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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Diana Plahn, President

It looks like spring might be on its way at last. Judging from the number of gardening catalogs we have gotten, and the fact that our crocus and daffodils are up or coming up it would seem that we're getting there.

I want to thank everyone who came out last month and made our potluck dinner a success. Sharon and Mike provided the meat, which was very tasty, and our members provided the rest of the spread. Everyone there had plenty of food. I know my sweet tooth was thoroughly satisfied.

As most of you know, we are a "sanctioned" plant society for the Missouri Botanical Garden. This means we pay \$150.00 yearly and can have up to six meetings a year at the Garden, if we can fit their schedule. However,

there is a lot of competition for those bookings and space. That's the reason our plant sale is earlier than normal this year. It was the only time available. So we took it. Since we have a convention this year and the tour gardens won't be able to divide plants for the sale, the Society is really counting on every member who's not on tour to think of the plant sale. Please remember us, and divide your hostas and pot them up for the sale. Don't lose those nametags either. People want to know what they're buying at the sale.

Please remember to check your newsletter for dates and locations where meetings are to be held. Unfortunately, Creve Coeur Community Center had a little snafu. We turned our dates in to the person responsible along with a check for the entire year. We were given a verbal ok on dates. While waiting for a letter with written approval, the person responsible left on maternity leave without forwarding our information and check to her supervisor. We found out on 2/19 that we could not meet in April and May at Creve Coeur. Due to a good relationship with the Botanical Garden we were able to book those meetings there. And we will even save money by not using Creve Coeur's room. Our two meetings at the Garden count, along with the plant sale, as one of the benefits of being a Sanctioned Plant Society with them.

Our next meeting is on 3/20 at the Creve Coeur Community Center. Our speaker is Jack Lane, a Master Gardener since 2001. His topic for the day is "Forest Park from a Gardener's Perspective". It should be interesting and informative. Please come and join all of us as we listen to Jack.

Diana



Jack Lane - photo from Missouri Botanical Garden web site

March 20, 1:00 PM

Jack Lane, Master Gardener

'Forest Park from a Gardener's Perspective'

St. Louisans consider Forest Park one of the region's greatest treasures. The park, which opened in 1876, has hosted several significant events, including the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904 (commonly referred to as the 1904 World's Fair) and the 1904 Summer Olympics. It is home to a variety of attractions, including the St. Louis Zoo, the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, the Jewel Box, and the St. Louis Science Center.

In addition to these cultural attractions, the park's 1300 acres include meadows and trees, and a variety of ponds, manmade lakes, and freshwater streams. For a number of years, a private nonprofit organization, Forest Park Forever, has been instrumental in restoring the prairie and wetlands areas of the park. It has reduced flooding and attracted a much greater variety of birds and wildlife, which have settled in the new natural habitats.

Jack Lane, a Master Gardener and long-time volunteer with the Missouri Botanical Garden, the St. Louis County Extension Board and St. Louis County Parks, looks at this jewel with his gardener's eye. His program covers the history of Forest Park from the region's shaping by glaciers to the present landscape renovation efforts on Government Hill and Pagoda Circle.

Through its history, Forest Park has experienced dramatic changes. Sit back and let Jack Lane recount the past, the present and the exciting future of a greenspace we all love.

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**

If you paid at or since the February meeting, disregard this notice.

Convention News – Special Member Registration Fee

The cost for St. Louis Hosta Society members to attend the 2016 AHS convention is \$100. For this discounted amount, a member may attend the Thursday evening Meet & Greet party, Thursday plant auction, Thursday and Friday afternoon seminars, Friday and Saturday garden tours, Friday and Saturday banquets, the Leaf Show, Vendors, the hospitality room, and the silent auction and raffle.

Excluded from the discounted member fee are the convention plant, a seat on the tour bus and the breakfasts at the hotel.

A registration form must be filled out and sent to Jolly Ann Whitener the convention registrar. The form can be found on our website, www.stlouishosta.org, or for your convenience is included within the newsletter for postal recipients or as an attachment for email recipients.

Convention News – Volunteer opportunities abound!

This is your chance to take an active part in this exciting party - meet some really cool people, see behind the scenes activity, get the first look at auction plants, and view the latest hostas offered for sale. Volunteer a few hours of your time. Listed below are some areas in need of your help.

Registration: Help needed manning the registration table at the hotel. Greet arriving attendees, give them their packet and convention plant and answer questions. Contact Jolly Ann Whitener for days and times help is needed. (jawhit6@centurytel.net or 636-240-5068)

Vendors: Vendors need help unloading/loading their merchandise and setting up sales tables. Contact Ted Piekutowski for days and times. (circustaz2@sbcglobal.net or 314-952-1317)

Hospitality: A person to coordinate food donations is needed. Members are needed to staff the hospitality room making sure snacks and drinks are available. This is a great time to meet fellow hosta lovers from areas outside the St. Louis region. Contact Diana Plahn for times. (dplahn@me.com or 314-968-2737)

Auction: An AHS representative oversees the AHS Auction. However, volunteers are needed to move auction plants from a holding area to the auction platform and to distributed the plants to their successful bidders. Contact Bruce Buehrig for times. (Buehrig31@aol.com or 314/421-1173)

Silent Auction/Raffle: Help needed setting up the silent auction and selling tickets to the raffle. Just an hour of your time would be appreciated. Contact Janelle Criscione. (lambypie@gmail.com OR 314-324-4380)

Leaf Show: Plant sitters needed. Be present in the leaf show room in case a bottle is toppled or someone has a question. Phyllis and Jim Weidman have filled many of their time slots but more help might be needed. Contact Phyllis. (pow1031@gmail.com OR 63122-3644)

Convention News – Silent Auction/Raffle items needed

Janelle Criscione has collected from our convention advertisers a number of items for both the silent auction and the raffle that will run during the convention. At the February meeting Ted brought a miniature plant aquarium that he had made. Several decorative bird houses are also headed to the auction table. Be creative or just pick up an interesting garden related item that you might bid on if you had the chance. Contact Janelle about pickup/delivery.



American Hosta Association National Convention

'Gateway to the Gardens'

St. Louis – June 15-18, 2016

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St. Louis Hosta Society Club Plants Deadline Extended to March 20

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. You can find pictures of these hostas 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. Make your check out to St. Louis Hosta Society. Then bring the form with your money to the March meeting.

As some plants are in limited quantity you might want to mail the form with your check to our plant sale chairman Ted Piekutowski. Deadline is the March 20th meeting.

Ted Piekutowski
1269 Brenthaven Land
Florissant, MO 63031

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS!

At the March meeting a member requested that a list be created for member use giving member name, address, phone number and email address. Many societies provide such a roster to their members. It is especially needed this year with so many convention activities requiring phone or email communication.

After discussion, members present voted that the newsletter editor would create and disseminate such a list. **Members can elect not to have any or all of their information printed in this list.** The roster will be sent with your April newsletter.

If you do **NOT** want some piece of your information to appear in this list, you **MUST** notify Joan Poos **before March 27th**. Email, call or write a note. Specify if you do not want your name to be listed at all or if you only want to suppress some piece of information such as phone or email address.

Contact:

Joan Poos
9904 Crestwood Dr, Crestwood MO 63126
314-821-1622 or david.poos@att.net

February Potluck

Sharon and Mike Schmitt, do you hear all the clapping?

Once again the Schmitt's have started off the garden season with a feast. Their personally prepared dishes of roast beef and chicken, each in its own special sauce, were complimented by delicious salads, relishes and desserts brought by members.

If you couldn't find a salad to your liking, you weren't really trying. There were many different lettuce and spinach concoctions from which to choose. What's meat without potatoes? Choose between cold potato salad (like my mother made) or hot scalloped potatoes. Add a spoonful of baked beans, cucumbers and onions or a pea salad.

For a bit of color include a scoop of the orange pineapple jello salad with whipped cream topping or the heavenly ambrosia salad. On the unusual side, at least to me, was a dish of spaghetti squash with olives, tomatoes and feta cheese. Absolutely delicious!

Let's not forget the dessert table. What flavor of cookie would you like? Red velvet? Chocolate chip? Lemon stamped with German designs? How about cake, cobbler or cupcakes? I think everyone waddled home.

Members arrived early and stayed late to say goodbye to winter and welcome the soon to arrive spring.



February Potluck



Arlie and Nancy Tempel chat with Rick and Joan Clarkson and Karen Frimel before lunch was served.



Treasure Kim Piekutowski takes time to collect dues. Are you paid up?



Karen Frey, Barb Moreland, Andrea Michalak and Frieda Wiese get to know new members Anne and David Birenbaum before the lunch bell rang.



Lunch at last! Mary Jones, Mindy Keyser, Craig Plahn, Ted Peikutowski, Sharon Schmitt and Bruce Buehrig fill their plates.



Jolly Ann Whitener, Arlie Tempel, Karen Frimel, Pam and Chester Wolkowitz and Cindy Michniok feast on the wide selection of meats, salads and desserts.



Andrea Michalak volunteers to help Phyllis Weidman with the Convention Leaf Show.

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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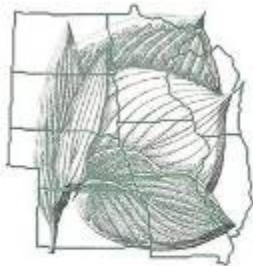
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Family or Individual

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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/>