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Hosta Society
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2019 CALENDAR

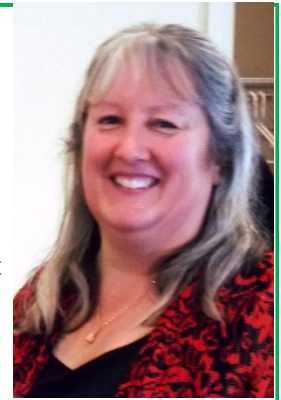
July 13 <i>Saturday</i> 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Hosta Swap and Picnic <i>Host- ed by Becky and Steve Salamon</i> 1884 Winding Willow Dr. Valley City, OH 44280
August 10 <i>Saturday</i> 11:00AM	NCHS Plant Auction <i>Club House at Pine Lakes Village</i> 10949 Woodrun Dr. Strongsville, OH 44136
September	No Meeting Scheduled
October 26 <i>Saturday</i>	Hosta Halloween Party <i>Pot Luck</i> <i>Come in Costume</i>
November	No Meeting
December	No Meeting

Thank you, Barb, for painting 200 rocks to be included in the gift bags. They were a hit. Watch future edition for full story.



President's letter

Barb Rauckhorst,
President NCHS



Hello everyone,
I'm so pleased to report that our Hosta Tailgate was a great success .

(More of Barb's message on Page 2)

Our next event is the Hosta Swap on Saturday, July 13th at the home of Steve and Becky Salamon in Valley City at 11am. You will need to bring a potluck dish to share with the group (**A to L a dessert; M-Z a side dish**), a chair and hosta. I have not attended a hosta swap but have heard they are so much fun. I will be attending the swap this time. Rain or shine, the swap will go on!

Our NCHS auction will take place on August 10 at the Clubhouse at Pine Lakes Village, 10949 Woodrun Drive, Strongsville, Ohio, with registration beginning at 11am. The actual auction starts at approximately 12 - 12:30. This will also be a potluck event. (**A-L a side dish; M-Z a dessert**). Be sure to have plants divided and planted in a pot as soon as possible so the plant looks healthy at the time of the auction. Jim Spuhler will have cards to label your plants that have information necessary for the auctioneers. He will bring these to the plant swap.

Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make this club fun for all of us! You know who you are!

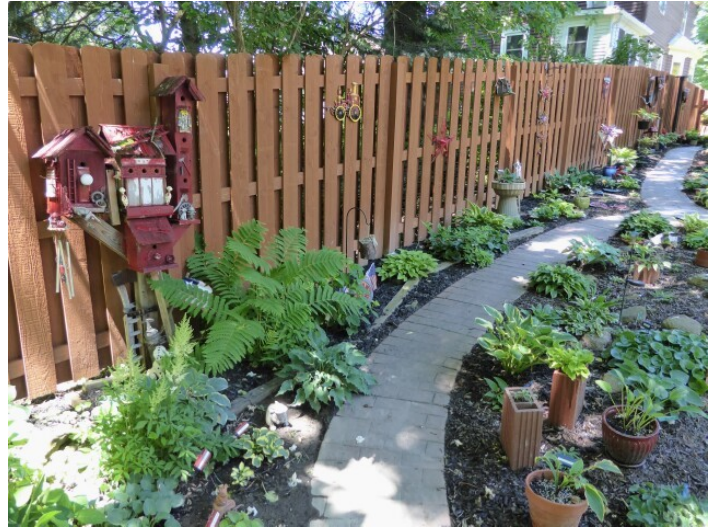
President's letter continued....

Thank you so much to Diane Morris and her Tailgate Committee, Becky Salamon, Mike Kovach and Tom Rabung for all their hard work and attention to detail that resulted in a tailgate that is sure to set a new standard that other groups will aspire to when planning their Tailgate!

Every aspect of this event was meticulously executed. The venue had everything we needed. Registration went very smoothly. We had great vendors with such exciting choices of plant material and garden items. The food was delicious. Many attendees took advantage of the fact that we were within walking distance of the lake and Mother Nature provided a beautiful sunset for us!

Thank you to the ladies who worked so hard and served us and made sure we had enough to drink on such a scorching day. These ladies did not even get a chance to eat because they were busy taking care of us all. Our very special thanks to you.

We had some really beautiful raffle items and the auction plants brought a lot of excitement! Thank you to everyone who donated these items and plants. A very efficient job was done by those who labeled and placed the plants in the auction, without good organization at this point, the auction would not have run so smoothly, thank you all. Thank you to our auctioneers who kept things light with some good humor and kept a seemingly impossible pace in order to finish the auction within the time allowed! Thank you to the runners who took each plant to the winning bidder and to those who tallied all the bids for each bidder, this is a very fast paced job that needs to be done well in order to have a successful auction outcome, you all did very well.



Ralph Zilch's garden

The garden tours themselves were very well planned out, the map and directions were so very helpful.

My husband and I were able to visit 12 of the 17 gardens and 2 of the nurseries. We missed the others due to conflicting times that the gardens were open. The gardens were so lush because of the perfect amount of rain we had all throughout the spring. All the gardens we visited were spectacular. We have many gardeners that have an impressive eye for design even though they may not have had formal training. In all the gardens, the garden owners' pride is evident! Thank you to everyone who allowed us all to tour your beautiful gardens, it resulted in an enjoyable weekend for everyone!

I believe I noticed that everyone from our group that I saw at the Tailgate kickoff on Friday helped out in some way, I'm proud of this group for that. We needed each and every one of you. Thank you.

Barb Rauckhorst
President



Barb and Chuck Erickson's garden



Hosta Tailgate 2019 is Now History



Thank You,
Thank You,



On behalf of the 2019 Tailgate Committee (Mike Kovach, Tom Rabung, Becky Spilak-Salamon, and myself) we wish to extend our thanks to the members of North Coast for all their hard work in hosting the 2019 GLR Hosta Tailgate June 21st.

Despite a couple of minor hiccups, which were easily resolved, the event

ran smoothly. North Coast members, as in the past, pitched right in.

Due to circumstances out of our control, three vendors backed out leaving us with ten on the property, who generously donated to the success of our Tailgate.

In spite of some crowding, the venue was quite conducive to the activities we had planned. We do not have an accurate count of the number of participants because numerous couples only signed in for one auction paddle. But judging from the fact some NCHS members did not eat dinner so others could, we know we had more than 150 people (probably closer to 200) in attendance. And we added 11 new family memberships to North Coast.

Jim will have a financial accounting for us at the July 13 Hosta Swap.

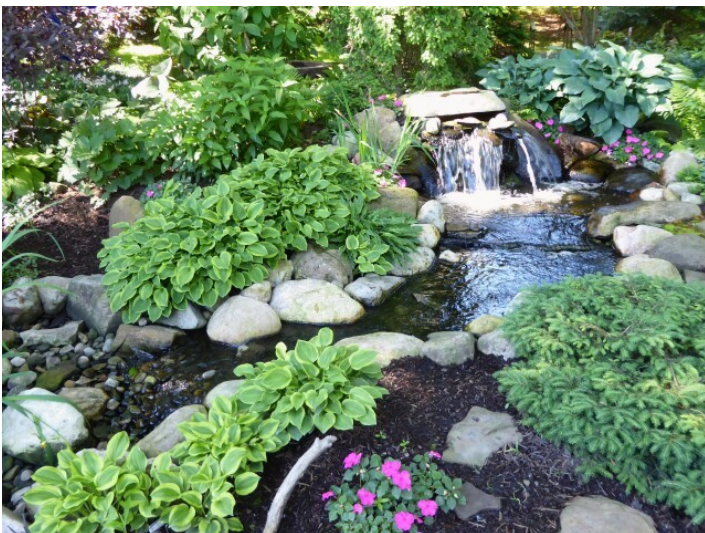
I received a lot of positive feedback both at the event and following. Attendees felt welcome and thought the event was well organized. Both the current GLR President, Marsha Sully, and former President, Glenda Worgoman, were present as well as several GLR board members. Our furthest attendee came from outside our region, traveling 730 miles from Memphis, Tennessee, trumping both Alpenia, Michigan and Lexington, Kentucky.

All our gardens showed very well regardless of having the fourth wettest June on record, which severely limited us on the hours we could work preparing them. With temps in the low 70's with a pleasant breeze, I don't think we could have asked for three more perfect days in which to host the Tailgate. I think all that sunshine was John Soucek smiling down on us !

This event would not have been possible without our membership taking part. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped make the 2019 Cleveland Tailgate a success. Our event will be one they will be talking about for quite some time !

Diane Morris

And Diane and Mike still had time to have great gardens to show:





GARDEN GOSSIP:

BY CINDY HUGHES

The winter and spring that we all suffered through seems to have also caused a lot of stress to our hostas.

I found a suspicious hosta, knew its source and checked it out. The original was OK as was another specimen in another garden. I tested it for Hosta Virus X and it was positive! Disposed of properly and then began to watch EVERYTHING. Another funky looking hosta was OK. Then I began to see signs on 'Strip Tease' (susceptible to HVX) which was next to the infected plant and tested positive, even though in the ground five years, - Disposed.

In the meantime I went on the Facebook page *Hosta Diseases and Pests*. From discussions there, plants that have been OK for many, many years are showing positive for HVX as well as other problems as there was also a lot of damage from the sun, cold, etc. including some strange blooms. I recommend you watch your plants, but don't panic. Check carefully before tossing something, and for fun, and info, follow this Facebook page.

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 call Carl Schmid at 330-264-8815 to pre-order these items to be brought to the next meeting. No individual deliveries.

Membership in NCHS gives the following benefits:

- * Members Only prices on Club "special purchase hosta"
- * Great prices on our "Hoop House" plants.
- * Member prices on slug bait, fertilizer, 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 .

Thanks to Mary Bibby for the design help so I could put in the rocks!

2019 North Coast Hosta Society Membership

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

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____


AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ ()Renewal ()New ()1 year ()2 year


Please list names as you wish on your card: _____

Please send your check made payable to: NORTH COAST HOSTA SOCIETY
Attn: Jim Spuhler
13586 Bridgecreek Circle
Strongsville, OH 44136

NOTE: this form is also available on our website

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HOSTA RECIPES



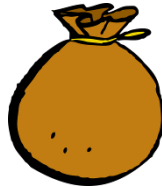
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YANKEE SWAP AND PICNIC

Saturday, July 13 11:00am



Dig a hosta or two



Keep it a Secret



Plan your favorite picnic potluck dish
A-L - Dessert M-Z - Side Dish



Bring a chair

I am repeating this notice because the Fall Hosta Forum is a great event for hosta lovers. This is a great time of year to visit western Pennsylvania and the location is convenient for most of our members. Ed and have really enjoyed this event. The speakers have been excellent, the auction fantastic, the food is good , good vendors, and lots of hosta camaraderie.

2019 Fall Hosta and Garden Forum

Sgt. Pepper's Happy Hosta Band

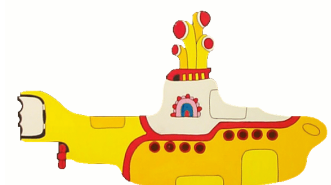
Good Morning....

You are receiving this message - (and you **MAY** receive one more if there's news to tell) as your "heads up" that the 2019 Forum is organized and we are ready to take your registration.... In the past couple of years, we have had a capacity limit so my suggestion to **YOU** is that you get right on it!

We once again have four fabulous speakers, this year built around a Beatles theme: Sgt. Pepper's Happy Hosta Band. Our speakers are all playing right into the theme as you'll see on the brochure.

Kathy Guest Shadrack

Details, brochure & registration form at
www.wnyhosta.com



Invite Other Plant Lovers to Join the Club

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

Check out the American Hosta Society:

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the Hosta Finder

'Nuf said!



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