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Diana Plahn President

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy 2016, the start of another year of the St. Louis Hosta Society. If you're like me, you are getting bombarded with gardening catalogs. Please save a little space in your garden for some of this year's club plants. The Club Plant Sale offering is in this newsletter, and I know some of these plants want a home in your garden! Ted is once again organizing this and the plants are from *Made in the Shade Gardens*. You can pick up your plants at our Vendor's day. Thanks to Ted for taking this on again.

Please refer to your newsletter for information on upcoming Society events for this year in addition to other events, which might warrant a place on your calendar. We

have Joan Poos to thank for putting all this information together and getting it to us in this newsletter. It's a time intensive task that she does very well. Thanks, Joan, for doing such a stellar job!

Remember the society has a web site that can also be checked for information about the club and our upcoming National Convention. The web address is www.stlhosta.org.

Two local nurseries have decided to have gardening expos or informational events for the first time and we were invited to have a table at each one. The first event is at Rolling Ridge Nursery in Webster Groves on February 13th from 10am to 3pm. Martha LaFata has graciously volunteered to coordinate our table there. Would you like to help her out? If so, please contact her before the February Pot Luck Luncheon to see what help she needs. The other event is at Sugar Creek Gardens in Kirkwood, on May 21st from 5-7pm and is described as a "Cross Pollinator Party". They will serve wine, punch and snacks along with a 10% discount to members during the party. Our society will also have a table there. The tables at both events will have membership information, convention information, AHS brochures if possible, and just plain old hosta advice. All members are welcome to both events. Both of these gardens have spent \$100 each on advertising in our convention booklet. They are supporting our convention, so it would be great if we could support them as well.

Our first meeting of the year is our Pot Luck Luncheon. Please plan to come and catch up with your hosta friends. Eat, socialize and have some fun. Our Hospitality chairs, Sharon and Mike Schmitt put this together for us, so please bring your "assigned" side dish and join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Diana

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 13** **Rolling Ridge Nursery Garden Expo**
10:00 AM– 3:00 PM
Rolling Ridge Nursery
60 North Gore, Webster Groves, MO 63119
- February 21** **Annual Potluck Luncheon**
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
- March 20** **Meeting with Speaker TBA**
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
- April 17** **Vendor Day and Club Plant Pick-up**
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
- April 23-24** **Plant Sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden**
Missouri Botanical Garden
- April/May - TBA** **Work Day at the Missouri Botanical Garden**
8 AM, Missouri Botanical Garden, AHS Display Garden beds
- May 15** **Meeting**
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
- May 21** **Cross Pollinator's Party**
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Sugar Creek Gardens
1011 N. Woodlawn, Kirkwood, MO 63122
- June 15-18** **American Hosta Society National Convention**
St. Louis, MO
- July 7-9** **Midwest Region Hosta Society Convention**
Champaign, IL
- July 17** **Members Plant Auction**
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
- September 18** **Meeting with Speaker TBA**
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
- October 16** **Meeting with Speaker TBA**
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
- November TBA** **Board Meeting**
TBA
- December 4** **Holiday Party**
TBA



Melissa Byrd, Evvy Cobb and Jeff Heinrich sign in.



Mike and Sharon Schmidt, potluck chairmen, prepare the table.



In 2015, members chatted during and after lunch. There's never a lack of delicious food.

Time to get the gardening season off to a great start. Join your fellow hosta lovers for an afternoon of delicious food, lively chatter and talk of upcoming hosta happenings.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK LUNCHEON MEETING

Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 PM, doors open at 12:30 for socializing
Creve Coeur Government Center
300 N. New Ballas, St Louis 63141

The first Society meeting of 2016 will be our annual Potluck Luncheon at Creve Coeur Government Center. Our Hospitality Chairs, Sharon and Mike Schmitt, will supply beef, chicken, Caesar salad and beverages. Members please bring the following: if your last name begins A-J, dessert; K-Z, salad or side dish.

Then stay for a short business meeting during which our new president Diana Plahn will give a preview of all the exciting events scheduled this year.

2016 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 '15' appears after your name, your dues are paid through the 2015 year and are now payable for 2016.

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 '15' appears after your name in the attachment list, your dues are paid through the 2015 year and are now payable for 2016.

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:

**Kim Piekutowski
1269 Brenthaven Lane
Florissant, MO 63031**



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'Gateway to the Gardens'

St. Louis – June 15-18, 2016

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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 21th 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Carolyn and Tom Myers of Chesterfield, MO

We hope that you join us at the Potluck Luncheon. This is the perfect time for us to get to know you.

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 2016. Listed are fourteen selections from Rob Mortko's Made in the Shade 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.hostaguy.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 money to the February 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 Ted Piekutowski. Deadline is February 21.

Ted Piekutowski
1269 Brenthaven Land
Florissant, MO 63031

This year all plants will be given out at the April 17 Vendor's Day.

Rolling Ridge Nursery Preseason Gardening Expo

February 13, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rolling Ridge Nursery, located at 60 N Gore Avenue in Webster Groves, is preparing for their first ever Spring Gardening Expo. They will be hosting local landscape designers, growers, green industry experts and representatives of local gardening societies. The experts will talk on various gardening topics, give demonstrations and explain seed-starting to kids. Refreshments and prizes included.

As Diana stated in her president's message, Martha LaFata will be manning an information table about our society. She will be sharing her vast knowledge of hosta with the public. Plan to attend this event as there will be plenty of experts to answer all your gardening questions.

Hosta Finders

Because of declining interest, The Board has decided not to place an order for the *Hosta Finder* this year. For members not familiar with this reference guide, it lists hostas that are currently offered for sale by a number of different growers. Each hosta entry gives a list of nurseries where the plant can be bought and its price. Information about the nurseries, including mailing addresses, website addresses and telephone numbers is printed in the back.

For those of you who would like a copy, the publication can be ordered by contacting:

Steven H. Greene
36 Elaine Road
Sudbury, MA 01776
978-443-8222 or sgreene@aol.com

December Holiday Party



Before the party could begin a little unexpected cleanup was required. Thanks to Greg Frimel and other members of the setup crew, the room was quickly put back in order and gaily decorated.



Before the festivities began, Catherine Mayer and Mary Jones took time to chat.



Party organizers Ted and Kim Piekutowski served a delicious meal of roast beef, pork, green beans, whipped potatoes and salad provided by Callier's Catering. Note the festive table decorations of red, white and silver made by Karen Frimel.



What's a party without some fun? Members formed teams of five. They were given spoons and a Christmas ornament. Each member walked the width of the room balancing the ball on the spoon in their mouth, then passed the ball to the next member.



The winning team!
A fleet and well balanced group.
Karen Frey, Martha LaFata, Dave Poos,
Jim Weidman and Janelle Criscione.



Winner!
Susan Hanratty



Susan Hanratty, Carol and Fred Michaelis draw Christmas trees, decorated with garland and balls on a paper plate sitting on their heads. Oh yes, there were presents with big bows nestled under those trees.
A fun and very silly game.



Winner!
Pam Hardy

SLHS Club Plant Sale – 2016



Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Check #: _____

<u>Description</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Bedazzled</u> <Mini (8"ht x 22"w)> (Dean 1999) This hosta forms a small clump of blue-green leaves framed by a wide yellow-gold border. Great substance. Some cupping on slightly corrugated leaves. Lavender flowers arise in mid-summer. \$9.00	_____	_____
<u>Coast to Coast</u> <Giant (30"ht x 36"w)> (Petryszyn 2014) This hosta has gold, puckered foliage with wavy edges and nearly white undersides. Thick substance. Upright vase-shaped clump. Pale lavender flowers in mid-summer. A great specimen plant. \$13.00	_____	_____
<u>Cup of Joy</u> <Small (11"ht x 22"w)> (Myers/Naylor Creek 2011) A small yellow form of its parent 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'. Deeply puckered and cupped yellow foliage. Near white flowers in July. \$17.00	_____	_____
<u>Easy to Love</u> <Small (12"ht x 28"w)> (Ward NR) This new seedling from Dick and Jane Ward has blue-green foliage with a nicely contrasting white margin. Good substance. Lavender flowers in July. ... \$14.00	_____	_____
<u>Icy Halo</u> <Giant (32"ht x 72"w)> (Tomashek/Schartzbauer/Solberg 2014) This new sport of 'Parhelion' has dark green leaves with a pure white margin. Pale lavender flowers on curved scapes in mid to late summer..... \$17.00	_____	_____
<u>Island Breeze</u> <Med (15"ht x 30"w)> (Walters Gardens 2014) A sport of 'Fire Island' with a wider green margin and thicker substance. It emerges with a brilliant yellow center. The red petiole bleeds into the base of the leaf. Dark lavender flowers in late summer. \$13.00	_____	_____
<u>Luna Moth</u> <Med (18"ht x 20"w)> (Meyer NR) This hosta has dark green foliage with wide lime-green margins that brightens to yellow. Vigorous grower Mid-summer lavender flowers..... \$12.00	_____	_____
<u>Memphis Blue</u> <Large (29"ht x 40"w)> (Petryszyn NR) This cross of 'Sagae' and 'Tokudama Aureinebulosa' has large blue leaves with heavy corrugation. It forms an impressive large, upright clump. White flowers. \$14.00	_____	_____
<u>Mike</u> <Giant (30"ht x 46"w)> (Webster 2010) This seedling was selected for its giant foliage. Its lightly cupped, blue-green foliage displays moderate corrugation. Pale lavender flowers in July. \$13.00	_____	_____
<u>Milkmaid</u> <Small (12"ht x 20"w)> (Harvey/Naylor Creek 2012) This hosta has bright medium green foliage with random streaks of pale green, creamy white and pale yellow. Its leaves show a nice sheen on both sides. Good substance. Near white flowers in mid-summer. \$24.00	_____	_____
<u>Rainbow's End</u> <Small (11"ht x 21"w)> (Hansen 2005) This yellow centered TC sport of 'Obsession' features very thick, dark green leaves with a flared center pattern. The bright yellow center becomes white by summer. Pale purple flowers on red scapes appear in late summer. \$13.00	_____	_____
<u>Roy Klehm</u> <Large (24"ht x 21"w)> (Hansen 2007) A tetraploid sport of 'Summer Serenade'. Its yellow leaves are framed by a wide dark green margin. Upright vase-shaped habit with leaves that are held horizontally. Near white flowers in mid-summer. \$13.00	_____	_____
<u>Slim and Trim</u> <Mini (5"ht x 12"w)> (Benedict NR)_A seldom encountered "Herb" Benedict seedling of 'Purple Verticulated Elf". The 1" by 5" long leaves form a dense clump of wavy, blue-green foliage. Purple flowers on short scapes top the vigorous clump in late summer. \$11.00	_____	_____
<u>Wishing Well</u> <Large (23ht x 38w)> (Dean 2011) Beautiful blue color holds long into the season even with sun exposure. Cupped, rippled and corrugated leaves. Good substance. Vigorous. \$13.00	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

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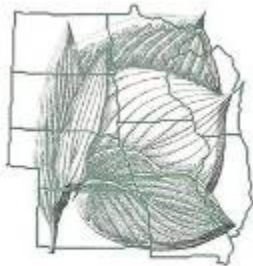
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Family or Individual

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.

Visit our Web site: www.stlouishosta.org



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/>