

Good morning fellow Black Swamp gardeners! Just want to confirm that “Yes, all of our events for the remainder of 2020 are being canceled due to the COVID-19 virus”. Even with safe distancing and practicing all of the guide lines put out by the CDC and Governor DeWine, the number of new cases and deaths being reported every day, indicate it is a no-brainer to cancel the events and hopefully resume our get togethers sometime in 2021. We sure have missed seeing everyone this summer!

We have been spending a lot of time out in the garden this summer, as I am sure you have been too! With the loss of a 60-year old crabapple tree in the back yard that provided a lot of shade for our hostas, we have now just about finished making the hosta beds our daylily beds, and the daylily beds into our hosta beds, and turning more of the back yard into hosta gardens. A lot of work but I can't wait to see how everything will look next year. One thing we have missed is going anyplace to buy more hostas or daylilies!!

I also want to share a letter I received from Marcia Sully, President of the Great Lakes Hosta Society, that advised us that Hosta College 2021 has been canceled. Following is Marcia's letter:

“Greetings GLRHS members and guests,

I want to notify you that Hosta College 2021 has been canceled.

The Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Region Hosta Society regrets that we have no other choice. Extenuating circumstances, emanating from the pandemic, left us with no alternative but to cancel.

The Upper Valley Career Center, site of Hosta College, has notified us that they will not render a decision about availability of the facility until late January 2021. There is no guarantee that the campus will reopen to outsiders for the remainder of the school year. Our confirmation process for vendors and teachers is finalized in December, and our registration is set in early February. Thus, it is obvious that we cannot move ahead with 2021 preparations.

None of us know what the status of the Covid-19 pandemic will be by spring. Our Board of Directors is not willing to put anyone at risk for the sake of our week-end event.

We are in the process of planning for Hosta College 2022. Hopefully, by March of 2022, we will be able to offer this wonderful event again.

Marcia Sully, GLRHS President”

Be sure to check out our FACEBOOK page and website that Eileen Hoffman has been keeping up-to-date for us this summer! Thanks, Eileen, for doing such a great job!!

Guess this is going to be the new normal – can't wait until we can get back to resuming our “old ways”!!

Stay safe – Stay healthy!!!!

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