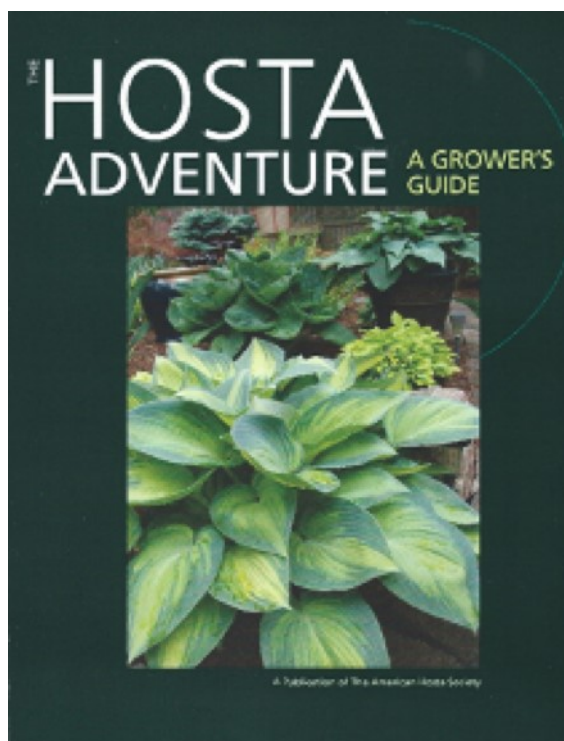
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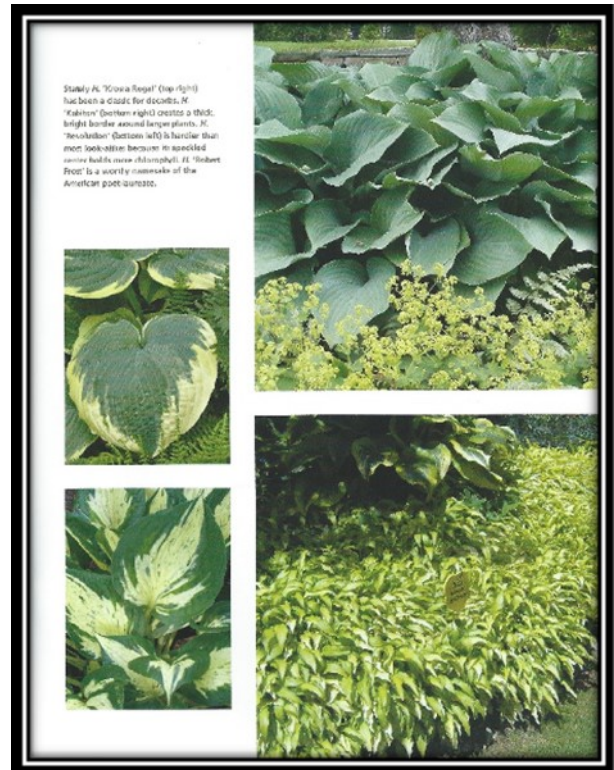
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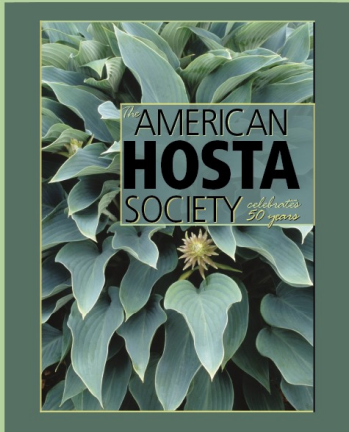
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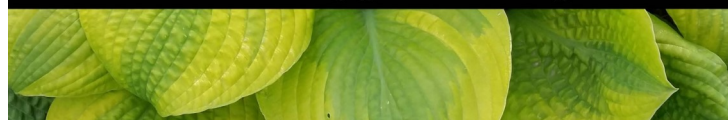
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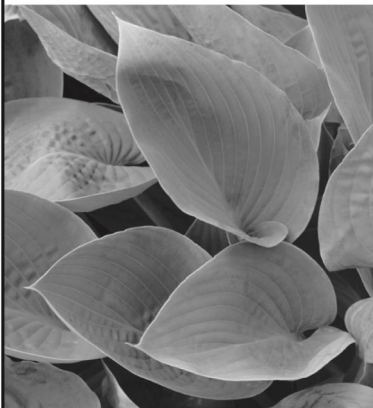
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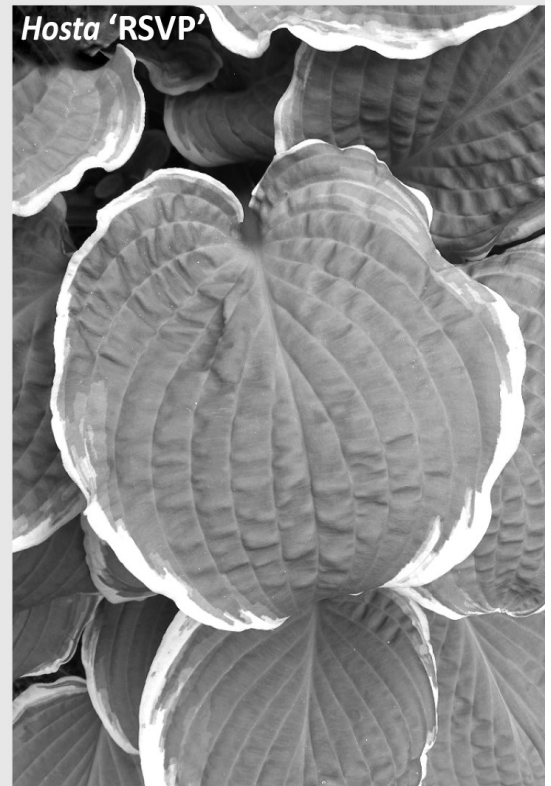
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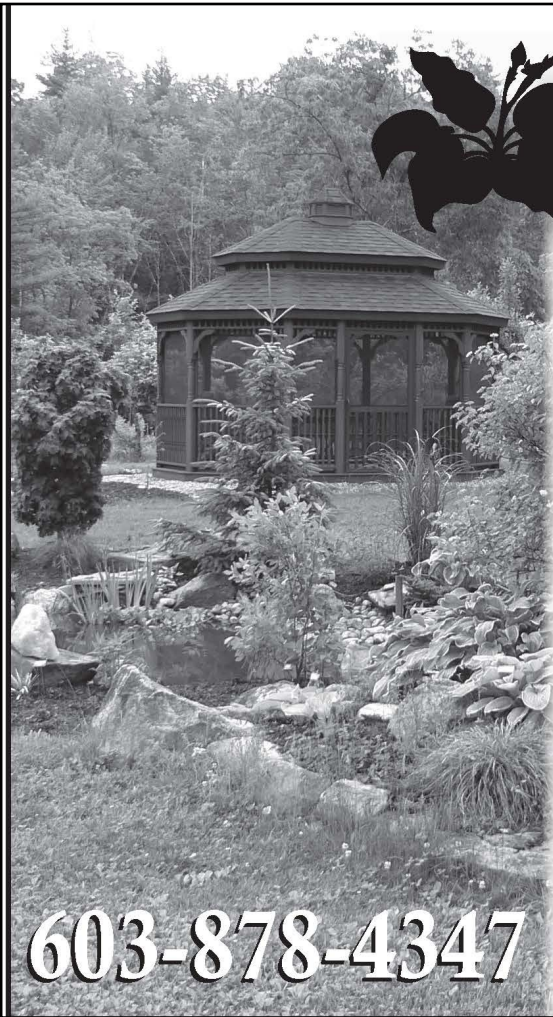
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