

Don't forget our meeting this coming Saturday, February 9th, at Toledo Botanical Garden's Conference Center beginning at 1 P.M. Our guest speaker will be DR. LAURA DEETER aka "THE GARDEN HOE" Ph.D. Professor and Coordinator, Landscape Horticulture and Horticultural Science, Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, OH. Her program is titled "LANDSCAPE DESIGN IDEAS FOR HOSTAS AND DAYLILIES". A popular educator experienced in many subjects. Laura is a very dynamic speaker and entertaining presenter who has visited us several times in the past.

Just a REMINDER: Registration opened last Saturday for Hosta College in Piqua on March 15th and 16th. For more information, you can login 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:

6 AM, January 26th to February 15th for GLRHS members (\$42.00 for members. If you are a paid Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society member, then you are automatically listed as a Great Lakes Region Hosta Society member!

6 AM, February 2nd to February 15th for non-members (\$55.00 for non-members)

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 January 26th.

NEW THIS YEAR HC4Kids (HOSTA COLLEGE for KIDS)

If your child or grandchild is 10-15 years old as of Jan. 1, 2019 you can register him/her for age appropriate classes. Registered adult must accompany child.

Directions for registration will be 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. Fee schedules are on the web site. The American Hosta Society has committed financial support to help defray the cost of youth registrations!

Help make our **Hosta College for Kids** a successful one by registering your child after you finish your own registration.

Registration closes Saturday, February 23 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.

Bob liames will be the guest speaker for the banquet. His presentation is titled “Rantings of a Plantaholic”.

Attached is the 2018 Annual Report of our 21st Century Project at Toledo Botanical Garden. Many thanks to Jonathan Milbrodt, and the 21st Century Wednesday morning work crew which consists of Jim and Libby Boldt, Eileen and Harold Hoffman, Dianna and Arnie Vasquez, Linda Hoffman, Helen Hundsrucker, and Diane Vogt, and the Black Swamp members who showed up for the hosta spring work day, the daylily work day, and the daylily workday before the Daylily Expo in July!!

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 and the snowstorm to remember in 2019 which delayed the luncheon one week. Our program presented by Mandy McMahan from Silver Creek Daylilies titled “Hybridizing Award Winning Daylilies” was delightful after all

of the wintery weather we had the previous week! Mandy has been hybridizing daylilies for 18 years and loves every part of it! Each January she starts about 2,000-3,000 seeds with the hopes of finding just the perfect seedling with that special "something" to introduce! She concentrates on bagel form daylilies with lots of ruffles and "extra" stuff. She just can't get enough of watermarks - they are her favorite! The last couple of years have been exciting as in 2016 Mandy's seedling won the Englerth Award for Region 2 – which she has introduced and offers for sale as "Twelve O'clock The Wolf Comes". In 2017 West Michigan hosted the AHS Region 2 Summer meeting and their garden was on tour for that. Go to Mandy's website to see more about her hybridizing program <springcreekdaylilies.org>.

Dianna has already secured Heather Downs Country Club for our January 18, 2020, luncheon too! Put it on your calendar for next year! Hopefully the weather will co-operate next year!

Have you paid your 2019 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, 2019, you need to attend our April 27th meeting, and if you participated in the program last year-you must have brought back your specimen of H. 'Coast to Coast' 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.

Eileen Hoffman, our website guru, has sent in the following social media report:

Our facebook page now was 357 “Likes” and was viewed 34 times this week.

Our website had 147 views this week. (See, Charlie Harper was right!)

Comment or question made via our “CONTACT” page:

“Hope you had a good holiday :) I just wanted to send the BSHSS some positive feedback- last week one of the students I tutor was working on an environmental science project on plants & flowers and she wound up on your page (this one: <https://blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety.weebly.com/links.html>) She thought you folks would want to know that we found excellent info for her project and enjoyed learning about hostas and daylilies, so thank you! Also- Danielle and I thought we could return the favor by sharing an educational resource of our own... "Why Plants Have Flowers" - <https://www.kremp.com/why-plants-have-flowers> It has fun information for kids & students, and she thought it would be a helpful addition to the resources on the page she found! Would you be able to add it? Danielle's pretty passionate about the environment so I think she'd be proud to see that her contribution was helpful, and I'd love to show her after holiday break :) Thanks again and have a great day!! Sincerely, Danielle & Mrs. Glenning”

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

Spring arrives on Wednesday, March 20, at 5:58 P.M!!

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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