



# Hosta Happenings

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## A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



### PAST PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Thank you all for your great support! It's been nice knowing that if I asked for help, someone was always there to lend a hand.

Your new board members are:

President - Sally Stewart

Vice President - Marcia Atchison

Secretary - Barb Cato

Treasurer - Jim Cato

A planning meeting for 2013 is going to be held in the near future and we are always looking for new ideas for speakers or bus trip destinations. Please let Sally know if you have any recommendations - her email is: [jstewart327@mchsi.com](mailto:jstewart327@mchsi.com).

It's been a pleasure to be president of such a great group of people.

*Carolyn*

**Meeting Minutes  
MVHS - November 11 , 2012**

Meeting was called to order by President, Carolyn Hamilton.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jim Cato.

**New Business**

Carolyn wished to thank Ron Simmering for all of his hard work in obtaining this great slate of election officers. They will commence their duties on January 1, 2013.

**The new officers are:**

**President - Sally Stewart**

**Vice President - Marcia Atchison**

**Secretary - Barb Cato**

**Treasurer - Jim Cato**

The membership also voted on and accepted the revision of Article XV to the MVHS By-Laws which reads:

"In the event of its dissolution, or the winding up of the Society's affairs, any assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and obligations of the Society shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations or purposes which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the corresponding section of any federal tax code."

Thanks to Frank Freeman for donating H. 'Rainforest Sunrise', hosta of the year for 2013, for the raffle. Sally Stewart was the winner.

Dean Piatt will be the new web master, replacing Sally Stewart.

**Old Business**

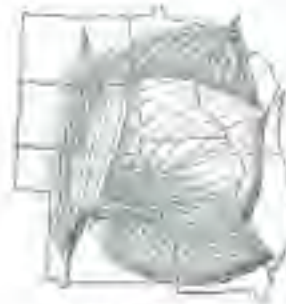
**Just a reminder**, the Winter Scientific Meeting will be held Saturday, January 19, 2013.

And the **Christmas Party** will be on Friday, November 30. Time is running out, so please contact Teri Simmering if you wish to sign up. She needs to know by November 26.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mary Johannsen, Secretary

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**Midwest  
Regional  
Hosta  
Society**

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society represents Region 5 of the American Hosta Society that includes 9 states. Our mission is to promote education, research, development and enjoyment of Hosta.

Membership in the society is \$20.00 for 2 years, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter. This publication reports on events and information on Hostas in general.

Please mail a check made payable to MRHS to:

Kristine James  
523 E Calhoun St.  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
along with Name, Address, phone, and email (Most correspondence is by email). For questions email [MRHS.Hosta@gmail.com](mailto:MRHS.Hosta@gmail.com).

**2013 DUES ARE NOW DUE  
PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$7  
(MADE OUT TO M.V.H.S.) TO THE  
TREASURER.**

**JIM CATO'S ADDRESS IS:  
12915 25TH ST. CT., MILAN, IL 61264**

## MRHS Convention 2013

The Northern Illinois Hosta Society invites you to go to your calendar right now and reserve July 11 – 13, 2013, for next year's MRHS Convention "Hostamania!" in suburban Chicago. You might even want to come early and stay afterward, because three days of immersing yourself in hostas won't leave enough time to visit the area's attractions.

But you're probably interested mainly in the hostas, so let's talk first about what MRHS 2013 will have for you. At press time it looks

like at least 10 vendors will be here, and 10 outstanding gardens will be on the tour. Of course there will be an auction and a leaf show. Seminars and side trips are in the planning stage; one of the latter takes advantage of the wealth of public gardens near the convention site. An optional tour of the Ball Seed Company's fabulous test and exhibit gardens, which are open free to the public only by appointment, is already on the books for those who might want a break from Hostamania!

Morton Arboretum is just five minutes from the convention hotel, and beautiful Cantigny Gardens is ten. Both are easily accessible to convention attendees who might want to visit them on their own. The Chicago Botanic Garden is farther, but its amazing displays are well worth a visit. All three provide complimentary admission to members of other American Horticultural Society gardens/arboretums, so be sure to bring your membership card from the one you belong to in your area. You can spend the money you save on admissions at excellent nurseries in the area; two of the best are within minutes of the hotel, and we're working on getting discount certificates for you.

Whether you come just for the convention or for an extended visit, you can make the convention hotel—the Lisle/Naperville Hilton—your base. It's located just off I-88 in Lisle, 25 miles west of downtown Chicago with easy access to the city via I-88 and the Eisenhower Freeway by car, or by commuter train from either Lisle or Naperville. The Hilton is giving a great room

rate of \$96 per night for the convention. Add the free breakfast for hotel guests at Algauer's Restaurant, the swimming pool, workout room, free parking—you can hardly afford not to come!

More details about Hostamania! will be in the next issue of this newsletter (the Midwest Regional Hosta Society newsletter), but check [www.MRHS2013.org](http://www.MRHS2013.org)

from time to time for updates. NIHS looks forward to welcoming all you Hostamaniacs next July!

(From the Midwest Regional Hosta Society Fall 2012 Newsletter)



## **Winter Scientific Meeting**

### **Sponsored by the Midwest Regional Hosta Society**

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society is once again sponsoring the Winter Scientific Meeting. This popular winter event will be held Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the Wyndham Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL. The hotel has given us a \$79.00 room rate. Please make your own reservations by calling 877-999-3223, and mention the "Midwest Regional Hosta Society Winter Scientific Meeting" to guarantee the rate. You can also make your hotel reservation online by clicking on the link below:

[http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2012/ORDLI\\_WSM/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2012/ORDLI_WSM/main.wnt)

Speakers scheduled for 2013 include:

- Olga Petryszyn
- Rob Mortko
- Jeff Miller
- Bob Solberg
- Glenn Herold
- Mark Zilis.

Topics for each speaker's presentation will be announced on the Midwest Regional Hosta Society website as they are finalized. The program will include a series of three concurrent breakout sessions. These breakout sessions will be presented twice, so attendees will be able to attend two out of the three sessions.

Again this year, there will be a hosta seed silent auction, proceeds of which will be used to underwrite a portion of the cost of the meeting.

The cost of this winter extravaganza is only \$55 per person for Midwest Regional Hosta Society members and \$65 for non-members, and includes a continental breakfast and a deli buffet lunch. At their option, non-members can apply the \$10 difference in the registration fee to a one-year membership in the MRHS. Please make checks payable to MRHS, and mail with the registration form to:

Kristine James  
523 E. Calhoun Street  
Woodstock Ill. 60098

Registrations postmarked after January 7 require a \$10 late registration fee per person.

Questions? Contact Lou Horton (630-293-7735) or email: [lehorton85@ameritech.netone](mailto:lehorton85@ameritech.netone)

## 2013 WINTER SCIENTIFIC MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Make a copy of this registration form for your records.  
If you would like confirmation of your registration, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.** Fill out registration form completely

Note that MRHS memberships are family memberships, so individuals in the member's household are also MRHS members.

### ATTENDEE 1:

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|---------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NAME    |  | MRHS member    Non-MRHS member                                                                                                        |
| ADDRESS |  |                                                                                                                                       |
| CITY    |  | If a non-MRHS member, would you like your \$10 surcharge applied to a 1 year FAMILY membership in the Midwest Regional Hosts Society? |
| STATE   |  |                                                                                                                                       |
| ZIP     |  |                                                                                                                                       |
| PHONE   |  | - YES - NO                                                                                                                            |
| EMAIL   |  |                                                                                                                                       |

### ATTENDEE 2:    \* Address same as Attendee 1

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| EMAIL   |  |                                                                                                                                       |

**Registrations postmarked after January 7, 2013 require a \$10 late registration fee per person.**  
Cancellations before January 7, 2013 will be sent a full refund.  
We will be unable to issue refunds after January 7, 2013.

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| number of members            | _____ | x55 = | _____ |
| Number of non-members        | _____ | x55 = | _____ |
| Number of late registrations | _____ | x10 = | _____ |
| TOTAL                        | _____ |       |       |

### **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MRHS**

Mail your registration and check to:  
Kristine James  
523 E Calhoun Street  
Woodstock IL 60098

Questions about registration? Contact Kristine at [MRHS.HOSTA@gmail.com](mailto:MRHS.HOSTA@gmail.com) or phone: 815-337-4621

**MVHS dues** are \$7 a year. Please make your check payable to MVHS (not Jim) and send to Jim Cato, Treasurer, 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 companion plant sale and many other good opportunities.

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**AHS dues** - The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a convention, 3 issues of "The Hosta Journal." Dues are \$30/yr; \$57/2yrs. Family memberships are also available at \$34/yr and \$64/2 yrs. Make check payable to AHS and send to Membership Secretary, Sandi Markland, PO Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

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**MRHS dues** are \$10/yr. Send your check to: Kristine James, 523 E. Calhoun St., Woodstock, IL 60098 and please include your name, address, tel. no. and email address.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

Jan 19, 2013 - Winter Scientific Mtg., Lisle, IL  
Jun 12-16, 2013 - AHS Convention,  
Milwaukee, WI  
July 11-13, 2013 - MRHS Convention,  
Lisle, IL

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Visit our MVHS Web Site: **[mvhosta.org](http://mvhosta.org)**

Other hosta and garden web sites:

American Hosta Society - <http://www.hosta.org>

Midwest Hosta Society - [http://www.](http://www.midwesthostasociety.org)

[midwesthostasociety.org](http://www.midwesthostasociety.org)

Hosta Library - <http://www.hostalibrary.org>

Hosta Forum - questions/answers - <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta>

Mini Hosta Forum - [http://](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/minihosta)

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**LET US KNOW!!! IF YOU HAVE MOVED or HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED?**

**Send your corrected info to JIM CATO, 12915-25th ST. CT., MILAN, IL 61264.**

**Jim's email is [pussbug@aol.com](mailto:pussbug@aol.com).**

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