

**Don't forget our meeting on Saturday, February 8th, at Toledo Botanical Garden's Conference Center beginning at 1 P.M. Our guest speaker will be John Hric, Daylily Hybridizer from North East Ohio Garden, Cleveland, OH. The title of John's presentation is "MY JOURNEY TO BECOMING A DAYLILY HYBRIDIZER".** John and his wife Susan live on the west side of Cleveland, where they've been gardening since 1976. Over the years, they transitioned from vegetable gardening to perennials, introducing daylilies into the garden in 1996. A relatively new hybridizer, John started doing crosses around 2003. To date, he's expanded his garden to include around 600 daylilies and has registered 30 new ones. John provides a good example of a hobbyist hybridizer, just having a lot of fun. One of his registrations is named, 'She Who Must Be Obeyed'. He has a sense of humor!!

Our complete 2020 calendar and meeting information sheet is attached so you can get the dates on your calendar.

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**Just another REMINDER: Registration opens on Saturday-February 1<sup>st</sup> for Hosta College in Piqua on March 20th and 21st. For more information, you can log in to Hosta College at their website: <https://www.ihostohio.org/glhc/>**

Browse by period (1-6) or review the complete list of classes. You must select a lunch period (either 3rd or 4th period).

Click on Home to get an idea of the registration and payment process if this will be your first time to register. Also be sure you log in with the Hosta College Site Registration ahead of time, so you know your user name and password. This information is needed when you go to register for the classes you want to take.

**REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN  
AT 6 AM**

**ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**February 1st - MEMBERS OF GLRHS**

**February 8th - NON-MEMBERS OF GLRHS**

**February 29th- REGISTRATION CLOSES**

**\$48.00 registration fee for members. If you have paid your dues for 2020 to Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society, then you are automatically listed as a Great Lakes Region Hosta Society member!**

Most classes will fill up very quickly, so your best bet to get what you want is to have your desired schedule in front of you (1st and 2nd choice for each period) when you log in February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **HC4Kids (HOSTA COLLEGE for KIDS)**

If your child or grandchild is 9-15 years old as of Jan. 1, 2020 you can register him/her for age appropriate classes. Registered adult must accompany child. Only 20 slots open.

Directions for registration is on the web site. Lunch for your child will be included in the registration fee. The hours for class will be the same as the adult classes.

Youth are also welcome to register to attend the banquet with you. Help make our **Hosta College for Kids** a successful one by registering your child or grandchild after you finish your own registration.

Registration closes Saturday, February 29th at midnight.

#### **A few of the highlights 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 2020 Banquet Speaker will be Jeff Johnson, Division Chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

**The title of his presentation is "How to Incorporate Native Plants into Your Landscape". Cost of the banquet is \$24.00 with a choice of entree selections.**

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**Start Planning for Spring! Toledo Growers 16th Annual Seed Swap is Saturday, February 29, 2020**

Time: Noon - 3:00 pm

Location: Scott High School, 2400 Collingwood Avenue in Toledo

FREE admission Additional parking in the UAW parking lot.

**5 FREE packets of seeds to each attendee! Bring additional seed packets to swap for more (75 packet limit):**

- Must be dated 2018 or later
- Labeled in individual envelopes
- No bulk seeds accepted

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

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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. Everyone enjoyed seeing the gardens and hearing about the National Hosta Convention held in Green Bay, Wisconsin this past June presented by Frank and Charlene.

This year we again faced wintery weather conditions on the roadways on our luncheon date. At the recent board meeting, it was suggested to move the date of the January luncheon at Heather Downs Country Club to either the second or fourth Saturday in March in 2021-providing one of those dates is still open. We will be voting on the date at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you will not be at the meeting and want to voice your opinion, send me an email @cfpatz@att.net or give me a call – Tele: 419-874-8964.

Hopefully the weather will be more co-operative later in the year!

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**Have you paid your 2020 dues? If not, your membership expired December 31<sup>st</sup>! 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. If you have already paid your dues – THANK YOU!!!**

**To be eligible for a hosta tissue culture plant this spring, your dues must be paid prior to March 31, 2020, you need to attend our April 25th meeting, and if you participated in the program last year-you**

**must have brought back your specimen of H. 'Etched Glass' 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.**

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**Eileen Hoffman, our website guru, has sent in the following social media report as of February 28th:**

In the past 28 days our FB page has had 124 views. As of today we have 464 people who have "Liked" our FB page. That does not mean each of those persons follow us on a regular basis, but it does show they are/were interested. We have 483 who "follow" our FB page.

Our website was visited 4,918 times in the past 30 days, by 2,304 people. That means we have repeat visitors. All the more reason to keep posting things!

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

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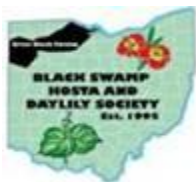
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Groundhog Day is Sunday – February 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully the mild winter we have been experiencing this year will continue until Spring arrives on Thursday, March 19, at 11:50 EDT!!

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

Live life to its fullest!!!!

Frank and Charlene



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