

BRR! Has it been cold enough for you?? It could warm up and stay warm as far as we're concerned!! We had snow for Christmas and New Year's, so what else could we wish for??

Just want to remind you that the **deadline to make reservations** for our January 27th luncheon is **Tuesday, January 16th**.

Our guest speaker is Doug Beilstein, who won the 2017 Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award. During his acceptance speech at the national hosta convention this past June, he named H. Cup of Grace as his favorite. What is the **Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award**? This award was established in 1972 and re-established in 2006 in honor of a pioneer hosta hybridizer and founding member of The American Hosta Society, Eunice Fisher of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This award is the highest award offered by The American Hosta Society in recognition of outstanding achievement in hosta hybridizing. It is awarded to a member of the Society who has truly advanced the genus *Hosta* through hybridization. The recipient receives a large wooden plaque. This award is for the hosta that the recipient of the Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award selects from among his/her own hosta hybrids as the recipient's favorite.

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, 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. Doug served as President of the American Hosta Society from 2011 – 2013. Bundle up and come to the luncheon. Last year there were golfers out on the course for their first outing of the year. It would sure be nice to have that kind of weather this year!

Here is an update on the presentation sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society that Libby and Mike Greanya mentioned at our October meeting:

Hi Charlene,

Below is the specific information about the January Great Lakes Chapter NARGS sponsored lecture in Ann Arbor. (Free.)

January 20, 2018 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

I am sure you have heard Janet speak...she is very good. Although this lecture really isn't about rock gardening...

Admission is now free to Matthaei Botanical Gardens, including the conservatory (has green growing plants!) but Matthaei charges for parking. There are parking lots on each end of the building.

If you park in the south lot, you can probably walk all the way through the classroom part of the building to get out of the cold. Pay at a kiosk by the front door (outside) by the gift shop.

The lecture/community room is next to the gift shop.

Hope some of you from Black Swamp can make it!

Libby and Michael Greanya

"Janet Macunovich – Planting Well Even When Roots Aren't Right"

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

1800 N. Dixboro Rd

Ann Arbor, MI 48105

January 20, 2018 @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

A presentation by Michigan garden designer, author, and educator Janet Macunovich on how to plant your garden effectively. Janet brings her vast experience planting wide ranges of gardens, and roots are at the heart of almost all plants. Janet is a well-known Michigan professional gardener, designer, author and educator. She began designing gardens for others in 1980, teaching a college garden design course in 1987, and published her first book in 1990. In 1985 Janet established Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscape design firm. In 1988 she expanded the business from part-time to full-time. Janet's formal education in gardening and design includes hundreds of hours of seminars and workshops at botanical gardens and educational institutions in several States. She has completed the Michigan State University Extension gardening program and is active in the community as an Advanced Master Gardener. She sees education as a lifelong process and established The Michigan School of Gardening, where she was a director and senior instructor. Sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. Free.

Have you paid your dues for 2018??? If you have, THANK YOU!! And, if you have not, send your check today to our treasurer so you don't miss out on another great year!

Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society
Jim Flannery, Treasurer
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Dues remain \$10 per year, and you can pay for more than one year at a time. Please make check payable to "BSHDS".

Great Lakes Region will be celebrating 25 years of Hosta College on March 16 – 17, 2018. Registration for GLRHS members will begin on Saturday, February 3rd, and registration will close on February 24th. Classes will be posted on the website on January 12th. Registration and payment process will be the same as in past years. The banquet speaker will be Brian Wade, who will pay tribute to his late father, Van Wade.

Have you heard about the blue moon total lunar eclipse??? First blue moon total lunar eclipse in 150 years coming January 31st. When was the last blue moon total lunar eclipse? This combined phenomenon hasn't occurred since March 31, 1866.

Unlike August's total solar eclipse, the January 31st blue moon total lunar eclipse will not be as visible in the continental United States.

Total eclipse time in North America, according to EarthSky.org

Eastern Standard Time

Partial umbra eclipse begins: 6:48 a.m. EST

Total eclipse not visible; moon sets beforehand. Darn!

Remember Joseph Tychonievich, the young energetic speaker at our January luncheon last year? Just read on the internet that he has been named editor of *Fine Gardening's* "Garden Photo of the Day". Go to "Fine Gardening's" website to see photos from some of Joseph's past and present gardens. You can even submit photos of your garden for Joseph to post!!

From Fine Gardening's website:

I'm excited to see all the amazing garden photos you submit and put together my favorites to share with you all. I've been an avid gardener since I was a teenager, and have written a couple of gardening books (Plant Breeding for the Home Gardener and Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style for Today's Gardens). Though I've lived and gardened in Ohio and Michigan most of my life, I moved just this past summer to Williamsburg, Virginia, where I'm learning about gardening in a much warmer climate, exploring a lot of new plants, and missing snow just a little bit.

Have a garden you'd like to share? Email 5-10 high-resolution photos (there is no need to reduce photo sizing before sending—simply point, shoot and send the photos our way) and a brief story about your garden to GPOD@taunton.com. Please include where you're located!

Sending photos in separate emails to the [GPOD email box](#) is just fine.

Have a mobile phone? Tag your photos on [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) with #FineGardening!

You don't have to be a professional garden photographer - check out our [garden photography tips](#)!

This is from Toledo Metroparks website. You need to register for these free lectures on the website:

Winter Learning Series Features Local Nature, Culture

Enrich your knowledge of the natural and cultural history of northwest Ohio through a weekly lecture series for adults. Each starts with an indoor presentation followed by an optional, short hike led by a naturalist.

Programs are Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Locations vary each month.

January 7

Native Orchids

By Eric Durbin of the Toledo Naturalist's Association, and a Metroparks volunteer, discusses native orchids of the Oak Openings Region

Toledo Botanical Garden, Terrace Room

January 14

Canadian Color

TBG horticultural technician Mary Visco will share photos of Eastern Canadian gardens, both private and public, and discuss how these gardens are influenced by British gardens.

Toledo Botanical Garden, Terrace Room

January 21

Journey Down the Maumee

Ryan Schnurr will discuss his book "In the Watershed: A journey down the Maumee River." Ryan, an Indiana native, will also talk about problems facing the Maumee River and Lake Erie.

Toledo Botanical Garden, Terrace Room

January 28

Wildflowers

Metroparks volunteers and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists Randy and Chris Haar will present on wildflowers in the Metroparks.

Toledo Botanical Garden, Terrace Room

February 4

Howard Marsh

Denis Franklin, Metroparks natural resources supervisor, will highlight the newest Metropark, scheduled to open in the spring near the Lake Erie shore in Jerusalem Township (just in time for spring bird migration!)

Denis will discuss the acquisition of the property, the restoration project and the amenities the park will provide.

Buehner Center, Oak Openings

February 11

All About Bees

Apiary (bee) inspector Mike Horst will enlighten us about native and honey bees, their habitat, interesting facts about bees, and how to invite bees into our yards.

Buehner Center, Oak Openings

February 18

Butterfly Gardens

Jan Dixon of the Toledo Naturalists Association will present on butterfly gardens. Jan will cover what types of plants attract butterflies to your yard and how to maintain your butterfly garden.

Buehner Center, Oak Openings

February 25

Oak Tree Pests

Amy Stone, Ohio State University Extension agent, will discuss oak trees and their pests. Amy will cover the different species of oaks in the Metroparks and some of the diseases and pests that affect them.

Buehner Center, Oak Openings

March 4

Rain Gardens and Natives

Hal Mann from the Wild Ones Oak Openings Region chapter will provide instruction on making rain gardens work with native plants. The presentation introduces the concept of rain gardens, why they are important, how they work and how to make them most effective by using native plants. Learn how native rain gardens provide a host of ecological benefits in addition to storm water management.

Fallen Timbers Battlefield

March 11

For the Birds

Steve Stockford, park supervisor for Secor Metropark and an experienced birder will sharpen your birding skills just in time for the spring migration.

Fallen Timbers Battlefield

March 18

Owls in the Metroparks

From residents birds to winter visiting species, this program will address the life histories and conservation of these popular nocturnal creatures. You'll learn tips about when and where to search for them. Presented by Kim High, Metroparks naturalist/historical Interpreter.

Fallen Timbers Battlefield

March 25

Blue and Gold-winged Warblers

University of Toledo student Gunner Kramer will discuss his research on blue and golden-winged warblers. These small songbirds make their way through northwest Ohio twice a year on their journey to and from their breeding grounds in Canada and the Arctic.

And... there is a new Flora exhibit at the National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Park: Flora of Central and North America by Bryce Denison

Exhibit Open Friday, January 5 through Friday, March 30

Exhibit open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon. Free

Michigan-based photographer Bryce Denison returns with a new exhibit featuring more than 60 large photographs of flora from Central and North America, all hand printed and framed.

The exhibit celebrates the search for beauty combined with information about how flowers, trees and various plants were used by Native Americans as food and medicine throughout history.

Bryce is an award-winning photographer, noted lecturer, author and artist who has traveled extensively to acquire the images visitors will see in this show.

The son of a professional hunting and fishing guide who grew up in the outdoors, Bryce has aimed his camera at iconic landscapes, spectacular architecture, wildlife in its natural habitat and people from all walks of life. He holds a BFA in applied photography from the College for Creative Studies and a Master's Degree from Wayne State University, where he spent many years as a professor. He has been the director for Midwest Photography Workshops for the last 40 years.

Meet the Artist

The photographer will give a free workshop, Advanced Composition Techniques, Saturday, January 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Photo Center.

Bryce will also present a **free, overview lecture about the exhibit in the gallery Sunday, February 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Learn From a Pro

Register for these and other workshops at the artist's website.

The following will be held at the Photo Center

Macro Techniques for Nature

Sunday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$85 Registration

Brace for IMPACT - Outdoor Photos that POP!

Sunday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$95 Registration

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

Don't forget to check our FACEBOOK and WEB SITE that Eileen Hoffman has been maintaining for our society!

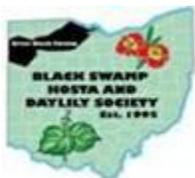
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If you have any info for the next E-FLASH, be sure to send it to us.

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

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