

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 as we get older!

We certainly had another fun-filled gardening year, didn't we? Fall just hung on – and on – and now this week it is finally snowing and cold! Winter will officially arrive December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:22 PM EST. And are you ready for this?? Spring will arrive on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 12:15 PM EDT.

Reflecting on 2017, do you remember...

Our January luncheon at Heatherdowns Country Club on a sunny springlike day with Joseph Tychonievich-who told us how to-deal with our "Hosta Addiction". He showed us some cool alternatives for our shade gardens in his presentation.

Our February meeting with Dr. Laura Deeter from OSU Horticultural Technologies, one of the most popular speakers in the horticultural community. She shared her extensive academic and practical knowledge on "Garden Maintenance".

Our March meeting with Dan Bachman from Valley of the Daylilies – which we later toured in July on our bus trip. Everyone enjoyed seeing daylilies in the middle of winter, and the auction of some of Dan's introductions.

In April our general informational meeting on the upcoming events in the summer-Plant Sale, Hosta Show, and our Tissue Culture Program chaired by Phil and Marian Parsons. The tissue culture this year was H. 'Pure Heart'. 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. Jim Boldt & Joyce Lane, were honored by having a hostas registered in their names. The new Hostas were planted at TBG this spring just before the Hosta Workday. You can find both plants displayed in the Ohio Hybridizers Garden of TBG's Hosta Collection.

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 we held our biennial Hosta Show chaired by Sarah DaPra in the Conference Center. Frank Patz won the Best of Show for his entry of H. 'Millenium" and the Sweepstakes award, Phil Parsons won the Best Seedling/Sport, and Charlie Harper had three Section winners on the front table. We had a lot of visitors in the afternoon who enjoyed seeing the tables of hosta leaves, the educational displays and pictures, and the hosta garden tour with Jim Boldt.

In July the annual bus trip to the Northern Mecca Daylily Gardens in southern Ohio that Karen Centers put together for us. The weather was perfect and the gardens were gorgeous!! Everyone enjoyed seeing Mike and Sandy Holmes' Riverbend Daylily Garden in Xenia, Valley of the Daylilies of Dan and Jackie Bachman and Tom and Rita Isgro's Twilight Garden Daylilies in Lebanon, and Pleasant Valley Gardens of Tom Polston and Doug Sterling in Dayton. The Bachmans outdid themselves with a bountiful picnic lunch at their garden. No bus trip is complete without a buying stop, so we visited Stockslagers Greenhouse Garden Center in New Lebanon before heading back to Toledo.

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. Many additional daylilies were donated by Charlie Harper, Lisa Kiene, Sharon Supinski and Joyce Lane. 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 Sandy Holmes, Region 2 President of the American Hemerocallis Society and hybridizer, was our guest speaker. We had visited Sandy and Mike's Riverbend Daylily Garden in July on our bus trip so we saw firsthand their fabulous introductions.

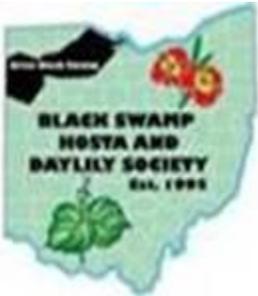
In October Michael Greanya's program on Growing Alpine Plants in a Rock Garden was very informative inasmuch as some applications for growing alpine plants relate to growing mini hosta.

Linda Scheuerman and Vicki Dillon selected to be named to the 2017 American Hosta Society Presidents' Wall.

And in November we all enjoyed our annual potluck-Lots of gardening friends – good food – nice fall day to round out a great year!

## Drum roll please:

Charlie Harper designed a new logo for us, and investigated a source for Black Swamp logo shirts for our members.



And Eileen Hoffman got our society on-line – both with an updated FACEBOOK account, and a website. Be sure to check them out – often – as Eileen is doing a wonderful job of keeping the sites current!

**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety/?fref=ts>

**WEBSITE:** <https://blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety.weebly.com/>

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**Attached is the flyer on our January luncheon. Please note the date has been changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in January due to a scheduling conflict. The luncheon will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Heatherdowns 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 Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Don't forget that Swamp Bucks expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, so either use them to pay your dues or to attend the January luncheon.**

**Also attached is our 2018 calendar with the dates of events and speakers that Charlie has lined up for us. More details on the program will be available as they become available.**

**The BSHDS logo shirts have arrived! To get them closer to their new owners quicker, they are now in Perrysburg. If you ordered one, please call Charlene (419-874-8964) to arrange a pick-up date.**

**Welcome to new member, Sharon Schlater from Defiance, who joined after attending the November potluck who was traveling with BSHDS members Mike Smith and Arlene Cordy.**

**What a fabulous potluck to round out the year! Thanks to Dianna and Arnie Vasquez who chaired our November potluck again this year! And thank you to Linda and Rich Nagy, Lin Hoffman, Libby and Jim Boldt, and Linda Scheuerman who all pitched in to make the day a success. We certainly had a lot of new dishes to try that our members brought, and we did a great job on finishing them off as well as the many delicious desserts!**

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We received an email from Charlie Harper with attachments of an article that featured Bowling Green and Simpson Garden. Due to the size –sending this email on to you for your reading enjoyment in a second email. -

BG was recently honored by Ohio Magazine, being selected as one of the best home towns in the state. One of the "selling points" was Simpson Garden Park, which is supported by BSHDS. Please share the attached article with our members, with thanks.

Charlie

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In the event you missed ordering one of the American Hemerocallis Society's recent publications that we had for sale, you can order a copy directly from Amazon:

**Subject:** Daylily Books for Christmas Giving

Dear Daylily Club Leaders,

In case you may not already know, many American Hemerocallis Society daylily books are now available for purchase on amazon.com.

We are attaching a flyer highlighting two recent publications ([The Open Form Daylily](#) and [Double Daylilies](#)) which are now available for purchase on amazon.com and would make great Christmas gifts for gardeners that love daylilies.

Please feel free to share this information with your local daylily club members.

Sincerely, Russ Allen, Region 4 Director-elect

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*Please share this with all of your local members.*

Greetings, Hosta Fans!

At the link below you will find, what we think, is a new and improved eNewsletter from the American Hosta Society. You will find more information about hostas and the people who love them.

Please see page two for what the changes in content include. We hope you enjoy the new format.

We welcome your feedback on these changes, and will consider new content if suggested. Please contact us at [AHS.eNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:AHS.eNewsletter@gmail.com) with your comments or suggestions.

[Click here to read the November AHS eNewsletter.](#)

Barry Ankney  
AHS eNewsletter Editor

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## AHS E-mail Hosta Newsletter

In order to improve communications with hosta lovers and offer reminders, news, timely information, hosta tips and suggestions, this email newsletter to take the place of the discontinued paper newsletter. It is our intention to send it out at least quarterly, with the number of newsletters being the determining factors. Each newsletter will also be archived on our website:

[Newsletter Archive](#)

**The AHS E-mail Newsletter is not just for AHS members. Anyone with an interest in hostas is invited to subscribe.**

**Go to the American Hosta Society's webpage, and under the heading "Publications", click on E-mail Newsletter. This will take you to a page on how to become an E-mail member.**

**From:** Eileen Hoffman [<mailto:sailA33@accessledo.com>]

**Subject:** Contest entry website

<http://daylily.pictures/>

Contest began December 1<sup>st</sup>, and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. So get your photos in – and vote!!

## HOSTA OF THE YEAR 2018

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 'World Cup'

Hosta 'World Cup' is a special seedling of 'Komodo Dragon' x 'Super Bowl'. It features rich, bright gold leaves that are cupped and wavy. (Beilstein 2006)

MATURE HEIGHT: 19".

MATURE SPREAD: 39".

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

FLOWER: Very pale purple, mid season.

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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**From:** [bbbuikema@att.net](mailto:bbbuikema@att.net)

**Subject:** REGION 2 WINTER SYMPOSIUM 2018

Good Evening Region 2 Members,

Trust you are all well, and doing just fine.

We are thrilled once again to share with you details for a very important event. If you have never attended our **Region 2 Winter Symposium**, this is the year to do so.

The Symposium will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana once again this year.

**The Date is February 23-25, Friday through Sunday**

**Our Host Hotel is the Embassy Suites - Hilton Indianapolis North 3912 Vincennes Rd. Indianapolis, IN. 46268**

**The Special Rate for our Hotel is \$124.00 Per Night IF MADE BY FEBRUARY 7, 2018** Call 317-872-770 OR

go to the Link for Reservations: [http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/I/INDNHES-RDL-20180222/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/I/INDNHES-RDL-20180222/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

OR YOU MAY GO TO THE REGION 2 WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION FORMS AND ALL UPDATED INFORMATION. [r2registrar2018@outlook.com](mailto:r2registrar2018@outlook.com) OR CALL GREG MC MULLEN at 317-598-0434 E-MAIL IS STRONGLY PREFERRED !!!!!!!

**THE COST : FOR THE SYMPOSIUM IS \$125.00 PER PERSON IF POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 1, 2018**

**and \$149.00 per person after that date.**

**DON'T DELAY REGISTER TODAY !!!!!!!!!!!**

Please remember **THERE IS NO 2018 SUMMER MEETING !!!!!** This is your chance, maybe your only chance in

2018 to meet the hybridizers, and to make new and renew friendships with all the fabulous Daylily folks who support

and attend the Region 2 Meetings.

You will be hearing several outstanding speakers which includes, GAIL BRAUNSTEIN, TERESA BYINGTON,

JAMIE GOSSARD, MIKE GROSSMAN, RICHARD NORRIS, PAUL OWEN, ERIC SIMPSON, & BILL WALDROP.

We will have Judges Clinics and Roundtables, **TWO HUGE LIVE DAYLILY AUCTIONS !!!!** Special Contests.

A delicious dinner will be served on Saturday evening, as well as Refreshments at breaks.

Our Hospitality room will once again be available to chat with friends, have some snacks, and enjoy conversation with our guest speakers.

**FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS AND FLOWERS.**

**THE PERFECT WEEKEND GET-A-WAY !!!!!**

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT !!!!**

**DON'T DELAY REGISTER TODAY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU IN INDY !!!!  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR !!!!!  
Barb Buikema, Region 2 Publicity Director

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At our October meeting, Mike and Libby Greanya mentioned a meeting of the North American Rock Garden Society-Great Lakes Chapter, in Ann Arbor in January that some of us may be interested in attending.

Here is the information on that meeting that Libby sent to us:

**Subject:** SAVE THE DATE - NARGS MEETING/POTLUCK/LECTURE WILL BE Saturday Jan. 20, 2018 about noon at Matthaei Botanical Gardens Ann Arbor

Hi Charlene and Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily people,

Per your request, here is the date of our January meeting/potluck/lecture. Sat. Jan 20, 2018.

The details of the lecture are not yet finalized but I will forward them on when I get them.

(Note that our notification is usually very close to the time of the meeting - maybe a week or two prior-so don't despair if you hear nothing till the last minute.)

The potluck is at noon, then meeting, then lecture - all at Matthaei Botanical Gardens Ann Arbor in the room to the left of the gift shop/entrance. Fee for parking now but no charge to enter the conservatory anymore!

<https://www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg/plan/parking.asp>

Occasionally, if the nationals have brought in a big speaker from overseas, there might be an additional

lecture in the winter months. (The nationals pay to get the speaker to the US and the locals handle the expenses between cities.

Our speakers usually come via Toronto, since that is the closest chapter.)

Hope you and some in the group can make it!

Libby Greanya

NARGS - North American Rock Garden Society

GLC - Great Lakes Chapter



## Use Baking Soda for Boosting Your Plants

Caring for plants, whether inside or outdoors, can often require using harsh ingredients to boost their health. Despite improving soil quality and blooms, these chemicals can further leech into the environment.

You can decrease this effect by swapping harsh chemical-based products with a fertilizer using natural baking soda.

If your plants look a bit lifeless or drab in color, perk them with this simple fertilizer recipe you can make at home:

### **Baking Soda Plant Booster**

- 1 gallon water, pure and filtered
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon Epsom salts
- ½ teaspoon ammonia

Mix the ingredients, and water plants once a month.

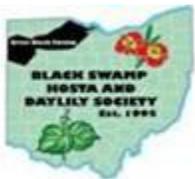
Tip adapted from UrbanMeisters

**If you have any info for the next E-FLASH, be sure to send it to us.**

**Happy Holidays! Hope you and yours have a “Merry Christmas” and a “Happy New Year”! See you in 2018!!**

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

**Frank and Charlene**



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## BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*ALL MEETINGS AT TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDEN UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE*

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JANUARY 27 - SATURDAY LUNCHEON MEETING-HEATHERDOWNS COUNTRY CLUB, TOLEDO

11:30 A.M. DOUG BEILSTEIN, National Known Hosta Hybridizer and Co-Owner of HostaWorks, Mansfield, OH, guest speaker. Presentation titled "Reds-They're Coming"

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FEBRUARY 10 - SATURDAY GENERAL MEETING  
1 P.M. DON RAWSON, Grand Rapids, MI -"More Rare and Unusual Plants"

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FEBRUARY 23-25 REGION 2 AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS WINTER SYMPOSIUM INDIANAPOLIS, IN

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MARCH 10 - SATURDAY GENERAL MEETING  
1 P.M. GINNY PEARCE-GARDEN PATH PERENNIALS, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

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MARCH 16-17 HOSTA COLLEGE, PIQUA, OHIO  
SPONSORED BY GREAT LAKES REGION-25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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APRIL 28 - SATURDAY GENERAL MEETING  
9 A.M. - NOON HOSTA GARDEN WORKDAY AT TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDEN  
1 P.M.-CONFERENCE CENTER PLANT SALE/HOSTA SHOW/TISSUE CULTURE PROGRAM



# **BLACK SWAMP HOSTA AND DAYLILY SOCIETY SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th LUNCHEON**

Our annual January luncheon will be held at HEATHERDOWNS COUNTRY CLUB, 3910 Heatherdowns, Toledo, on Saturday, January 27th. Social time will begin at 11:30 A.M. with lunch beginning at 12:30 P.M. Our guest speaker is Doug Beilstein, hosta hybridizer from Mansfield. Doug's program is titled "Reds-They're Coming". Beilstein first noticed hostas more than eighteen years ago. Since then, he has developed a keen interest and appreciation for the "friendship plant". This interest led him to invest in thousands of hostas and, more recently, to devote his efforts to hybridizing them. In 2003, Doug and Mardy Beilstein started HostaWorks in order to share the fruits of their labors with other hosta enthusiasts. Their website, [www.hostaworks.com](http://www.hostaworks.com), opened for business in Fall 2007. In 2012 they redesigned the site and added a more convenient shopping cart feature for folks to easily purchase seeds in their Seed Shoppe. For now, they just offer seeds for sale once a year, in November. To date, Doug has registered 69 hostas with the American Hosta Society.

This event has always been well attended and is a great way to spend a winter afternoon reconnecting with your gardening friends after the holidays.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>  
NO REFUNDS AFTER 1/18/18**

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**Lunch buffet includes Tossed Salad, Beef Burgundy, Stuffed Chicken in Mushroom Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, California Medley, Warm Rolls w/butter and Cheesecake for dessert  
Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea, or Lemonade**

**\$18.00 PER PERSON  
Includes tax and gratuity**

**Please sign me/us up!**

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**EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please return reservation along with your check payable to  
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