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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President
Phyllis Weidman

Fall has arrived in St. Louis with lower humidity and cooler temperatures. Some hostas in the garden are showing the fall uglies. They certainly don't look like May. There are some of you that have hostas showing or will soon be showing their beautiful yellow fall color. It is a time to reflect on what we did right and what to change next year.

The society too must reflect on the past year. We have had great gardens to visit. We thank all the gardeners. The meetings have been very casual but that is my style. We have met new members

and gotten to know other members better. We have only one meeting left this year so make sure to use the opportunity to say hello to someone new. That meeting will be indoors at the Creve Coeur Dielmann Recreation Complex. We will do everything the county requires – masks, vaccinations, and social distancing. The newsletter will provide information on how to get there.

Our Society decided long ago that having a third Sunday meeting in November and December was too much. There are many other things in life and the hostas should be asleep waiting for spring. However, we will have a November 5th Board Meeting. The meeting will be at my house with a light supper at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome, but please let me know if you plan to attend so I have enough food. We will be planning programs and events for 2022. What a great time to get involved.

See you on Sunday the 24th at 2 PM.

Phyllis

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 24

Note change of date/time

Meeting with Speaker TBA

2:00 PM, Creve Coeur

November 5

Board Meeting

6:00 PM, Home of Phyllis Weidman

This will be the last newsletter for 2021. Let's say good-bye to this year and plan to meet again in the new year. Your next newsletter will be at the end of January 2022.

October 24 Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Dielmann Recreation Complex

11400 Olde Cabin Road, Creve Coeur 63141

Our October meeting, the last of the year, will be held indoors at the Dielmann Recreation Complex in Creve Coeur. It is not far from our previous meeting location at the Creve Coeur Government Center. The Government Center now houses the Creve Coeur Municipal Court and is no longer available for our use. Please note the change of time. The meeting room at Dielmann was not available until 2:00.

As reported in the August issue of Shady Notes, the American Hosta Society and the 2021 convention committee in Kalamazoo Michigan put on the first-ever virtual AHS convention. It was exceedingly well done. The convention website (www.ahs2021.org) has been up-loaded with all the Zoom meetings, speakers and presentations from the event. Only the garden tour videos require the convention password.

At our October meeting, we will view one of these fabulous garden tours on a large TV located in the meeting room. Imagine yourself strolling through a magnificent garden side by side with the home owner. Knowledgeable interviewers asked the questions that we would have asked had we been there. The interviewers posed questions and made comments that kept the tour moving in an orderly fashion. The home owners gave personal insights into the evolution of their gardens, left us with many design tips, inspired us with the beauty of their spaces and conveyed their joy in having us visit. The format was superb – even a drone was used to give overviews.

Join your fellow members to see how they grow hostas in Michigan!

Directions:

- From the intersection of I-270 and I-64/40 travel North toward Chicago.
- Take the **Ladue Road/MO-AB** exit. **EXIT 13.**
- Turn **RIGHT** onto Ladue Road.
- After 0.2 miles, turn **LEFT** onto **N New Ballas Road.**
- After 0.76 miles, turn **RIGHT** onto **Old Ballas Road.**
- After 0.26 miles, **stay straight** onto **Olde Cabin Road.**
- After 0.16 miles, **Dielmann Recreation Center** is on the **RIGHT.**

Fall Board Meeting

November 5, 2021

6:00 PM supper, followed by meeting

Home of President Phyllis Weidman
508 Pointe Essex Court, Kirkwood, MO 63122
RSVP - 314-630-9036 or Pow1031@gmail.com.



All members are invited to join our Board members at the 2022 planning meeting. Come early at 6:00 for a delicious supper and a fabulous dessert. The meeting agenda includes such items as setting 2022 meeting dates, establishing the 2022 budget, brain-storming about possible speakers and scheduling other interesting events.

Let the Board know what you want for your Society in 2022. Get to know your Board members - they're really a lot of fun to be around, are enthusiastic about gardening, hostas and your Society, and are quite generous with their time and expertise. Don't worry; they won't assign you a task if you come.

Call or email Phyllis to reserve your place at the table.

New Officers for 2022-2023

At the September meeting, Pam Wolkowitz, chair of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers to the membership. The slate was unanimously accepted. Your new officers are:

President - Phyllis Weidman: Phyllis has graciously consented to remain as President for another term. She has been quite active in our Society since the early 2000s. She served as president from 2012 – 2015 and again during the pandemic. Each year she coordinates the MOBot Work Day and has been chairman of the MOBot Hosta Sale. She loves people almost as much as she loves hostas.

Vice-president - Dave Poos: Dave has been active with the Society since the early 2000s when Arlie Tempel, then president, persuaded him to attend Board meetings. Dave previously served as Treasurer from 2008 – 2011 Vice-president from 2012 – 2015 and most recently as Treasurer 2020-2021. The vice-president's main duty is to arrange speakers and programs. If you have ideas, he would love to hear from you.

Treasurer – David Birenbaum: David will be a new voice on the Board. Many of you met him and his wife Anne when they hosted a Garden Walk this past summer. David's job is to create our yearly budget, collect dues and of course pay all our bills.

Secretary - Jolly Ann Whitener: Jolly Ann has consented to remain as Secretary for another term. When not on the road with her husband in their RV, Jolly Ann is present at all Society meetings and events. A tireless worker, Jolly Ann has chaired a number of committees, most recently our last Vendor Day event.

Come to the November Board meeting and meet these enthusiastic people.

September at the Missouri Botanical Garden Oh how far we've come!

At the September meeting, members gathered in the hosta garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden. President Phyllis Weidman related the history of our Society's involvement in the continuing renovation and evolution of the hosta beds at MOBot.

Our Society's support began in the spring of 2009. The hosta area was badly in need of a little TLC. Members Phyllis Weidman and Karen Frimel met with MOBot garden staff to assess their needs. That year, our Society purchased two hybrid crabapples to replace some that had been damaged in the previous winter's ice storm. Malus 'Orange Crush' and Malus 'Royal Raindrops' have flourished.



Crabapple
'Orange Crush' in 2009



and as it is today in 2021



Phyllis worked with MOBot horticulturists to develop a long range plan to improve both the layout of the beds and the variety of the plants within those beds. In 2009 there were large swaths of similar hostas – it was a sea of green. The Garden wished to devise a better way to display mini hostas. At the time, minis were relegated to an area bordering the side of the Spink Pavilion – out of sight of all but the most intrepid hosta lover. A trough, similar to others in the Garden, was purchased and placed along the walkway into the Hosta Garden. The location was perfect – very noticeable to all entering the garden.

The Garden staff's excitement extended way beyond troughs. They talked with Phyllis about new signage for the whole hosta garden which would include information about our society and the AHS. They wanted to recognize the hosta of the year, the Benedict Award winners, and individual hostas at the top of the AHS popularity poll. In general, they wanted to make the hosta area better, with more information that would help the public. At some time in the future, they would even like to see the area become an AHS Display Garden!



In 2011 that too came to be. The American Hosta Society recognized MOBot's hosta area as an AHS National Display Garden. A bronze plaque placed at the entrance to the area denotes this honor.

In 2012 a Japanese maple, acer 'Suminagashi', joined the two crabapples in providing shade for the growing collection of hostas. Over the years, our Society has purchased 336 new cultivars. In the last few years, improvements have included moneys for an automatic mechanism for the hosta irrigation system. Sprinkling can now be automated and regulated. Three years ago, the Garden staff allowed pots to be placed in the beds. The public can now see how versatile hostas are – they can thrive in pots twelve months each year.



During the meeting a list of members who have passed away in the last ten years was read followed by a moment of silence in their honor. Following the meeting and a stroll through the hosta beds, members meandered to the seating area behind the Kemper Home Center. A toast was offered to those who are no longer with us. It was a lovely day to be in a garden.



Welcome New Members

Dominic Greene of Olivette, MO
Cody and Anne Pardieck of Hillsboro, MO
Wendy Smith of Hillsboro, MO

Thank you for joining our society. We hope you are able to join us at the upcoming meeting scheduled for October 24 in Creve Coeur. This is the perfect time to view a beautiful garden and meet some of your fellow members and for us to meet you.

Congratulations!

Joan and Dave Poos

AHS President's Wall of Honor

The American Hosta Association created the President's Wall of Honor to thank those members of local societies who have worked tirelessly for many years to ensure the smooth running of their societies. Members nominated by their local societies have their names listed on the AHS web-site's Wall of Honor.



This year the St. Louis Hosta Society nominated a couple who have spent countless hours enriching our society with their knowledge, humor, passion and boundless energy. Whatever the event, be it a meeting, a garden party, a sale or wallowing in the mud at a MOBot work day, Dave and Joan can be sighted. They are the bedrock of a society, ever present, up for anything and everything. Dave vacillates between serving as Society Treasurer and Vice President having held each position twice. Joan has been the Newsletter Editor since 2008.

In addition to serving as Board members, their beautiful garden was on display during both AHS conventions and have been open for members' enjoyment on numerous occasions. Truly for them, "They joined for the plants, but stayed for the good friends they have made along the way."

The Benedict Garden Performance Medal – 2021

H. 'Rainbow's End'

Hans Hanson – registered in 2005

At the 2021 AHS Convention, this beautiful hosta was awarded the Benedict Garden Performance Medal. It represents the best-of-the-best, the ultimate hosta, a hosta that performs well in gardens in all regions of the country. 'Rainbow's End' is also the AHGA Hosta of the Year for 2021. Put this on your wish list for next year.



H. 'Rainbow's End' - grown in Phyllis Weidman's garden.

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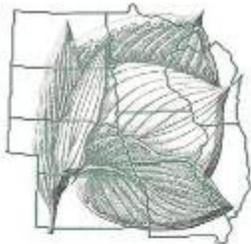
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Dues: \$7 per year, \$18 for three years
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Meetings held at the **Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N. New Ballas, 63141** (between Ladue Road and Olive), unless otherwise noted.

Visit our Web site: www.stlouishosta.org

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/>