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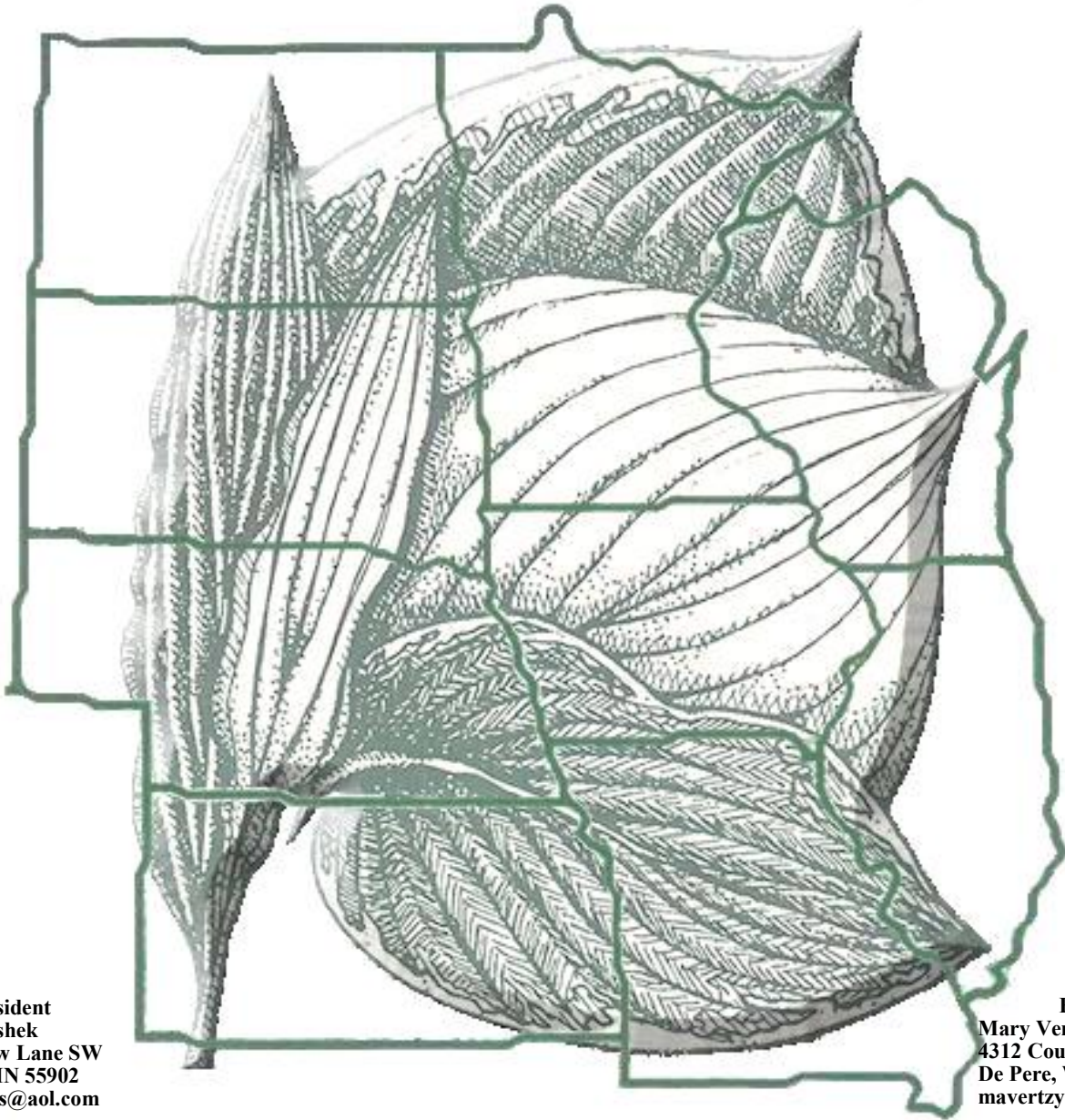
# HOSTA LEAVES

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WINTER CONFERENCE

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## President's Message

Good road conditions in late January made for easy driving to Naperville for attendees of the 2017 Winter Conference. The strong line-up of speakers/break-out sessions provided much-needed inspiration to carry me through the past couple of months, but time spent with friends is always the most enjoyable part. There were noticeably fewer in attendance this year, however – a trend that isn't new or surprising. In an effort to stir up more excitement, the Board is looking into hosting a different kind of gathering that would take place in the fall (a twist on Winter Conference that would offer a couple of speakers at a central location for ease of commute, perhaps at a botanical garden or public facility...and possibly other activities...TBD, so watch for updates!). What type of event or favorite element of past gatherings would draw you in?? If you have suggestions, we want to hear from you! While we are not planning a 2018 WC, it doesn't mean we won't return to it if interest warrants in the future.

Spring ushers in a new gardening season along with a new season of events. MRHS has held annual conventions hosted by local societies from its inception through last year thanks to Illinois Prairie Hosta Society stepping up in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. This year's convention, initiated by Rob Mortko and Rob Saathoff with the Johnson County Master Gardeners taking over the reins, will carry on the tradition of an annual convention and will feel and look very much like past conventions. I am looking forward to the "Land of Aaahs" with much anticipation and gratitude for this opportunity!! In 2018 we will return to Illinois to visit the Peoria area, thanks to Barry Ankney, Penny Bocelli, and the Northern Illinois Hosta Society. After that, however, another mold-breaking collaboration is in the works. In 2019 MRHS will hold its' annual meeting at the AHS convention in Green Bay since we do not have a host stepping up. This is not the first time a regional society has held their meeting at a national convention (Dixie Regional either foregoes its' convention when the AHS convention is in their region or they hold their meeting at the national convention). We need to look beyond 2019, however, and identify a host for 2020, since combining conventions deprives MRHS members of the shorter format convention many of you prefer. It is time for local societies who have not hosted a convention or who haven't hosted in several years, to show us your gardens, please. A couple of enthusiastic hosta friends and a few volunteers could take the convention challenge as well. There are many people in our midst who can offer support and we have a very thorough convention manual to guide you. We look forward to your invitation to come visit.

Spring is the time of year when many of us seek new treasures for the hosta beds. You can help your gardening friends out by introducing them to MRHS: **FIRST TIME** members receive a \$10 voucher toward a qualifying purchase from a sponsoring Midwest Region nursery/mail or-

der/vendor (see participating sponsors at <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/Vendors/shtml>). Besides this discount, they might discover hosta vendors they hadn't been aware of in our region, along with the other benefits of MRHS membership.

Because *we value our members*, here's an incentive for you: attend this summer's convention and you will automatically receive a one-year extension of your MRHS membership! There's plenty of time to register, but don't delay...late registration fee applies May 1.

In southeast Minnesota (it's the end of March) the snow cover is completely gone, revealing fall's unfinished tasks. Like sap running up the trees, the urge to garden is coursing through my veins, but it's far too early to clean up the garden. It's a good time to make my hotel reservation for Lenexa, though, and place orders for some new hostas before they are all sold out. Ah, Spring - season of hope – hope the hostas I want are still available and hope to see you in Kansas!  
Rooted in the Midwest,

CindyTomashek,  
President



# Overview of the 2017 Winter Conference

Following submitted by Jim King

## *My Love Affair with Gold Hostas*

Presented by Bob Solberg

Yet another amazing talk by Bob Solberg, and as always, very nicely illustrated. He made the case that many of his favorite hostas are gold, especially some minis. Citing genetics he explained that one of the all-green-making chromosomes (my phrasing) in some hostas being absent (Bob's term is *broken*) does not mark it as defective. Hence the earliest noted golds were natural, as opposed to later hybridizations. Now we know some are diploids, some tetraploids. The three early natural golds Bob mentioned are August Moon, Aspen Gold and Piedmont Gold.

Bob continued with a review of some older introductions, chiefly by Paul Aden, for instance: Chartreuse Wriggles, City Lights, Daybreak, Fragrant Gold, Gold Edger, Gold Regal, Golden Waffles, Midas Touch (cupped gold, presumably as grasping hands), Sun Power, Super Bowl and Zounds.



World Cup

Bob rejects as mythical that all gold hostas love the sun. Some like those out of *Sieboldiana* like shade while those out of *Sieboldii* flourish in more sun. Gold hostas “greening up” to some degree in summer heat is due to a backup system kicking in which produces proteins functioning somewhat as does an “unbroken gene.” About variations in backup systems Bob had very interesting but unsummarizable (at least by me) things to report.

Bob tells how all-gold hostas produce green edged or green centered hostas largely through sports in some of which the more vigorous green stabilizes. Thus, for instance, September Sun as an August Moon with a green margin and Mayan Moon with a green center. Sometimes the process goes a step further, as September Sun produced some green streaked Honey Pie which in turn yielded Bob's hosta Honey Bear.

Turning to newer introductions he mentioned two interesting hostas

of his: Love of My Life, a yellow seedling with a green edge and red petioles, and also Little Miss Magic.

And to whet our appetites Bob previewed a few of his to come: new mini so appealingly named, Fairy Dust, one a cross between Smiley Face and Beet Salad, and also Blushing Yellow, speckled with red dots. He added a Bilstein hosta, Pebble Creek.



Love of My Life

For a gardener like me it has been, I admit, a challenge to absorb the science that Bob insists we learn (and I can only hope I haven't let false attributions creep in) but also, and mainly, a real joy to try to keep up with him. As always witty while incisive, Bob provided an exciting and helpful review and preview that makes us too love gold hostas and await the next chapter in the intriguing stories of the hosta world he brings us.

Following submitted by Sue Topp

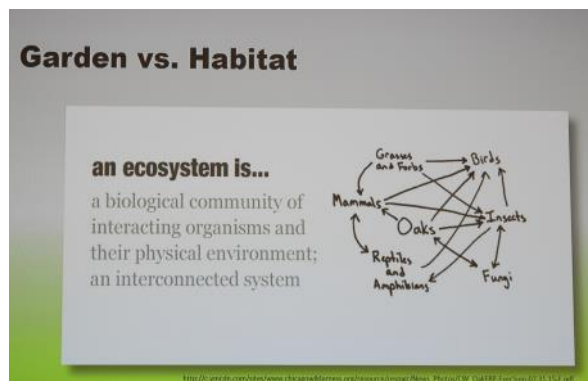
## *Add Natives to Your Shade Garden*

Presented by Trish Beckjord

In her thought-provoking presentation, Trish Beckjord challenged us to expand the purpose of our gardens. Dense urbanization eats up natural areas. By including native plants in our gardens, we can contribute to ecosystems that support a range of life, from insects, caterpillars and butterflies, to the birds that feed on them. Trish likened a pure hosta garden to a food desert.

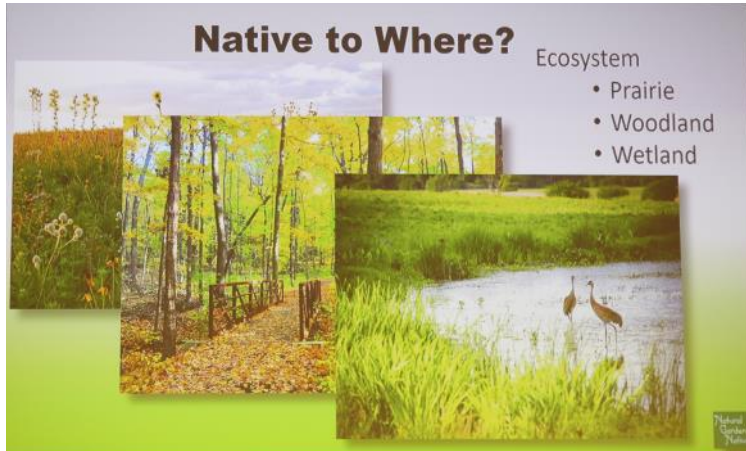
### Garden and Habitat

Trish argues that native plants make good visual companions for hostas by adding color and texture contrast, while also adding food and shelter for wildlife. So what is a native plant? A native was present before European settlement. It occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without human intervention. Natives include all kinds of plants from mosses and ferns to wildflowers, shrubs and trees.



## Selecting Native Plants – Native to Where?

When adding a hosta to the garden, we consider factors such as leaf shape, color, plant size, and whether it's new to our collection. Selecting natives requires a different way of thinking. Consider:



1) **Geographic region.** Select native species that are hardy and will grow in your garden without a lot of soil amendments or

other help. Is the plant native to the Great Lakes region? Even that may be too broad, as the same genus can evolve differently to survive in slightly different climates and soils. Trish recommends looking for genotypes taken from 150-200 miles of the garden site. Another rule of thumb is to look for plants native to the county.

2) **Ecosystem type.** Is the plant native to prairie, woodland or wetland? Plants adapted to these ecosystems have different requirements. Trish showed us woodland plants adapted to the shade that hostas prefer. Many woodland natives bloom in the spring before trees leaf out and hostas unfurl, providing early interest to gardens.

Most woodland plants grow in typical garden soil. They like organic leaf matter to be left in place rather than cleaned up – less work for you! Some spread but none are aggressive. Always acquire natives from legitimate sources. Never dig in the wild.

### Native Plants to Try

**Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*).**

**Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*).** Sprouts bluish stems. Fruit liked by wildlife.

**Early Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum dioicum*).** Tough; no special care. Looks good through fall.

**False Solomon's Seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*).** Lasts all season. Fruits. Provides nice contrast with hostas.

**Jack in the Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*).** Bright red fruit in the fall. Deer don't like.

**Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*).** Does not die back. Good companion planted in masses.

**Large Flowered Bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*).** Holds through fall.

**Large-flowered Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*).**

**Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*).** Slow-spreading colonies. Dies back by August.

**Sharp-lobed Hepatica (*Hepatica acutiloba*).**

**Shooting Star (*Dodecatheon meadia*). Spring ephemeral. Can take more sun. Late spring bloom.**

**Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*). Later spring bloom. Arching stems with blue-black fall fruit eaten by birds.**

**Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*). Food plant for bees, hummingbirds and early butterflies. Blooms early; dies back.**

**Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia Canadensis*). The true native in our region is red and yellow. Attracts hummingbirds.**

**Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*). Spreads by rhizome or seed. Bright pink-purple bloom in spring. Lasts through fall when it provides some red color.**

**Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*). Can be used as a ground cover. Not evergreen.**

**Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*). Creeping ground cover. Try under shrubs rather than mulch.**

**Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*). Mass-plant with hostas for effect. OK to be covered by hostas after they leaf out. Attracts Clearwing Hummingbird moths.**

**Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*). 10-12 feet tall. Standard garden soil in part shade. Yellow leaves and red fruit in fall. Host plant for Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly.**



**Sedge (To tell sedges from grass: "Sedges have edges")**

**Common Oak or Pennsylvania Sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*). Fibrous roots partially die back and add organic matter to soil.**

**Palm Sedge (*Carex muskingumensis*). Texture contrast with hostas. "Oehme" cultivar has some white color.**

**Sprengell's Sedge (*Carex sprengelli*). Taller. Nice accent plant.**

**Tufted Hair Grass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*). Airy seed head.**

### **Contact Trish**

**Trish is seeking good photos of natives in gardens. Contact Trish at 630-553-0687 x 206; [tbeckjord@theconservationfoundation.org](mailto:tbeckjord@theconservationfoundation.org).**

Summary and pictures provided by Glenn

## ***Heuchera, Heucherella, and Tiarella***

Presented at the MRHS Winter Conference  
by Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

***Heuchera, Tiarella, and their intergeneric hybrid Heucherella* are some of the favorite companion plants of hosta growers. And they rightly should be, for they prefer similar environmental conditions to those that hostas prefer. Give them part shade, adequate moisture, and well-drained soil and they will happily contribute to the diversity of your hosta garden.**

***Heuchera* is in the Saxifrage family, which contains other shade garden favorites such as *Astilbe, Bergenia, Mitella* (Bishop's Cap) and *Rodgersia*. It is named after the Austrian physician and botanist Johann Heinrich von Heucher. The approximately 37 species of the genus are native entirely to North America. *Heuchera* are pest and disease resistant, but may need dividing every 3 or 4 years as the woody stems grow above the ground. The shallow roots make them susceptible to winter heaving, so excellent drainage is critical.**



**A slightly sloped border and filtered sun make this an excellent location for *Heuchera***

**There are two general types of *Heuchera*. Crevice dwellers are native primarily to the mountain ranges and plateaus of Western North America. Though their smaller size may make them attractive to plant breeders,**



they are not as successfully grown in the Eastern US. The second group, woodland species, are mainly found in the forests east of the Mississippi River. Hybrids of these species are what we generally find in the nursery trade. The species most used in producing hybrids include the following:

*Heuchera americana* (American Alumroot) is native to most of the Eastern US. It has variable foliage patterns, which makes it attractive to hybridizers interested in creating interesting foliage. The flowers are not showy but the plant will tolerate dryer soil than most woodland species.

*Heuchera cylindrica* (Circular Alumroot) is a crevice dweller native to NW North America. It has showy creamy flowers on long stems. The variety *alpina* has been useful in breeding small plants with showy flowers.

*Heuchera glabra* (Smooth Alumroot) is native from Oregon to Alaska. It has showy white flowers and will tolerate a lot of moisture. It is also one of the few crevice dwellers that will grow well in the Eastern US.

*Heuchera longiflora* (Long-flowered Alumroot) is similar to *H. americana*. It is found on shaded limestone outcroppings in the Eastern US. Alkaline soils are not a problem for this species.

*Heuchera micrantha* (Small-flowered Alumroot) is a Western species that tolerates more moisture than others from that region. 'Palace Purple', the 1991 Perennial Plant Association plant of the year, came from *var. diversifolia* of this species. This cultivar opened the door for the many purple foliaged Heuchera to follow. Besides the purple color, which is not universal within the species, this species has contributed ruffled leaves to the cultivars derived from it.



*Heuchera* 'Palace Purple'

***Heuchera pubescens* (Downy Alumroot)** is considered the most sun-proof woodlander. It boasts the desired qualities of silvering on the leaves and excellent flowers.

***Heuchera richardsonii* (Richardson's Alumroot)** is a very hardy plant found in dry woods and sandy prairies. It has course leaves that tend to resemble annual geraniums.

***Heuchera sanguinea*** is the species most often referred to as Coral Bells. Most of the cultivars with showy pink or red flowers have this species in their lineage. It originates from the high altitudes of Arizona and New Mexico and may have some problems with high temperatures and humidity found in the East. Plant this species and hybrids of it to attract hummingbirds.

***Heuchera villosa* (Hairy Alumroot)** is similar in appearance to the western species *H. micrantha*, but is found in virtually every state east of the Mississippi River. It is widely used in hybridizing and contributes large leaves, but insignificant flowers, to its progeny. Those who want to have instant success with growing *Heuchera* should choose cultivars derived from this species.

***Tiarella* (Foamflower)** is a closely related genus that has either 3 or 5 species, depending on your taxonomic preferences. They tend to have excellent flowers that are primarily white but may have some pink overtones. Grow them in a bit more shade than *Heuchera* and supply them with plenty of moisture.

***Tiarella cordifolia* (Heartleaf Foamflower)** is a stoloniferous plant that creeps and may be used as a small-scale groundcover. The other species most often used in the nursery industry is *T. wherryi* (also known as *T. cordifolia* var. *collina*). Unlike *T. cordifolia* it is a bunch-type grower. It also is less cold hardy, but performs well in the south.

***Tiarella cordifolia*  
(Heartleaf  
Foamflower)**



Cross any of the *Heucheras* with a *Tiarella* and you get the intergeneric species *xHeucherella* (Foamy Bells). This type of cross is highly unusual in the plant world and is not easy to obtain. The leaves have more substance than *Tiarella* but less than *Heuchera*. They are also less sun tolerant than *Heuchera*. Flower production is usually excellent and long lasting, sometimes even into fall. Though this cross is difficult, it has been around for over 100 years, having first been achieved by the Frenchman Emile Lemoine in 1912.

He and his father Victor Lemoine were also some of the first *Heuchera* hybridizers. Their first introduction, a cultivar called 'Brizoides', was introduced in 1897. Other hybridizers were quick to follow. Charles and Alan Bloom of England introduced many varieties in the early to mid 1900's. Their introduction, 'Bloom's Variety', received an award of merit from the Royal Horticultural Society in 1930. 'Bressingham Hybrids', a seed strain still available today, was introduced in the 1950's. Alan Bloom is sometimes called "the Godfather of *Heucheras*." Other hybridizers who have made a name for themselves with *Heuchera* are Allen Bush, who was instrumental in improving 'Palace Purple', Thierry Delabroye, a Frenchman who is still active today, and Darwin Plants and Herbert Oudshoorn of the Netherlands. Charles and Martha Oliver of the Primrose Path in Pennsylvania have released many *Heuchera* and *xHeucherella* hybrids.



*Heuchera* 'Caramel', a Delabroye introduction.



*Heuchera*  
'Venus', from  
Darwin Plants

The name that is synonymous with this species today though, is Dan Heims of Terra Nova Nursery in Oregon. His first introductions were in 1998 and since then has been credited with many "firsts" - the first ruffled dark leaved *Heuchera* ('Chocolate Ruffles'), the first amber foliated *Heuchera* ('Amber Waves'), the first "black" foliated *Heuchera* ('Obsidian'), the first red foliated *Heuchera* ('Fire Chief'), the first "always purple" foliated *Heuchera* ('Forever Purple'), and the first *Heuchera* to bloom from spring through fall ('Paris'). His "villosa series" of *Heuchera* are extremely reliable and hardy.



*Heuchera* 'Amber  
Waves'



***Heuchera* 'Forever Purple'**

To cover the many cultivars of *Heuchera*, *xHeucherella*, and *Tiarella* that are now on the market would take volumes. Like hostas, some are easier to grow than others. Here are some of the favorites of my wife, Terry, and I:



***Heuchera* 'Lime Marmalade' - best light green selection**



***Heuchera* 'Rave On'** - continuous pink flowers; small size; silvery leaves with purplish veins. Favorite of both Terry and Glenn



***Heuchera* 'Sterling Silver'** - great silver foliage in spring; not as impressive in late summer.



***Heuchera* 'Brass Lantern' - great flowers; good performer all summer.**



***Heuchera* 'Solar Eclipse' - favorite of both Terry and Glenn; bright yellow foliage with purple veins.**



***Tiarella* 'Spring Symphony' - Terry's favorite *Tiarella*. Best flowering variety in our garden.**



***Tiarella* 'Fingerpaint' - Glenn's favorite. Excellent foliage and long bloom.**

**Try some in your hosta garden. You, too, may become a Heuchera-holic!**



Following submitted by Jim King

## *Minor Bulbs for the Shade Garden*

Presented by Jill H. Selinger

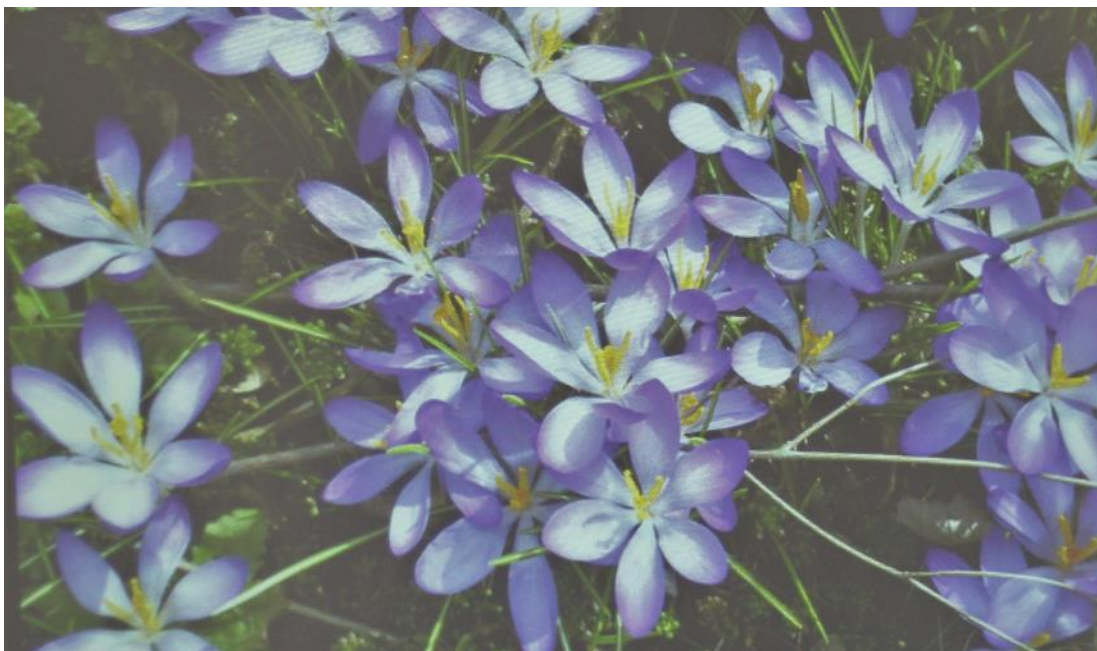
Jill H. Selinger is Manager, Adult Education and Instructor at the Regenstein Schhol of the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois. Her presentation was entitled “The Magic of Minor Bulbs,” and covered rather a wide range of flowering bulbs, Spring and Fall. How rich was the information she imparted is reflected in this mere listing of the twenty she choose to discuss. These are: Allium, Anemone, Cas\massia, Chionodoxa, Colchium, Crocus—autumn, Crocus—spring, Eranthis, Eremurus, Fritillaria, Galanthus, Hyacinths, Iris, Lilium—Martagon types, Leucojum, Muscari, Narcissus, Puschkinia, Scilla, Tulips. Jill is a fan of each and every—she defended Scilla, though some think it to be innvasive, as not so hard to control.

In describing the virtues of each she went over varieties, planting advice (particularly drainage), culture and optimal use in the garden. She even talked about using bulbs in containers and listed ten that she has found do well in outdoor containers and half a dozen for indoor containers.

Extraordinarily helpful was Jill’s drawing on her years of experience with bulbs to detail planting bulbs in combinations—an utterly astonishing display of horticultural possibilities. She also provided a dozen recommended combinations of bulbs with perennials.

The “Magic” in Jill’s title is how she succeeded in covering so much material in a single fascinating session!

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Following submitted by John Petit

## *Hybridizer's Forum*

Presented by Bob Solberg, dubbed "Fantasy Hosta"

Bob set the stage for the forum by telling the audience that they were going to create their fantasy hosta. He proceeded to read the plant characteristics that are requested from the International Registration of Hosta Cultivars form. Some of these characteristics were size, growth rate, leaf color, leaf shape, margin appearance, flower color, scape color, and fragrance.

Bob gave everyone in the audience the opportunity to describe their "Fantasy Hosta". Then he proceeded to describe the starting points of the selection of the breeding plants. Variegation is always achieved via the pod parent. He facilitated a dialogue between the audience members to share their hosta knowledge. A wide range of plant breeding selection characteristics were discussed. Bob stated that you need to keep all the seedlings from that first cross. These are then used in future generations to utilize his well-known hybridizing practice of doing the 'second cross'. Bob will add different genes to add back vigor by using H. June pollen. Many audience members were given a list of breeding plants to use in developing their Fantasy Hosta.

He encouraged the members of the audience to seek out other hybridizers to learn more about this fascinating subject. Other hybridizers are willing to share 95% of what they know. That's a wealth of knowledge that will help each of us on our path to creating that "Fantasy Hosta".



Pictures by Mary Vertz

## ***Hosta Pioneer Peter Ruh***

*A Look at His Contributions to the World of Hostas*

Presented by Mark Zilis

- ◆ Born June 4, 1921, died on Sept. 20, 2016 at the age of 95
- ◆ Met Jean Ferris in fourth grade and they were married in 1942
- ◆ Pete and Jean were married for 68 years
- ◆ Jean Ruh was the first female graduate of the School of Horticulture at Ohio State University
- ◆ Peter served in the Military during WWII, spending some of his time in England
- ◆ Pete's father, Dr. Harold O. Ruh, a prominent Cleveland pediatrician, purchased Sunnybrook Farms in 1928 and started a nursery on Mayfield Road
- ◆ In 1933 Dr. Ruh received a shipment of conifers from the Arnold Arboretum, which he planted behind the nursery (later became shade beds for some of Pete's hostas)
- ◆ In 1945 Dr. Ruh was going to sell the land, but died of a massive coronary at age 63; Pete's mother died three months later
- ◆ Pete and Jean took over operations of Sunnybrook Farms Nursery
- ◆ Sunnybrook Farms Nursery offered herbs, houseplants, and perennials, including *H. plantaginea*, *H. sieboldiana*, *H. 'Decorata'*, *H. lancifolia*, & *H. 'Fortunei Hyacinthina'*
- ◆ Pete and Jean built their home on the property in 1948
- ◆ Pete bought out his brother Harold's interest in the nursery in 1953
- ◆ Pete and Jean ran the nursery together into the 1960s, but Pete realized that he was not good at nursery management, so he got a job at a factory for 3 years, then drove school bus for 35 years
- ◆ In 1978 Pete and Jean turned over operations of Sunnybrook Farms Nursery to their son, Tim Ruh, who ran the company until 1989 when it was sold
- ◆ Formed the Homestead Division of SFN in 1980 and began growing and epimediums, English ivy)
- ◆ Continued to expand the collection into the mid-2000's with the help of Tim Ruh, Dennis Palone, and many part-time workers
- ◆ Jean Ruh died on February 4, 2011 at age 87

# 1978 AHS Registrations by Peter Ruh



'Trail's End'



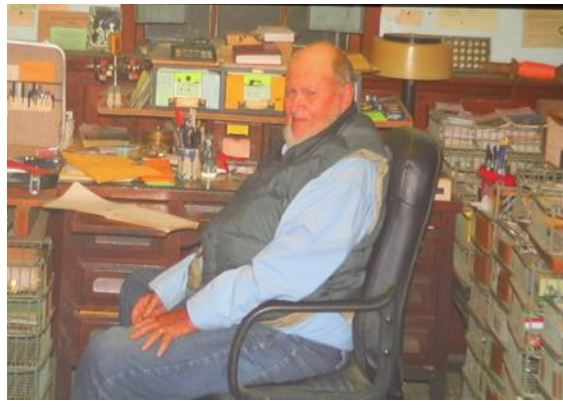
'Crown Prince'



'Gray Streaked Squiggles'



'Mentor Gold'



**2017 Winter Conference Meeting**  
**Financial Summary**  
**2016-2017 Income/Expenses**

**Revenue:**

Registration Fees	<b>\$2,890.00</b>
Seed Auction Net	<b>\$ 1,253.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$4,143.00</b>

**Expense:**

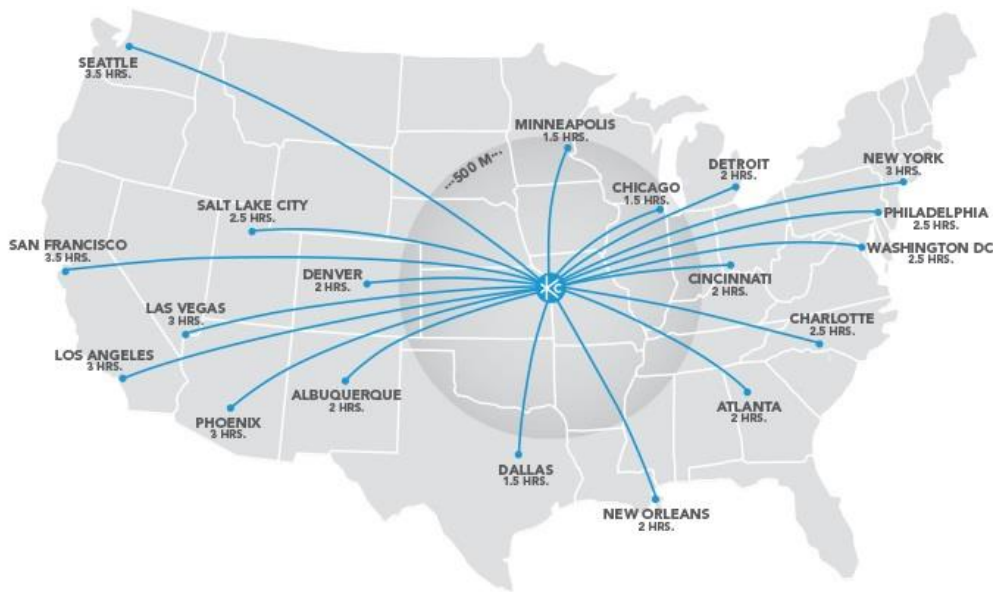
Speaker Expenses	<b>\$1,872.72</b>
Convention Center	<b>\$4,322.50</b>
Miscellaneous-Printing & Support	<b>\$ 94.03</b>
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$6,288.75</b>

<b>Net :</b>	<b>-\$2,145.75</b>
<b>Budget for 2017</b>	<b>-\$4,000.00</b>
<b>Under Budget</b>	<b>\$1,854.25</b>

**Winter Conference 2016 -\$1,336.50 Budget -\$4,000.00 Under \$2,663.50**

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Follow the **Yellow Brick Road** to Kansas City.....



**MRHS 2017 Convention Kansas City -**  
**"Hostas in the Land of Ahhh's"**

**June 22 - 24, 2017**

## **2017 MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA CONVENTION**

**Kansas City offers a first time venue for the Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention. Just follow the yellow brick road to Lenexa, Kansas - a suburb of the Greater KC Metro on the Kansas side.**

**Two years ago the MRHS was facing the distinct possibility of not having a convention in 2017. Only after no one else had volunteered to host, Rob Mortko of KC and Bob Saathoff of Topeka stepped forward. When the auspicious task of finding convention volunteers sank in, Rob and Bob made a pitch to the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs) for assistance. The EMGs came to the rescue.**

**Our EMGs come from all walks of life but their common bond is a love of gardening and sharing information throughout the community. EMGs receive a basic training in the disciplines of horticulture. They then volunteer in projects to help Extension promote its educational mission. The Johnson County EMGs now number about 450 active members who volunteer on average over 110 hours of service annually.**

**You might expect a special focus on education, fun and food with an EMG event. And you won't be disappointed. Some of our convention highlights include:**

- **6 educational speakers plus 2 banquet speakers**
- **9 tour gardens in Topeka and Johnson County**
- **A hybrid touring approach - one day by bus (optional) and one day drive your own**
- **A hosta tissue culture lab where you will see the Hot Hostas of Tomorrow**
- **A Japanese garden with a focus on species hostas from Japan**
- **A conifer lovers garden hosted by a past President of the American Conifer Society**
- **Stay in the brand new Hyatt Place Hotel and Conference Center**
- **Convention banquets catered by Grand Street Cafe (one of KC's premier restaurants)**
- **A new twist on Hostatality plus a few more surprises**

**While the EMGs are "hosting" the convention and doing a substantial share of the work, all convention proceeds will benefit the MRHS which is "sponsoring" the event. While unconventional, we trust this "out of the box" thinking has crafted a convention for all to enjoy. Meanwhile the EMGs are gaining convention planning and execution experience toward their goal of hosting a future International Master Gardener Convention in KC.**



June 22-24, 2017  
Lenexa, Kansas

## Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention

Hosted by: Johnson County K-State Research and  
Extension Master Gardeners

Sponsored by: Midwest Regional Hosta Society

### Registration Form

#### 1. One Form for Each Person — Please print

Name (as you want it on your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone during convention: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if staying at host hotel

#### 2. Hosta Show, Auction, and Judges Clinic

These popular events will be held during the convention. These exciting opportunities offer a way to engage, learn and increase your knowledge about the exciting world of hostas.

For more information and to register please refer to Page Two of this registration form.

#### 3. Full Registration

Registration fee includes: three evening meals (Thursday, Friday and Saturday banquets – banquet speakers Thursday and Saturday); free breakfast for each guest; and two complimentary drink coupons per room per hotel night stay.

Fee also includes: convention hosta plant and handbook; auction; vending; hosta leaf show; two days of garden tours (one self-drive and one with optional bus to Topeka); and two tracks of educational seminars.

If you have any serious dietary restrictions please note here:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration by April 30, 2017 \$ 165.00

Late Full Registration May 1, 2017 \$ 185.00

Bus to Topeka with Box Lunch \$ 40.00

I am providing my own lunch and transportation to Topeka N/C

Total Registration Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Important:

Refund requests for convention registration and Topeka bus received on or before May 15, 2017 will be granted, less a \$25 processing fee.

**There will be no convention registration/  
Topeka bus refunds made for cancellations  
and requests received after May 15, 2017.**

For questions, please email:

[info@2017KCHostaConvention.com](mailto:info@2017KCHostaConvention.com)

Or call: Johnson County K-State Research and Extension  
(913) 715-7000

For additional information and schedules visit:

[www.2017KCHostaConvention.com](http://www.2017KCHostaConvention.com)

#### 4. Send Registration Form and Check

A) Make checks payable to: MRHS

B) Mail form and check to:  
Barb Schroeder, MRHS Treasurer  
1819 Coventry Drive,  
Champaign, IL 61822-5239

#### 5. Make Your Hotel Reservations Online

[www.kansascitylenexacitycenter.place.hyatt.com](http://www.kansascitylenexacitycenter.place.hyatt.com)

Or call: Hyatt Place Kansas City/Lenexa City Center  
(913) 742-7777  
8741 Ryckert Street, Lenexa, Kansas, 66219.

Note: Use code G-HOST for the convention group rate. The group rate of \$129, plus tax, is available through May 22, 2017.

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Johnson County K-State Research and Extension, 913-715-7000.

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June 22-24, 2017  
Lenexa, Kansas

## Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention

Hosted by: Johnson County K-State Research and  
Extension Master Gardeners

Sponsored by: Midwest Regional Hosta Society

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Hosta Show, Auction, and Judges Clinic

#### Hosta Show

Please enter the number of planned entries:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Leaf Show (Div I)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Containers (Div II)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Troughs (Div III)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Educational (Div IV)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-competitive (Div V)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Artistic (Div VI)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty (Div VII)

Please check if you plan to \_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_ Clerk

#### Auction

I will donate plants or garden items for the Friday night auction. Approximate number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Judges Clinic

\_\_\_ Please check if you will attend Judges Clinic 1 (Thursday, 2-5 pm)

Please refer to the convention website for the AHS hosta leaf show competition rules.  
[www.2017KCHostaConvention.com](http://www.2017KCHostaConvention.com)

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Master Gardener  
Johnson County



Hosta Show rules coming soon. Check convention website for details:

<http://www.2017kchostaconvention.com/Hosta-Show.html>



## Convention Vendors

We are pleased to feature six regional vendors with a variety of gardening products and plants that will appeal to all convention attendees.

Botanophilia  
Nick Ternes  
Shade Gardening Perennials  
[www.botanophilia.com](http://www.botanophilia.com)

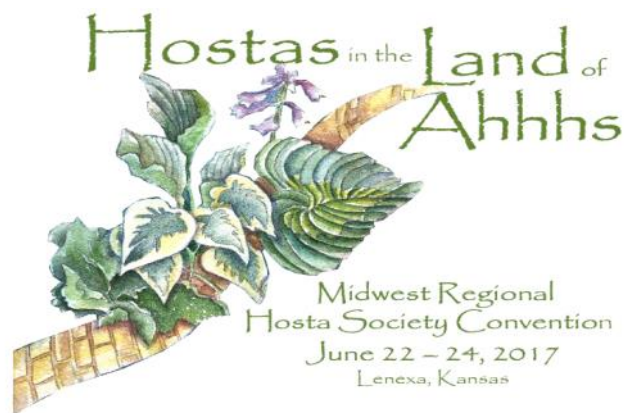
In the Country Garden and Gifts  
Josh and Sue Spece  
Hostas  
[www.inthecountrygardenandgifts.com](http://www.inthecountrygardenandgifts.com)

Jack's Hostas  
Jack Barta  
Hostas  
[www.jackshostas.com](http://www.jackshostas.com)

Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners  
Concrete Hosta Leaves  
[www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/extension-master-gardeners/index.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/extension-master-gardeners/index.html)

Made in the Shade Gardens  
Rob Mortko  
Hostas  
[www.HostaGuy.com](http://www.HostaGuy.com)

Peggy's Flowers / The Papercrete Potter  
Peggy and Lee Coates  
Fairy Garden Accessories and Japanese Maples  
[www.thepapercretepotter.blogspot.com](http://www.thepapercretepotter.blogspot.com)



## Speakers

You might expect a convention hosted by Extension Master Gardeners to have a special emphasis on education. You won't be disappointed. We are featuring two parallel tracts of 6 speakers with a variety of topics to appeal to all convention attendees. Plus, two highly respected banquet speakers guaranteed to both entertain and inspire.

### *Thursday afternoon, June 22nd*

#### **Hosta Series**

- **Mark Goodwin (Central Missouri University, Asst. Professor)**  
**The Effect of Hosta Leaf Waxes on Slug Feeding**
- **Tom Micheletti (American Hosta Society, Past President)**  
**Hostas in the Landscape**
- **Glenn Herold (Illinois Central College, Professor Emeritus)**  
**Family Matters: The Significance of Plant Classification  
with Emphasis on the Family of Hostas**

#### **Gardening Series**

- **Alan Stevens (Kansas State University, Professor Emeritus)**  
**Grow the Roots, and the Plant will Take Care of Itself**
- **Lee Coates (Peggy's Flowers, The Papercrete Potter)**  
**Japanese Maples, New and Unusual Varieties**
- **Lenora Larsen (Marais des Cygnes Extension Master Gardener)**  
**The Love Connection: Flowers and Pollinators**

### *Thursday, June 22nd Evening Banquet Speaker*

- **Gus van der Hoeven (Kansas State University, Professor Emeritus)**  
**Ahhh ...Kansas (a light-hearted and entertaining welcome to  
the State of Kansas)**

### *Saturday, June 24th Evening Banquet Speaker*

- **Bill Malouche (National Nursery Products)**  
**New Plants to Compliment the Midwest Hosta Garden**

## **Midwest Regional Hosta Convention Schedule Lenexa, KS June 22 - 24, 2017**

### **Thursday, June 22**

Registration/Concierge (9 am – 5 pm)  
Vending setup (8 – 10 am)  
Leaf Show setup (8 – 10 am)  
Vending (10 am – 5 pm and 7:30 – 9 pm)  
Leaf Show prep and entry (10 am – 5 pm)  
Receive auction plants (1 – 4 pm)  
Board Meeting (1 – 2 pm)  
Judges Clinic 1 (2 – 5 pm)  
Speakers (1:00, 2:15 and 3:30 pm)  
Cash Bar (5:00 – 7:30 pm)  
BBQ Dinner and Speaker (6:00–7:30 pm)  
Leaf Show Judging (7:30 – 9:30 pm)  
Hostality (7:30 – 11 pm)

### **Friday, June 23**

Breakfast buffet – Hotel (6:30 to 8:30 am)  
Concierge (7 – 8:30 am, 2:45 – 5:00pm)  
Buses leave (7:30 am)  
Morning – Topeka Garden Tour (buses)  
Topeka Gardens open (8:30 am – 3:00 pm)  
Lunch – box lunch at Ward Meade Park (buses only) or lunch on your own  
Leaf Show open (3 – 9 pm)  
Vending (3 – 5:30 pm)  
Receive auction plants (3 – 4 pm)  
Cash Bar (5:30 – 9:00 pm)  
Dinner – Hotel (6:30 – 7:30 pm)  
Auction (7:30 pm - ???)  
Hostality (after auction to 11 pm)

## **Saturday, June 24**

Breakfast buffet – Hotel (6:30 to 8:30 am)

Concierge (7 – 8:30 am)

Morning – KC garden tours (drive yourself)

KC Gardens open (8:30 am – 3:00 pm)

Lunch on your own

Vending (open to public) (2 – 5 pm)

Leaf Show open (3 – 5 pm)

Cash Bar (5:30 – 6:30 pm)

Dinner (6:30 – 7:30 pm)

Banquet Speaker (7:30 pm)

Business Meeting and Awards Banquet (8:30 pm)

Hostality (after dinner to 11 pm)

## **Convention Tour Gardens**

Our convention tour includes nine diverse gardens located in Topeka and Johnson County, Kansas. Topeka is a 75 minute drive from the convention hotel. Click on any of the garden listings for more info and pictures.

### **Topeka Tour Gardens (Friday, June 23rd)**

- [Saathoff Garden](#)
- [Warren Garden](#)
- [Ward-Meade Park Botanical Gardens](#)

### **Johnson County Tour Gardens (Saturday, June 24th)**

- [Lemery Garden](#)
- [Livingston Garden](#)
- [Mortko Garden / Made in the Shade Gardens](#)
- [Snyder Garden](#)
- [Garden Gallery \(EMG Demo Garden\)](#)
- [Monet Garden \(EMG Demo Garden\)](#)



# HOSTA HYSTERIA INDIANAPOLIS 2017

## Hosta Hysteria!

**In the Hoosier state we have a love of all types of sports, especially the basketball and Hosta variety! The level of excitement we feel for basketball in Indiana is known as Hoosier Hysteria.**

**From June 7-10, the Indianapolis Hosta Society invites you to experience HOSTA Hysteria at the 2017 American Hosta Society National Convention.**

**We will share our passion for the genus Hosta with you during four days of amazing gardens; socializing; special surprises, fun and education; plus Hoosier-sized helpings of food and hospitality.**

**Hop on air-conditioned coach buses to tour ten beautiful gardens, including a historic estate garden, a Hoosier hybridizer's amazing paradise and a collector's garden filled with specimen Hosta and sculptures. Learn about "The Layered Garden", "Hellebores", and more from three esteemed speakers.**

**To get the excitement started we are offering three wonderful gardens on Wednesday that you can tour on your own. Or join us for a pre-convention day trip to southern Indiana to experience what has been called the eighth wonder of the world, the historic West Baden Springs Hotel and gardens.**

**Save the date, June 7-10, 2017; we can't wait to see you here in Indy to celebrate and share in Hosta Hysteria.**

***For complete details and to register:  
Visit [www.indyhosta2017.com](http://www.indyhosta2017.com)***

# "HOSTA ASSOCIATES"

## Bleeding Hearts

By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

The season of "hearts" - Valentine's Day, is long past, but the gardening season of hearts is now upon us. Old-fashioned Bleeding hearts is one of the most well-known spring flowering perennials and is an excellent companion in the hosta garden. Formerly in the plant genus *Dicentra*, it has now been placed in a genus of its own - *Lamprocapnos*. The sole species of this genus is *Lamprocapnos spectabilis*, a native of Japan, China, and Korea. In northern US climates, this member of the Poppy Family usually grows to between 3 and 4 feet tall. It spreads, but at a slow rate, by underground stems called rhizomes, and rarely needs dividing; however, if you wish to add additional plants to your garden, it is easily divided by digging up the rhizomes and planting them in late summer or fall when the plant is dormant.

The common name comes from the heart-shaped red flowers with what appears to be a white drop emanating from them. It grows best in part shade, but can tolerate full sun if given plenty of water. Though the foliage may last through a moist summer, it usually starts to turn yellow by July and soon dies down. When this begins to happen, I cut my plants down for aesthetic reasons and let surrounding perennials fill in the voided space.

Though the species itself is a great garden plant, several cultivars which differ from the species have been released. 'Alba' is a white flowered version that makes a great companion to the red-flowered variety. 'Gold Heart' has foliage that is golden yellow and is becoming very popular among gardeners. Valentine™ is a recent introduction that has darker red flowers, reddish emerging stems, and matures at a lower height, usually under 2 feet. I'll be looking to add this to my garden soon.

Several species of the closely related *Dicentra* are native to the Eastern US, including two in my state of Wisconsin. *Dicentra canadensis* (Squirrel Corn) is found in deciduous woods throughout Wisconsin but is concentrated in the NE counties and along Lake Michigan. It grows best in part shade and rich, loamy soil. *Dicentra cucullaria* (Dutchman's Breeches) is a common spring blooming plant throughout the wooded portions of the state. Though similar in appearance to Squirrel Corn, Dutchman's Breeches has green to yellow-green leaves, contrasting with the blue-green leaves of Squirrel Corn, and white flowers that are wider and not as long as those of Squirrel corn. Both are considered spring ephemerals, meaning that the foliage will die down soon after flowering. I find Dutchman's Breeches to be an excellent early riser in my hosta garden.

*Dicentra eximia* (Fringed Bleeding Heart; Turkey Corn) is native to the Eastern US, but not to Wisconsin. Like its Wisconsin counterparts, the foliage is fern-like with deeply cut leaves and the plant tops out at about 1 foot. Depending on the cultivar, the foliage may be deep green, blue-green, or gray-green. The flowers are in various shades of red. If given adequate moisture, Fringed Bleeding Heart will bloom from spring until fall and the foliage will not die down.

Many excellent cultivars of *Dicentra eximia* have been selected. 'King of Hearts' is a vigorous selection with rosy-pink flowers. This cultivar has grown very well in my garden. 'Bacchanal' has deep wine-hued flowers. 'Luxuriant' is an old but exceptional variety with cherry-red flowers and blue-green foliage. 'Snowflakes' is one of several cultivars with white flowers. Many of the numerous cultivars in the market are actually hybrids between *Dicentra eximia* and *Dicentra formosa*, the Pacific Bleeding Heart.

Whether you grow the Old-fashioned Bleeding Heart or one of the native species, you can't help but love this plant. Plan now to add it to your hosta garden this summer.



The heart-shaped flowers of *Lamprocapnos spectabilis* (Old-fashioned Bleeding Heart)

## "HOSTA ASSOCIATES"

### Hophornbeam

By Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

Trees are the backbone of a hosta garden. We need their shade to filter the burning rays of the sun, or most hostas will soon be scorched. That shade is also what makes hosta gardening more enjoyable than say, rose gardening, or other plants that require full sun to perform their best. But the trees in a hosta garden do not have to be of the 60 to 80 foot variety. Smaller trees work just as well. One of my favorite smaller trees which grow well underneath those taller varieties is Hophornbeam, known botanically as *Ostrya virginiana*. Despite the similar common name, Hophornbeam has no relationship to the true hops. The tie-in is the similar appearance of its fruit, which may look like the hops used to flavor beer, but is never used in the brewing kettle.

Hophornbeam is an understory tree, smaller than the oaks, hickories and maples, with which it is associated in its native habitat, but larger than the shrubs and herbaceous plants growing below it. Though it can reach heights exceeding 50 feet, usually it matures in the 30 foot range. Hophornbeam is found throughout most of the eastern half of the United States, including all of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. It is easily lost in the complex forest environment, but the discerning hiker will look for its bark, which peels vertically in thin strips, and the soft, birch-like leaves. In the late summer and fall, it is easily identified by the small nuts enclosed in papery bags, the cluster of which closely resembles true hops.

The common name Hophornbeam not only refers to the hop-like fruit, but also the wood which is tough as a horn. Another common name, Ironwood, also relates to the strength and density of the wood which is one of the hardest and heaviest woods in our native forests, even harder than oak or hickory. The dry weight of Ironwood is almost 50 pounds per cubic foot. Its strength and density is derived from the slow growth rate, resulting in a fine grained wood. This characteristic should make it ideal for use wherever toughness is required, but rarely has it found application because of its relative scarcity in the forest and small size. A tree that exceeds 18 inches in diameter and 30 feet tall is quite unusual. On rare occasions, however, it has been used for axe and mallet handles, as a lever, or household utensils which early settlers said "lasted forever." A unique use for this wood 150 years ago was the fashioning of the beams of ox yolks.

Though few people would call this birch relative a beautiful tree, it



offers subtle interest in most seasons. In addition to the scaly, grayish-brown bark and hop-like fruit, the soft, disease-resistant leaves turn to a pale golden yellow in the autumn. As an ornamental, it has intermediate tolerance to drought and heat, but is sensitive to salt and soil compaction, so is best delegated to a shaded corner of the back yard, rather than used as a street tree. The fruit is an important food source for ruffed grouse, bobwhite, pheasants, and deer. In the forest, the redoubled shade it casts is important to the livelihood of the wildflowers and mosses below.

Hophornbeam as an understory tree in the forest is easily overlooked but well worth knowing. Local nurseries and garden centers are now carrying it more frequently. Plant one in your yard, as I have done, or enjoy searching for it next time you go for a walk in the woods.



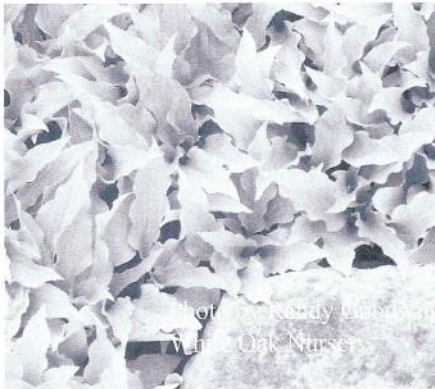
The golden fall color of Hophornbeam, *Ostrya virginiana*, brightens up my autumn hosta garden.



**New for 2017!**

**Introductions from Randy Goodwin.**

**Twenty-five hostas never before released to the public,  
including these miniatures.**



***Hosta 'Golden Wampum'***  
**Originator stock**  
this cute little chartreuse to yellow  
mini is a good grower  
**(Mini - 4" x 8")**



***Hosta 'National Treasure'***  
**Originator stock**  
swirling leaves with green centers and nice  
creamy white margins; forms a beautiful mound  
**(Mini - 3" x 10")**

**White Oak Nursery**  
**2209 County Road 810 E**  
**Washburn, IL 61570-9373**  
**309-369-2065**  
**[hostas@whiteoaknursery.com](mailto:hostas@whiteoaknursery.com)**  
**[www.whiteoaknursery.com](http://www.whiteoaknursery.com)**

**Open Garden days – June 3-4 and 17-18, 2017 - Noon to 4 P.M.**

**MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
20 January 2017**

**Call to Order – 7:30 pm**

**Present:**

**President – Cindy Tomashek, Vice President – Barry Ankney, Treasurer & Membership Chair – Barb Schroeder, Secretary – Holly O'Donnell, Newsletter Editor – Mary Vertz, Immediate Past President – Glenn Herold, Director at Large/Winter Conference Chair – Mark Rekoske.**

**Absent:**

**AHS Region 5 Liaison – Pat Gwidt.**

**Motion to approve the minutes from 8 July 2016 Executive Board Meeting – Barry, second – Barb. Motion carried.**

**Officer/Board Reports**

**President**

- \* Cindy recently mailed invitations to 50 vendors in the Midwest to enroll in the \$10 voucher New Member Program (2 year membership required). To date 6 of the vendors have accepted. Information about the voucher program will be on the home page as well as the membership information page of the MRHS website. Cindy will contact last year's businesses to assess use of the discount. Barb sent out 13 discount coupons last year.**

**Vice President**

**Future Conventions**

- \* Barry has discussed holding the 2019 MRHS convention in combination with the AHS Convention in Green Bay with members of the Green Bay Convention committee. The idea was favorably received. Ideas to attract MRHS members to the business meeting were discussed, such as offering food, open bar and/or a gift hosta. Scheduling details for our membership meeting and silent auction will be worked out later. Funds collected from our silent auction could be used to offset the use of the rooms for the meeting and silent auction, with the balance retained by MRHS. The balance, if any, will be retained by MRHS.**
- \* Discussion ensued concerning the lack of a host for future conventions and possible alternatives to replace a convention.**
- \* 2018 MRHS Convention in Peoria update: hotel selection will be finalized at a meeting on 22 January; Thursday night optional event will be a trip (bus or drive yourself) to Hornbakers with BBQ supper; MaryAnn Metz will chair the leaf show.**

### **Treasurer/Membership Report**

- \* **265 active members, 59 of which have not renewed as yet**
- \* **In January 2015, 16% of members were receiving the newsletter via snail mail instead of electronically. MRHS increased the fees for mailing paper newsletters. In 2016, the amount of mailed newsletters decreased only to 14%.**
- \* **Checking account: \$23,936.81**
- \* **2016 MRHS Convention: \$6535.03**
- \* **Membership dues: \$2241.48**
- \* **Money Market: 35,054.75**

**Motion to approve treasurer's report: Barry, second – Mary. Motion carried.**

- \* **Discussion of proposed budget for 2018.**

**Motion to approve 2018 budget – Glenn, second – Holly. Motion carried.**

### **Past President**

- \* **Glenn (Facebook page Administrator) reported on status of MRHS Facebook site and necessity of filtering people out who obviously have no interest in Hostas.**

### **Director at Large/Winter Conference**

- \* **Discussion of attendance decline**
- \* **Future of conference discussed and possible alternatives**
- \* **Glenn will investigate venues and estimate costs of alternative events in fall instead of winter 2018 and present to board at the June meeting.**

### **Newsletter**

- \* **Deadline for articles and photos for next newsletter – 1 April**

### **Unfinished Business**

- \* **Discussion of new member/renewal plant proposal as an incentive to join or renew membership. After discussion and sharing concerns about the logistics involved the board determined not to implement the new member plant proposal.**
- \* **Discussion of incentive to attract existing members to the annual convention by extending their family membership by one year if attending.**

**Motion to extend family membership by one year to attending members beginning with the 2016 Kansas City convention – Barry, second – Barb. Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

- \* **Montgomery Award: Nominee for 2016 award discussed. Motion to accept the nominee – Mary, Second – Holly. Motion carried.**
- \* **Nominees for retiring Board Member positions: Nominees for Vice**

President and Regional Director discussed. Nominees will be approached and asked if they are willing to serve.

\* MRHS Membership Brochure review: MRHS Membership Brochure distributed. Two changes noted and will be corrected.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Submitted by Holly O'Donnell, Secretary

Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

ALL ACCOUNTS

Category	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Differ- ence	Notes	2017 Budget Approved in June 2016	2018 Budget to be approved in June 2017
<b>Income:</b>						
2016 Convention Auction	\$6,535.03	\$5,000.00	\$1,535.03		\$5,000.00	\$0.00
2017 Convention- MRHS Sponsor Income-Interest Membership:	\$1,125.00 \$54.75 \$2,241.49	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$2,300.00	\$1,125.00 \$54.75 (\$58.51)		\$0.00 \$0.00 \$2,300.00	\$5,000.00 \$0.00 \$2,300.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$9,956.27</u>	<u>\$7,300.00</u>	<u>\$2,656.27</u>		<u>\$7,300.00</u>	<u>\$7,300.00</u>
<b>Expense:</b>						
2017 Convention- MRHS Sponsor Award- Montgomery Awards-AHS	(\$3,099.03) (\$62.00) \$0.00	\$0.00 (\$200.00) (\$200.00)	(\$3,099.03) \$138.00 \$200.00		\$0.00 (\$200.00) (\$200.00)	\$0.00 (\$100.00) (\$200.00)
Grants-Display Gardens Miscellaneous Newsletter	(\$900.00) (\$20.00) (\$446.42)	(\$1,000.00) (\$100.00) (\$1,600.00)	\$100.00 \$80.00 \$1,153.58	15 National Display Gar- dens in Re- gion 5	(\$1,500.00) (\$200.00) (\$1,500.00)	(\$2,400.00) (\$100.00) (\$750.00)
Internet Site Winter Conference 2016 Winter Conference 2017 Winter Conference 2018	\$0.00 (\$3,376.50) \$1,440.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 (\$4,000.00) \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$623.50 \$1,440.00 \$0.00	Paid 5 years out	\$0.00 \$0.00 (\$4,000.00) \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 (\$5,000.00)
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>(\$6,463.95)</u>	<u>(\$7,100.00)</u>	<u>\$636.05</u>		<u>(\$7,600.00)</u>	<u>(\$8,550.00)</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$3,492.32</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$3,292.32</u>		<u>(\$300.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,250.00)</u>

**Midwest Regional Hosta Society Actual versus Budget 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2017**

**ALL ACCOUNTS Cont'd**

Winter Conference 2016	<b>(\$1,336.50)</b>	<b>(\$4,000.00)</b>	<b>2015 and 2016 In- come and Expenses Total</b>
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**Account Bal-  
ances:**

Checking	\$23,936.81
Money Mar- ket	<u>\$35,054.75</u>
Total Assets	\$58,991.56

Respectfully  
submitted,  
Barbara  
Schroeder  
Treasurer  
January  
21,2017

**Editor's Note:**

Unless noted I was behind the camera lens for the Winter Conference. Thanks to all who contributed articles for the newsletter.

If you have any suggestions, pictures to share, or articles for future newsletter, please send to [mavertzy@gmail.com](mailto:mavertzy@gmail.com).

If you are getting this newsletter by "snail mail", please help save money and request your next newsletter be sent by email.

Happy Spring! Looking forward to seeing everyone in Kansas!

Speaking of Kansas, consider being a field editor for the "Land of Ahhhs's" and volunteer to write a short article on one of the gardens, a speaker or an overview of your experiences at the convention. Join in the fun of seeing your article in our newsletter. As my mother (and probably many other mothers among us) use to say "Many hands make light work".

Mary

## AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

We invite you to join over 3,000 other hosta enthusiasts as members of the American Hosta Society. Members receive two issues per year of The Hosta Journal, which includes color photographs of hostas, reports on national conventions, scientific information concerning current research having to do with hostas, and advertisements of interest to hosta families. A third publication is the Online Journal. 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—check their website for multi-year rates. Joining AHS will enable you to attend our national conventions.

<http://www.americanhostasociety.org/>

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Black & White Ads:			
Size	Single Issue	Full Year	Dimensions
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# Wanted

Host Societies for future MRHS Conventions. If your local group has never or not recently hosted a convention, please consider doing your part by hosting one of these convention openings in 2020, 2021.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY**  
**SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**Barb Schroeder**  
**1819 Coventry Dr.**  
**Champaign, IL 61822**  
**[mrhs.hosta@gmail.com](mailto:mrhs.hosta@gmail.com)**

**Membership**

Please check the expiration date on the label located above this notice or on the Subject Line on your email . If it says “2017”, please send in your check to continue your membership. We would miss you. If the date is later, send in a check anyway *just in case*.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY**

Our Regional Society is composed of over 300 members in AHS Region Five (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) and many members from other states. We publish a twice-a-year newsletter, hold an annual convention each summer, and hold the Winter Conference each January in Lisle Illinois. To join, or renew membership, please send a check for \$20 (ten dollars per year) to Barb Schroeder, 1819 Coventry Drive, Champaign, IL 61822 for email newsletters. \$30.00 per year for paper copy mailed newsletters.

Next summer’s convention will be held in Peoria, IL and in 2019 we’ll team up with the American Hosta Society in Green Bay, WI. Our conventions usually include a Hosta Show; a Judges’ Clinic; garden tours; speakers; vendors of hostas, companion plants, and garden art; a lively auction; a sit-down banquet; a buffet dinner; and lots of hospitality and fellowship!