

Made in the Shade

The Newsletter of the West Michigan Hosta Society
Spring 2019

Mark your calendar

If your membership expires this year pay your dues to Kay Anderson.
Watch for new locations and times!

February 21, (Thursday) - West Michigan Hosta Society Spring Membership Meeting

Our Spring meeting will be held at Frederick Meijer Gardens at **6:00 P.M.** The membership will need to approve the proposed budget for 2019. We will be holding an Election of Officers. If anyone is interested in the Vice-President position we would like to fill this position. Please contact Don Rawson if you are interested. Kay Anderson will give a presentation on New Zealand gardens. A dessert bar is planned. We are asking all hosta friends that are coming to bring a dessert to share if your last name starts with N-Z. Drinks will be provided. Thanks for your help! Directions to Meijer Gardens will be sent with a reminder in early February.

March 15-16, (Friday and Saturday) - Hosta College in Piqua, OH.

May 11, (Saturday) - West Michigan Hosta Society workday at local gardens

Our work day will involve preparing the tour gardens for the 2021 National Convention.

May 23. (Thursday) - The 19th Annual Potluck and Hosta Auction

The Potluck starts at 6 p.m. at the Allendale Town Hall. Bring your own tableware, drinks, and a dish to pass. The Auction starts promptly at 7 p.m. Please bring in hosta divisions and companion plants from your garden to share! Clear labeling and descriptions are extremely helpful to our auctioneers. Newer hosta varieties from Phil Lisik will surely entice us to expand our collections. The Allendale Town Hall is located at 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, one block east of 68th Avenue. Parking is in the back of the building. Call Kay Anderson 616-796-8510 with questions.

May 25, (9-noon) - Michigan Hosta Society Hillside Spring Clean-up at Tipton

Bring your own sack lunch and drinks.

June 12-15, - American Hosta Society National Convention - Green Bay WI

The AHS convention will be held in Green Bay WI. See the information on the AHS website or in *The Hosta Journal*.

June 21-23, - Hosta GLR Tailgate Tour at Bay Village (Cleveland area)– Hosted by North Coast Hosta Society.

June 22, (Saturday) - Michigan Cut Leaf Show/Plant Sale in Lansing Michigan

June 29, (Saturday) - Michigan Hosta Society Garden Walk - Saturday, in Saginaw MI

July 20-21, (Saturday and Sunday) - WMHS Hosta Leaf Show at Frederick Meijer Gardens

August 15, (Thursday) - West Michigan Hosta Society Membership Meeting Our meeting will be held at Kent/MSU Extension "Grand Ideas Garden", 775 Ball Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

August 18, (9-12 noon) - MHS Auction and workday at Hidden Lake Gardens

October 18, (Friday 6 -8 pm) - Fall Harvest Potluck - Forest Hills Aquatic Center

If you would like to receive club communications including the Spring Newsletter
Please notify Julie Deppe at jrdeppe@gmail.com or 616-916-5405 of any address errors.

THE WEST MICHIGAN HOSTA SOCIETY IN ACTION - 2018

Our February 2018 Membership Meeting was held on Feb.15 and featured speaker was Don Rawson. The budget was approved for 2018.

The Annual Potluck and Auction May 24 was very well attended. Members rapidly purchased the special plant offerings which were obtained from K-Gardens and those donated by our club members. Thank you everyone for your bids along with generous and varied plant donations. This was another successful auction!

The West Michigan Annual 2018 Garden Tour was combined with the MHS tour and featured our own West Michigan hosta gardens. Six gardens were open for the tour : Noah and Bonnie Schwartz, Don and Pam Rawson, Mike and Kay Maitner, Dean and Julie Deppe, Ginny Pearce, and Bob and Brenda Sinke.

The GLR Tailgate Tour 2018 was held in Columbus Ohio area. The tailgate featured many hosta gardens, an auction and great fellowship.

The WMHS has become well-known for its members' success at the Michigan Hosta Society's Cut-Leaf Show in Lansing on June 16. Members were encouraged to bring their best leaves to the show. Our own club members did very well.

The WMHS held a garden tour of Spring Meadow Nursery hosted by Dale Deppe on August 16. We saw many beautiful shrubs and trees including new hydrangea introductions.

The Fall Harvest Potluck was held at Blandford Nature Center on October 16. We enjoyed a great evening together - good food, games, and door prizes.

The American Hosta Society 2017 Popularity Poll

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| 1. H. 'June' | 11. H. 'Guardian Angel' |
| 2. H. 'Sagae' | 12. H. 'Halcyon' |
| 3. H. 'Liberty' | 13. H. 'Empress Wu' |
| 4. H. 'Victory' | 14. H. 'Niagara Falls' |
| 5. H. 'Blue Angel' | 15. H. 'Brother Stefan' |
| 6. H. 'Sum and Substance' | 16. H. 'Rainbows End' |
| 7. H. 'Paradigm' | 17. H. 'Great Expectations' |
| 8. H. 'First Frost' | 18. H. 'Krossa Regal' |
| 9. H. 'Lakeside Paisley Print' | 19. H. 'Old Glory' |
| 10. H. <i>montana</i> 'Aureomarginata' | 20. H. 'Earth Angel' |

2017 AHS Mini Hosta Popularity Poll

1. H. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
2. H. 'Pandora's Box'
3. H. 'Frosted Mouse Ears'
4. H. 'Cameo'
5. H. 'Cracker Crumbs'

The West Michigan Hosta Society 2019 Board

Don Rawson - President
Julie Deppe - Secretary
Kay Anderson - Treasurer
Ginny Pearce - Member at Large

New election of officers to be voted on at the February meeting. Please inform Don Rawson of your willingness to serve. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Additional publications and information can be obtained through memberships in the Michigan and American Hosta Societies:

Michigan Hosta Society
Individual dues are \$15
for 2 years

American Hosta Society
Individual dues are \$30 per year
Family Mem.dues are \$34 per year

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West Michigan Hosta Society Scholarships Now Available!

At our Fall Harvest Potluck we will be awarding two \$50 scholarships to be used at Hosta College in Piqua, OH in 2020. You must be present and a member of the WMHS to be eligible for this drawing.

More Hostaphile Dates for 2019 and beyond!

AHS National Convention	Green Bay WI	2019
AHS National Convention	Minneapolis MN	2020
AHS National Convention	Kalamazoo MI	2021

Details available from the American Hosta Society. The website address for the American Hosta Society is www.americanhostasociety.org

Hosta College Piqua, Ohio March 15 & 16, 2019

Information is provided by the Great Lakes Region of the American Hosta Society through Michigan Hosta Society membership. See MHS membership information included in this newsletter.

7th Annual Hosta Tailgating Cleveland, OH June 21-23, 2019

All members are invited to share their gardening experiences, concerns, and questions. Bring plants to swap or sell. Details will be available to all Michigan Hosta Society members in the Hosta Happenings. No fees for this event.

**Michigan Hosta Society's Hosta Show and Plant Sale in Lansing
June 22, 2019**

Michigan Hosta Society's Garden Walk in Saginaw June 29, 2019

2019 is our twenty-third year and we are still growing better. Please read the newsletter carefully. If you have any new ideas for activities let your board members know. A big thank you to all who contribute to make our society successful. **Happy Gardening from your WMHS board.**

Hosta 'World Cup'

Voted the 2018 Hosta of the Year by the American Hosta Growers Association

Hosta 'Lakeside Paisley Print'

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