



Hosta Happenings

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M.V.H.S. MEETING

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012
1:00 P.M.**

**Riverdale Fire Station
(across from ALCOA)**

POT LUCK

Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Club will furnish meat and drink.

PROGRAM: BINGO WITH GREAT PRIZES!!!

2012 DUES ARE NOW DUE!!!

IF YOU GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY THE U.S. MAIL, LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL, IF IT HAS AN "11" BEFORE YOUR NAME, YOUR DUES ARE DUE FOR 2012.

EMAIL REMINDER MESSAGES WERE SENT OUT TO THOSE OF YOU WHO GET THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$14 FOR TWO YEARS, OR \$7 FOR ONE YEAR TO THE TREASURER,
JIM CATO
12915 25TH ST. CT.,
MILAN, IL 61264.

2012 HOSTA FINDER

Jim Cato is now taking orders for the 2012 Hosta Finder. It will cost \$14.00 this year and if you want it mailed to you, it will cost \$16.00. The books will be available at the March meeting.

To pre-order, please send a check made out to MVHS to Jim at 12915 - 25th St. Ct., Milan, IL 61264. His email is:

pussbug@aol.com

The Hosta Finder is a wonderful reference and is a comparison of prices of hostas being offered from approximately 50 growers.

SOLBERG HOSTA OFFERING

We are again offering Solberg Hostas at a great price--we've added only \$1 each to cover shipping costs. This is one of the benefits of your membership in MVHS.

We have moved up the due date for orders as we want to make sure we are able to get the hostas you want.

We will announce pick up date and place at a later date.

Be sure to take advantage of this great offer.

2012 MRHS Convention

Plan on attending the 2012 Midwest Convention in Rochester, MN
July 12, 13 and 14

The theme for the 2012 Midwest Region Hosta Convention is "Operation Hosta". Visit our website: HYPERLINK "<http://www.soghs.org/2012mrhsconvention/>" to see the promotional video, convention schedule, convention gift hosta - 'Candy Kisses', registration information, tour gardens, and much more.

The registration fee includes three meals: Friday dinner, Saturday box lunch, Saturday banquet, convention gift hosta, handbook, auction, vendors, hosta leaf show, Saturday garden tours, keynote speaker Don Engebretson (The Renegade Gardener), speakers Don Dean, Rob Mortko, and Robert Solberg, Judges Clinic I, and Hospitality Room Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be an optional garden picnic on Thursday evening, July 12th at Camp Creek Farm (Mike and Cindy Tomashek) near Preston, MN, in the heart of southeast Minnesota bluff country. The evening includes a BBQ picnic, hosta gardens and a barn renovated into a remarkable house to tour and enjoy.

Vendors are Green Hill Farm, Inc. (Robert M. Solberg), Jack's Plants (Jack Barta), Made in the Shade Gardens (Rob Mortko), Naylor Creek Nursery (Gary Lindheimer), Silvers-Elbert Nursery (Bill Silvers), and In the Country Garden & Gifts (Josh Spece) See you in Rochester for the best MRHS convention ever.

Hosted by: Shades of Green Hosta Society (SOGHS) of Southeastern MN

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY - SOLBERG CLUB PLANTS
2012 ORDER FORM**

Please remember all plants will be bare root. Pick up date and place will be announced later.
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MARCH 17, 2012. Send your form along with your check (made payable to MVHS) to: Dean Piatt, 2910 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, Iowa 52804, 323-8184.
email: ima_4t9erdpi@machlink.com.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ AMT. _____

'HONEY PIE' (Solberg 2012) (Medium to Large) ('September Sun' x H. *plantaginea*) Mix the classic gold color of 'August Moon', its leaf substance and some of its puckering, with the growth rate and fragrant flowers of the "August Lily" and you have a uniquely pleasing combination. This has fragrant lavender flowers. () x \$36 \$ _____

'BAILEY'S CREAM' (Beilstein 2009) (Medium) ('Sea Prize' x 'Blue Angel') This hosta has clean pure white margins and Irish green centers to its not quite round, shiny leaves. Nice lavender flowers in mid-summer. () x \$7 \$ _____

'BLUE TOOTH' (D. and M. Beilstein 2011) (Large) ('June' x 'Azure Snow') This hosta has long, narrow leaves with lots of veins. It also has light lavender Bird of Paradise-like flowers in August. Large symmetric mound. () x \$13 \$ _____

'CANDY DISH' (Summers, Wrede 2003) (Medium) ('Urajiro Hachijo') This hosta has heavy substance and dark green leaves with a deeply ruffled margin to a broad heart-shaped leaf with purple petioles. Pretty lavender flowers top off this dense, flat mound in August and September. () x \$11 \$ _____

'CRUMB CAKE' (Solberg 2008) (Small) ('Cinnamon Sticks' x 'Cracker Crumbs') Rapid growing, makes a very tight flat mound of honey-gold leaves with mahogany petioles that are shiny, wonderfully wavy, has very good substance. () x \$9 \$ _____

'CUP OF GRACE' (Beilstein 2009) (Medium) (('Halcyon' x 'Breeder's Choice' op. seedling) Very dark green leaves with white flowers. Very upright habit and highly cupped leaves. This hosta is very well proportioned and exhibits classic grace. () x \$7 \$ _____

'CURLY FRIES' (Solberg 2008) (Small) ('Pineapple Upsidedown Cake' seedling) Agave-looking leaves are stiff. Best grown in half a day of sun, its highly ruffled narrow leaves emerge yellow and then fade to near white. The scape is deep purple, topped with lavender flowers. Makes a great container plant. () x \$14 \$ _____

'LEMON ICE' (Solberg 2011) (Medium) (H. *clausa normalis* F2 seedling x 'Strawberry Banana Smoothie') Bright yellow leaves with bright red petioles and scapes. Keeps its yellow color very well and will be better in the shade garden as too much light will bleach it white. Nice purple flowers in July. () x \$14 \$ _____

(continued) - SOLBERG CLUB PLANTS - ORDER FORM

'SMILEY FACE' (Solberg 2011) (Small) (*H. clausa normalis* F2 seedling x 'Strawberry Banana Smoothie') Cute round leaves that are full of personality and a unique rich yellow color. Pink petioles and heavy substance and makes a small tight mound. Red scapes and rich purple flowers with reddish tubes in July.
() x \$16 \$ _____

'SUMMER SQUALL' (Solberg 2007) (Medium) (*H. sieboldiana* x 'One Man's Treasure' F2 seedling) Rich blue color and nicely folded leaves. Makes a strong statement in garden, good substance and sturdy leaves. 3' scapes of light lavender flowers in mid-summer.
() X \$9 \$ _____

'TONGUE TWISTER' (Solberg 2008) (Small) ('Iwa' x 'Blue Blush' o.p.) Dark green leaves that twist upward out of clump, looks as fresh in October as it does in May. Great substance, rich color. Light purple scapes produce light lavender flowers in September and light purple pods in October.
() x \$9 \$ _____

'WHITE ELEPHANT' (Franks 2007) (Large) (Sport of 'White Christmas') Large, fast growing. Large, bright white leaves with narrow dark green margin have lighter green streaks sandwiched in between. Light lavender flowers in July. Appreciates morning sun and ample water.
() x \$15 \$ _____

'WINTER SNOW' (Winterberry Farms and J. Anderson 2003) (Huge) (Sport of 'Sum and Substance') Makes a huge spreading mound of round 20" chartreuse leaves that have wavy white margins that are consistently evenly wide. Tall scapes and lavender flowers in July that generally need early pruning.
() x \$15 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

A GREAT PLACE TO USE YOUR HOSTA BUCKS!!!!



'Honey Pie'



'Blue Tooth'



'Bailey's Cream'



'Candy Dish'



'Crumb Cake'



'Cup of Grace'



'Curly Fries'



'Lemon Ice'



'Smiley Face'



'Summer Squall'



'Tongue Twister'



'White Elephant'



'Winter Snow'



AHS 2012 National Convention Registration

June 13 – 16, 2012 Nashville, Tennessee
 Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Hosta Society
See Web Site for more information: www.hosta2012.com

Name (as it will appear on your name badge): _____

Address _____ City _____

State (or Country if outside U.S.) _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

E-mail ** _____ Phone _____

**Registration confirmation will be sent via e-mail only.

JUDGES CLINICS: Please note which clinic(s) you will attend. A current handbook is required and may be downloaded for free at www.americanhostasociety.org

___ Clinic I: June 13 at 5:30 pm ___ Clinic II: June 15 at 6:15 pm ___ Clinic III: June 15 at 8:15 pm

___ Check here if you want to purchase the Handbook for \$15 at the clinic.

HOSTA SHOW: See Schedule at www.hosta2012.com . I plan to: ___ Enter ___ Judge ___ Clerk

Please enter number of entries in each category you plan to submit: (Limit of 25 for Division I)

Division	I – Leaf Show	II – Containers	III – Troughs	IV – Education	VI – Artistic
Number of entries					

Optional Wednesday Tours – ONLY CHOOSE ONE:

1. Garden Tours of Nashville – visit a private garden, Cheekwood and The Parthenon.
 Box lunch included. \$55 _____
2. Civil War Sites in Franklin, TN – visit the Carnton Plantation and its Period Gardens,
 the Carter House, and the Lotz House. Box Lunch included. \$65 _____

Convention Registration – ONLY CHOOSE ONE:

1. Early Full Registration (postmarked by 1/31/2012) \$229.00 _____
2. Full Registration (postmarked 2/1/2012 through 4/14/2012) \$249.00 _____
2. Late Full Registration (postmarked 4/15/2012 through 5/15/2012) \$280.00 _____
3. Meals only \$165.00 _____

Payment by Credit Card is available to ALL Attendees

If paying by credit card add a Convenience Fee of \$10.00 \$10.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT (Include Optional Tour, Registration and credit card if applicable) Payable in US \$ _____

If paying by check make payable to “AHS 2012 Convention”

Send payment and form to:

2012 AHS Convention, Registrar
 P.O BOX 2648
 Brentwood, TN 37024

If paying by Credit Card: Name on Card _____

Choose one: Visa _____ Master Card _____

Card# _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 digit code on back _____

DINNER OPTIONS: please choose one

- ___ Regular
 ___ Vegetarian
 ___ Gluten Free

For questions, email: hosta2012@comcast.net or call 615-794-4153

Hotel: Reserve by May 21, 2012 for convention rate of \$149 + tax: Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Drive, Nashville, TN 37214 Phone: 615-889-9300 or 888-403-6781 mention “**HOSTA**”; to link to Hotel Web site, go to www.hosta2012.com



This "motley crew" attended the recent MRHS Winter Scientific Meeting in Lisle, Illinois. Back row: Sally Stewart, Liz Jansen, Don Musak. Front row: Franc Freeman, Carolyn Hamilton.

Don Musak has decided it is time to back off some of his activities and will no longer be Program Chair for MVHS. This leaves a big void and I've decided to break up the responsibilities of the Program Committee chair into smaller doable committee functions and we'll need the following committee chairs:

PROGRAM: The March program is set and all that needs to be done is to confirm with the speaker on time and place. Programs and/or speakers will be needed for October and November.

FALL EDUCATION PROGRAM: Negotiations have been started to have C.H. Falstad speak. This needs to be finalized and plans made for the presentation.

JUNE GARDEN WALK - We need to find approximately 3 gardens and a place to hold our Happy Hour following the walk.

HOSTA CLUB BUS TRIP - Plans and date need to be finalized with Mary Ann Metz in Champaign, IL. and possibly a stop at the Staerkel Planetarium or Hornbaker's Nursery.

I really need your help! We need people to step up and help out with the above projects. If we can't get people to chair these things they will most likely be dropped from the schedule. If you can help, please give me a call on 355-6973 or my email is: corton02@gmail.com.

I'd like to thank Don for all of his hard work over the last few years. He did a terrific job and his organization will really be missed.

Carolyn

2012 MRHS Convention - "Operation Hosta"

2012 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention Registration Form
July 12-14, 2012, Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rochester, Minnesota
Hosted by: Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeast MN, Inc.

To register, mail one completed registration form per person.
Include check payable to "SOGHS/2012 MRHS Convention" or you can pay online with a credit card (additional \$5 convenience fee) at: www.soghs.org/2012mrhsconvention/
REFUND POLICY: NO Refunds will be made after June 9. Make a copy of this form for your records.

Name (as you want on your badge) _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: _____ Email: _____

HOTEL: Ramada Hotel and Convention Center
1517 16th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902
For reservations call (507) 289-8866 or Toll Free 800-552-7224. Mention MRHS Convention for convention room rate (\$109 pool side, \$99 other, plus tax) through 06/11/2012. Rate not available on-line.

Publish my name in Convention
Attendee list? Yes ___ No ___

*Confirmation will be sent by e-mail only. For questions email prestonplants@aol.com.

Meals include: Friday Evening Buffet, Saturday Tour Box Lunch, and Saturday Evening Banquet
Saturday Evening Banquet choice: Chicken Walleye Vegetarian
 I request all vegetarian meals I request gluten free meals

I will donate plants or items for the Friday night auction. Approximate number _____
Auction proceeds go to MRHS. Please support MRHS with a donation!!

HOSTA LEAF SHOW – Preparation time Thursday 7/12/12: Noon – 5, 7-10 pm and Friday 7-10:30 am
Check if you plan to: Enter (Limit 20 leaves per exhibitor) Judge Clerk
Judging will begin Friday, July 13, at 12 Noon Check below if you plan to enter:
____ Cut Leaf (limit 20 entries) _____ Trough Container for Effect
____ Container Grown _____ Educational Display
____ Artistic Design _____ Non-Competitive Exhibit

Judges Clinic I, Friday, July 13, 2012, 8:00 -11:00 am

I will attend Judges Clinic I
A current **Judges Handbook** is required. You may download the free Judges Handbook at www.hosta.org.
 Check here if you want to purchase the official handbook/binder at the clinic (\$10.00 payable at convention).

Please select
 \$135.00 – Early Full Registration (before June 7, 2012)
 \$150.00 – Late Full Registration (after June 7, 2012)

Full Convention Registration: \$ _____
Thursday Garden Picnic: \$ _____
Total Registration \$ _____

Send form and check to:
Mona Keehn, Convention Treasurer
1635 Chippewa Drive NW
Rochester, MN 55901
soghscon@gmail.com

OPTIONAL GARDEN PICNIC, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 6-8 PM
At Camp Creek Farm (Cindy and Mike Tomashek) near Preston, MN,
in the heart of southeast Minnesota bluff country; includes busing,
BBQ picnic, hosta gardens and renovated barn.

\$15.00/person

Check payable to:
SOGHS/2012 MRHS CONVENTION
 *Paid online with credit card
***must mail or email registration form**

Hosta Popularity Poll

Each year the American Hosta Society polls its readers in a Hosta Popularity Poll. The 2010 results appeared in the latest AHS Hosta Journal.

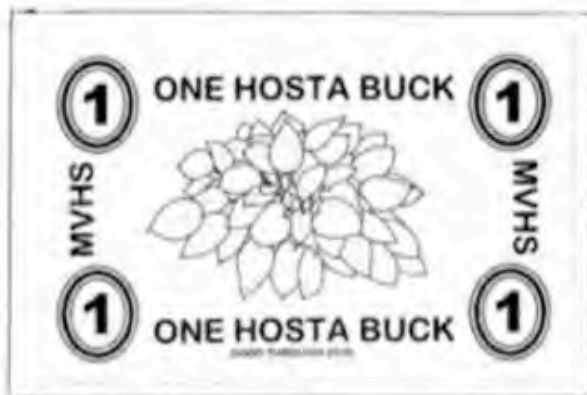
The most popular hostas picked were:

1. *H.* 'June'
2. *H.* 'Sage'
3. *H.* 'Liberty'
4. *H. montana* 'Aureomarginata'
5. *H.* 'Paradigm'
6. *H.* 'Praying Hands'
7. *H.* 'Niagra Falls'
8. *H.* 'First Frost'
9. *H.* 'El Nino'
10. *H.* 'Guacamole'
11. *H.* 'Regal Splendar'
12. *H.* 'Sun Power'
13. *H.* 'Striptease'
14. *H.* 'Paul's Glory'
15. *H.* 'Love Pat'
16. *H.* 'Guardian Angel'
17. *H.* 'Whirlwind'
18. *H.* 'Sum and Substance'
19. *H.* 'Blue Mouse Ears'
20. *H.* 'On Stage'
21. *H.* 'Blue Angel'
22. *H.* 'Great Expectations'
23. *H.* 'Halcyon'
24. *H.* 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
25. *H.* 'Touch of Class'

Mini Hosta Popularity Poll

1. *H.* 'Pandora's Box'
2. *H.* 'Blue Mouse Ears'
3. *H.* 'Popo'
4. *H.* 'Dragon Tails'
6. *H.* 'Tiny Tears'
7. *H.* 'Cameo'
8. *H.* 'Dixie Chickadee'
9. *H.* 'Frosted Mouse Ears'
10. *H.* 'Daisy Dolittle'

MVHS is continuing the Hosta Buck Incentive Program in 2012. 2012 Hosta Bucks are pink and they can be used in 2012 and 2013. The 2010 Hosta Bucks were blue and will no longer be valid.



HOSTA BUCKS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MVHS has decided to implement something new in the club, an incentive program. This program is intended to encourage more member involvement. Here's how it works: You will receive Hosta Bucks for activities you participate in. Differing values have been placed on each club activity. This list is not all-inclusive as items come up within the club they will be considered. If it is determined that they qualify a buck amount will be assigned to them. The work activities are based on 1 buck per hour with a maximum of 4 bucks.

- 1 Attend a club meeting (February, March, October, November)
- 1 Bring a snack item to a meeting (Potlucks are not included)
- 1 Bring a door prize to a meeting
- 1 Sign up a new member - Maximum of 5 per year
- 2 Chair a committee
- 1-4 Fluff and Buff
- 1-4 Plant Sale
- 1-4 Place nametags at VanderVeer
- 1-4 Pot hostas for plant sale
- 4 Write an original article for the newsletter
- 6 Give a talk where the request comes through the club
- 10 Open your garden to club

The Hosta Bucks can be applied to the purchase of any item the club sells. This includes Solberg plants, plant sale, membership dues, Christmas party, etc. The bucks earned this year can be applied to items this year or next year since you may earn some too late to spend this year. If they are not used by the end of the following year they are no longer valid. If you have any questions contact Sally Stewart at 359-4752 or ss Stewart@mvhosta.org.

2012 SCHEDULE - MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY

JANUARY 21 - Winter Scientific Meeting, Lisle, IL

FEBRUARY 19 - 1:00 PM - Pot Luck and Bingo, Riverdale Fire Station

MARCH 11 - 2:00 PM - Meeting at Riverdale Fire Station

APRIL 21 - 10:00 AM - Fluff & Buff/Name Tags - VanderVeer Hosta Glade (Rain Date 4/22)

MAY 6 - 1:00 PM - Hosta Dig - VanderVeer Hosta Glade

MAY 7 - 9:00 AM - Hosta Dig - Bettendorf Children's Museum

JUNE 3 - Plant Sale - Duck Creek Park Shelter #2

JUNE - Bus Trip to Champagne, IL

JUNE 24 - Garden Walk

JUNE 13-16 - AHS Convention, Nashville, TN

JULY 12-14 - MRHS Convention, Rochester, MN

SEPTEMBER 9 - 2:00 PM - Annual Picnic - VanderVeer Hosta Glade

OCTOBER 14 - 6:00 PM - Meeting at Riverdale Fire Station

NOVEMBER 11 - 2:00 PM - Meeting at Riverdale Fire Station

DECEMBER 7 - Annual Christmas Party

AHS DUES: The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a convention, 3 issues of "The Hosta Journal", and a directory. They also have a web page - www.hosta.org. Dues are \$30/yr, \$57/2 yrs and \$600 life for an individual. Family memberships are also available at \$34/yr and \$62/2 yrs. Make your check to AHS and send to the Membership Secretary, Sandie Markland, P O Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

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**Midwest Regional Hosta Society Dues** are \$10/yr. Send your check to: Barbara Schroeder, 1819 Coventry Dr., Champaign, IL 61822-5239.

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY DUES are \$7/YR. **Please make your check payable to MVHS (not Jim)** and send to JIM CATO, 12915 - 25TH ST. CT., MILAN, IL 61264. We offer 8 newsletters a year, reduced prices on hosta offerings, garden walks, first opportunity to buy plants at our annual hosta and plant sale and many other good opportunities.

Mississippi Valley Hosta Society
909 Mississippi Blvd.
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Feb 19 - MVHS Meeting

Jun 13-16 - AHS Convention, Nashville, TN