

# Made in the Shade

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The Newsletter of the West Michigan Hosta Society  
Spring 2020

Mark your calendar

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

**February 20 (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 2020. Don Rawson will present a PowerPoint with practical hosta gardening information. 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 A-M. Drinks will be provided. Thanks for your help!  
Directions to Meijer Gardens will be sent with a reminder in early February.

**March 20, 21 (Friday and Saturday) - Hosta College in Piqua, OH**

**May 9 (Saturday) - West Michigan Hosta Society workday at local gardens**

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

**May 16 (Saturday 9-12 noon) - Michigan Hosta Society Hillside Spring Clean-up at Tipton**

Bring your own sack lunch and drinks.

**May 20 (Wednesday) - The 20th 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 Ginny Pearce (Garden Path Perennials) 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.

**June 10-13 - American Hosta Society National Convention - Minneapolis, MN**

The AHS convention will be held in Minneapolis MN. See the information on the AHS website or in *The Hosta Journal*.

**June 27 (Saturday) - Michigan Hosta Show/Plant Sale in Lansing Michigan**

**July 18, 19 (Saturday and Sunday) - WMHS Hosta Show at Frederick Meijer Gardens**

**August 16 (Sunday 9-12 noon) - MHS Auction and workday at Hidden Lake Gardens**

**August 20 (Thursday) - WMHS Tour of Mast Young Plants**

**October 16 (Friday 6 -8 pm) - WMHS Fall Harvest Potluck - Forest Hills Aquatic Center**

**Note: No Hosta Tailgate and no MHS Garden Walk have been scheduled for 2020.**

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

# THE WEST MICHIGAN HOSTA SOCIETY IN ACTION - 2019

Our February 2019 Membership Meeting was held on Feb.21 and featured speaker was Kay Anderson. The budget was approved for 2019 and new officers were elected.

The Annual Potluck and Auction May 23 was very well attended. Members rapidly purchased the special plant offerings which were obtained from Lisik 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 Michigan Hosta Society Garden Walk was held on Saturday June 29 in Saginaw MI.

The GLR Tailgate Tour **2019** was held at Bay Village Cleveland 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 Hosta Show in Lansing on June 22. 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 Kent/MSU Extension "Grand Ideas Garden" on August 15, led by Noah Schwartz.

The Fall Harvest Potluck was held at Forest Hills Aquatic Center on October 18. We enjoyed a great evening together - good food, games, and door prizes.

## The American Hosta Society 2018 Popularity Poll

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| 1. 'June'                   | 11. 'Wheee!'                        |
| 2. 'Sagae'                  | 12. 'Guardian Angel'                |
| 3. 'Sum and Substance'      | 13. 'Niagara Falls'                 |
| 4. 'Paradigm'               | 14. <i>montana</i> 'Aureomarginata' |
| 5. 'Lakeside Paisley Print' | 15. 'Winter Snow'                   |
| 6. 'Liberty'                |                                     |
| 7. 'Victory'                |                                     |
| 8. 'Halcyon'                |                                     |
| 9. 'Journey's End'          |                                     |
| 10. 'Goodness Gracious'     |                                     |

## 2018 AHS Mini Hosta Popularity Poll

1. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
2. 'Pandora's Box'
3. 'Mini skirt'
4. 'Frosted Mouse Ears'
5. 'Church Mouse'

## The West Michigan Hosta Society 2020 Board

Don Rawson - President  
Noah Schwartz - Vice President  
Julie Deppe - Secretary  
Kay Anderson - Treasurer  
Ginny Pearce - Member at Large  
Dean Deppe - Member at Large

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

Michigan Hosta Society	American Hosta Society
Individual dues are \$15 for 2 years	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 2021. You must be present and a member of the WMHS to be eligible for this drawing.

### More Hostaphile Dates for 2020 and beyond!

<b>AHS National Convention</b>	<b>Minneapolis MN</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>AHS National Convention</b>	<b>Kalamazoo MI</b>	<b>2021</b>

Details available from the American Hosta Society. The website address for the American Hosta Society is [www.americanhostasociety.org](http://www.americanhostasociety.org)

**Hosta College**                      **Piqua, Ohio**                      **March 20 & 21, 2020**

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.

### Michigan Hosta Society's Hosta Show and Plant Sale in Lansing June 27, 2020

2020 is our twenty-fourth 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 'Lakeside Paisley Print'**

Voted the 2019 Hosta of the Year by the American Hosta Growers Association

## **Hosta 'Dancing Queen'**

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