



THE ROYAL STANDARD

January 2015

Greetings from our President

Hello fellow hosta lovers,

It is January, it is bitterly cold and there is snow cover everywhere. This can only mean that it is time to think Madison Garden Expo. This year's Garden Expo is February 13-15th which is only a month away. In this newsletter Jackie Winchester will be requesting volunteers for this event so read carefully and let her know if you can help out. The Garden Expo is our number one way for growing membership, it is a great fundraiser for the WHS, and it is also a fun event to see each other at.

In the past Q&Z Nursery has been our source for hostas for the Expo but they have recently gone out of business. This has forced us to go a different route for obtaining hostas in the middle of winter. Jeff Miller has stepped up and solved this problem. He has ordered approximately 15 different dormant varieties of hostas from Walter's Gardens. He has potted them up and is raising them in his basement. This is a huge undertaking with potting, watering and heating. The next time you see Jeff be sure and thank him for his generosity. We will be having our largest selection of hostas at the Expo so this should be a banner year for sales. We will be posting pictures on Facebook of the selection and progress of the hostas.

Please volunteer if you can and remember to say thanks to Jeff for handling the Garden Expo hostas. Thanks for being part of the WHS and hopefully we will see you at the Madison Garden Expo.

Phil Timm (hostamanphil@yahoo.com)
President



Hosta flowers in Georgia Roe's garden –
photo taken by Windi Fourdraine

2015 Wisconsin Hosta Society Meeting schedule

Thursday, Mar. 12 • Olbrich Gardens
Speaker – Nancy Nedveck, Flower Factory

Wednesday, Apr. 22 • Olbrich Gardens
Speaker – Deb Sharpee, Norwegianwood

Sunday, Jun. 7 • Olbrich Gardens
Hosta Society Plant Sale & Auction –
10:00 AM – noon

**Wednesday, Jul. 22 • Land of the Giants
Hosta Farm**
Ice Cream Social and Leaf Competition –
starting at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM
Bring chairs and drinks

Sunday, Aug. 2 • Phil's House
Picnic – more details coming later

Thursday, Sept. 10 • Olbrich Gardens
Speaker – to be announced

Wednesday, Oct. 14 • Olbrich Gardens
Speaker – to be announced

Saturday, Nov. 14 from 2–4 PM •
Firefly Coffeehouse • Main Street •
Oregon, WI
Harvest Party – organizer: Windi
Fourdraine
Please RSVP by Nov. 4
twotxaggies@frontier.com
or 608-835-1923

*All meetings start at 6:30 pm
preceded by social time starting at 6:00 pm
unless otherwise noted*



We need your help at the Garden Expo!

The 2015 Garden Expo is from Feb. 13 – 15 this year, just a few short weeks away! **We're looking for volunteers to help in the Wisconsin Hosta Society booth.** The Garden Expo offers an excellent opportunity to share our passion for hostas and attract new members. We will also be selling 15 different varieties of hosta this year so we expect a lot of visitors to our booth.



Lakeside
Paisley Print



Empress Wu



Cathedral Windows

Volunteers receive free admission to the Garden Expo plus free parking. **Interested in helping? Please contact Jackie Winchester by Jan. 31**

phone 608•829•2548 or email melrosejackie@charter.net
Let her know what date you would like to work and AM or PM shift.

If you worked in the booth last year and are interested in working the same shift this year please let Jackie know ASAP.

Tribute to Jean Rideout

Last year one of the founders of the WHS, Jean Rideout, passed away. Jean and her husband Walter helped organize the WHS in the early 1990s recruiting Ruthann Dahl, Bernie Treichel and a few other "gardening friends". The Rideouts diligently collected all the known cultivars that Eunice Fischer hybridized for a bed at Olbrich which they faithfully tended over the years. They continued to be "guiding lights" for WHS, as President and VP, sharing their vast knowledge of hosta cultivars and networking within the regional and national Hosta Societies. They were actively involved in the community as well as the plant world.

In tribute to the skillful founding foresight and dedicated service of Jean Rideout, the Wisconsin Hosta Society has donated \$500 to the UW Friends of the Arboretum in her memory. Her gentle spirit and the cordial sharing of her (and Walter's) lovingly tended gardens on their Seminole Highway hillside are among the memories of the long-standing members of this Society.

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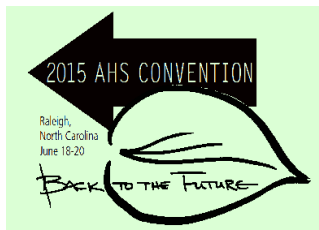
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Mark your calendar for the upcoming Hosta conventions



American Hosta Society Convention – “Back to the Future”

June 18 – 20, 2015

Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown • Raleigh, NC

For more information please visit

www.americanhostasociety.org/Activities/Conventions.htm



Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention – “Hosta Rendezvous”

July 9 – 11, 2015

Holiday Inn • Dubuque, IA

For more information please visit

www.midwesthostasociety.org/MRHS2015Convention.shtml