



The Royal Standard

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WISCONSIN HOSTA SOCIETY
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Merry Christmas everyone!

I know Santa has been good to everyone this year as you all have been exceptional people. It has been an honor to serve as your president, and I look forward to what the new leadership will bring to the WI Hosta Society. The days are starting to get longer now so spring will be coming before we know it. Remember to try and keep the gardens as cool as possible, which means when it starts to get warm in the spring...no cleanup until mid April. Your garden will be kept cooler with the leaves left on them than if cleaned up. We always have late frosts and freezes and this extra layer helps keep the gardens dormant. After the snow is gone it's time to put down pre-emergent if you use it. Also slug preventive if this is what you do. Anyway, happy holidays from me to you, and I wish everyone health and happiness this coming new year.

Live, laugh and love,

Jeff aka mrhosta



2018 CALENDAR

WISCONSIN HOSTA SOCIETY

February 9-11

WPT Garden Expo

Alliant Center

March 15

Membership Meeting

Thursday, 6-8:30PM, Olbrich Gardens

April 12

Membership Meeting

Thursday, 6-8:30PM, Olbrich Gardens

May 20

WHS Hosta Auction

Sunday, Olbrich Gardens

September 12

Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 6-8:30PM, Olbrich Gardens

October 10

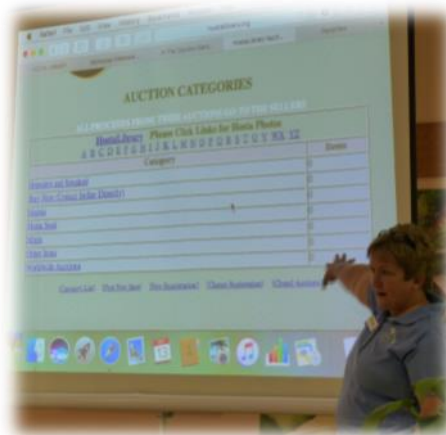
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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SEPT. 13, 2017

Sandy and Marlene gave an informative presentation on “The Hosta Library,” which is a free online resource containing a treasure trove of hosta information (in 2017 WHS donated funding to assist with the website’s upkeep and transition to a new server). Then it was time for Bingo, and Marlene’s masterful calling kept everyone on their toes. The winners were delighted with their prizes, which consisted of hostas donated by Uniquely Hostas (thank you!) plus a few leftover garden art pieces from the picnic.



MORE BINGO NIGHT FUN



WHS ELECTION RESULTS



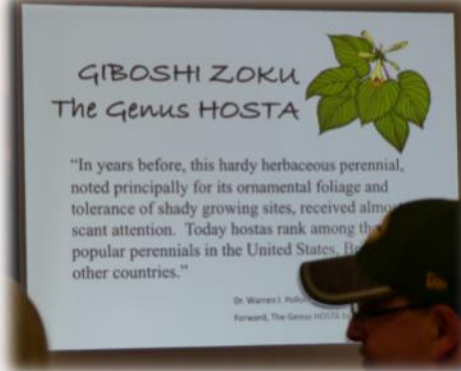
At the Harvest Party members voted to elect Sandy O'Malley as President and Deb Hayes as Vice President. Congratulations!



OCTOBER MEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

OCT. 11, 2017

Jeff Miller called the meeting to order and presented American Hosta Society service certificates to Marlene, Marla and Sandy in recognition of their being named to the AHS President's Wall of Honor. Noted hosta hybridizer, master judge, and WHS friend Kathie Sisson stopped by to discuss the hybridizing process and show off some of her introductions. WHS members who preordered were finally able to take home their own "What the Hill, Phil?!" plants. Jeff promised they will be THIS big.....



BONFIRE/DINNER LAND OF THE GIANTS HOSTA FARM

OCTOBER 14...15, 2017

Mother Nature didn't make it easy, but with a last-minute date switch, the WHS was able to enjoy a bonfire at Land of the Giants, plus a catered dinner. Everyone enjoyed one last chance to get together this year and enjoy the gardens plus some great fellowship. A big thank you to Jeff for hosting!



HARVEST PARTY

NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Once again, the annual Harvest Party proved to be a great way to top off the year. A cold, rainy day pushed attendance to 30, which made for a cozy time in the Firefly's back room. As usual, the trivia contest was fiercely competitive, and the winners took home well-deserved gift certificates from The Flower Factory and Land of the Giants.



...MORE HARVEST PARTY



SAVE THE DATE!

2018 EVENTS OF INTEREST

WPT GARDEN EXPO

February 9-11, 2018

Madison, WI

AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

2018 CONVENTION

June 20-23, 2018

Philadelphia, PA - *"Fifty in Philly"*

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY

2018 CONVENTION

July 12-14, 2018

Peoria, IL - *"Hostas Play in Peoria"*



2018 HOSTA OF THE YEAR

HOSTA 'WORLD CUP'



Photo courtesy of The Hosta Library/Glenn Wilson

The American Hosta Growers Association chose a very distinctive hosta for their 2018 Hosta of the Year. 'World Cup,' a hybrid of 'Komodo Dragon' x 'Super Bowl,' displays rich gold foliage that is distinctly cupped, almost as if it is reaching for the sky. Corrugated leaves with lighter backsides and a XL mature size make this one very desirable. Selected by Mark Zilis from the breeding program of Doug Beilstein, Mansfield, OH. WHS is pleased to offer 'World Cup' at the upcoming Garden Expo. Get it while you can—it's a winner!

2018 WPT GARDEN EXPO

FEB 9-11, 2018

The WPT Garden Expo is rapidly approaching and our fearless committee leaders, Dawn and Bob Geske, have already been hard at work planning for success. WHS uses our booth at Garden Expo both to raise funds (hosta sales) and to recruit new members. They have selected 10 hosta varieties for the event with selling prices in the range of \$15-25. To pique your interest, here's the list of anticipated varieties:

'Golden Meadows'
'Wiggles and Squiggles'
'Church Mouse'
'School Mouse'
'Empress Wu'

'Blueberry Muffin'
'Joyride'
'Autumn Frost'
'Yellow Polka Dot Bikini'
'World Cup'

To be successful, we will need volunteers to work the booth during the Expo. Duties include visiting with prospective members, selling/wrapping hostas, and talking about hostas! If you are interested in helping out please email Dawn Geske (Dawn.Geske@grainger.com) with your time slot request. Available time slots are as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 8
4-7PM set-up

Friday, Feb. 9
Noon-4PM
4-8PM

Saturday, Feb. 10
9AM-1PM

Sunday, Feb. 11
10Am-2PM
2PM-6PM (teardown 4-6PM)



TO JEFF AND PHIL....THANK YOU!

As we close out 2017, we'd be remiss in not thanking our outgoing officers: President Jeff Miller and Vice President Phil Timm. These two gentlemen, through their humor and generosity, have kept the VHS growing and flourishing, while dealing with everything going on in their "regular" lives. Thank you so much!



Doing the "Shimmy Shake."



Green Bay.....or Chicago?



....Chicago



"What the Hill, Phil?!"



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*"November comes and November goes, with the last red berries and the first white snows.
With night coming early, and dawn coming late, and ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.
The fires burn and the kettles sing, and earth sinks to rest until next spring." —Elizabeth Coatsworth*

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