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President
Phyllis Weidman

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2020, a new decade is beginning; a new set of officers of the society begin their work. All the officers have a common goal to create a society where you find new friends and learn about raising hosta. How we learn is by reading, asking, and doing.

You can read a lot on the web. All this information can be helpful, but one does have to remember the source. Is the writer in the USA? Where?

Most importantly, does it answer your question or bring up more concerns? Asking someone who has grown hostas in your area is probably your best source of information. Where do you find these growers? At the Hosta Society. How do you ask? Come to a meeting and there they will be, many ready and willing to help. We plan to have a Q&A at each meeting to help you along. But of course, you must be there.

The doing part is the most fun. Join the group working the plant sales, working at the Missouri Botanical Garden, or helping a member do their garden chores. This is how you learn and make friends. Some of my best friends are hosta growers.

Join us in a new beginning on February 16th for the Chili cook-off. Taste several chilies and vote which is the best. It will be fun and fulfilling.

Phyllis

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| February 16 | Soup and Chili Luncheon 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| March 15 | Meeting with Speaker 1:30 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| April 26 | Vendor Day 1:30 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| May 2 | Work Day at the Missouri Botanical Garden 8:00 AM, Missouri Botanical Garden, AHS Display Garden beds |
| May 15-17 | Plant Sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden Setup May 15, 4:00 PM Sale May 16-17, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Missouri Botanical Garden |
| May | Garden Walk/Meeting/Demonstration TBA |
| June 10-13 | AHS National Convention Minneapolis, MN |
| June | Garden Walk/Meeting Time and location TBA |
| July 12 | Bus trip to Hornbaker Gardens Nursery TBA |
| July 16-18 | Midwest Regional Hosta Convention Lisle, IL |
| July or August | Members Plant Auction TBA |
| September 20 | Meeting with Speaker TBA 1:30 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| October 18 | Meeting with Speaker TBA 1:30 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| November | Board Meeting Time and location TBA |



FEBRUARY SOUP AND CHILI LUNCHEON

**Sunday, February 16 at 1:00 PM
Doors open at 12:30**

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

Traditionally the first Society meeting of the year is a Potluck Luncheon at Creve Coeur Government Center. This year our new Hospitality Chair, Melinda Ligon, has planned something different to “spice up” our February. What better way to push away the winter doldrums and freezing temperatures than a soup and chili cook-off!

Melinda has several members lined-up to bring a soup or chili and compete for a “Peoples’ Choice” award. Each soup maker will also bring any condiments they wish to complement their entry. Anything that might up their chances of winning that coveted prize. Attendees will have ample time to taste and vote.

Melinda plans to bring Mexican cornbread and crackers, plus beverages, silverware and paper products. Members are asked to bring a dish to fill out the menu. What goes with chili? Be imaginative! Maybe chips and your favorite dip, tortillas, salads or the always welcome desserts.

Come early to socialize; doors open at 12:30. Stay for a short business meeting during which our new president Phyllis Weidman will give a preview of all the exciting events scheduled for this year. Following the meeting, Phyllis will give a “Hosta 101” presentation. This is a short talk on some gardening subject that is relevant at this time of year.

Melinda Ligon – meligon@sbcglobal.com or 314-749-7307

**** 2020 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 ‘19’ appears after your name, your dues are paid through the 2019 year and are now payable for 2020.

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 ‘19’ appears after your name in the attachment list, your dues are paid through the 2019 year and are now payable for 2020.

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:

**David Poos
9904 Crestwood Drive
Crestwood, MO 63126**

Member Plant Sale

The St. Louis Hosta Society Club Plant Sale chairperson, Basil Honaker, has compiled a list of plants that can be purchased by members at discounted prices. This is not a fund raiser, but 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 2020 and the hostas' pictures. If you are a postal newsletter recipient, the pictures will be at the February meeting or you can look them up at <https://hostasonthebluff.com/>. Listed are 12 selections from Brian Kniffin's *Hostas on the Bluff* nursery. The selections include something for everyone – mini, small, medium, large and giant in combinations of green, blue and gold. The hostas are at least two years old and will be potted. The large and x-large will be in one gallon pots. Each plant should have from two to four eyes.

The deadline for plant orders is March 15. If any of the plants are in limited quantities, your requests will be filled in the order in which Basil receives your forms. 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 money to the February or March meeting. **Make your check out to St. Louis Hosta Society.**

If you are unable to attend the meeting, mail the form with your check to our plant sale chairman Basil Honaker, Jr. Any questions, contact Basil

Basil Honaker, Jr
1632 Westshyre Drive
Lake St Louis, MO 63367
honabn@charter.net or 636-332-1726

This year all plants will be given out at the April 26 Vendor Day event.

April Vendor Day Update

Jolly Ann Whitener, Vendor Day Chairwoman, reports that there is room at the event for two more vendors. This is always a popular event and an opportunity for some crafter to present their wares to the public. Their products do not need to be plants but they should have some garden theme items available. Normally three hosta/plant nurseries, a hardware store that sells garden supplies and a crafter or two make up the vendors. This is a Sunday afternoon event. There is no charge to the vendors for their space or to the public for admittance.

If you know of someone or have seen someone at a local craft show that you think might be a fit for our event, send the vendor's name to your Newsletter Editor or to Jolly Ann. Jolly Ann will be delighted to contact the seller.

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Rolling Ridge Nursery Preseason Gardening Expo

60 N Gore Avenue, Webster Groves 63119

February 8, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Each year, green industry experts, landscape designers, local growers and plant society representatives fill Rolling Ridge Nursery for a day full of inspiration and learning. This year they are also introducing three specialized, in-depth seminars on fruit tree pruning, rainscaping and Missouri natives. This event is FREE and open to the public. As always they will have prizes, kid friendly seed starting activities and refreshments.

Phyllis Weidman will man an information table about our society. She will be sharing her vast knowledge of hosta with the public. If you are interested in giving her a hand, please call or email her. (314-965-7027 or pow1031@gmail.com)

Plan to attend this event as there will be plenty of experts to answer all your gardening questions.



Is your wardrobe lacking a comfortable, good-looking polo shirt or a denim long sleeve shirt?

How about one embroidered with our logo?

Two styles of shirt are offered. One is a lime green polo shirt (the only color available) made of 65%polyester, 35% cotton pique fabric for comfort and easy washing. The other is a stonewashed blue denim long sleeve shirt of 100% cotton. Each is available in Women and Men's sizes S-3XL. Both styles will be embroidered with our Society's logo.

Look around at the next meeting. You are apt to see several members sporting these good-looking shirts. In cooler weather or the frigid temperatures of the summer air conditioner, it is nice to slip on the denim shirt over the polo.

See Pam Wolkowitz at the next hosta meeting for size and price information. She will take your order and have your shirt available at the next society event.

Pam Wolkowitz – 636-285-3114 or lovehostas@msn.com

In Memorium

It is with sadness that we report the death of Dr. James Criscione, husband of member Janelle Criscione. Dr. Criscione passed away on December 14 at the age of 98. He was a veteran of WWII, serving 44 years in the military, ending as a flight surgeon in the Air National Guard. He practiced thoracic surgery in St. Louis for over 34 years and was a pioneer in the implantation of pacemakers. A Celebration of Life Mass is planned for spring 2020.

The St. Louis Hosta Society extends sincere sympathy to Janelle and their family.

It's a new season, let's make it the best ever! **A GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**

Don't be a couch potato! Don't let life pass you by! Get up, get out and get moving! Join in the camaraderie! Get to know your fellow society members. Smile a bit or laugh a lot! Attend our meetings. There is lots going on this year.

Even though it doesn't feel like it, spring is right around the corner. It's time to snap out of our winter doldrums. Make a New Year's resolution to attend our meetings starting with this year's February Soup and Chili Luncheon. Think of hot steaming chili with a side of healthy salad and a dessert table laden with chocolate. Join in an afternoon of good food and lively chatter.

There is a full schedule of activities this year. Find your calendar and mark our meeting dates – right now before you forget. The schedule is on page two of this newsletter.

May and June are beautiful months in St. Louis. This is the ideal time to visit a garden. Consider showing off your beautiful yard – open your garden for an afternoon or evening of socialization. Your bit of heaven does not need to be large or completely established. Invite us to see your favorite plants in your favorite space. You provide the garden, we provide the food, the drink and the party. Contact Josh Jagger.

Plan to come out for the MoBot Work Day on May 2. Help with the MoBot Hosta Sale or the Member Auction. Donate plants to the auction and sale. Man the sales tables for an hour or two. Be an active member of your society.

Listed below are the officers and committee heads for the 2020 season. Feel free to contact any of them and say "I would like to be part of the action, how can I help?"

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AHS National Convention - '2020 Hosta Vision'

June 10-13, 2020

Minneapolis Marriott NW in Brooklyn Park MN



The Minnesota Hosta Society is delighted to be the host for the AHS 2020 convention. Our membership is excited to have you join us in fellowship and share our passion for gardening with hosta. Our theme, Hosta Vision 2020, reflects not only the year, but also the ever expanding use of hosta in the garden. Hostas continue to be America's number one perennial due to their versatility in the landscape.

As part of this year's convention we have added a philanthropic element. In keeping with our theme, we request you bring used eyeglasses for donation to Lions Clubs International. For 80 years, Lions clubs have collected old, unwanted eyeglasses for redistribution to the poor in developing countries.

Attendees will tour multiple private and/or public gardens (by bus or drive your own car); attend six educational seminars; compete in the accredited Hosta Leaf Show; attend Hosta Judges Clinics; shop vendors featuring the latest and greatest hosta additions, companion plants or garden-themed accessories; bid in the AHS auction for that unique "must have" hosta; and best of all, get together with old friends and make new ones in hostatality.

For additional convention and hotel information and registration forms, visit the convention web-site <https://hostavision2020.com>

MRHS Convention – 'Hostas Chicago Style'

July 16-18

Lisle, IL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW for Hostas Chicago Style, this year's MRHS Convention in the Chicago area. Your hosts from the Northern Illinois Hosta Society (NIHS) are planning a warm Chicago-style welcome for you.



This convention is going to be unique: Speakers you haven't heard before, fabulous gardens where hostas share top billing with other distinctive plants and unique designs, an evening garden visit, Chicago style pizza, and more.

Features you've always expected at hosta conventions will still be a part of the event - reunions with hosta friends, vendors with the newest hostas, companion plants and other garden related items, two new cultivars from Bob Solberg as gift plants, a leaf show, speakers who will educate and excite you and gardens that will enthrall you. Plus good old-fashion Midwestern hospitality.

For additional convention and hotel information and registration forms visit the Midwest Regional Hosta Society web site www.midwesthostasociety.org/ and click on '2020 Convention Information'.

SLHS Club Plant Sale – 2020



Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Check #: _____

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Count</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| <u>Age of Gold</u> <Large (28"ht x 79"w)> (H. Hansen 2018) This hosta forms a giant clump of large, round, slightly corrugated gold leaves. It looks like someone placed the sun in your garden. Plant in morning sun or filtered shade for best gold color. White tubular flowers on 4 foot stalks in mid-summer. \$17.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Blueberry Muffin</u> <Med (14"ht x 36"w)> (B. Meyer - NR) This excellent new blue hosta is a strong grower and reliable performer. It forms a medium sized mound of large, blue rounded leaves that are rugose and puckered in unusual patterns. Late in the season the leaves transition to green. Attractive light mauve speckles appear in the petioles. \$13.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Colored Hulk</u> <Med (16"ht x 24"w)> (G. Heemskerk 2011) A medium variegated hosta with chartreuse leaves with wispy dark green margins. The leaves are thick and slightly cupped and their bright color will surely draw admirers. Lavender bell-shaped flowers appear in mid-summer. \$16.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Emma Rose</u> <Giant (33"ht x 69"w)> (Miller/Kniffin NR) A beautiful giant with bright wide yellow-green leaves. New to the market. A Jeff Miller seedling, it was grown by Brian Kniffin of 'Hostas on the Bluff' and named for his daughter. This one-of-a-kind is a true eye catcher. \$32.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Fire Island</u> <Med (14"ht x 30"w)> (B. Brincka 1998) A small to medium hosta with brilliant yellow leaves that emerge on red petioles. The blush of the petioles even seeps into the leaves. The broadly ovate leaves are slightly corrugated and have distinctly rippled margins at maturity. \$13.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Grecian Vase</u> <Large (18"ht x 53"w)> (J. Schwarz NR) This hosta features a medium-large mound of chartreuse foliage. Each leaf blade is broadly ovate with a deeply lobed base, slightly rippled margin, long curled tip and thin underside bloom. Pale lavender flowers on long scapes. \$16.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Guardian Angel</u> <Large (24"ht x 36"w)> (C&R Thompson 1995) A sport of H. 'Blue Angel'. it has large, thick, blue-green leaves that begin with a white center in early spring which slowly mist over with a unique green. Lavender flowers bloom in mid-summer. \$17.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Louie Louie</u> <Small (13"ht x 42"w)> (D. Dean 2014) Another great hosta from Don Dean with lots of movement to the clump. Its smooth green leaves are lightly twisted with a thin white deeply wavy edge. Saturated burgundy scapes contrast with their creamy green bracts. Lavender flowers. \$21.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Munchkin Fire</u> <Mini (3.5"ht x 9"w)> (G.R. Goodwin 2009) This vigorous yellow miniature is the perfect size for troughs and fairy gardens. Short narrow leaves hold their bright yellow color all season long. The leaves seem to taper to become part of the petiole. Lavender flowers in mid-summer. \$12.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Waterslide</u> <Med (14"ht x 32"w)> (H. Hansen 2018) H. 'Waterslide' has wavy, ruffled leaves with heavy substance that hold their blue color well into the summer season. Lavender flowers appear in late summer. This medium-sized hosta is a perfect companion to H. 'Wheee' and suitable for landscapes and containers alike. \$17.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Wiggles and Squiggles</u> <Small (10"ht x 24"w)> (Walters Gardens NR) A unique looking hosta that lives up to its fun name! Bright yellow leaves are very long and thin and notable for their incredibly wavy margins. It forms a low, wide habit that really highlights the "wiggly" edges. Leaves will be more chartreuse in more shade. For best yellow color, plant in morning sun and afternoon shade. \$16.00 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Wu-La-La</u> <Giant (42"ht x 66w)> (Walters Gardens NR) Wu-La-La is a sport of Empress Wu. Another giant, this hosta has blue-green leaves with margins of apple green. This hosta has good substance and is a fast grower. It takes about five years to reach its full size potential. Lavender flowers \$19.00 | _____ | _____ |

TOTAL _____

Member Plant Sale Selections
(Photos from *Hostas on the Bluff*)



***H.* 'Age of Gold'**



***H.* 'Blueberry Muffin'**



***H.* 'Colored Hulk'**



***H.* 'Emma Rose'**



***H.* 'Fire Island'**



***H.* 'Grecian Vase'**



***H.* 'Guardian Angel'**



***H.* 'Louie Louie'**



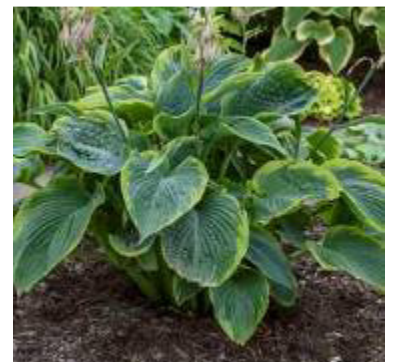
***H.* 'Munchkin Fire'**



***H.* 'Waterslide'**



***H.* 'Wiggles and Squiggles'**



***H.* 'Wu-La-La'**

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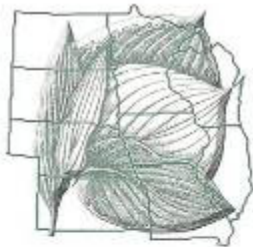
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Dues: \$7 per year, \$18 for three years
Family or Individual

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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:

Barbara Schroeder,
Treasurer
1819 Coventry Dr.
Champaign, IL 61822

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/>