

April showers bring May flowers!! Looks like we are going to have an early Spring again this year! I can't believe how far along the daffodils and tulips are this year. Even the peonies that usually come up in May are 6" tall already, as well as the daylilies and oriental lilies. Get your plants divided and potted in the next few weeks so they look great by the time the Plant Sale rolls around.

Please see attached letter regarding ordering your Plant Sale tags from Betty Moore, Plant Sale Co-Chair, to pick up at our meeting on Saturday, April 29th. We will have flyers available at the meeting for your use to promote the sale. A copy of the flyer is attached.

Don't forget the Hosta Garden Work Day at Toledo Botanical Garden the morning of April 29th beginning at 9 AM. Bring your gardening tools and help spruce up the hosta gardens for spring. We will work until noon or maybe if enough members show up to help we will get done earlier! Jim Boldt and Harold Hoffman are organizing this work day. Pack your lunch and enjoy it before our regular business meeting begins at 1 PM in the Conference Center. In addition to having Betty and Charlene discuss the upcoming Plant Sale, we will discuss our American Hosta Society Accredited Hosta Show scheduled for June 18th. Lastly, we will have our Tissue Culture program presented by Phil Parsons.

If you have not renewed your membership, please be sure to do so today!! One of the requirements to receive a tissue culture hosta is to be a member in good standing. And yes, you can pay for more than one year at a time! Dues are still \$10 per garden per year. What a bargain!! Send to Jim Flannery, Treasurer, 26009 Willowbend Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Welcome to our new members who joined at our March meeting:

Deborah Kessell from Carlton, MI
Sandy Luetke and Mary Ann Souliere – Both from Sylvania

Eileen Hoffman and Joyce Lane are doing a great job with our new FACEBOOK site. THANK YOU!!

<https://www.facebook.com/blackswamphostaanddaylilyociety/?fref=ts>

In addition to teaching a class on **"Photo Editing for Beginners"** at Hosta College last month, Charlie Harper has an article published in the Spring 2017 "The Daylily Journal" published by the American Hemerocallis Society. **"You *versus* your camera Learn to see like your camera sees"** explores the three elements that make up a great photograph. Good job, Charlie!!

Keep the date of July 8th open for our bus trip to the Northern Mecca Daylily Garden Tour that Karen Centers has been diligently working on for the past couple of weeks. More information as it becomes available.

Jack Church and Lisa Kiene will be manning an informational table for our society again this year at the Wood County Master Gardeners Plant Exchange on April 29th, from 9 - 11:30 A.M. at the Wood County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green.

The Lucas County Master Gardeners Plant Exchange will be Saturday, May 6th, at the Toledo Public Library parking garage beginning at 9 AM, and I will represent our society.

Plant distribution at both events will begin at 10 AM. Vicki Dillon is co-coordinating volunteers for the Toledo event, and if you would like to help, please contact Vicki at 419-885-2438; email: vdillon356@aol.com

The Toledo Botanical Garden Plant Sale (Use the Bancroft Street entrance) will be Mother's Day weekend: TBG Member Preview Night is Thurs., May 11, 4 - 8 P.M. The sale will be open to the public on Friday, May 12, Noon-8 P.M.; Saturday, May 13, 9 A.M. – 3 P.M., Sunday., May 14, 11 A.M. – 3 P.M.

If you don't want to miss Black Swamp's EFLASH next month, be sure to send in your dues today!!

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For those of you who cannot open attachments:

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Subject: Plant Sale Participation

Spring has sprung!! It's time to start preparing for our 22nd Plant Sale which will be held on Saturday, May 20th, at Walt Churchill's Market parking lot, 26625 N. Dixie Highway (S. R. 25) in Perrysburg-the same place where we have held our sale in the past.

Will you **please advise Betty by email, phone call or by returning the bottom portion of this letter by April 17th if you will be participating in this year's sale.** Additional information on the sale will be provided to participants when they are assigned a garden number. If you participated last year, you will be able to keep the same number.

You will need to pick up your tags for labeling your plants at our April 29th meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Betty to set up a time to pick up your tags.

Remember, you will receive one-half of whatever your plants sell for, and the society receives the other half. All expenses are paid for by the society.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty or Charlene. Thanks!!

PLEASE PRINT

Yes, I/we will be participating in this year's sale. Number of Tags needed _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Approximate Number of Plants: Hostas _____ Daylily Fans _____

Other perennials _____

On the day of the sale, I will help: _____

Cashier _____ Cashier Assistant-Write up orders: _____

Sales: Hostas _____ Daylilies _____ Perennials _____