

Don't forget our meeting this Saturday, February 10th, at Toledo Botanical Garden's Conference Center beginning at 1 P.M. Don Rawson from Grand Rapids, MI is our guest speaker, and the title of his program is "TOP PERFORMERS IN THE RAWSON GARDEN". This PowerPoint program will walk you through the Rawson garden beginning in early spring and show you photos of the most outstanding hostas and perennials in their gardens. You will certainly find some to add to your own personal wish list. Perhaps you remember Don who presented the program at our January 2014 luncheon at Black Pearl Restaurant that was titled "Rare and Unusual Plants for the Garden"?

Registration opened last Saturday for Hosta College in Piqua on March 16th and 17th. For more information, you can login to Hosta college at their website: <https://www.ihostohio.org/glhcl>

If you are new to Hosta College, click on "Registration" then "Site Registration" and setup your password.

Register for Hosta College

Registration opens for Hosta Society Members: Saturday, February 3

All Registration closes Saturday, February 24 at midnight

Registration fees are \$42 for Hosta Society members, \$55 for non-members

To view Class List click on "Hosta College" then "Class List".

Once you have chosen your classes click on LOGIN link to Register for your classes.

Print two copies of your invoice page. Mail in one copy with your payment and keep the other copy for your records. Click on "Contact Us" then "Webmaster " if you have questions.

A few of the highlights of Hosta College:

This is the 25th Anniversary of Hosta College.

Friday evening auction, raffle, vendors and bookstore are open to the public at 6:00 PM.

Saturday breakfast, classes, lunch, door prizes, raffle, vending, and bookstore.

The 2018 Banquet Speaker will be Brian Wade. The topic of Brian's speech is his father Van Wade.

Attached is the 21st Century Project 2017 Annual Report. Many thanks to Jonathan Milbrodt, and the 21st Century Wednesday work crew which consists of Jim and Libby Boldt, Eileen and Harold Hoffman, Dianna and Arnie Vasquez, Helen Hundsrucker, Diane Vogt, and Brenda Haag, and the Black Swamp members who showed up for the hosta spring work day, the daylily work day, and the fall hosta clean-up work day!!

Any suggestions for a bus trip this year??? Any volunteers to put together our Members Garden tour?

A big **“Thank You”** to Dianna and Arnie Vasquez for putting together our January luncheon at Heather Downs Country Club last month! The buffet was fantastic and it was great to see everyone after the holidays! Our program presented by nationally renowned hosta hybridizer and a former President of the American Hosta Society, Doug Beilstein from Mansfield, told us about the progress of hosta hybridizers of **“Reds – They’re Coming”**. One interesting fact that hybridizers worldwide are finding is that **“sugar”** seems to be the missing key.

Dianna has already secured Heather Downs Country Club for our January 19, 2019, luncheon too! Put it on your calendar for next year!

Have you paid your 2018 dues? If not, your membership expired December 31st! The dues are still \$10 per year. Checks made payable to “BSHDS” can be sent to our treasurer, Jim Flannery, 26009 Willowbend Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

To be eligible for a hosta tissue culture plant this spring, your dues must be paid prior to March 31, 2018, you need to attend our April 28th meeting, and if you participated in the program last year-you must have brought back your specimen of H. ‘Pure Heart’ last fall for comparison.

What is our Hosta Tissue Culture Program??

The Hosta Tissue Culture Program is designed to be an educational and learning experience for you as well as for others who can gain from your knowledge and experience in growing hosta from tissue culture. Sharing your planting medium, fertilization and watering regimen plus the growing location (morning sun, all shade, etc.) can help others grow robust tissue culture hosta. So your culture process can be shared with members of our society, you will be expected to pot your hosta in the pot provided by the society, keep a journal (also provided by the society), and bring both the hosta and your journal to at least one society meeting in September or October, or to the Daylily Garden Workshop/Daylily Auction in August.

YEAR 2018

HOSTA OF THE

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/Zilis 2006)

MATURE HEIGHT: 19".

MATURE SPREAD: 39".

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

FLOWER: Very pale purple, mid season.

Prior “Hosta of the Year” includes:

2017	'Brother Stefan'
2016	'Curly Fries'
2015	'Victory'
2014	'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
2013	'Rainforest Sunrise'
2012	'Liberty'
2011	'Praying Hands'
2010	'First Frost'
2009	'Earth Angel'
2008	'Blue Mouse Ears'
2007	'Paradigm'
2006	'Stained Glass'
2005	'Striptease'
2004	'Sum and Substance'
2003	'Regal Splendor'
2002	'Guacamole'
2001	'June'
2000	'Sagae'
1999	'Paul's Glory'
1998	'Fragrant Bouquet'
1997	'Patriot'
1996	'So Sweet'

Have you signed up yet????

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Eileen Hoffman who maintains our FACEBOOK and Website reports that as of January 26th we had 211 “likes” on our public FACEBOOK page, and in the previous 7 days we had 57 people log on to our website!

Spring arrives on Tuesday, March 20th, at 12:16 PM!!

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

Stay warm - Live life to its fullest!!!!

Frank and Charlene



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