

Holiday Greetings!! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving last month. Christmas and the New Year are right around the corner. Winter will officially arrive tomorrow, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:23 PM EST. And then Spring will arrive on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 5:58 PM EDT. It seems like the days fly by faster and faster the older we get!

We certainly had another fun-filled gardening year didn't we? Reflecting on 2018, do you remember...

Our January luncheon at Heather Downs Country Club on a sunny spring-like day with hosta hybridizer, Doug Beilstein and his presentation "The Reds Are Coming"!

Our February meeting with Don Rawson who told us about the top performers in his garden. Then in June, we got to visit Pam and Don's magnificent garden to see his top performers, and the wonderful use of huge stone boulders in their garden.

Our March meeting with Ginny Pearce who told us about "hybridizing daylilies on a shoe string and a postage stamp. Ginny's garden was the first stop of our bus trip to Grand Rapids the last day of June which turned out to be one of the hottest day of the summer!

In April our general informational meeting on the upcoming events in the summer included the perennial plant sale, our daylily Expo, and our Tissue Culture Program chaired by Phil and Marian Parsons. The tissue culture this year was H. 'Coast to Coast'. Twenty-two Black Swampers attended the Hosta Work Day in the morning to clean up the hosta gardens prior to the meeting in the afternoon.

Another successful Plant Sale was held at Churchill's Supermarket in May. The weather co-operated and our hosta and daylily followers from the area all showed up! What a great group of Black Swampers who donate plants and their time to pull off such a great event!

In June, our annual bus trip that Charlie Harper and Ginny Pearce put together took us to the Grand Rapids, MI area. It was the hottest day of the summer but we still enjoy a boxed picnic lunch at Creekside park, after touring Ginny's garden, and Bob and Brenda Sinke's garden. After lunch we traveled to Wilma Klamer's K-Gardens Nursery so that we could fill the holding area of the bus with our wonderful purchases. Word on the street is that several members made numerous trips back to K-Gardens for more plants! The last stop was at Pam and Don Rawson's four acre garden to see their top performers that Don had told us about at our February meeting.

Our members garden tour in July featured the gardens of Win and Phyllis Sturgeon, Charlie and Carol Harper, Jack and Shirley Church, Simpson Garden Park (Phil Hollenbaugh and Dan Parratt's summertime project), Jim and Pam Connell, and Frank and Charlene Patz. Wasn't it fun to see the gardens of fellow members and enjoy a picnic lunch? In July we also held our biennial Daylily Expo chaired by Dianna and Arnie Vasquez in Toledo Botanical Garden's Conference Center. What a beautiful

representation of the daylilies are members are growing in their gardens! The conference center was full of hundreds of daylily blooms and floral arrangements. Lisa and Jerry Marlatt had a hybridizing table who also donated many plants for door prizes, Jim Boldt created some beautiful floral arrangements that were placed at the entrance and information tables, Jonathan Milbrodt took visitors on a tour of the Daylily Walk, Charlene Patz served salad and soup, and Linda Scheuerman and Charlene did a daylily dividing demo. Dawn Dennis and daughter Rebecca Flynn, Charlie Harper, Linda Hoffman, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Dan Parratt and Phil and Marian Parsons set up the displays of blooms from their gardens. Additional members that made this event such a success included Mary Abbott, Connie Boice, Jim and Libby Boldt, Frank Patz, Rich and Linda Nagy.

In August, 19 Black Swampers showed up to work in the daylily beds in the morning prior to our annual daylily auction of plants from our daylily host program. Thank you to Eileen and Harold Hoffman, Dianna and Arnie Vasquez, Jerry and Lisa Marlatt, Mary Abbott, Diane Vogt, Helen Hundsrucker, Karen Centers, Linda and Rich Nagy, Sheri Reuther, Charlene and Frank Patz, Linda Scheuerman, Becky Bothe, Lance Wehrle, and Dan Parratt who joined Jonathan Milbrodt, a Black Swamper and Toledo Botanical Garden's Lead Horticulturalist and Plant Records Curator, in cleaning up the Daylily display gardens by clipping foliage, weeding, digging up and dividing 20 daylily clumps. Donations of many additional daylilies were made by Charlie Harper, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Lisa Kiene, Jack Church, Linda Spahr, Micheal Anders, Cyril Weller and Win Sturgeon. Kevin Kwiatkowski, Marian and Phil Parsons, Ann and Don Bixler, Pam Murphy, Sharon Supinski, and Judy Hersch, did a wonderful job of organizing and running the daylily auction again this year!

In September and in October, "Certificates of Appreciation" from the American Hosta Society were presented to Charlie Harper and Eileen Hoffman who were selected to be named to the 2018 American Hosta Society Presidents' Wall. Charlie and Carol Harper joined BSHDS in 2004. Charlie had heard about our society through the Wood County Master Gardeners program. He is finishing second term as Vice-President, and was re-elected this fall to serve for another two year term. Their fabulous National Hemerocallis Display Garden in Bowling Green was on our members garden tours in 2005, 2010, 2012, and 2018. Charlie worked on updating the Black Swamp logo, worked with Jackie Bachman to secure logo shirts for members, pushed to get FACEBOOK and a website established for our society, and continues to provide photos for them. He participates in our hosta shows and daylily expos every year, participates in our perennial Plant Sale every May, and provides plants for our daylily auction. He participates in numerous photo events at the regional and national levels-winning awards every year. He arranged our bus trip several times, and continues to help doing whatever he can to promote our society and the national societies. Eileen and Harold joined BSHDS in 2008. Eileen set up our FACEBOOK and website, and continues to do an outstanding job in maintaining both sites. The Hoffmans participate at our perennial Plant Sale every May, and have participated in our Hosta Show. Eileen helps at the hosta and daylily Saturday morning work days held at TBG each spring and summer, and during the summer on Wednesday mornings. Their garden was on tour in

2013, and Eileen has handled registration and refreshments for several bus tours. Eileen is always available to help with whatever needs to be done!

Richard Norris from Ashwood Garden in Glouster, Ohio, was our guest speaker in September, at MetroParks Hall at Wildwood Metropark. We all enjoyed his presentation and hearing about his early days in the Toledo and Sylvania area, the daylilies named to honor his brothers as well as seeing the results of the beautiful daylilies from his hybridizing program.

In October, Doug Conley (formerly the Horticultural Services Supervisor at Toledo Botanical Garden prior to his new position as Lead Gardener at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Garden and Nichols Arboretum), told us how Edsel and Eleanor Ford worked with landscape architect Jens Jensen and architect Albert Kahn to design their family home and gardens in Grosse Point Shores in Michigan.

Another year of gardening and meetings came to a close with our year-end potluck in November. We all enjoyed the efforts of the potluck committee chaired by Dianna and Arnie Vasquez, and assisted by Linda and Rich Nagy, Linda Hoffman, and Libby and Jim Boldt. Our members contributed a fabulous array of salads, casseroles and desserts to complement our meal. One thing that is certain - our members sure know how to cook in addition to being great gardeners!

**Don't forget that Swamp Bucks expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>!!**

**Also attached is our 2019 calendar with the dates of events and speakers that Charlie has lined up for us. Looks like we have another exciting year of programs for you to enjoy!!**

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## **HOSTA COLLEGE 2019**

### **MARCH 15 – 16**

■ **Hosta College will post the 2019 Class List on January 12th. Registration for classes will begin on January 26th – 6 A.M.**

**Website is: <https://www.ihostohio.org/glhc/>**

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## HOSTA OF THE YEAR 2019

Each year the American Hosta Growers Association selects 'the best of the best', and honors one variety as "Hosta of the Year".

With the increasing number of hosta cultivars being introduced each year it is increasingly difficult for nurserymen and gardeners to choose just the right hostas for their sales areas and gardens. To this end the American Hosta Growers Association established the AHGA Hosta of the Year in 1996. It is selected by a vote of AHGA members. Award winners are hostas that are good garden plants in all regions of the country, are widely available and in sufficient supply, and retail for about \$15.00 in the year of selection

## HOSTA OF THE YEAR 2019

### Hosta 'Lakeside Paisley Print'

Introduced in 2011, hosta 'Lakeside Paisley Print' features heart-shaped, wavy, green leaves of better than average substance. It is the interesting markings in the center of the leaves that makes this one so alluring. Narrow creamy white markings run down the center of the leaves and fan out in a feathery pattern. Cream petioles. This beauty has been described as "one of Mary Chastain's best introductions".

Each year the American Hosta Growers Association selects 'the best of the best', and honors one variety as "Hosta of the Year". These special selections are acknowledged for being unique, easy to grow and loved by many. These plants are usually the cornerstones of most hosta collector's gardens making these selections a good choice for beginning collectors and gardeners alike.

This hosta is a winner of the prestigious "Popularity Poll" from the American Hosta Society. This variety has been named one of the very favorites of all hostas by the majority of the AHS members in an annual poll. Basically, this plant is "loved by all". An excellent choice for your garden.

MATURE HEIGHT: 10".

MATURE SPREAD: 20".

HARDINESS ZONES: 3,4,5,6,7,8,9.

FLOWER: Lavender, mid season.

SUN EXPOSURE: Part sun to shade.



List of "Hosta of the Year" winners:

- 1996 'So Sweet'
- 1997 'Patriot'
- 1998 'Fragrant Bouquet'
- 1999 'Paul's Glory'
- 2000 'Sagae'
- 2001 'June'
- 2002 'Guacamole'
- 2003 'Regal Splendor'
- 2004 'Sum and Substance'
- 2005 'Striptease'
- 2006 'Stained Glass'
- 2007 'Paradigm'
- 2008 'Blue Mouse Ears'
- 2009 'Earth Angel'
- 2010 'First Frost'
- 2011 'Praying Hands'
- 2012 'Liberty'

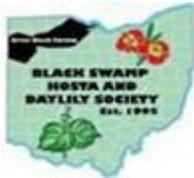
2013 'Rainforest Sunrise'  
2014 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'  
2015 'Victory'  
2016 'Curly Fries'  
2017 'Brother Stefan'  
2018 'World Cup'

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**Happy Holidays! Hope you and yours have a “Merry Christmas” and a “Happy New Year”! See you in 2019!!**

**Live life to its fullest!!!!**

**Frank and Charlene**



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