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Phyllis Weidman President

Photo by Kelly Hall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Eight of our members have just returned from the Midwest Regional Winter Scientific meeting near Chicago. It is great to get together with a group of hostaholics in the coldness of winter. There were talks on tissue culture, what makes a great hosta, garden pests, Korean species hosta, and the building of a shade garden.

There was a hosta seed silent auction which is great fun. It is even better because now I have something to do in February – germinate the seeds and grow them out. I would encourage anyone to join us next year for the Winter Scientific meeting.

An idea was brought to the group attending about having a National Open Hosta Garden Day. It was very well received. We talked about starting locally and working to a national rollout. The idea is to have many hosta gardens, big and small, open to the public on a specific day to encourage the public to see how hostas can be used in the landscape. What do you think of trying the open gardens this summer? You would have to be home one day, so if anyone stops by, you can be there to greet your guests. We do not expect you to have your garden in pristine shape. You could plan to be working in the garden. Let me know if you are interested. We would love to have gardens open throughout the St. Louis Region and it would be publicized.

Today is cold but who knows what tomorrow will bring. This is the time I start to make plans for the garden. Do I need to buy slug bait, fertilizer, rabbit and deer repellents? Are my tools clean and ready? What about mulch? What kind should go down, when, and how deep? What hostas do I want to buy? Jean Hudson has put together a great list of hostas from Naylor Creek Hostas in Washington State. The prices are great and what an easy way to get some of the newest hostas on the market. It will be hard to choose which hostas you want; some of us have limited space while others can get everything, so order 1 or all 15. (See order form in this newsletter)

At the meeting in February, our Pot Luck Lunch, we will have lots of good food and fun. There will be a short hosta trivia game, business meeting, and a discussion of other important spring events in a hosta garden.

See you there,

Phyllis

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 17	Annual Pot Luck Luncheon Hosta Trivia and Business Meeting 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
March 17	Meeting with Speaker Oscar Cross “Shade Garden Companion Plants” 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
April 21	Vendor Day 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
TBA	Work Day at the Missouri Botanical Garden 8 AM, Missouri Botanical Garden, AHS Display Garden beds
May 19	Garden Walk and Club Plant Pick-up Home of Martha Lafata
June 1-2	Plant Sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden Missouri Botanical Garden
June 13-15	American Hosta Society National Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 11-13	Midwest Region Hosta Society Convention Lisle, Illinois
July 21	Members Plant Auction 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
September 15	Meeting with Speaker TBA 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
October 20	Meeting with Speaker TBA 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
November TBA	Board Meeting TBA
December 1	Holiday Party TBA



Joan Hummel cuts a delicious fruit pizza as Joan Clarkson and Nancy Tempel ask about the recipe - just one of the many salads, casseroles & desserts that filled the food tables.

Roast beef, turkey salad and chicken salad
Baked pineapple, cherry salad and fruit pizza
Creamy peas, potato salads and broccoli salads
Brownies, cookies, lemon cake and apple strudel

Just a sample from last year

Hungry yet!



Members chatted before, after and during the 2012 luncheon. It's a great time to catch up on all the winter doings and summer plans of our hosta friends.

Whip together one of your favorite recipes
Shake off the cold and come talk about spring

FEBRUARY POTLUCK LUNCHEON MEETING

Sunday, February 17 at 1:00 PM, doors open at 12:30 for socializing

Creve Coeur Government Center
 300 N. New Ballas, St Louis 63141

(N New Ballas Rd. between Ladue Rd. and Olive)

The first Society meeting of 2013 will be our annual Potluck Luncheon at Creve Coeur Government Center. Our Hospitality Chair, Barb Moreland, supplies a cold cut and cheese tray with bread and condiments. Members please bring the following: if your last name begins A-M, side dish or salad; N-Z, dessert.

The lunch will be followed by a fun game of hosta trivia. How much do we know about our favorite plants and our own society? Then stay for a short business meeting during which our president Phyllis Weidman will give a preview of all the exciting events scheduled this year.

Coming in March

Oscar Cross – Hilltop Farms Nursery **“Shade Garden Companion Plants”**



In the picture at left, taken from the Hilltop Farms website, Oscar cradles one of his favorite garden companions. Come March 17 to hear about other shady characters loved by the Cross family.

2013 Membership Dues are Payable Now

If you receive the newsletter by postal mail, check the two-digit number appearing after your name on the address label of this newsletter. Your membership dues are paid through the end of the year appearing after your name. For example, if '12' appears after your name, your dues are paid through the 2012 year and are now payable for 2013.

If you receive the newsletter by e-mail, check the attachment for a list of all members and the year through which their dues are paid. For example, if '12' appears after your name in the attachment list, your dues are paid through the 2012 year and are now payable for 2013.

Dues are \$7 annually (individual or family) or \$18 for three years. Make checks payable to SLHS (St. Louis Hosta Society) and bring to the next meeting or send to:

Cindy Michniok
14300 Quiet Meadow Ct.
Chesterfield, MO 63017



Let's Go Green - Give E-mail a Try

In an effort to bring the newsletter to you sooner with color pictures and hi-lights, SLHS would like to distribute your newsletter by e-mail instead of regular postal mail. Use of e-mail saves paper and will significantly reduce club printing and mailing costs. At the February 17th meeting, check the **Member List** to verify that your e-mail address, your postal address and telephone number are correct.

If you prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail, mark (X) in the box under the 'Don't E-mail Newsletter' column. If you would now prefer an e-mail copy instead of a postal copy make sure your e-mail address is on the **Member List**. If at any time, you change your e-mail address or wish to change your e-mail status, just send an e-mail to SLHS Newsletter Editor Joan Poos at david.poos@att.net.

If you stop receiving your newsletter and don't know why, don't hesitate to zip off a message to Joan. You may have been accidentally dropped from her mailing list. Misplaced your newsletter? Kelly Hall, our Webmaster, posts all old newsletters on our Web site www.stlouishosta.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Jeanine Fassero of Bunker Hill, IL

Join us at our annual Pot Luck Luncheon. It's the perfect time for us to get to know you.



2012 Christmas Party



It was a beautiful winter day. Karen Frimel, Martha Lafata and their band of Santa's helpers had decked the meeting room with twinkling lights, grazing reindeer, huge silver snowflakes, and containers of frosted twigs. Karen's artfully created gift box centerpieces complimented the light blue tablecloths strewn with glistening snowflakes.



Martha Lafata, Dianne Sherrillo and Dolores Schaumburg



Kelly Hall and Jane Bastien

Members mingled, chattered and laughed about the upcoming holidays and the past gardening season. A video of pictures taken by our club photographer Phil Brammer and put together by Phyllis and Jim Weidman played in the background. What fun to look back and reminisce about all the wonderful events of the past year!



Jim Weidman, Arlie Tempel, Dave Poos and Chester Wolkowitz



Marjorie and Laurey King

Soon the aromas of roast pork and chicken beckoned members to the buffet line. Cheesecake and cookies added a sweet finishing touch to the meal.



Members socialize before the luncheon



Lisa White, Susan Dorris, Carol and Fred Michaelis



What is it Jolly Ann Whitener?

Following the meal, a game of “Rob Your Neighbor” provided lots of laughter.

Jolly Ann selected a tower of a present that when unwrapped revealed a ladybug garden stake. Before the afternoon was over, that lady bug had put on a lot of miles moving from member to member. Poor Jolly Ann! Others kept stealing her gifts.



A ladybug garden stake!



Fred stole the crow from Jim

Jim Weidman unwrapped a comical crow. He didn't keep it long before Fred stole it. Before Fred knew what was happening, Phyllis stole it back. Where oh where did the crow end up? Maybe we'll see it perched in some member's garden during an upcoming garden walk.



Then Phyllis stole it from Fred

Birdfeeders and pots, stepping stones and garden stakes, sweet smelling scents and fragrant coffees were but a few of the items that went home with our fun loving members. A good time was had by all.



Dolores unwraps a pot

Thank you
Karen and Martha
for volunteering to chair this
popular event.

Photos by Jeff Hall and Joan Poos



Rose Hall checks her scents



Barb Moreland with blue feeder



Catherine Mayer & birdfeeder



Susan Hanratty and Mary Sparks



Jim Weidman presented the AHS President's Wall certificates to Nancy and Arlie Tempel. *Photo by Jeff Hall.*

The AHS President's Wall

Nancy and Arlie Tempel

The President and Board of the American Hosta Society wanted to “honor members of local hosta societies who have given of their time, skills, energy and enthusiasm over the years”.

Our society selected Nancy and Arlie Tempel as our first recipients of this honor. Certificates, signed by the AHS President and the Awards and Honors V.P., were presented to them at our annual Christmas Party. Nancy's and Arlie's names will appear on the 'President's Wall of Honor' that is now a part of the AHS website at www.Hosta.org.

Arlie and Nancy Tempel have been backbones of the St. Louis Hosta Society since its inception in 1993. They have been active in all facets of society life from hosting garden tours and holiday parties, greeting and welcoming new members, to holding offices.

Arlie, a co-founder and charter member, began as the Membership chair, a very important position for a fledgling club. This was followed by a stint as Board Member at Large, followed in turn by six years as President. During his tenure as President, St. Louis hosted a Midwest Regional Hosta Convention (2003) and an American Hosta Society National Convention (2008). In addition to having his own garden on tour, Arlie was responsible for Vendor functions and room setups for both conventions.

Nancy is the strength behind the throne, ever supporting Arlie in his endeavors. She served as hospitality chair and volunteer coordinator for both conventions. She has organized tour functions and served countless meals for Board meetings, holiday parties, garden walks and convention “breakfast in the garden” events. They initiated the “garden walk” concept – ‘bring a snack to share’ social events held in members’ gardens.

Arlie and Nancy are generous both with their time and with their garden plants. Very few meetings are missed or events skipped. They've spent many hours at our MoBot Plant Sales passing on their knowledge of hostas and their companions to new gardeners. They support regional and national hosta functions as well as those of our local society. They have been drum beaters for MRHS and AHS participation. Auctions at the national and regional level as well as the local level have been the recipients of their plants. Attend a convention or a Winter Scientific Meeting and you will see them both happily chatting with hosta friends from across the nation.

It's fitting that they grow hostas, as their middle names could easily be “friendship”.

St. Louis Hosta Society Club Plants

Each year the St. Louis Hosta Society compiles a list of plants that can be purchased by members for wholesale prices. This is one of the perks of belonging to this society. Enclosed at the end of this newsletter is the SLHS Club Plant Sale order form for 2013. Listed are fifteen selections from Naylor Creek Nursery. The selections include something for everyone – mini, small, medium and large, in combinations of green, blue and gold. There will be pictures at the February meeting or you can look them up at <http://www.naylorcreek.com> or <http://www.hostalibrary.org>

Please fill out the form indicating the number of plants of each type that you wish to order. Total your order. Then bring the form with your check to the February or March meeting. Make your check out to St. Louis Hosta Society.

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, mail the form with your check to our plant sale chairwoman, Jean Hudson. Deadline is March 17.

**Jean Hudson
361 South Maple
Webster Groves, MO 63119**

This year all plants will be given out at the May 19 Garden Walk at Martha Lafata's home. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

A GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Don't be a couch potato! Don't let life pass you by! Get up, get out, get moving! Join in the camaraderie! Get to know your fellow society members. Smile a bit or laugh a lot! Volunteer! There are lots of different activities scheduled this year, lots of large and small tasks – some require a shovel, others a phone, and many just a smile and a bit of your time.

Seize the moment. Help with the MoBot Sale, the Member Auction or the Christmas Party. Help Jean Hudson package and label the club plants. Come out for the MoBot work day to be scheduled this spring. Donate plants to the auction and sale. Man the sales tables for an hour or two. Open your garden for an afternoon or evening of socialization. The list is endless. Give Phyllis a call and say "Sign me up, I would like to help."

SLHS Club Plant Sale – 2013



Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Check #: _____

<u>Description</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Astral Bliss</u> <M> (Dean) Very intense blue-green leaves are held upright, creating a low mound (12") with lots of "flare". Its blue color holds late into the season on both sides of the thick, wavy pointed leaves, which arrange themselves in a layered star pattern. Lavender flowers in August. \$10.00	_____	_____
<u>Bam Bam Blue</u> <L> (Schulz) Very blue corrugated dinner-sized leaves display some cupping and a little waviness. This hosta forms an upright clump and holds its color late into the season. White flowers in late June. \$10.00	_____	_____
<u>Ben Vernooij PPAF</u> <M> (Fransen/Vernooij) Striking tetraploid form of H.'First Frost'. Unbelievably thick blue leaves have a very wide feathered creamy-yellow border. Large lavender flowers. Named for the deceased brother of Paul Vernooij of Holland, a donation will be made to the Cancer Foundation for each plant sold. \$9.00	_____	_____
<u>Curly Fries</u> <S> (Solberg) Interesting plant with extremely ruffled narrow leaves that emerge yellow and slowly turn to near-white. Best grown in a half day of sun. Deep purple scapes topped with lavender flowers. \$9.00	_____	_____
<u>Dancing Mouse</u> <Mini> (Fransen) A H.'Blue Mouse Ears' sport with thick blue-green leaves that have a wavy yellowish-green border that darkens to pale green as the season progresses. Topped with lavender flowers. \$9.00	_____	_____
<u>Golden Meadows PPAF</u> <M> (van Elderen) This sport of H.sieboldiana 'Elegans' has an outstanding color combination –light green leaves with dark green margins and medium green steaks between the two colors. Super substance and white flowers in summer. \$9.00	_____	_____
<u>Happy Dayz</u> <M> (Naylor Creek Nursery) A sport of H.'Orange Marmalade' with thick leaves having a bluish-green border and bright yellow leaf center that fades to a parchment color. A unique and interesting hosta. \$10.00	_____	_____
<u>Frisian Pride</u> <M> (Bate Aukema) This hosta will make you want to buy gold! Long, rippled yellow-gold leaves reach upward, outward and back down to the ground creating a dense mound that can be seen from across the garden. Best color when the plant gets some late afternoon sun. Pale lavender flowers. \$11.00	_____	_____
<u>Frisian Waving Steel</u> <M> (Bate Aukema) This outstanding hosta, a hybrid from H.'Grand Slam' and H.'Sky Dancer' has extremely thick blue-green leaves with radically rippled margins. The elegant leaves layer on top of each other creating a tight mound. Lavender flowers in midsummer. Limited \$18.00	_____	_____
<u>Irish Luck</u> <L> (LaLonde) This stunning plant makes a large vase-shaped clump of very SHINY (on top and underneath) dark green leaves with deeply impressed veins and rippled edges. Fragrant, lavender flowers. \$9.00	_____	_____
<u>Neptune PPAF</u> <M> (Hansen) Cascading, wedge-shaped blue-green leaves with a wonderful rippled margin are topped with lavender flowers in August on arching scapes. \$9.00	_____	_____
<u>Parisian Silk</u> <M> (Dean) Makes a silky smooth neat mound of nearly round hearts. Intense blue color with a concentration of silver wax in the center of the leaf gives a faint halo effect. Rose scapes. Limited \$18.00	_____	_____
<u>Rhino Hide PPAF</u> <M> (Rawson) The leaves are deeply cupped, have lots of puckering and so thick they feel like plastic. Strong petioles hold leaves having bright green centers framed with a wide blue border. \$10.00	_____	_____
<u>Tongue Twister</u> <S> (Solberg) Shiny dark green leaves twist upward and outward always maintaining a fresh appearance. Good substance. Vigorous grower. Pale lavender flowers in early fall. \$10.00	_____	_____
<u>Volcano Island PPAF</u> <M> (Fransen) This tetraploid form of H.'Paradise Island' has thick upright leaves which showoff the cherry red petioles. The color reaches up into the leaves. Lavender flowers. \$10.00	_____	_____

TOTAL _____



Astral Bliss



Bam Bam Blue



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Dancing Mouse



Frisian Pride



Golden Meadows



Happy Dayz



Irish Luck



Frisian Waving Steel



Neptune



Parisian Silk



Rhino Hide



Tongue Twister



Volcano Island

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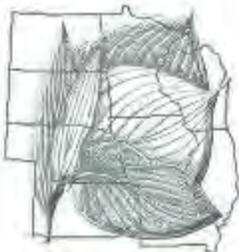
Dues:

\$7 per year, \$18 for three years

Family or Individual

Meetings held at **1:00 PM** at the **Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N. New Ballas, 63141** (between Ladue Road and Olive), unless otherwise noted.

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Midwest Regional Hosta Society

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society represents Region 5 of the American Hosta Society that includes 9 states. Our mission is to promote education, research, development and enjoyment of Hosta.

Membership in the society is \$20.00 for 2 years, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter. This publication reports on events and information on Hostas in general.

Please mail a check made payable to MRHS to:

Kristine James
523 E Calhoun St.
Woodstock, IL 60098

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:

Sandie Markland, AHS Membership Secretary
P O Box 7539
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

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/>