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President Diana Plahn

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Hosta Lovers:

I hope all of you have done your planning and designing for this spring. If not, there's still time. Winter hasn't left us yet, although it's been an interesting one this year. If you are like Craig and I, you are pining for spring. Soon we'll be scratching in the dirt looking for hosta eyes just coming up. How exciting!

Our next event is the February Potluck coming up at 1:00 pm on the 18th at the Creve Coeur Community Center where we usually meet. Karen Frey is in charge of this event and there

will be further information in the newsletter as to who will bring what. Please check the newsletter.

We need volunteers for several things upcoming, or we won't be able to have those things on our schedule. We have the room for the Vendor's Day, but no chair. Unless we get a volunteer to chair the event, we have no event. Please think about it and volunteer. Otherwise we'll have to cancel the event, which would be unfortunate for all of us. If you would like to volunteer please call or email me.

I know there are members whose gardens we haven't seen. We have garden walks in May and June. These are a lot of fun for all with lots of camaraderie. Please consider opening your garden! We would love to see it. If you would be willing to do so, please call or email me.

That's all for now. Have a great spring!

Diana

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| February 18 | Annual Potluck Luncheon
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| March 18 | Meeting with Speaker TBA
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| April 15 | Vendor Day and Club Plant Pick-up
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| April 28 | Work Day at the Missouri Botanical Garden
8 AM, Missouri Botanical Garden, AHS Display Garden beds |
| May 4-5 | Plant Sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden
Setup May 4, 4:00 PM – We are done
Sale May 5, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Missouri Botanical Garden |
| May 20 | Garden Walk/Meeting
Time and location TBA |
| June 17 | Garden Walk/Meeting
Time and location TBA |
| June 20-24 | AHS National Convention
Philadelphia, PA |
| July 12-14 | MRHS Regional Convention
Peoria, IL |
| July 15 | Members Plant Auction
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| September 16 | Meeting with Speaker TBA
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| October 21 | Meeting with Speaker TBA
1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center |
| November 11 | Board Meeting
2:00 PM, home of President Diana Plahn |
| December 2 | Holiday Party
TBA |



FEBRUARY POTLUCK LUNCHEON MEETING

Sunday, February 18 at 1:00 PM, doors open at 12:30 for socializing
Creve Coeur Government Center
300 N. New Ballas, St Louis 63141

After all the cold weather we have been experiencing since Christmas, it's heartening to think about an afternoon of delicious food, lively chatter and the warmth of friendships. Let the hosta season begin!

The first Society meeting of 2018 will be our annual Potluck Luncheon at Creve Coeur Government Center. Our Hospitality Chair, Karen Frey will supply BBQ shredded pork and chicken with buns and beverages. Members please bring the following: if your last name begins A-J, dessert; K-Z, salad or side dish.

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

2018 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 '17' appears after your name, your dues are paid through the 2017 year and are now payable for 2018.

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 '17' appears after your name in the attachment list, your dues are paid through the 2017 year and are now payable for 2018.

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:

Melissa Byrd
117 Gunston Hall Drive
St. Charles, MO 63304

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

If you currently receive the SLHS newsletter by mail, please consider switching to email. Each year either printing prices or postal rates increase. The price of stamps just increased two weeks ago. The cost of producing and mailing a newsletter already exceeds the amount of your dues. The use of e-mail saves paper and will significantly reduce our club's printing and mailing costs. Plus you will receive the newsletter sooner with all those pictures in color.

If you would now prefer an e-mail copy instead of a postal copy send an e-mail to SLHS Newsletter Editor Joan Poos at david.poos@att.net. I will add your address to my email lists. If at any time, you change your e-mail address or wish to change your e-mail status, just send a message requesting the change to Joan at david.poos@att.net.

St. Louis Hosta Society Club Plants

Every year the St. Louis Hosta Society Club Plant Sale chairperson compiles a list of plants that can be purchased by members at wholesale prices. A small charge is added to the price to cover shipping or pickup costs. 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 2018 and the hostas' pictures. Listed are ten selections from Rob Mortko's *Made in the Shade Nursery*. The selections include something for everyone – mini, small, medium, large and giant in combinations of green, blue and gold. If you are a postal newsletter recipient, the pictures will be at the February meeting or you can look them up at <http://www.hostaquy.com> or <http://www.hostalibrary.org>

The deadline for plant orders is April 6. If any of the plants are in limited quantities, your requests will be filled in the order in which Ted 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 Ted Piekutowski.

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

This year all plants will be given out at the April 15 Vendor Day event.

Christmas Party – December 3



Toni Boschert's Funeral Rolls were a popular item - just one of many savory dishes. Delicious!!!



Paul LaFata, David Birenbaum, Janelle Criscione and Martha LaFata gather around the buffet table.



Diana Plahn catches up on the doings of long-time members Pat Payton and Duane Cookson.



Members Jolly Ann Whitener, Pam Wolkowitz, Melissa Byrd, Phyllis and Jim Weidman congregate in Martha's spacious kitchen.

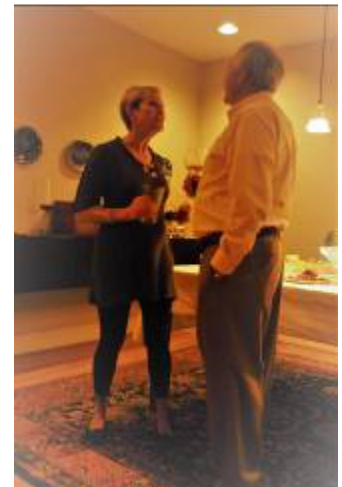


Chester Wolkowitz and Duane Cookson chat at the popular kitchen bar.



It was a great party!

**Many thanks to
Martha and Paul LaFata
for hosting this event.**



Dave Poos and Martha LaFata chat about the remodel of her farmhouse into a modern home.

It's a season, let's make it the best ever!

Even though it doesn't feel like it, spring is right around the corner. It's time to snap out of our winter doldrums. Get up, get out, get moving! Don't let life pass you by! Make a New Year's resolution to attend our meetings starting with the always enjoyable February Pot Luck. Think of healthy salads, nourishing casseroles and a dessert table laden with chocolate. Join in the camaraderie.

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

As Diana indicated in her message one very popular event, Vendor Day, needs a chair person. It is not a tough or time-consuming job. Three of the vendors come every year. All you need to do is contact them, give our date and ask "Would you like to come again?" Perhaps you or other members have seen a craftsman dealing in garden related items at a local art show, school craft fair or flea market. Just ask if they would like to spend three hours on a Sunday afternoon vending their wares. The Board will be glad to give you a helping hand.

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. Two dates are reserved on the schedule, but if those don't work for you, suggest a different day and time. 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.

Plan to come out for the MoBot work day in April. 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.

Give Diana a call and say "Sign me up, I would like to help."

Diana Plahn – 314-346-3007 or dplahn@me.com



Vendor Day - 2017



Garden Walk at the Birenbaums - 2017



MoBot Work Day (in the rain) - 2017



MoBot Hosta Sale - 2017

SLHS Club Plant Sale – 2018



Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Check #: _____

<u>Description</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<p>Atlantis <Giant (30"ht x 70"w)> (Avent/Hansen 2004) An exceptional tetraploid mutation of <i>H. 'Abba Dabba Do'</i>, this hosta has long, pointed, dark green ruffled leaves with a dramatic wide golden-yellow margin. A vigorous grower, it produces light lavender flowers in mid-summer. \$12.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Dawn's Early Light <Med (20"ht x 36"w)> (Petryszyn 1998) This hosta truly shines in the spring with brilliant lemon-yellow heart-shaped leaves that are wonderfully ruffled and corrugated. Pale lavender flowers add color to this hosta in early summer as the leaves fade to a chartreuse green. Bright morning sun brings out the best color. \$12.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Dry Ice <Med (22"ht x 46"w)> (Anderson NR) This sport of <i>H. 'Kiwi Full Monty'</i> is an icy blue color that holds that coloring the entire growing season. Quite vigorous, it produces lavender flowers in mid-summer..... \$12.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Gateway Arch <Giant (30"ht x 30"w)> (St. Louis Hosta Society NR) This sport of <i>H. 'Banana Split'</i> features super shiny green foliage that arches upward to form a large semi-upright clump at maturity. The real surprise comes in midsummer when pink scapes with cherry red pods develop. This was the convention plant given attendees at the St. Louis 2016 AHS Convention.\$10.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Louie Louie <Small (13"ht x 42"w)> (Dean/SLHS 2014) This attractive hosta has spear-shaped green foliage edged in white with a deeply wavy edge and moderate corrugation. It forms upright clumps. Burgundy scapes sporting lavender tubular flowers appear in late summer..... \$13.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Munchkin Fire <Mini (7"ht x150"w)> (Goodwin 2009) This vigorous new yellow mini is the perfect size for troughs and fairy gardens. The short narrow, upright leaves spring from the ground like a fountain and retain their bright yellow color all season. Pale purple flowers appear in mid-summer. \$13.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Niagara Falls <Large (26"ht x 52"w)> (Petryszyn/Brincka 1991) Heart-shaped leaves on upright stiff petioles cascade to the ground reminding one of a waterfall. The dark spinach-green leaves have deeply impressed veins and a pie-crust edge which intensifies with age. Pale lavender flowers appear in mid-summer. A specimen plant, very distinct. \$11.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>School Mouse <Mini (8"ht x 12"w)> (Walters Gardens NR) This is a new introduction in the "mouse ears" series of sports. This attractive sport of <i>H. 'Church Mouse'</i> has thick coarsely wavy and twisted leaves that have blue-green to green centers and creamy yellow margins that hold their color throughout the season. Pale purple flowers in early summer. Perfect for a container or a special spot in a mini collection. \$12.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Stir It Up <Medium (15"ht x 30"w)> (Sheer NR) This hosta has narrow deep green foliage that is glossy on top and powdery white below. The upright habit and waviness of the leaf helps to show off the white underside. Dark purple-red petioles hold the foliage in dense, upright clumps. Lavender flowers on purple-red scapes in summer. \$12.00</p>	_____	_____
<p>Tickle Me Pink <Small (9"ht x 24"w)> (Stegeman/Hank 2006) A cross of <i>H. 'One Man's Treasure'</i> and <i>H. 'Squash Casserole'</i> produced this hosta which emerges in spring with bright yellow leaves with red tips on red petioles. The red brushes across the shiny leaf back. By fall the leaves have turned to yellowish-green. Unique reddish-purple flowers appear in late summer on dark scapes. \$12.00</p>	_____	_____

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Member Plant Sale Hostas



H. 'Atlantis'



H. 'Dry Ice'



H. 'Dawn's Early Light'



H. 'Louie Louie'



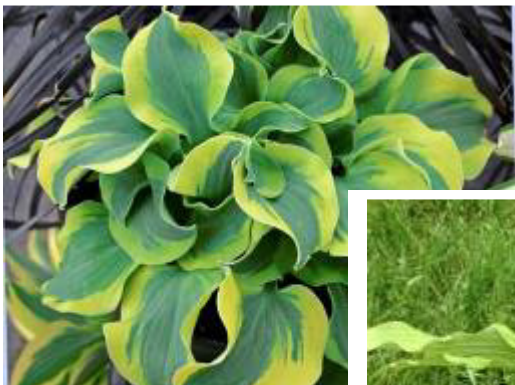
H. 'Munchkin Fire'



H. 'Gateway Arch'



H. 'Niagara Falls'



H. 'School Mouse'



H. 'Stir It Up'



H. 'Tickle Me Pink'

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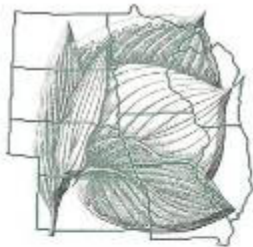
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Dues: \$7 per year, \$18 for three years
Family or Individual

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.

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
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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/>