



**Newsletter of the
North Coast Hosta
Society
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2023 CALENDAR

May 20 <i>Saturday</i> 11:00 AM	Poker Run Garden Tours Picnic at Emerald Forest Nursery See Details page 2-3
June 10 <i>Saturday</i>	PLANT AUCTION Club House Pine Lakes Village NCHS will supply meat; members sides & dessert
June 7-10	AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION -Ames, Iowa
JULY 8 <i>Saturday</i>	NCHS Hosta Swap At the home of Maryanne 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

President's Message

Hello everyone,

Hard to believe it's spring. We had better weather in March! I think the worst is behind us and we can get back into our gardens very soon without our winter jackets on.



Speaking of getting out into the garden **please start potting up any plants you are planning on donating** to the plant swap and/or plant auction as soon as possible. It is easier to handle the plants while they are just sprouts coming out of the ground and they will not suffer so much shock if you transplant them into pots while they are small. This weekend or next would be ideal in order to have robust looking plants that will sell for much more than wilted plants just dug up the night before the event. Buyers may be worried that the plant will not survive!

I hope to see you all at our fun events this year. Keep a close eye on the newsletters, website and e-mails for details and rain dates (if necessary).

Barb Rauckhorst, President

Just Remember, we can have a killing frost until the end of May!



How many poker related registered hosta names can you unscramble ?

How did you do?

POKER

KPROE

KING OF SPADES

PAS S DE GFIKON

QUEEN OF HEARTS

SEFAE RT. UOHTQN

JACK OF SPADES

PFSA. ED AKCOJS

ROYAL FLUSH

ALLOY HFUSR

JOKER

KOJR

ACE OF SPADES

SPF AD CEOAES

QUEEN OF SPADES

FSOQE PA EUNDSE

JACK OF DIAMONDS

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STRAIGHT FLUSH

FHIHTTSA RLUSG

Bonus:

KING'S QUEEN OF HEARTS

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Now let's see how we do on a Poker Run!

On Saturday, May 20*, we will play poker! Visit the first garden, draw 2 cards, visit the second, draw 2 cards.

Then meet at Tom Raybung's Emerald Forest Nursery to draw the final card to finish the game and enjoy the picnic. **Prizes will be awarded for the best poker hand.** Driving and garden info are on Page 3.

Pizza and water will be provided by the club.



Members A-L please bring a desert;
M-Z bring a salad or side,

Be sure to bring your chair.

AND, THE CLUB IS PROVIDING A
PORTA POTTY



***RAIN DATE IS NEXT DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 21**

Poker Run Itinerary

10:00-10:45
Draw 2 cards

Becky & Steve Salamon's
1884 Winding Willow Dr.
Valley City, 44280

11:00-11:45.
Draw 2 cards

Noreen Molek's
18241 Boone Rd.
Columbia Station. 44028

(Travel: 6.3 miles 11 min)

(Travel: 4.7 miles 8 min)



♣ 12:00-?
Draw 1 card

Emerald Forest Nursery
13260 Station Rd.
Columbia Station 44028



Mother's Day is May 14

Diane Morris passed along some hints to keep those beautiful cut flower bouquets last longer.



1. Cut the stems on an angle.
2. Remove all leaves below the water line
3. You can make your own flower food by mixing:
 - 1 quart of water
 - 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 Tablespoon sugar

Some other hints:

If Flowers show signs of wilting—after a long journey or because they have been out of water long—put stems in hot water, then in cold. (Particularly roses, lilacs, chrysanthemums and fruit blossoms.)

Vases should be filled to the brim with water when all flowers are in place. They should be filled again a few hours later and kept filled.

If flowers such as tulips or rosebuds show signs of wilting, they may be lifted out of the vase, have stems recut, rolled up in newspaper to keep them straight and plunged to the neck in water in a cool dark place until revived.

Do not crowd in container

All those Frost/Freeze Alerts....

What an April this has been! (Not to mention March !) After a very sunny February, a warm March, we have now suffered through an April of wild temperature swings and constant checking our weather apps for those nights when the temps were dropping.

On the North Coast, we have a variety of micro climates to deal with. We live within a mile of Lake Erie so we have not had the killing or damaging frosts that those further inland have dealt with. (We did, however, have to cover all the hostas moved to the front porch from the garage the first week of March!) It is no fun to scramble to find buckets, blankets, frost cloth, etc. to cover those hostas that decided because it was warm in March, it is time to wakeup!

For Fun and future reference, I have provided Bob Solberg's list of early emerging hostas.

- H. montana 'Aureomarginata' ,
- H. plantaginea and most fragrant flowered hostas
- H. lancifolia
- H. sieboldii, 'Kabitan'
- H. yingeri,
- H. 'Korean Snow',
- H. 'Lakeside Looking Glass'
- H. venusta
- H. 'Tardiflora'
- H. 'Undulata' and 'Undulata Albomarginata'
- H. 'Sagae'
- H. 'Crispula'
- H. 'Wolverine'
- H. 'Sum and Substance' and sports
- H. 'Piedmont Gold' and sports
- H. 'Guacamole' H. 'Fried Bananas'
- H. 'Fried Green Tomatoes'
- H. 'Blue Angel'
- H. 'Big Boy'
- H. 'Golden Tiara' and sports
- H. 'Shiny Penny'
- H. 'Peedee Gold Flash'

H. 'Lakeside Looking Glass'



While attempting to clear out over 50 years of accumulated “stuff”, I came across this article from the **Gardens** section of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Friday October 4, 1968. I thought it would be fun to see how the story of hostas in the garden has changed in 54 years. Cindy

Plantain Lilies Brighten Autumn

By Irma Bartell
Garden Editor

Praise be the few perennials that prefer rather than grudgingly tolerate shady places in the landscape. A bold, flowering example is the plantain Lily, also known by the names Hosta or Funkia.

All of the known species are natives of China and Japan. Their namesake is N. T. Host, an Austrian botanist. Several of the plantain lilies are available here and are desirable garden subjects because they do not demand much attention and are reasonably trouble free. (Sometimes slugs will nibble the leaves).

Because many plantain lilies start blooming in August, some people call them the August lily. They help make late summer and autumn an impressive time of

year with blue, white or lilac colored flowers.

ONCE THE CLUMP becomes established in about two years, growth increases rapidly. After a decade, some of the larger varieties will reach more than four feet wide. The bell-like flowers always are abundant.

Hosta subcordata is the fragrant white plantain lily. The long, tubular blooms measure four to six inches long. Those of blue and lilac are smaller, but all are produced on spikes that arise from neat, rounded clumps of foliage.

Even if the plantain lilies did not flower, they are worth having for the foliage alone. Leaf coloration varies from plain bright greens to dull green and bluish green. Hosta undulate has white, irregular stripes down the middle of the leaf. The variety Thomas Hogg is

bright green with a arrow white margin along the leaf.

TRY A SIMPLE flower arrangement using plantain lily leaves and Queen Anne’s laced gathered from the roadside. A few sprigs of pachysandra can be used for filler.

Hostas will grow in any reasonably good soil. Peat moss or other organic material worked into the soil at planting time will help. Use a little all-purpose fertilizer around the clump each spring.

The naturally moist condition that prevails in shady areas is preferred by plantain lilies. This should be remembered if they are planted in a sunny spot. Water faithfully, especially during summer dry spells. A loose mulch will help conserve moisture.

HOSTAS CAN go for

years without being separated. When they obviously are overgrown, crowded and blooms become fewer, dig up the clumps, divide them and reset them. This is a job for spring just as new growth begins.

Use hostas as an edging, specimen plants, grouped among shrubbery or as a poolside complement. The also solve that narrow problem strip of soil between the house and driveway.

From time to time, gardeners will inquire how long seeds will remain alive or viable. They want to know if leftover seeds can be used the following year.

THE ANSWER DEPENDS upon the plant involved and storage conditions for the seeds. Seeds will remain viable longer when stored in a cool, dry place.



For more interesting history of Hostas, see this article which explains some of the names she references above and tells the story of Thomas Hogg.

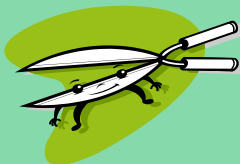
[THE FIRST HOSTAS IN NORTH AMERICA \(americanhostasociety.org\)](http://www.americanhostasociety.org)
www.americanhostasociety.org/Education/thomas_hogg.pdf

P.S. Our speaker in April, Deb Collins, described Plantaginea, it’s history and place in the garden in detail. Thanks Deb.

Plantain lily—also called August Lily
HOSTA PLANTAGINEA
AKA Hosta Plantaginea Var Grandiflora
or Hosta Subcordata Grandiflora Alba

It and cultivars and hybrids derived from it are the only fragrant hostas.

Clade: Tracheophytes
Family: Asparagaceae
Kingdom: Plantae
Order: Asparaagales



IMPORTANT

Solberg Hostas will be available for pickup at the May meeting. IF you cannot attend, make arrangements to pick them up from Marilyn Ruff. (and a chance to shop for more!)

**MiniatureHostas@gmail.com. Phone: 330-958-0512
Address: 12277 Pleasant Home Road, Marshallville, OH 44645**

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

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Strongsville, OH 44136

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OF OHIO



Hostalists.org

If you have never found this website, you are in for a treat. Want to plant a theme garden? Want to know what are the yellow hostas, or blue hostas or tall or short or ??? This is the place.

Prepared by Donald A. Rawson, “*The Hosta Lists* represent a compilation of 111 individual lists which group hosta cultivars and species according to various characteristics. These lists have been compiled over a twenty-six-year period and are updated annually. Containing over 26,000 entries, this is the most complete and accurate collection of lists available. Hosta names are faithfully and carefully checked for accuracy against the *The Hosta Registry* and *The Hostapedia: An Encyclopedia of Hostas* (Mark R. Zilis, 2009). *The Hosta Lists* have displayed their usefulness in years past and will continue to be an invaluable and indispensable resource for gardeners everywhere.”

While the lists have not been updated since 2019, there is a lot of information to guide the hosta grower as the garden grows.

For this pre-Mother’s Day issue, Ed and I have explored the hostas that have an attachment to mother:



- ‘Atomic Momma’
- ‘Big Mama’
- ‘Cosmic Hot Mama’
- ‘Dear Mom’
- ‘Go-Go Mom’
- ‘Grandma Emmy’
- ‘Grandma Burns’
- ‘Grandma’s Gem’
- ‘Grandma Krinkles’
- ‘Granny Sandy’
- ‘Granny’s Blue Bonnet’
- ‘Granny’s Rouge’
- ‘I’m My Kids Mom’
- ‘Lakeside Black Mama’
- ‘I’m My Kid’s Mom’
- ‘Ma Breeder’
- ‘Mama Bear’
- ‘Mama Blue’
- ‘Mama Mia’
- ‘Mama Streaker’
- ‘Mama’s Gold’
- ‘Mean Mama’
- ‘Mother’s Day Gold’
- ‘My Mom’
- ‘Mystery Mom’
- ‘Red-hot Mama’
- ‘Show Me’s Mom’

‘Sugar Mama’

‘The Mamas and the Papas’

Check them all out on the *Hosta Library*



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

Editor note: I will try to post the schedule and registration form soon.

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Join the American Hosta Society and receive **The Hosta Journal** mailed twice a year and have access to a third issue online in the Members Only section of the AHS website. This publication offers the latest information on care, feeding, and hybridizing; pictures of new cultivars; and news of upcoming meetings and conventions.

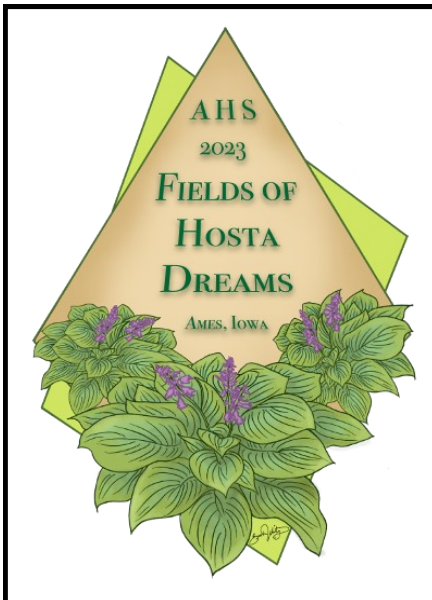
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FUN CONVENTIONS

The American Hosta Society National Convention will be held at the

Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames, Iowa

June 7—10, 2023

Featuring:

Garden tours, Hosta Auction, Education Vendors, and AHS sanctioned Hosta Show

Get Registered: www.hostaconvention.org

Invite Other Plant Lovers to Join the Club

Check out our Website (northcoasthostasociety.weebly.com)
and Facebook page (North Coast Hosta Society).

INVITE A FRIEND

Hope to see no more of this weather!

H. 'Arctic Blast'



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