

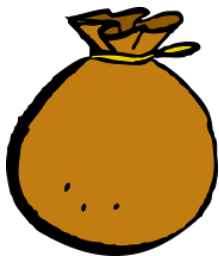


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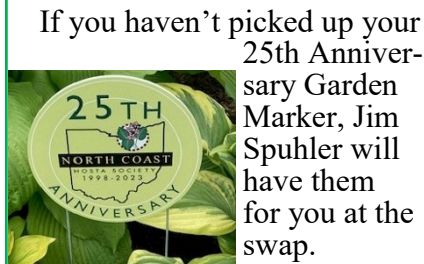


2023 CALENDAR

JULY 8 <i>Saturday</i> 1100 am	NCHS Hosta Swap At the home of Marianne Woodside Doylestown, Oh
July 29 <i>Saturday</i>	NCHS 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Miller Nature Preserve, Avon, Ohio Catered lunch Reservations Required
August 19 <i>Saturday</i>	Joint Meeting with Midland 50 Shades of Green Nursery Southington, OH
September	No Meeting Scheduled
October 21 <i>Saturday</i>	Jon Soucek/Bob Kuk Annual Memorial Meeting Costume Halloween Party <i>NCHS will supply meat; members sides & dessert</i>
November	No Meeting
December	No Meeting



Did you remember to dig your hosta for the swap? Page 2

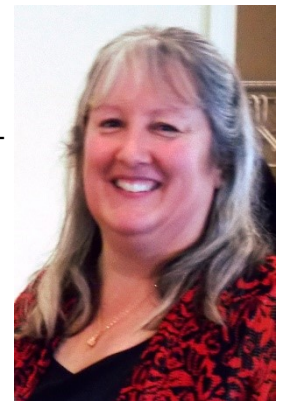


When you put it in place,
PLEASE SEND ME A PICTURE

President's Message

Hello Hosta friends,

Thank you to everyone who showed up and participated in our very successful 2023 auction. For fear of leaving anyone out, I won't try to list names, but I appreciate our auctioneers, paddle bringer, cashiers, (who do not simply collect your money once the auction is over, they list every plant sold, to whom it was sold, and how much the plant was sold for, this takes place while all the commotion of the bidding is taking place, only when the auction is over do they get a chance to tally your order then take your payment), plant placers, everyone who donated plants and other items, our food set-up crew, who also did the ordering and picking up of food and pulling the pork for the very delicious sandwiches, everyone who brought a side dish, our door prize donation, extra plants for sale, and all who helped clean up and stack chairs at the end of the day. With all your help, everything ran very smoothly. Keep in mind for next year's auction, Hostas are the main attraction of the auction, but the pencil drawing of a hosta by our member and the decorative terra cotta pot, were super hot items this year, so don't hesitate to bring items such as this.



Our next fun filled function will be our plant swap on July 8th at the gorgeous garden of Marianne Woodside in Doylestown, Ohio at 11am. Be sure to bring a chair and a wrapped hosta if you are participating in the swap. Sandwiches and water will be provided by the club, so bring your dessert or salad and enjoy a fun day with your friends.

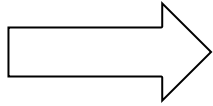
- Barb Rauckhorst, President

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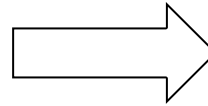
Saturday, July 8 11:00am
Home of Marianne Woodside
13483 Hametown Road
Doylestown, OH 44230



Dig a hosta or two



Hide it very well



Stealing is legal!



Bring a Chair

The Club is providing sandwiches and water. Joyce Spuhler is making sliders and Marianne is making egg salad for some sliders.

Members A to L please bring Desserts and those M to Z bring Salads.



Enjoy Marianne's beautiful gardens of over 500 varieties of hostas surrounding a magnificent century home!



I hate to write about diseases, pests, etc., but they are a fact of hosta life. The following article was reprinted from New England Hosta Society newsletter Winter 2010. Reprinted with permission.

Blotchy Hosta Blight - Janna Beckerman, University of Minnesota Extension Plant Pathologist

Hostas recently supplanted daylily as the number one perennial grown in the United States. Reasons for hostas continued popularity include ease of care, lush growth and disease resistance. Whenever a plant is "discovered," disease resistance is often touted. It's only when the plant enjoys widespread propagation, like hosta, that disease problems become apparent. This year, many gardeners are reporting foliar blotching. The appearance of this blotching is consistent with some frost that developed in late May. However, dieback should stabilize and not worsen, if this was an environmental effect. In other situations, the foliar problems are worsening and spreading to new leaves, suggesting a biotic agent of disease. Although we don't normally see anthracnose on hosta until later in the season, it is apparent that wet weather has created a condition that favors hosta anthracnose. It is also possible that frost damage has injured leaves, and the fungus that causes anthracnose is the first to invade.

Anthracnose is a fungal leaf disease. Symptoms of anthracnose infection include irregularly-shaped, white to tan spots on the leaves. Some hostas, in response to infection, seem to produce a spreading dark green lesion that looks like frost damage. Usually a brown border surrounds the affected area. This border may or may not have a yellow (chlorotic) halo. The spots become torn and give the leaves a tattered appearance. If you examine the leaves with a hand lens the day after a rain (or place the leaves in a moistened paper towel in a jar overnight), you can see little black hairs (called setae) of the fungus sticking out of the fruiting bodies. The causal fungus is *Colletotrichum* spp., and the setae are a key diagnostic sign of this disease. Because this disease is common in warm, wet conditions, good plant spacing is a key cultural control strategy. Allowing the plant to dry prevents the fungus from germinating and infecting new leaves. Removing and disposing of infected leaves may be enough to control this problem in smaller plantings.

If the disease is a chronic problem, or too many hostas are affected, fungicide use may be warranted. Copper fungicides are labeled for control of this problem in home settings. Because fungicides labeled for control of hosta anthracnose are protective (they prevent further disease and do not "cure" current problems), begin spraying when leaves begin to emerge and repeat throughout the wet season. In the fall, carefully remove the leaves prior to any mulching, to reduce the inoculum and prevent infection occurring next year!

Photos Courtesy of: Janna Beckerman



As Newsletter Editor, I receive copies of the other societies' newsletters. I am able to pass any many quality articles to our members. I have picked some gems from the comments of the President, Michael Kraus, of the Northern Illinois Hosta Society current newsletter. His description of spring growth mirrors what we in NE Ohio have experienced this year before we have now officially entered summer. I hope he concurs with my choices...

Wow, what the difference a few weeks can make this

time of the year. Going from seeing bare earth to a full palette of GREEN. It is truly amazing how quickly the plants emerge and appear to shoot out of the ground overnight. As with the last couple of years we again experienced a couple of frosts or freezes this Spring. For me, as the leaves are emerging and before they can fully unfurl the extreme temperature change seems to freeze the tips of my leaves. This causes the leaves to stick in place and force me to manually begin the unfurling process. For those plants I do not get to, the leaves tear themselves apart trying to unfurl leaving us with a few shredded or torn leaves. The most obvious solution is to use freeze cloth, bed sheets, towels or buckets. A couple of years ago Lenny and I actually used all of those items and we still had some damage. After doing that once and having multiple frosts/freezes that Spring, I decided it wasn't worth the effort. There is no outsmarting "Mother Nature". She will always have the upper hand.

Regardless, I am always amazed at how quickly hostas can settle in to full form. Whether it's a large H. 'Blue Angel' or a beautiful H. 'Fire Island', the robust growth in the Spring makes me smile. But then, I am a hostaholic and it has been 4 long days since my last purchase. Forgive me Lenny for I have done it again...

As I have stated many times before, if you see a board member say thank you. Without them we would not have any of these great activities/events to enjoy. They really do a fantastic job for your benefit. Also, a good way to make new friends here is to get involved and become a volunteer.... Take a chance and Join the FUN. Talk to a Board Member or contact me directly if you have an interest. **May your HOSTAS be full and your gardens colorful. MIKE**

Thanks, Mike, from fellow Hostalics,
Ed and Cindy Hughes

We have just now gotten a H. 'Blue Angel' that has some size to add to our garden. The small one we bought last year is coming along, but we just splurged on a bigger one!



Also pictured is H. 'Fire Island' which was lovely last year when I was taking pictures of flowers, but died over the winter 22-23—so sad! One theory for more loss this winter is that because the late year warmth did not allow perennials to completely shut down; when it did get cold they were not ready and were subject to crown rot.



BUT, not as sad as poor H. 'Sugar Plum' after a deer decided the leaves on her pretty purple "legs" were sooo tasty!



Gardening is always a challenge. We depend on the sun and the winter cold, the rain and the spring warmth. And, we have to share our yards with all of God's creatures!

3D Printing Meets the Gardening World

At the last meeting David Bibby gave a brief talk about 3D printing. With the wonders of a 3D printer, specialized and unique gardening items can be created. The Bibbys have decided to share many of their creations selling them at some of the club meetings.



The name plant stakes are perfect in a hosta garden. The basic stake is 8 inches and the 8 inch extensions can build any height you need. These custom printed labels can be used to identify any plant or items used in other hobbies like railroading. You can have 2 lines, with 16 characters per line.



The wide range of decorative flower pots and vases help beautify any space. Saucers can be made to match pot size/color.



The choice of mushrooms can look realistic or wild and the sizes can be changed up to 8 inches.

If interested contact Mary or David at the next meeting.



2023 GREAT LAKES REGION TAILGATE

July 7-9, 2023

Kickoff and Auction Friday, July 7
Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg,
New York

Hosted by WNY Hosta Society
Details at: wnyhosta.com

FALL HOSTA FORUM 2023

DISCO FEVAH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

8:00 am—4 pm

Plus Friday preview night – 9/15/23

Edinboro University

219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA



The Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania and Western New York Hosta Society are happy to present the TWENTY FIFTH Fall Hosta Forum. All of the Forum activities take place at the Frank G. Pogue Student Center at Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA. There will be five fabulous speakers.

Registration is due by September 15, 2023

hostaforum@gmail.com



NOTICE

In case you didn't get enough new hostas so far this year - we still have Hosta College Hostas for sale. Available to Club Members are:

4 Hosta 'Trendsetter' and 7 Hosta 'Cool as a Cucumber'
These are \$5.00 each.

Contact Marilyn Ruff - phone: 330-958-0512 or Email: <miniaturehostas@gmail.com>

Club Co-Op Supplies

As in previous years, we are again offering our members Co-Op items. We have the following items available:

Liquid Fence

Plant Markers

Garden Gloves in small, medium, large and XL

Handbook on Troughs

Please contact Tom Rabung (440-552-7851) to pre-order these items to be brought to the next meeting. No individual deliveries.

Membership in NCHS gives the following benefits:

- * Member prices on deer repellent, etc.
- * Preferential registration and reduced registration fee for Hosta College
- * The club provides meat and beverages at all of our "Potluck" picnics and meetings.
- * The opportunity to learn and share information about hosta culture.
- * Developing friendships with other people who love hostas .

And Much, much more!

2023 North Coast Hosta Society Membership

Family Membership \$10.00 for one year - Calendar year Jan 1 - Dec 31

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