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President
Phyllis Weidman

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

May is a beautiful time of year, maybe my most favorite. The hostas are up and they look so beautiful with all their shades of green. It is the time of year when working in the garden may be hard, but sitting back and admiring your handy work is a great reward. Remember to actually sit on the bench you have in your garden.

The Society is very busy in May. We have three big events. Participate in as much as you wish, but make sure you participate. All the details of these events are here in the newsletter, thanks to Joan Poos. But let me add my perspective.

May 7: at the Missouri Botanical Garden. We have been having a work day in the garden for about nine years. We have dug plants and moved hostas around, removed reverted eyes, put down fertilizer, sluggo and NemaKill, pruned, edged and weeded. Most garden activities. It is so much more fun when you do all these things together. Join us! Rain or shine!

May 15: there is nothing as great as a garden walk. Come to Gene Pulliam's and admire his hard work, listen to a speaker and visit with members. Remember those new members need to feel at home, introduce yourselves.

May 21-22: plant sale at the Kirkwood Farmer's Market. Make sure your plants have been delivered to Barb Moreland's house or Phyllis Weidman's. If you have the time, you may be able to have a fast look at their gardens. Of course, you can deliver your plants directly to the market.

See what I mean. May is a very busy month. Be a part of it.

Phyllis

2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 7** **Work Day at the Missouri Botanical Garden**
8:00 AM, Missouri Botanical Garden,
AHS Display Garden beds
- May 15** **Garden Walk with Speaker Kim Gamel**
1:30 PM, Garden of Gene Pulliam
822 Brownell Ave., Glendale, MO 63122
- May 21-22** **St. Louis Hosta Society Plant Sale**
Set up time: May 21, 7:00 – 8:00 am
Sale time: May 21 and 22, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Kirkwood Farmers Market
150 E Argonne Dr., Kirkwood, MO 63122
- June 8-11** **AHS National Convention ‘Hosta Visions’**
Minneapolis, MN
- June 19** **Garden Walk and Leaf Show**
1:30 PM, Home of Kathie Soehngen
5111 Lampglow Ct., St. Louis, MO 63129
- July 14-16** **Midwest Regional Hosta Convention**
Lisle, IL
- July 24** **Members Plant Auction**
1:30 PM, Garden of Dave and Joan Poos
9904 Crestwood Dr., Crestwood, MO 63126
- August 21** **Garden Walk with Speaker Bruce Buehrig**
1:30 PM, Home of Chick and Bruce Buehrig
31 Bellerive Acres, St. Louis, MO 63121
- September 18** **Garden Walk**
TBD
- October 16** **Meeting with Speaker Rob Mortko**
2:00 PM, The Des Peres Lodge
1050 Des Peres Rd., Des Peres, MO 63130
- November 11** **Board Meeting**
Time and location TBD
- December 11** **Holiday Party at a member’s home**
Time and location TBD

May 7, 2022

**Work Day at Missouri Botanical Garden
8:00 AM until about 11:00 am**

After skipping two years because of COVID, Saturday May 4, will be our next work day in the AHS Display Garden located at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The hosta beds have come a long, long way since 2009 when our Society, under the direction of Phyllis Weidman, became involved in their rejuvenation and maintenance.

It started with the planting of two crabapple trees. Since then, each year, members volunteer their time to dig, divide, move, hoe, prune, spray, mulch and do the myriad of little jobs necessary for a well-kept garden.

There's never a shortage of tasks. Can't dig – how about hoeing, raking or pulling weeds; can't get down on your knees – how about pruning some of the shrubs or spreading fertilizer and slug bait. This is a great time to get to know other members. The work isn't that hard and the time goes really fast when talking and laughing with other volunteers.

The Garden permits us to bring our own gear. If you have a favorite shovel, hoe, trowel, or pruner, bring it with you. Don't forget the gloves unless you like the feel of dirt on your hands and under your fingernails. Ask anyone who has been at the work day how much fun you can have getting dirty.

We will meet at 8:00 AM, rain or shine, on the west side of the Missouri Botanical Garden entrance building. Look for people in lime green polo shirts. When all have arrived we will proceed to the AHS Display Garden hosta beds located in the northeast section of the Garden. For more information contact Phyllis - pow1031@gmail.com or 314-630-9036.



Martha LaFata & Pam Belloli



Mike Schmitt



Carolyn Birge & Barb Moreland

Keep the Society in Mind – Member Auction coming in July

Doing spring clean-up or rearranging beds? Are those big hostas too big? Consider setting aside plants or divisions for our Society's member auction in July. Check the edges of your plants to see if there might be a couple of eyes sticking out from a side that would be easy to remove. It's much more pleasant to be digging and potting now when the air is mild, the lawn is newly green and plants are just poking their heads above the ground, then in hot, humid St. Louis July.

**May 15 - Garden Walk with speaker Kim Gamel
1:30 pm at the home of Gene Pulliam
822 Brownell Ave, Glendale, MO 63122**

Member Gene Pulliam has graciously opened his garden for our enjoyment on Sunday May 15. He moved into his Glendale Spanish style home in 2017. Since then he has created a wonderland of mostly evergreens, wildflowers and for those shady nooks, hostas. There is something in bloom from May into fall. Gene's garden was featured in the May/June 2021 issue of *DesignSTL* magazine.

To relieve street congestion, Gene asks that members park only on the south side of Brownell Ave. That is the side on which his house is located. Please bring a lawn chair as seating is limited.

In addition to viewing Gene's beautiful space, Kim Gamel will give a presentation on container gardens featuring hostas. Kim is a master gardener who started her own business called Contained Beauty in 2010.

Kim works with clients to create containers that are suited to their tastes and environment. She does all types of containers, including annual and perennial gardens, edible gardens, fairy gardens, holiday arrangements and terrariums. She treats each pot as "a living work of art."

Join your fellow members for a delightful afternoon.

Directions:

- From the intersection of highway 270 and Manchester Road in Des Peres MO, travel east on MO-100/Manchester Road for approximately 3.2 miles.
- Turn right onto N. Sappington Road. Travel about 0.6 miles
- Turn right on Brownell Avenue. Gene's home is 822 Brownell on the left.



Gene's patio is waiting for the party to begin



Master Gardener Kim Gamel

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Dane Andree of Byrnes Mill, MO
Christina Capizzi of St. Louis, MO
Tess Hathaway of Eureka, MO
Barry Kozloff of University City, MO
Christine Morgan of Kirkwood, MO
Kathy Murphy-Baum of Webster Groves, MO**

We hope that you will be able to attend some of our summer events. The plant sale is a perfect time to obtain new hostas that you know grow well in St. Louis. The Garden Walk and Work Day are good times to meet your fellow members and learn more about your favorite plant.

It's been two years! It's back!
St. Louis Hosta Society Plant Sale

Kirkwood Farmer's Market
150 E. Argonne Dr., Kirkwood MO 63122

Set up time: May 21 7:00 – 8:00 am
Sales time: May 21-22 8:00 am – 1:00 pm



A lot has happened since COVID disrupted our lives. Unable to congregate for the past two years, it is exciting that our society can once again sponsor this popular event. Due to the on-going construction at the Missouri Botanical Garden, that location is not available this year. Instead the sale will be held at a new venue - The Kirkwood Farmer's Market, located at 150 E. Argonne Drive in Kirkwood MO 63122. Our sales tables will be under cover at the eastern end of the market.

For a successful plant sale, the Society needs your donations and your help. Dig and pot now while the weather is mild and the hostas are just emerging from their winter sleep. Mini and large hostas are always in demand. Any kind of variegated hosta sells well. Please keep in mind that monies from this sale and the member auction in July pay the costs associated with meeting room rental, speakers, the website, the newsletter publication and many more events held throughout the year.

Plants can be dropped off ahead of time at any of the following member's homes. Just call to make arrangements and obtain directions

Barb Moreland – 433 S. Maple Ave., Webster Groves MO 63119
314-961-4191 or bmore433@aol.com

Phyllis Weidman – 508 Pointe Essex Ct, Kirkwood MO
314-630-9036 or pow1031@gmail.com

Plants can also be dropped off at the Farmer's Market during set-up time. Just pull up to the curb and volunteers will move your plants to the sales tables.

Workers are needed to help set up and price plants for sale. This occurs from 7:00 to 8:00 am on May 20. Workers are also needed to man the sales tables throughout the day. Donate an hour or two of your time to spread the word about that great plant the hosta. Contact Chairwoman Barb Moreland and tell her "Yes, I can help."

April event – Vendor Day



Hostas on the Bluff was a very, very popular shopping venue. People are ready to get their hands in the dirt.



Melinda Ligon, on right, shares a laugh with friends from **Laughing Bear Bakery**. Their cookies were a big hit with my husband.



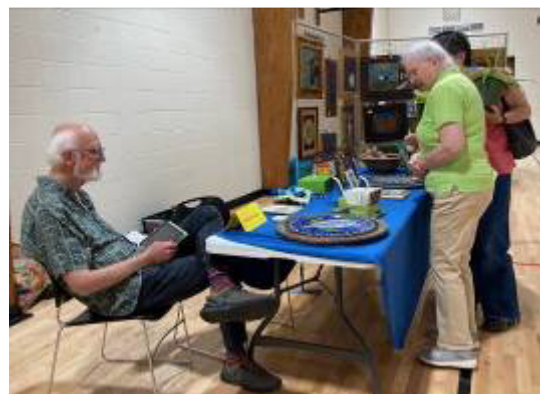
Gregg Wesche and helper from **Overland Hardware** had all the supplies you needed to get your garden in tiptop shape..



John Shew is an illustrator while his wife **Betty Shew** creates beautiful paper fiber art work from hand-crafted molds.



Melissa Byrd checks out arrangements featuring succulent plants brought by **LoKey Designs**.



Phyllis Weidman and daughter marvel at the intricate mosaic pieces created by Virgene Tyrell of **Mosaics by Virgene**.

Sadly Denny Ricketts of **Avalon Acres** was felled by illness on Sunday morning and thus unable to make the trip to St. Louis. We pray that he has recovered and will be with us next year. Many thanks to Hostas on the Bluff for quickly increasing their volume to compensate for Denny's absence. Thanks to Jolly Ann Whitener for putting together this great event!

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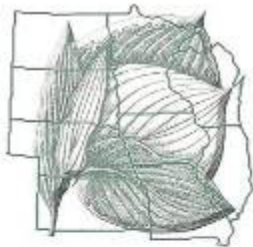
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Family or Individual

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Visit us on Facebook, St. Louis Hosta Society



Midwest Regional Hosta Society

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society represents Region 5 of the American Hosta Society that includes 9 states.

Membership in the society is \$20.00 for 2 years, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter.

Please mail a check made payable to **MRHS** to:

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along with Name, Address, phone, and email (Most correspondence is by email). For questions email MRHS.Hosta@gmail.com.



AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

Members receive three issues per year of The Hosta Journal, which includes color photographs of hostas, reports on national conventions, scientific information concerning current research pertaining to hostas, and advertisements of interest to hosta families.

Membership checks should be made out to "AHS," and mailed to:

Barry Ankney, AHS Membership Secretary
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Dues for one year are \$30 for an individual and \$34 for a family. For more information, visit the AHS website: <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/>