

Don't forget our meeting Saturday, February 11th, at Toledo Botanical Garden's Conference Center beginning at 1 P.M. Dr. Laura Deeter, from OSU HORTICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES in Wooster, will present a program on "Perennial Maintenance in Shade and Sun Gardens". Dr. Deeter is one of the most popular speakers in the horticultural community, and we have thoroughly enjoyed her visit several times in the past. We are sure you will enjoy her unique style!

Come see the latest logo Charlie Harper has been working on for us. Do you have a logo that you would like to suggest for our society??

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

Eileen Hoffman and Joyce Lane are doing a great job with our new FACEBOOK site. THANK YOU!! Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety/?fref=ts>.

Just heard that Punxsutawney Phil, the infamous groundhog, emerged from his burrow at Gobblers Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, this morning and saw his shadow, which, according to a 131-year old legend, means six more weeks of winter. Our winter has not been bad at all so I guess we can take six more weeks until spring arrives on March 20th (which is just a few days over 6 weeks anyway)! Our witch hazel bush is blooming, a few snow drops are starting to sprout up, as are some daffodils?!? Spring is on its way!!

And don't forget that registration for Hosta College for Black Swamp members begins this Saturday, February 4th:

Registration Dates

Teachers and GLR Board Members 6:00 am Jan. 28

Great Lakes Members 6:00 am Feb 4

Nonmembers 6:00 am Feb 11

Registration Ends Saturday Feb 25

**Registration fees are \$42 for members,
\$55 for non-members.**

GIFT PLANTS FOR 2017 WILL BE H. 'HANS' AND H. 'WRINKLE IN TIME' (Your choice of one.)

If you have any trouble registering with the site or registering for Hosta College, do not hesitate to request assistance by clicking the Webmaster link found at the bottom of most pages. You will be taken to a form where you can submit your help request. Once you submit the help request an email will immediately be sent to the support team.

If you would like to pre-plan your Hosta College registration, there is a Class Listing, the schedule for both Friday night and Saturday, hotel information, and directions to Hosta College on the website.

Charlie Harper is going to be teaching **“Photo Editing for Beginners”** this year at Hosta College.

Also, received email from Irene Kecskes, our GLR representative regarding registration at Comfort Inn:

Hi. there's been some confusion with people trying to register at Comfort Inn for hosta college. this posting from mvhs might help any of our people registering there.
classes are now listed on the website. we may have an additional class on pests
Irene

Subject: Hotel Posting For MVHS Members

Here is a copy of what was posted on Miami Valley's Constant Contact for their Members.



Regarding Hosta College Hotel Reservations:

We have been informed that people trying to make room reservations at Comfort Inn are being told the rooms are full. This is a mistake.

When calling Comfort Inn to make reservations, you will get an automated answering system. It will say choose '1' for reservations' and '0' for Guest Information or to speak to a guest. Please choose '0' for guest information and you will be forwarded to the Front Desk. Please use the code 'Hosta College' when making your reservations. We apologize for any confusion that has occurred. Rooms are still available.

Remember, registration for Hosta College opens 6:00 am on February 4 for local hosta society members and February 11 for nonmembers. Registration closes on midnight February 25. Register early to get into the classes you prefer!

MIAMI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY

WELCOME to our newest members:

Pam Ritter from Toledo

Connie and Chester Boice from Bradner

Sarah DaPra from Jackson, MI

Sandy Crum from Tiffin

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 author, speaker, and gardening expert, Joseph Tychonievich, focused on plants that are good alternatives or companions for the shade garden. The spring like day even brought the golfers out on the greens for our viewing pleasure.

Have you paid your 2017 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, 2017, you need to attend our April 29th meeting, and if you participated in the program last year-you must have brought back your specimen of H. ‘Joy Ride’ 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.

Lori Schoen has opened a workshop on the TBG grounds, just behind the Potter's Guild. Unruly Arts says, "We are an art studio where people of all ages and abilities can create. Our focus is on providing a space for people with developmental disabilities."

Here is the description from their FB page:

"Unruly Arts is a studio where artists with developmental disabilities and others can come and pursue their need to work and create, communicate their vision and allow their voices to be heard through art. Our mission is to provide a process oriented environment which is open to people of all ages and abilities to create art without restrictions or boundaries. The studio operates with a spirit of openness and joy, guiding each individual to showcase their talent and ability and create professional opportunities to exhibit and sell their work. Their number is (419) 704-5941, and here is the link to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/unrulyarts/>

American Hosta Growers Association 2017 Hosta of the Year



Hosta are a very popular perennial for shady areas, with hundreds of varieties readily available. Each year the American Hosta Growers Association selects its Hosta of the Year to recognize hosta plants that are good garden plants in all regions of the country, are widely available, and retail for no more than \$15 in the year of selection. Since 1996 they have chosen great varieties that have exceptionally decorative foliage, showy or fragrant flowers, and perform well throughout USDA hardiness zones 3-9.

2017 Hosta of the Year

H. 'Brother Stefan'



(O. Petryszyn 1998)

Clump Size: (L) 35" x 22"

Leaf Size: 11" x 10" -- Vein Pairs: 13

Description: Similar to the large H. 'Bright Lights', this moderately fast growing hosta has beautiful rounded and corrugated leaves with a yellow center and an attractive two-tone green margin.

Blooms: Near white flowers bloom in June.

Comments: Named for Olga Petryszyn's brother Stefan, this hosta is considered one of her best introductions.

Light: Light shade to full shade. -- Soil: Rich, moist, well-drained

Prior "Hosta of the Year" include:

- 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'

13TH ANNUAL SEED SWAP

Swap Sow Grow!

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, February 25, 2017
12pm - 3pm
Scott High School
2400 Collingwood | Toledo
Additional parking in the UAW Parking lot

START PLANNING FOR SPRING.
5 FREE packets of seeds to each attendee!
Bring additional seed packets to swap for more:

- Must be dated 2015 or later
- Labeled in individual envelopes
- No bulk seeds accepted

No seeds to swap? Extra packets available for 50¢ donation.

OTHER FEATURES

- Food
- Children's Activities
- Raffle
- Gardening Displays

WORKSHOPS

1:00 pm Golden Rules for Successful Gardening with Seeds by Gardening Expert Cindy Branch of Branch Farms	2:00 pm Secrets of Safer Soil by Cheryl Rice, a Horticulturist Ohio urban conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Julie Pompa, Toledo Botanical Garden's Volunteer Coordinator, sent the following if you're looking for something to do this year at Toledo Botanical Garden:

THE 2017 SHORT HORT AND WEED & WINE SCHEDULES

The 2017 Horticulture Education Series features knowledgeable and entertaining speakers in sessions on the second Saturday of the month in February, March and April. The fee per session: \$25 / \$20 for members; fee for the series: \$75 / \$60 for members. Call to register | 419.536.2039

SESSION 1

February 11, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. to noon | TBG Greenhouse, Park in Bancroft Lot

Do It! Beautiful Landscapes

Janet Macunovich, Landscape Designer and Author

This year, have the best-looking landscape in the neighborhood. Make it one that has four seasons of interest, increases your home's value and decreases your yard work. Janet gets you started with simple steps to design from scratch or update an existing landscape. You'll learn what to keep, what to buy, where and how to plant so it all looks great now and 10 years from now.

SESSION 2

March 11, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. to noon | TBG Conference Center, Park in Elmer Lot

The Informed Gardener: Truth or Fallacy - Home Brewed Horticulture Tips

Amy Stone, OSU Extension Coordinator

As gardeners, we often hear and even try some garden remedies. While the allure of using ammonium, beer, egg shells, soap and garlic may be intriguing – what's the science behind the practice? We will cover a variety of horticulture tips and break down the practice, theory and the real story. We'll ask the questions and experiment to see if it is a practice worth repeating.

Let's Talk Water Gardens, Ponds and Such –

Deb Fry, Owner, Select Stone Company

Deb will share her experiences with water gardens and Koi ponds. You will learn how to make your experience of installing and managing a water garden or a Koi pond go swimmingly!

SESSION 3

April 8, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. to noon | TBG Conference Center, Park in Elmer Lot

Using Native Plants in the Landscape –

Michelle Grigore, Director of Programming, Metroparks Toledo

Native plants offer a perfect match for your landscaping challenges. Soil too sandy? No problem. Hard clay? No worries. Want to create a natural, native, sanctuary, ecological wildlife habitat? Just add native plants. We will cover trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants in this session and spend some time addressing your specific needs during an interactive period.

Eye Poppin' Perennials –

Jonathan Milbrodt, Plant Records Curator, Toledo Botanical Garden

Herbaceous perennials are often “fillers” in the landscape; providing color, texture, balance and scale amongst the larger woody plants. But they can also be thrillers! We will cover many perennials, including

cultural requirements and landscape uses. Some are underutilized, others are new varieties. We will also cover old stand-bys certain to make your garden POP!

Our popular Short Hort and Weed & Wine programs are set to return February through October. Both programs will be at various spots on the Elmer Drive main campus, as well as at the Toledo GROWs Urban Farm in Downtown Toledo.

Sunday Short Hort 2017

TBG's Short Hort allows participants to gain some knowledge while giving some volunteer time. This year's schedule runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon on the first Sunday of the month; meet in the Conference Center unless otherwise instructed. Here's our lineup:

February 5 - Pruning

March 5 - Plant record keeping

April 2 - Combining plants

May 7 - Perennials

June 4 - Flowering shrubs

July 2 - Native plants

August 6 - Planting fall crops (at the Toledo GROWs Urban Farm)

September 3 - Lawn overseeding

October 1 - Designing with grasses

Weed & Wine 2017

Spend some time weeding around the Garden or at Toledo GROWs, and enjoy some wine along with your volunteering! Bring your own gloves, and we'll supply the tools and wine. Weed & Wine is the third Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (earlier in the winter and fall). Here's what we've planned:

February 15 - Woodland Garden (pruning)
March 15 - Daylily Garden
April 19 - Perennial Garden (dividing grasses)
May 17 - Perennial Garden (color garden)
June 21 - Pioneer Garden
July 19 - Woodland Garden (hostas)
August 16 - Urban Farm (Downtown Toledo)
September 20 - Artists' Village
October 18 - Stream & Rain Garden (seed collecting and removing
invasives)

Contact Julie Pompa at julie.pompa@toledogarden.org for more
information.

On MARCH 11th, DAN BACHMAN from VALLEY OF THE DAYLILIES will be our guest speaker. Dan, and his wife Jackie, operate a plant farm specializing in Daylilies, growing over 3,800 cultivars plus thousands of new seedlings under evaluation from their breeding program. Dan has registered 140 daylilies and received over 50 AHS Awards and Honorable Mentions. Dan is best known for his spiders and unusual form intros, many of which are named for famous jazz musicians.

Live life to its fullest!!!!