

Summer has arrived!! Aren't the hostas and daylilies looking wonderful this year?? This is a great year to be having our hosta show! Everything seems to be a few weeks ahead of schedule so get outside and enjoy your garden as often as you can!!

Just a reminder to **send in your bus reservation** for our visit to the Northern Mecca Daylily Gardens on Saturday, July 8th. We still need a couple more people in the Bowling Green area to commit to getting on the bus at Meijer's on Wooster Street and we are working to make this happen.

Cost is \$40 each for members and \$45 for non-members.

Get your reservation in by Tuesday, June 20th, to Karen Centers, bus trip registrar.

First come, first served. All reservations will be confirmed as they are received by Karen via telephone.

If you have any questions about the bus trip, call Karen at 419-885-4387. If you get her answering machine, please leave a message and Karen will return your call.

Don't forget our hosta show "Rivers of Leaves" on Sunday, June 18th, in the Terrace Room of the Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden. The Conference Center will be open by 8 A.M. for you to begin preparing your entries. The show will be open for public viewing from 1 – 4 P.M. If you would like to get entry tags the week before the show, call Charlene at 419-874-8964 to arrange to pick them up.

If you have any questions about the show, contact Sarah DaPra, Show Chair, Tele: 517-750-1864, Email: ashwoods@aol.com or Phil Parsons, Show Co-chair, Tele: 419-256-7246, Email: mpparsons@centurylink.net

If you are not going to bring hosta leaves, container grown hostas, hosta troughs, hosta arrangements, or an educational display, we can still use your help in getting the show ready from 8 – 11 AM, or answering questions about hostas and our society when the show opens at 1 P.M.

The show schedule and additional information about preparing your entries is in a second E-FLASH.

Two long-time Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society volunteers, Jim Boldt & Joyce Lane, were recently honored by having 2 new Hostas registered in their names. Local hybridizer and BSHDS member, Butch (Dennis) Graves, came up with the idea to honor all the work Jim & Joyce have done over the years for the Hosta & Daylily collections at TBG. TBG's Jonathan Milbrodt was invited last summer to help Mr. Graves select the 2 plants from his stock. The new Hostas were planted at TBG this spring just before the Volunteer Hosta Workday, and of course both honorees were very surprised! H. 'Jim Boldt' has a blue-green 12 inch broadly ovate leaf, and H. 'Joyce Lane' has a dark-green leaf with light-yellow margins with a "puckering" tip. You can find both plants displayed in the Ohio Hybridizers Garden of TBG's Hosta Collection. Thanks Butch!!!



JIM BOLDT



JOYCE LANE

What a very successful Plant Sale last month!!! It was a little windy and cool for May, but we had a great selection of plants for our followers again this year. We could not do it without your support, and want to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated by bring plants for sale, and helping the day of the sale!! Members who brought plants were Jim and Luci Flannery, Karen Shelt, Frank and Charlene Patz, Jim Baumann, Don and Ann Bixler; Vicki Dillon, Phil and Marian Parsons; Nancy Diego, Cliff and Linda Smith, Helen Hundsrucker, Sharon and Bob Supinski, Jim and Libby Boldt, Jack Church; Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Pam Murphy; Marilyn Hummel; Otto and Donna Adler; Jay and Linda Hoffman; Lisa Kiene, Rita Stanford; Ralph and Betty Moore; Karen Centers; Harold and Eileen Hoffman; Dave and Carol Hoobler; Jodi Waldron; Patty Howe; Rich and Linda Nagy; and 577 Foundation. It works like clockwork – everyone just pitches in and everything gets done. Special Thanks to Betty Moore, co-chair, and the plant sale committee who do a lot of work behind the scene before and after the sale-Jim and Luci Flannery, Linda Scheuerman, Nancy Diego, Vicki Dillon, Karen Centers, Linda and Rich Nagy, Linda Hoffman, and Frank Patz. Thanks to Ann Bixler and Linda Nagy for being our cashiers, Sharon and Bob Supinski, and Judy and Jim Hersch for manning the Holding Area again this year, Phil Parsons for bringing everything and setting up the Holding area, Rich Nagy for handling the sale of the water plants, Vicki Dillon for making our signs, our order writers (who were so numerous I can't begin to list them-I don't want to miss anyone!), Eileen Hoffman with her Nature cards and envelopes (and she donated the sales to the society). It amazes the folks at Churchill's Market how well run the event is, and how our "tribe of followers" show up every year!! It is an ideal location and serves us well.

Welcome to our new members:

Sandra Marsh from Maumee, who joined at the Lucas County Master Gardeners Plant Exchange – (Thanks, Karen Centers for bringing Sandra over to the BSHDS table!)

At the Plant Sale, Jim Corbitt from Bowling Green joined, and renewing their memberships were Marie Rogers and Sue and Chris Keller from Bowling Green, and Tania Young from Perrysburg.

Northwest Ohio's premier fine arts festival takes place the last full weekend of June every year at TBG and features the work of more than 200 artists from across the country. Crosby Festival of the Arts is a highly recognized fine art show. Since 1965, Crosby Festival has been held at Toledo Botanical Garden (formerly Crosby Gardens), set amidst the beauty of gardens and nature. Now celebrating its 52nd year, this festival is heralded as Ohio's oldest outdoor juried art festival and is THE fine art festival in Northwest Ohio. As the only show of its size and caliber in our region, participating artists are received enthusiastically by over 20,000 visitors and 700+ preview party guests each year.

General Show: Saturday, June 24 - 10 AM – 5 PM and Sunday, June 25 10 AM – 4 PM

General Admission: **\$8**

Advance purchase at Meijer's: **\$7**

TBG members: **Free!**

Children under 12: **Free!**

FREE shuttle to Toledo Botanical Garden from Meijer at 7240 W. Central Ave., Toledo

If you are not planning on going to the Crosby Festival of the Arts at Toledo Botanical Garden the week-end of June 23-24 and are looking for something to do, check out the Great Lakes Region Tailgate in the Kalamazoo, Michigan area sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Hosta Society. More information is on their website www.swmhostasociety.org.

2017 Great Lakes Region Tailgate & Michigan Hosta Society Garden Tours

June 23 & 24 • 1 PM to 9PM on the 23rd • 9 AM to 5 PM • on the 24th

Kalamazoo has lots to offer from Gardening to Dining – Come early and shop

- River Street Flowerland, 1300 River Street, Kalamazoo, MI – Tours at 1pm & 2pm
- Kalamazoo Flower Group, 8937 Krum Avenue, Galesburg, MI Presentations at 2pm, 3pm & 4pm
- Bells Brewery, 8938 Krum Avenue, Galesburg, MI – Tours at 1pm, 3pm & 4pm

Please email swmhskazoo@gmail.com to sign up for tours

Note the first 3 stops are within a couple of miles of each other

- Dinner and Auction start at 5pm at the Four Points by Sheraton, 3600 East Cork St.

Feel free to bring plants or garden related items to auction off. Dinner is \$10 a person (please have cash or check for the Dinner and some of the vendors on the tour)

NURSERIES

- River Street Flowerland, 1300 River Street, Kalamazoo, MI – riverstreetflowerland.com
- Romence Gardens, 9660 Shaver Road, Portage, MI – romencegardensonline.com
- Wenke Greenhouse, 5071 Market Street, Kalamazoo, MI – wenkegardencenter.com
- Vandersalms Flowershop, 1120 South Burdick, Kalamazoo, MI – kalamazoooflorist.com
- Wedels Nursery, 5020 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo, MI – wedels.com (round about)

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Various breweries (Bells, Arcadia, Gonzo's, Old Peninsula, etc.)
- Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 W. Hickory Rd., Hickory Corners, MI – gilmorecarmuseum.org
- Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, 12685 E. C Avenue, Augusta, MI – birdsanctuary.kbs.msu.edu
- Air Zoo, 6151 Portage Road, Portage, MI – airzoo.org
- Kalamazoo Valley Museum, 230 N. Rose St. Kalamazoo, MI – kalamazoomuseum.org
- Irish Fest, Old Dog Tavern 402 E. Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 6/23 5pm-11pm – 6/24 12pm-11pm
- Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 South Park, Kalamazoo, MI – kiarts.org

HOTELS

Four Points by Sheraton – 3600 East Cork Street Court, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 269-385-3922 – Mention Hosta Society and cost is \$119 – Includes breakfast vouchers.

Baymont Inn & Suites Kalamazoo East – 3800 East Cork Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, 269-344-8300 – Mention Hosta Society and rate is \$69 – It does include breakfast.

HOSTA TOUR SATURDAY JUNE 24

9 AM – 5 PM

1. 15887 Prairie Ronde, Schoolcraft, MI 49087 - Jim Collison will be selling a variety of birdhouses for various birds
2. 1209 East Crooked Lake Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 - Lin McIntosh will be selling iron and recycled metal art
3. 7014 Oak Highlands, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 - Don & Ann Eldred will be selling small and large bottle trees
4. 9140 West C Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 - 2 nurseries selling plants:

K Gardens (2938 72nd Street SouthWest, Byron Center, MI 49315) <http://www.kgardens.com> – Variety of full potted hosta plants

Blue Horizon Nursery and Gardens (9721 59th St., Grand Junction, MI 49056) - <http://www.bluehorizonnursery.com> – A wonderful variety of rare trees and ornamental shrubs.

Stadium Drive, 9th Street and I-94 have a variety of places to stop for lunch.

Former BSHDS member Trudy Urbani informed Joyce Lane about the passing of her husband, Aldo Urbani, age 89, who died peacefully on May 23rd. In 2011 when Aldo and Trudy were members, they were on our garden tour and enjoyed sharing their garden with us.



Aldo John Urbani, 89, died peacefully at his home in Lambertville, Michigan on May 23, 2017 of congestive heart failure. He was born August 25th, 1927 on Glenfield Avenue in Detroit to Agostino and Bice Giovannina (DeLorenzo) Urbani, but spent his childhood in the village of Lorenzago in the Dolomite mountains of northern Italy. His widowed mother returned to Detroit with Aldo and her four other children on the last ship to cross the Atlantic before WWII. He graduated from Denby High School in 1945, then joined the Navy as an Air Force Cadet, earning a Mechanical Engineering degree from Wayne State University. Aldo joined Continental Aviation Engineering as a design engineer in 1953, and met Trudy Wieske at a YMCA Ballroom Dance Class. They married at Assumption Grotto Church on April 24, 1954, built a home in Mount Clemens and started a family. In 1970, Continental Aviation was acquired by Teledyne, and approximately 150 engineers and their families were relocated to the Toledo, Ohio area. Wanting their two children to attend the University of Michigan, Aldo and Trudy built a home in Green Hills, a subdivision one mile north of the Ohio border. There he devoted his considerable passion for gardening to creating a lovely tree-filled oasis of hostas, hydrangeas and tomatoes. When he retired in 1990 he added cooking to his talents, and shared his delicious recipes, including sausage making, a family tradition.

An award-winning Master Gardener, Aldo was widely known and admired for his knowledge of anything that grows and a willingness to share this expertise. Aldo was a former member of the Black Swamp Hosta and Day Lily Organization, the Bedford Beautification Committee, the Bedford Garden Club, the Toledo Museum of Art, and the Toledo Zoo. His hobbies included gardening, reading, listening to opera and jazz, and channel-surfing the TV for anything on politics, history, geography, science, travel, or nature – when he was not watching the Weather Channel.

Aldo was a unique individual who will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Spartaco, Lillian Radics, and Augusta Tolmer.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Trudy Urbani, Bedford Township author, historian and cabin-preservationist; daughter Karen Urbani, MD (Olivier Lichtarge, MD, PhD) of Bellaire, Texas; and son Eric Urbani (Shaeda) of Burlingame, California; as well as six grandchildren: Ryan, Jared and Sara Lichtarge; and Shaydanay, Maxwell and Roxanne Urbani. Aldo is also survived by his sister Elsa Weissenberg, and nieces Lenore, Roberta, Michelle and Rebecca.

Per his request, Aldo will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations can be made in his

name to [Hospice of Northwest Ohio](http://www.hospiceofnorthwestohio.com), whose Nurse Melissa and the Comfort Caregivers made his last months easier for all involved. Arrangements by the Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, Temperance, MI.

www.pawlakfuneralhome.com

Have you been keeping your journal on our tissue culture plant H. "Pure Heart" that you received at our April meeting??? Phil Parsons selected a wonderful hosta for our Tissue Culture Program again this year, didn't he?? Thanks, Phil!! Don't forget to bring your potted hosta and journal back to our August 19th daylily auction, or our September 23rd or October 14th meeting to be eligible to participate in the tissue culture program next year.

Thanks to Eileen Hoffman and Joyce Lane for keeping our facebook page current and interesting to see! Several of our Plant Sale attendees said they saw the info about our Plant Sale and decided to check us out. Eileen had even made business cards to pass out to thank folks for coming and to check out our facebook page. She is always coming up with some great ideas to get the word out about our society!

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

Live life to its fullest!!!!

Frank and Charlene