

Holiday Greetings!! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving last month. Christmas and the New Year are right around the corner. It seems like the days fly by faster and faster the older we get, don't they?!?

Winter will officially arrive on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:19 PM EST. Don't think anybody can complain about the mild winter weather we have had to date. We'll probably see plenty of snow and cold temperatures in January and February. Don't you just love winter in Ohio?!?

**Attached is the flyer on our January 18<sup>h</sup> luncheon, the third Saturday in January, to be held at Heather Downs Country Club, same place as last year that worked out so well.**

**If you are planning to attend, please send in your reservation to Dianna Vasquez by Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**For those of you wondering about Hosta College 2020, here is the current information on their website: [www.ihostohio.org/glhc](http://www.ihostohio.org/glhc)**

**2020 REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 25 for teachers and GLR members, and on February 1<sup>st</sup> for Black Swamp members.**

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**321 REGISTERED IN 2019**

**OVER 70 GREAT CLASSES WERE OFFERED IN 2019**

**LECTURERS – HYBRIDIZERS LIKE BOB SOLBERG, DOUG BEILSTEIN, DON RAWSON, HOSTA COLLEGE FOUNDER SANDY WILKINS, PAPERCRETE EXPERT LEE COATES AND MANY MORE!**

**Check back after January 15<sup>th</sup> for 2020 list of classes**

**REGISTRATION AREAS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY EVENING. CHECK THE LIST OF VENDORS BY CLICKING ON THE "ACTIVITIES" DROPDOWN ABOVE.**

**The payment process for Hosta College 2020 will be the same as in past years. When registration dates open you will login, register for your classes and then print**

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invoice page. Mail one copy with your payment and keep the other copy. This initial invoice will not have class locations noted as we schedule the number of individuals signed up for a particular class. Remember to before Hosta College to reprint your invoice page which will serve as your Saturday morning check out the breakfast table. We are always looking for the Hosta College. Please complete the Evaluation Form and let us know how you like. As current president, I am very pleased with Hosta College's many successes and continued growth over the last several years. Spread the word so we can continue to grow and will remain the hosta gardener's social event of the winter. Invite a friend!

Marcia Sully, GLRHS President

**FEB 29 REGISTRATION**

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### Year in Review

Remember the snowstorm the week-end we were having our January luncheon, and how Dianna and Arnie Vasquez were able to pull everything together so we could have it the following week-end?? Our program presented by Mandy McMahon from Silver Creek Daylilies titled "Hybridizing Award Winning Daylilies" was delightful after all of the wintery weather we had the previous week!

What a great audience for Dr. Laura Deeter's program on "Landscape Design Ideas for Hostas and Daylilies" for our February meeting – with 75 avid gardeners enjoyed every minute of the presentation and photos taken on Laura's visits to cities across the United States and Canada.

At our March meeting, Clarence (C.H.) Falsted opened his program on "Hosta Flowers- The Crowning Glory of Hostas" by polling the audience to learn how many folks liked the flower scapes on their hostas, or did they cut them off as soon as they appeared. After seeing the beautiful hosta flowers highlighted in C.H.'s program, perhaps our members really look at their hosta scapes to enjoy them this past summer too.

Prior to our April meeting, a hosta garden work day was held at Toledo Botanical Garden.

Our annual perennial plant sale in May was once again a huge success. Even a 20 minute rain shower didn't dampen the spirits of our gardening "tribe of followers" or our members who were working at the sale!

What a great display of hosta leaves at the 14th biennial "Rivers of Leaves" show held at Toledo Botanical Garden on Sunday, June 23rd. Phil Parsons won the Best of Show ribbon and glass award for his entry of H. 'Munchkin Fire' - Section V, and first timer exhibitor Helen Hundsrucker won Best Seedling/Sport ribbon and glass award with her seedling of H. 'Fruit of the Loam' in her DIY Soil Test Series I - Section VIII. Charlie Harper won the sweepstakes ribbon and glass award for having the most blue ribbons - 18 out of 20 entries. Also on the front table winning "Best Section" honors was Charlie's H. 'Leading Lady' - Section I; Frank Patz's H. 'Tyler's Treasure' - Section II and H. 'kikutii' - Section III; (first timer exhibitor) Shelly Abramcyk's H. 'Peach Salsa' - Section IV; and Phil's seedling of H. 'Sum and Substance' - Section X. A "Special Award" ribbon was won by Shelly in the Trough/Container Grown Garden class, just beating out first timer exhibitor Dianna Vasquez's container garden entry. Sarah DaPra, our show chairman, from Jackson, MI., also served as one of our judges, and Grey Gitzen from Saginaw, MI. Twelve members participated in the show with 150 entries, and participating in addition to the above winners were Linda Hoffman, Eileen and Harold Hoffman, and first timers Fred Bobel, Jim Boldt, Linda Scheuerman, and Vicki Dillon. In addition to the exhibitors, Marian Parsons manned the classification table with Linda Scheuerman's assistance; Placement was handled by Jim Flannery and Arnie Vasquez; Betty Moore was head Clerk, assisted by Linda S. and Vicki Dillon; and Charlene Patz-Tabulation. Dan Parratt made beautiful floral displays from the leaves the exhibitors brought that were not entered in the show to highlight the variety of hostas that are available. Thanks to Marian and Phil for staging the show! A special thank you to Linda and Rich Nagy who put together our potluck luncheon, and to everyone who brought a dish to share!

Charlie Harper, our wonderful Vice-President since 2015 received two awards at the American Hemerocallis Society's National Convention held in Middleton, WI, in mid-July. He received the 2019 Region 2 Service Award - and the 2019 Regional Newsletter Award. What is the Regional Service Award?? The AHS recognizes over 40 different awards categories for the daylily and the people who love them. Awards range from photography, flower shows, media, mentoring, grants, and especially awards for the greatest daylilies and daylily people around. In 1974, the AHS Board established the

Regional Service Award for outstanding service to AHS at the regional level. Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year. AHS member will only be eligible to win a Regional Service Award once. The AHS Board votes by secret ballot at the annual fall board meeting, and the award is presented at the following AHS National Convention. Charlie won the 2019 Regional Newsletter Award from the AHS for his article, "A Feast for the Eyes, The Harper AHS Garden". The article appeared in the fall 2018 edition of the "Great Lakes Daylily", Region 2's newsletter and was included in our November 2018 EFLASH. Charlie is also well-known for his award winning photographs on the Regional level as well as on the national level.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> we held our annual daylily work day at Toledo Botanical Garden prior to having our daylily auction. After lunch our public auction of daylilies grown by our members from our daylily host program the past two years were the featured items for sale, and our generous members donated many more wonderful daylilies for the auction. Kevin Kwiatkowski, Ann and Don Bixler, Marian and Phil Parsons, Pam Murphy, Sharon Supinski and Judy Hersch organized the auction again this year and did a fabulous job! Following the auction, daylilies were distributed to our members to continue the Daylily Host Program for another two years.

In September we brought back our informative Roundtable with John Krukemyer, Agronomist at Mid-Wood Pro, Bowling Green, OH, as our moderator. A lot of interesting gardening questions were asked with John and our members offering answers to some tough questions! This is a great meeting to share ideas and get to know some of our members a little better.

Our guest speaker at our October meeting was Teresa Byington, President of the Indianapolis Rose Society, editor of the American Rose Society's publication "ROSES & YOU" and serves as IL/IN District Director. Teresa's program is titled the "NEW ROSES FOR TODAY'S GARDEN". We now have so many options when it comes to sustainable easy care roses. Teresa tests many of the new varieties in her garden and shared her experiences and recommendations.

Dianna and Arnie Vasquez were named to the American Hosta Society's President's Wall for 2019! The American Hosta Society is delighted to thank those members of local societies who have worked tirelessly for many years to ensure the smooth running of their local clubs. Their names are inscribed on the President's Wall of Honor on the website.

We also need to thank the members who have tirelessly maintained our national hosta and daylily display gardens at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark-Jonathan Milbrodt, Harold and Eileen Hoffman, Jim and Libby Boldt, Linda Hoffman, Helen Hundsrucker, Diane Vogt, Dianna and Arnie Vasquez, Charlene and Frank Patz; 577 in Perrysburg - Jim and Luci Flannery, Nancy Diego, Karen Shelt, Carol Mathis, and Jim Rebar; and the Hosta Glen and Daylily Walk at Simpson Garden Park - Phil Hollenbaugh, Dan Parratt, Charlie Harper.

And a big thank you to Eileen Hoffman who maintains our Facebook and website keeping the public informed on what is going on with our society!

In November we gathered at the Conference Center for a wonderful potluck to close another very successful gardening year!



With the increasing number of hosta cultivars being introduced each year it is increasingly difficult for nursery owners 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 will retail for about \$15.00 in the year of their selection.

## H. 'Dancing Queen' - 2020 Hosta of the Year



**2020 H. 'Dancing Queen'** (K. Terpening/A. Scheer 2005) grows 22" high by 40" wide with bright yellow wavy leaves in spring. Pale lavender flowers in summer. **Dancing Queen hosta** is a twinkling star of the shade garden with their bright yellow leaves, ruffled edges & mounded habit. Unlike other yellow **hostas** that emerge yellow and turn green by summer,

**Past "Hosta of the Year" winners:**

**2019 H. 'Lakeside Paisley Print'** (Chastain) grows 12" high by 24" wide with wavy green leaves and an irregular cream center. Lavender flowers on white scapes in mid-summer.

**2018 H. 'World Cup'** (Beilstein/Zillis) grows 30" high by 48" wide with deeply cupped gold corrugated leaves that reach up to the sky. It also has nice white backsides that stand out due to its upright habit. Pale purple flowers in summer.

**2017 H. 'Brother Stefan'** (Petryszyn) grows 22" tall by 36" wide clump of thick, heavily corrugated, golden foliage edged with a wide border of blue-green. 24" tall scapes topped with white flowers in late spring.

**2016 H. 'Curly Fries'** (Solberg) grows 5" high by 16" wide. Features very wavy, narrow, super thick agave-looking leaves that give a "spidery" appearance. 24" tall scapes topped with lavender flowers.

**2015 H. 'Victory'** (Zilis/Solberg) grows 30" high by 70" wide. With leaves that have a shiny green center with a margin that changes from greenish yellow to creamy white by early summer. Smooth texture with thick substance. Near white flowers on tall scapes in mid-summer. An outstanding specimen or background plant. Vigorous.

**2014 H. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'** (Walden West) grows 22" high by 46" wide, with dark blue-green seer suckered leaves with heavy substance. Probably the most deeply cupped foliage of any hosta cultivar makes for a distinct and unique specimen. Near white flowers in mid-summer.

**2013 H. 'Rainforest Sunrise'** (Farms/Anderson) grows 10" high by 25" wide, with gold leaves that are margined with a nice dark green margin. Nicely corrugated even at a young age, the glossy cupped leaves also have thick substance. Pale lavender flowers in early summer.

**2012 H. 'Liberty'** (Machen 2000) grows 39" high by 39" wide this sport of the popular 'Sagae' features a wider more dramatic margin. Like 'Sagae' the margin changes from yellow to creamy-white by mid-season. Lavender flowers in mid-summer.

**2011 H. 'Praying Hands'** (G. Williams 1996) grows 14" high by 16" upright growing mound of intensely folded and rippled dark green leaves 7" long by 2" wide, surrounded by yellow. It flowers in August with lavender flowers on 18" scapes.

**2010 H. 'First Frost'** (R. Solberg 2002) grows 16" high by 36" mound of intensely blue-green leaves 7" long by 5" wide, surrounded by yellow margins that become white as the season progresses. This sport of the ever popular H. 'Halcyon' flowers in July/August with lavender flowers.

**2009 H. 'Earth Angel'** (Hans Hansen 2002) grows 16" high by 39" wide, with heart shaped, blue-green leaves 12" long by 9" wide, surrounded by creamy white margins. Pale lavender flowers arise on 30" scapes in July. This is a sport of H. 'Blue Angel'.

**2008 H. 'Blue Mouse Ears'** (E. Deckert 2000). grows to 8" high by 19" wide, with thick substance, nearly round, blue-green leaves 2 1/2" long by 2 1/4" wide. In July the plant is topped with dense clusters of pale purple flowers on scapes that rise to 12".

**2007 H. 'Paradigm'** (Walden West 1999) grows 20" high by 46" wide, with corrugated gold leaves 11" long by 9" wide, surrounded by dark green margins. Near white flowers arise on 32" scapes in July-Aug. This is a sport of H. 'Abiqua Recluse'.

**2006 H. 'Stained Glass'** (Hansen 1999). grows to 20" high by 45" wide, with heart-shaped leaves 9" long by 7" wide. The leaves are bright yellow with an irregular dark green margin. In August the plant is topped with 3" long fragrant, near-white flowers on scapes that rise to 30". It is a sport that arose from H. 'Guacamole'.

**2005 H. 'Striptease'** (Thompson 1991) grows 20" high by 40" wide. Satiny, dark green leaves have a narrow ivory center approximately 1" wide. There is an irregular white stripe between the ivory center and the wide green margins. Pale violet flowers appear on 24" scapes in July. This is a sport of H. 'Gold Standard'.

**2004 H. 'Sum and Substance'** (Aden 1998) grows 36" high by 80" wide. This is a huge mound of chartreuse leaves that can each become 18" long by 14" wide. Site in brighter morning light and the leaves will be a bright golden yellow. In July, lavender flowers appear on scapes 50" high.

**2003 H. 'Regal Splendor'** (Walters Gardens 1987) grows 32" high and 60" wide. This is a vase shaped mound of heavy substance, 10" long by 7" wide, blue-green leaves, with creamy white margins. Lavender flowers are produced on 60" scapes in August. This is a sport of H. 'Krossa Regal'.

**2002 H. 'Guacamole'** (Solberg 1994) grows 24" high and 54" wide. The 10" long by 8 1/2" shiny gold heart shaped leaves have irregular narrow green margins. Leaf color becomes a brighter gold with increased light exposure. Fragrant flowers 3" long are produced on 38" scapes in August. This is a sport of H. 'Fragrant Bouquet'.

**2001 H. 'June'** (Neo Plants 1991) grows 30" wide, and 12" high. The gold centered, blue-green margined, heart shaped leaves are 6" long, by 4" wide. Lavender flowers appear on 20" scapes in August.

**2000 H. 'Sagae'** (Watanabe 1995) grows 30" high and nearly 70" wide. The leaves are 13" long, by 10" wide, and are blue-green with a yellow margin that fades to cream. They are slightly cupped with an undulating margin. The plant has an interesting upright vase shape.

**1999 H. 'Paul's Glory'** (Ruh/Hofer 1987), grows 17" high and 26" wide. It has pointed heart-shaped, leaves 7" long by 5" wide. The leaves emerge a golden yellow, then later in the season, turn a parchment white with an irregular blue-green margin. Lavender flowers arise in midsummer on 24" scapes.

**1998 H. 'Fragrant Bouquet'** (Aden 1982) grows 18" high by 36" wide. Heart-shaped leaves 8" long by 6" wide, that emerge a golden yellow, then turn apple-green with an irregular cream margin. The crowning glory of this Hosta is that in August the plant is topped with 3" long fragrant near white flowers on scapes that rise to 36".

**1997 H. 'Patriot'** (Machen 1991) grows 23" high by 50" wide. Dark green leaves are 8" long by 6" wide with a wide, creamy white margin. Lavender flowers appear in July on 30" scapes.

**1996 H. 'So Sweet'** (Aden 1986) grows 22" high by 50" wide. Leaves are 9" long and 7" wide with a white margin. Large numbers of fragrant near white flowers open on 35" scapes in August.

**Happy Holidays! Hope you have a “Merry Christmas” and a  
“Happy New Year”! See you in 2020!!**

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

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