

**Just a reminder that our meeting is this coming Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in the Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark beginning at 1 P.M.**

Our speaker will be Teresa Byington, President of the Indianapolis Rose Society, an active member of the American Rose Society where she serves as editor of "ROSES & YOU" and serves as IL/IN District Director, is an Advanced Master Gardener of Hendricks County, IN., blogs at <TheGardenDiary.com> and co-host for <RoseChatPodcast.com>. The title of Teresa's program is "NEW ROSES FOR TODAY'S GARDEN". The Knock Out Rose which was released in 2000, changed the world of roses forever. We now have so many options when it comes to sustainable easy care roses. Teresa tests many of the new varieties in her garden and will share her experiences and recommendations with us.

Teresa loves to dig in the dirt and gets plenty of opportunities to do just that as she cares for her large cottage garden that consists of about 200 roses. She is an active member of the American Rose Society where she serves as editor of "Roses & You" and serves as IL/IN District Director. Locally she is President of the Indianapolis Rose Society. She serves as juror at the Biltmore International Rose Trials in Ashville, NC. She is also an Advanced Master Gardener giving her additional opportunities to get her hands dirty as well as educating others about gardening. She loves to create flower arrangements to share with friends and family as well as those who live in area nursing homes. Her blog, TheGardenDiary.com, tells of her adventures in the garden and in life, as well as promotes roses as an integral part of the landscape. Teresa's garden consists of many rose varieties from Hybrid Teas and landscape roses to Old Garden Roses. She is a co-host of the Rose Chat Radio podcast and brings a wealth of knowledge and garden inspiration to the Rose Chat family. Teresa is committed to getting the word out about roses, so that anyone can have a successful rose garden. Teresa's garden is a large cottage garden that weaves together her love of roses and their companions. Roses alongside annuals, herbs, shrubs, trees, perennials and a few veggies fill this garden. President of the Indianapolis Rose Society Blogs at TheGardenDiary.com Co Host for RoseChatPodcast.com Active member of the American Rose Society (ARS) ARS Roses & You Editor (Member newsletter) IL/IN ARS District Director Advanced Master Gardener (Hendricks Co. IND).

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Officers that we will be voting on at this meeting are terms of Treasurer, Secretary, and two Directorships. Our by-laws describe the offices as follows:

**SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall record the business of the Society and prepare a copy for the President and one for the permanent record. Additional copies shall be distributed to other members as required.

**TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall receive all Society monies and deposit same into

an appropriate account and make such payments as necessary to the running of the business of the Society. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the officers, interim or special item reports as are required, and be subject to an annual audit by the club auditing committee. Funds are to be expended to promote the objectives of the Society. Funds from the Treasury are not authorized to provide food or beverage or lodging or travel to anyone except in conjunction with specific club events and only with prior approval of the Executive Board.

**DIRECTORS.** The Directors shall assist the other officers in managing the affairs of the Society.

Serve on a committee and/or participate in one of the society's event each year.

Attend the annual budget meeting.

Attend regular society meetings.

Participate in special meetings.

The elected and appointed officers below shall perform the duties prescribed by these by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this Society.

**PRESIDENT.** The President shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint the chairpersons of necessary committees, and assign appropriate tasks.

(Simple! YOU can do it! I'm not going anywhere soon, so if questions arise during your term, I can walk you through.)

**VICE-PRESIDENT.** The Vice President shall develop programs for each meeting as required, and in the absence of the President, shall fulfill such duties as are required. Fill in for President at required meetings when necessary. Attend the annual budget meeting.

Attend regular society meetings. Find speakers for our general membership meetings.

Participate in special meetings.

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And don't forget to bring your tissue culture plant H. "Etched Glass" and your journal to our meeting if you have not brought your plant back yet this fall. Be sure to put your name on your pot. Remember, you need to bring your H. "Etched Glass" back to be eligible to participate in the tissue culture program next year. If you are unable to come yourself, have a friend bring your hosta and journal back for you. Any questions about the tissue culture program, contact Phil Parsons at 419-256-7246.

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“Thank you” to Irene Kesckes and Ruby Klotz, our Great Lakes Hosta representatives, for hosting the Great Lakes Fall meeting in Rossford last month. They enjoyed seeing the Hosta Glen at Simpson Garden Park that Phil Hollenbaugh and his crew have developed and maintained, and a few even went to 577 to see the hosta gardens there maintained by Jim and Luci Flannery, Nancy Diego, Karen Shelt, Carol Mathis and Jim Rebar.

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What a delightful roundtable hosted by John Krukemyer from Mid-Wood Pro in Bowling Green, and Charlie Harper at our September meeting. In addition to possible solutions to control deer, identifying common weeds growing in our members’ gardens and possible solutions to eradicate them, John urged members to read the label on the chemicals and know what you are using. He demonstrated the correct way to use gloves and eye glass protection when applying chemicals - with a great comment from Jerry Marlatt who stated he wears boots too when applying chemicals in his garden. Lots of good questions and comments from our John and members!

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We are in the process of lining up speakers for our 2020 meetings. Would you be willing to put on a program for us, or do you know someone who would?? Contact Charlie Harper, your Vice-President, via email <[.charlesaharper@aol.com](mailto:.charlesaharper@aol.com)> or Tele: 419-308-6603.

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Why not get a jump on 2020 and renew your membership at our next meeting? Annual dues are still only \$10 per garden. What a bargain!!

Or mail your check to Jim Flannery, 26009 Willowbend Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

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On November 9th we will have our Year-End Potluck, beginning at NOON at the Conference Center of Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark. Just bring a side dish to share. The society will provide the meat, drinks, and table service. Dianna and Arnie Vasquez have volunteered to chair the potluck again this year. If you would like to help with the potluck, sign up for the committee at our meeting on Saturday, or give Dianna a call or send them an email: <papaquez@gmail.com> or give them a call at 419-868-5120. Hope to see you there! No meeting or program – just a delicious buffet and a chance to visit with fellow gardeners one more time in 2019!!

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## **Fall Chores in Your Hosta Gardens**

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Notes"

After a long and hot summer, fall has finally arrived, and it will not be long now before our hostas begin to bed down for the winter. Now is the time to perform a few chores that will help make our hosta garden even better next year. First, don't forget to continue to water until the plants begin to go dormant, if we continue to be as dry, as we have been all this summer. This is a critical chore to ensure success with hostas in the South. (Editor's note: True in the North as well!)

Next, if you have had slug problems this year in your garden, spread slug bait again now. This final application this year will significantly reduce the population of slugs next spring. Be sure to follow the labels for application rates and put down no more than recommended. More is not better and could create safety problems for pets and wildlife. If you had vole damage last winter or this spring, now is the time to start deterring them for this winter.

Everyone has his or her favorite method. One is the spreading of castor oil-based products. Some say this doesn't work while others swear by this method of vole control. It seems to work in my experience. Start by

treating one area. Water in and allow time for the voles to move out to other areas and then systematically treat the other areas, pushing the voles back to where they will not bother your hostas. Other actions may include the use of rodent baits, but if you use this method be careful that the baits will not be accessible to pets and wildlife such as possums and raccoons. Keeping the mulch layer thin will also help since our native pine voles prefer to travel through a deep protective mulch layer. You may also want to consider protecting any newly planted hostas with physical hoop barriers made from hardware cloth. The barriers should extend about eight or more inches into the ground and two inches above ground to be most effective.

If you have hostas in containers (and most of us do), check them now to make sure all are draining properly. Sometimes tree roots push up through the drainage holes and block water escaping from the pot. This spells doom for your hosta as the trapped water rots the roots and drowns the crowns. If you have pots that are sensitive to freezes, take steps to protect them, but remember that our hostas need all the chill-time (temperatures below 40 degrees F) they can get in order to thrive next year. Don't put the pots in areas that remain too warm over the winter.

Finally, take care to remove all dead hosta foliage from around your hostas to deter diseases and pests from overwintering. If you have had problems with foliar fungal diseases or foliar nematodes, do not compost your spent hosta leaves in the compost pile. Put them in the trash instead. You do not want them overwintering in your compost pile, only to be spread all around your garden as you use your compost. After all the above is done, you can then settle down for a long winter's nap!

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Be sure to check out our FACEBOOK page at <https://www.facebook.com/blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety/?fref=ts> and our website at <https://blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety.weebly.com>. Eileen Hoffman set up and maintains the sites for us. Thanks, Eileen, for doing such a great job!! We appreciate it!!!! If you have anything for Eileen to post, her email is <sailA33@accesstoledo.com>.

Eileen's September 25th post from our FACEBOOK page:

Now that it's fall, we have chosen to share an excerpt from Bob Solberg's "Hosta Gardening Calendar" that appears on the AHS website:

"Fall (Maturation of seeds and onset of dormancy) late September-October-November

As the days shorten toward winter, hostas prepare for dormancy. As the chloroplasts begin to break down and the bright yellows of hidden pigments, caroteins and

xanthophylls, begin to appear, green hosta leaves turn to gold. The leaves then begin to dry and petioles weaken and droop. The dry air helps the ripe seed pods to spring open, allowing the seeds to fly away on the wind. Usually it takes two or three hard freezes to knock the shriveled hosta foliage to the ground, while the flower scapes will persist intact through the first snows of winter.

Hosta garden Labeling: Make sure every hosta has a label before it becomes unidentifiable. The ones in pots probably need a new label as well. They tend to fade over the winter.

Light: The leaves are falling and the light continues to fade never the less. The days shorten inducing dormancy.

Nutrients: None needed.

Pests: Only the voles are a problem now. Begin to bait and trap again.

Protection: Remove tree leaves from the garden to discourage the voles from moving in. I use a leaf blower and not a rake. Finish cutting flower scapes. Apply mulch to your new plantings and touch up as needed.

Propagation: Hurry up! It is almost too late.

Water: Make sure your hostas are full of water the night before the first hard freeze. Usually rain comes with the first real cold front of the season, but if the fall has been dry you might need to soak the garden one more time before you lock the pump house for the winter.

Fun! Collect a few seeds and plant them right away. They will be up in 2-3 weeks and you will have a few hostas to play with all winter. Cheer up. I know your hostas look terrible now, tired from another full turn of their life cycle. This last sad memory of them as they retire for the year, I believe, just makes them look that much more perfect when they emerge with their fresh leaves next spring. Take a break, you have earned it!"

Have a great day!

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

Live life to its fullest!!!!

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