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President Diana Plahn

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Hostaholics. I hope you all enjoyed vendors day and picked up your club plants from Ted. Thanks to Ted for doing such a difficult job well.

Next month our meeting is at 1pm at the Missouri Botanical Garden, in the Beaumont Room. There will be seating available. Please come and help us nail down the final details for the National Meeting which we are hosting

We need everyone's help to make this convention a success. There will also be a surprise announcement at the meeting, so please join us there.

Enjoy your new club plants!

Diana

May 15 Meeting, 1:00 PM

Due to a scheduling conflict at the Creve Coeur Government Center, the May 15 meeting will again be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden in the Beaumont Room. The topic of the meeting is the 2016 AHS Convention being hosted by our Society. Status reports and important information will be presented to you. This is an opportunity to learn how you can add to the success of this fun event.

The different committee chairs will describe their activities and any need they might still have for volunteers. We all need to pull together to make this a success. Volunteer just an hour or two of your time. Meet some great hosta loving people, maybe even the hybridizer of your favorite cultivar.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15 <u>NOTE Location Change</u>	Meeting 1:00 PM, Beaumont Room Missouri Botanical Garden
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 'The Gourd Sisters' 1:00 PM, Creve Coeur Government Center
November TBA	Board Meeting TBA
December 4	Holiday Party TBA

Convention Registration Deadline Soon!

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

May 21, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Sugar Creek Gardens Nursery
1011 N. Woodlawn, Kirkwood MO 63122
Cross Pollinators Party, A Gathering of Like-minded Individuals

Members of plant societies and garden clubs of the St. Louis area and gardeners considering joining these organization are invited to a Cross Pollinators Party. Sugar Creek Gardens thought it would be fun, interesting, and educational to get members from the many different plant societies and garden clubs together. The nursery will be offering free wine, punch, snacks and 10% off total purchases during the party.

The St. Louis Hosta Society will have a table set up distributing information about our society and answering gardening questions. Diana Plahn will be representing our society. Come join the party. Learn about other gardening opportunities and sip a bit of that wine.

May 21, 11:00 AM
Frisella Nursery Event
550 Highway F, Defiance MO 63341

I recently received an email from Jean Truglia of Frisella Nursery mentioning that one of our members will be speaking at their May 21st gardening event. Jean wrote: "Many of us have to deal with the challenge of what to do with that shady part of the garden or yard. Join us and St. Louis Hosta Society member Bruce Buehrig for an enlightening conversation on how to handle those shady areas. We'll be focusing on plant selection for shady areas including everything from the many varieties of Hosta, to Astilbe, Heuchera, Brunnera, Ferns and more."

For more information contact Jean Truglia, Retail Sales & Events for Frisella (636-798-2555 x 151)

May 21, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Mary Mother of the Church Garden Tour
5901 Kerth Rd, St. Louis MO 63128

SLHS member Nancy Lewis is the chairwoman of the 2016 Mary Mother Garden Tour. This event starts with a Continental breakfast served at the Church. While breakfasting, enjoy talks by three different speakers, one of whom is our own Pam Wolkowitz. Take a chance on many raffle items.

After breakfast, tour five local gardens two of which are lovingly tended by members Terry and Steve Metzler and Dave and Joan Poos. All five gardens are beautiful. I believe hostas are at their finest in May. Tickets for this event are \$15.

For more information, contact Nancy Lewis at 314-895-8522 or nalewis44@aol.com

Volunteers' Pre-convention Garden Tour **May 28, 9:00 AM – 5:45 PM**

Pam Wolkowitz and Martha Lafata, tour garden co-chairpersons, have planned a pre-convention visit to the member gardens that will be featured during the June 2016 AHS National Convention. This event will be open only to the tour garden owners and anyone volunteering at the Convention.

The chart below lists the times when each garden will be open. Since the owners are also going on the tour, the gardens will only be open at the designated times.

Wolkowitz	9255 Byrnesville Rd., Cedar Hill, MO 63016	9:00 – 9:30
Metzler	5511 Weiland, St. Louis MO 63128	10:10 – 10:35
Poos	9904 Crestwood Dr., Crestwood MO 63126	10:55 – 11:30
Lafata	433 Edgar, Webster Groves MO 63119	12:00 – 12:30
Criscione	624 Locksley Pl., Webster Groves MO 63119	12:35 – 12:55
Plahn	1911 Westview Ave, Kirkwood MO 63122	1:15 – 1:45
Weidman	508 Point Essex Ct., Kirkwood MO 63122	2:00 – 2:30
Frimel	19 Dunleith, St. Louis MO 63124	2:45 – 3:15
Honaker	1632 Westhyre Dr., Lake St. Louis MO 63367	4:00 – 4:30
Buehrig	31 Bellerive Acres, St. Louis MO 63121	5:15 – 5:45

Convention Tour Garden signs available for pick-up at the May 15 meeting

At our May 15th meeting at the Missouri Botanical Garden, pre-convention tour garden hosts as well as the regular tour garden hosts may pick up their Tour Garden signs. Please think about how many signs you will need to place along the route to your home so attendees can easily find your garden.

You will need to bring them back to the banquet on Saturday night at the hotel so that representatives from Indianapolis can take the signs home with them for use during their 2017 convention. Further information will be forthcoming as to where you are to leave them at the hotel.

Vendor Day - April



Martha Lafata purchases plants from Denny Ricketts of Avalon Acres. Denny always brings a nice assortment of sizes and colors.



Ron Vitoux and son Brett answer inquiries from member Debbie Reisinger. Ron also brought heuchera and clematis.



Gregg Wesche of Overland Hardware brought lots of garden necessities – everything from pruners and gloves to fertilizers and weed killers.



Mary Lou Farrow and Carol Lammi check out the leaf castings and other decorative art objects made by DyAnn Reynolds.



Ted Peikutowski has a new hobby! Ted carves lava rock into different size and shape planters and decorative faces that can add whimsy to your garden.



Customers appear to be wondering where to start. Because of the early spring, shoppers were in the mood to start filling the empty spots in their gardens.

Plant Sale at the Missouri Botanical Garden April



First comes the digging! These members helped Joyce Fry take divisions from her collection of hostas for our sale. The crew consisted of Jim Weidman, Pam Wolkowitz, Marian Murphy, Joyce Fry, Phyllis Weidman and Dave Poos. A crew also helped JoAnn Rawson who donated divisions from her many companion plants.



Then came the pricing! During Friday night's setup, members, using the price per eye listed in *The Hosta Finder* as a guideline, assigned costs per plant. Kim Piekutowski, Jim Weidman, Barb Moreland, Phyllis Weidman, Marian Murphy and Pam Wolkowitz make sure all plants have the correct names.



Marian Murphy places price stickers on pots that have been identified and priced by Phyllis Weidman and Pam Wolkowitz.



All set up and ready to open the doors!
Photo by Jim Weidman



Kim Piekutowski and Phyllis Weidman man the checkout table.



The end result –
Happy Customers!





American Hosta Association National Convention

'Gateway to the Gardens'

St. Louis – June 15-18, 2016

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to each and every one of you who contributed their time digging, dividing, potting, transporting, pricing, setting up, and finally sharing your expertise with customers interested in our favorite plant, the hosta. We were afraid that with the convention right around the corner we would not have enough plants for a sale. But you all came through!

Thanks to Phyllis Weidman and all of you for a hugely successful sale!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Alene Miller and Hewie Powell of St. Louis, MO

We hope that you take part in some of the AHS convention activities and join us at the Member Auction in July. This is the perfect time for us to get to know you.

In Memoria

We are deeply saddened by the death of Jim Rawson the husband of fellow Society member JoAnn Rawson. After a hard fought battle with cancer, Jim passed away on April 11, 2016 and was buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

On behalf of the Society, we extend our deepest sympathy to JoAnn and her family.

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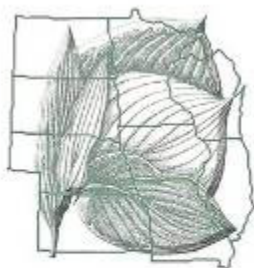
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Dues: \$7 per year, \$18 for three years
Family or Individual

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



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.
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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:

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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/>