



# Hosta Happenings

March 2015

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## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015**

**2:00 PM**

(remember Daylight SavingsTime starts today)

**RIVERDALE FIRE STATION**

*(across from ALCOA)*

***PROGRAM: BINGO  
(GREAT PRIZES!)***

***2015 DUES ARE DUE!!!***



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 8, 2015

The members of MVHS meet on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 1 PM at the Riverdale Fire Station. A potluck was held before meeting, the club furnished pulled pork sandwiches.

Sally Stewart, President, welcomed everyone. Minutes from the November meeting were published in the December newsletter. There were no corrections or additions. Mary Johannsen moved and Joan Russell seconded the minutes be approved as written. The Treasurer gave her report, adding she had closed a CD that had come due and added the amount to the checking account until it has been decided what to do with the money.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dues for 2015 are now due. It is hoped everyone will pay their dues in a timely manner.
- Dean Piatt has made up an order sheet for the Solberg hostas that are available this year. The list will be printed in the March newsletter. The deadline for ordering is April 1 and the hostas will arrive in time for pick-up at our Plant Sale on May 31 or you may pick them up at Dean's home.
- Dean is also in charge of our web page/facebook accounts -- he reminded everyone to "like" us when they go to the facebook site.
- There is still one copy of Mark Zilis' book, "Field Guide to Hostas". The cost is \$40. If anyone is interested, please call Sally Stewart.
- We will again be giving out Hosta Bucks this year. Sally explained how they worked and reminded members to use last year's hosta bucks before the end of 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sally read a request for a donation from Nahant Marsh. Carolyn Hamilton moved and motion was seconded by Sandra Jurgens to give them a donation of \$1500. It was suggested our club donate some hostas if they can use them.
- Sally also advised Quad City Botanical was also going to be submitting a request for a donation, but it hasn't as yet been received. This will be dealt with when it is received.
- Mary Johannsen advised there will be a bus trip on Saturday, June 13 to visit Land of the Giants nursery. Flower Factory and the Song Sparrow nursery if time allows. Mary is hopeful we can fill a 50 passenger bus. Everyone was encouraged to bring a friend
- Hosta Finders have been ordered and will be available at the March meeting. The cost will again be \$15 and if you want it mailed the cost will go up with the postage. Sandra Jurgens is taking orders.
- Hosta College will again be held in Piqua, Ohio in March. Carolyn, Mary and Sally are planning to attend.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Keith Bonnstetter gave a demonstration of paper cutting. He brought samples of his beautiful, detailed "snowflakes" and explained how he got started. He has even been on the Martha Stewart show. Everyone made a beautiful Valentine's Day snowflake. What fun!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Hamilton,  
Secretary Pro-Tem

**WE WILL HAVE A BUS TRIP ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, TO WISCONSIN-LAND!!!  
WE'LL BE GOING TO SONG SPARROW NURSERY (they are only open one Saturday  
a year for public sales), LAND OF THE GIANTS NURSERY AND THE FLOWER  
FACTORY!!!!**

The new Song Sparrow catalog is now available on line — [www.songsparrow.com](http://www.songsparrow.com)! It would be wise to look at the catalog first to get an idea of what you would like to look at while there!! They have many hoop houses filled with beautiful plants and our time there will be limited. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

## **2015 SCHEDULE - MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY**

JANUARY 17 - Winter Scientific Meeting, Lisle, IL

FEBRUARY 8 - 1:00 PM - MVHS Pot Luck, Riverdale Fire Station

MARCH 8 - 2:00 PM - MVHS Meeting, Riverdale Fire Station

MARCH 20-21 - Hosta College, Piqua, Ohio

APRIL 25 - 10:00 AM - Fluff and Buff, VanderVeer Hosta Glade (Rain date Apr. 26)

APRIL 27 - Name Tags, VanderVeer Hosta Glade

MAY 9 - 1 PM - Hosta Dig for Plant Sale (Rain date May 11),  
VanderVeer Hosta Glade

MAY 31 - Plant Sale = Duck Creek Park Shelter #2

JUNE 14 - Bus Trip to Land of the Giants Nursery and Flower Factory, Wisconsin

JUNE 18-20 - AHS Convention, Raleigh, NC

JULY 9-11 - MRHS Convention, Dubuque, IA

JULY 18 - Leaf Casting Program (hands-on)

AUGUST 15 - Car Pool to Hornbakers, Princeton, IL

SEPTEMBER 13 - Annual Picnic, VanderVeer Hosta Glade

SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER - Fall Educational Meeting

OCTOBER 11 - 2:00 PM - MVHS Meeting at Riverdale Fire Station

NOVEMBER 8 - 2:00 PM - MVHS Meeting at Riverdale Fire Station

DECEMBER 4 - Annual Christmas Party

**Scott County Master Gardeners & Friends Bus Trip**

**APRIL 17, 2015**

*Chicago Botanic Garden*

*Antiques, Garden, & Design Show*

**Celebrate spring at the Antiques Garden & Design Show. Find inspiration for a renewed garden palette among display gardens and vendors selling exquisite vintage items and garden-related merchandise from around the US and Europe. Absorb the valuable insight of design and entreating experts at key lectures throughout the day. Visit: [www.chicagobotanic.org/antiques](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/antiques)**

**COST IS \$50. PER PERSON**

**Deadline for paid Reservation March 15th**

Price includes your ticket into the show

Earn One CEU during the bus ride - a class will be given by a Scott County Master Gardener

Coffee, water, & a pastry provided during bus ride to Glencoe. Lunch is on your own

Bus leaves promptly at **3:30 pm** for the return to the Quad Cities

**Reservations will be open to all Master Gardeners and the public. Please make your reservations early, first come, first on the bus. Gather at Hobby Lobby, 2121 Kimberly Road, Bettendorf (Park at the top of the hill, next to Kimberly Road) Please carpool. BUS WILL LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 6:30 AM..**

We must have 50 people to fill the bus. If we do not get the bus full we will need to cancel the trip!! If this happens your money will be refunded, otherwise, there will be no refunds,

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY-SOLBERG CLUB PLANTS  
2015 ORDER FORM**

Please remember all plants will be bare root. Pick up date and place to be announced later. DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 1, 2015. Send your form along with your check (made payable to MVHS) to:

Dean Piatt, 2910 Telegraph Road, Davenport, Iowa 52804, 563-323-8184.

**'Blue Perfection' EXCLUSIVE**

(Solberg 2015) - (sport of 'Ambrosia') Large (24" x 54") This is a fast growing, fragrant-flowered blue, that for which we have all been waiting. It has very waxy blue leaves enhanced when grown in half a day of cool sun. The light lavender flowers arrive in late July. You have got to try this one.

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$36 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Baby Blue Eyes'**

(Solberg 2006) - ('Cody' x 'Dorset Blue') Mini-Small (6" x 16") This little hosta is a darling. It is a very cute tight, flat mound of heart-shaped blue leaves that grows fast. Not too big for a large trough, it is also tough enough for the garden. Light lavender flowers on short scapes in July.

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Blueberry Waffles'**

(Sandy Brown 2008) - ('Spillt Milk' x 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd') Very Large (30"x68") Maybe it is the huge almost perfectly round leaves, or their deep blue color, the color of blueberries, with all the perfect puckering, or maybe just the impressive mound of foliage that makes it the perfect specimen. It flowers with its *H. sieboldiana* kin in June

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$11 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Brentwood Blues'**

(S. Watson 2013) - (sport of 'Rhythm and Blues') Small (8"x20") This little hosta is from Steve Watson on Brentwood, TN. It has bright white margins on blue-green leaves with well-proportioned flowers. Great combination of colors, fast growing.

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Hallelujah'**

(M. Zilis 2010) - ('Halcyon' x 'Blue Betty Lou') Medium-Large (16"x33") Has bright blue leaves that are cupped with strong venation and good substance.

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Honey Pie'**

(Solberg 2012) - ('Septemer Sun' x *H. plantaginea*) Large (18"x40") The honey colored leaves pucker with age and fragrant flowers follow in late summer. Give this one a little extra sun to bring out the golden color and encourages more flowers.

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$11 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Leapin' Lizard'**

(D & M Beilstein 2013) - ('Splashed Leather' x 'Treasure Island - open polinated) Medium (12"x30") The attractive green leaves are highly ruffled, folded, and heavily puckered. Every leaf is a little different resulting in a wild and crazy hosta. First Look winner and a sure show stopper in the garden.

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$13 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Leather and Lace'**

(D. Dean 2013) - (('Liberty Bell' x 'Urajiro Hachijo') x 'Ebony Spires') x 'Astral Bliss'. Small (11"x27") This small blue hosta has a creamy white border and forms a tight pinwheel in the garden. It is unlike any hosta I know, unique and very beautiful.

(\_\_\_\_\_) x \$19 \_\_\_\_\_

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**'Light Ray'**

**'Leather and Lace'**

(G. Ray 2015) - Large (20"x38" or larger) A seedling from plantsman Graham Ray of Greensboro, NC. This upright hosta has large leaves with a wide, wonderful white border. Imagine it as a little like 'Victory' but a size or so smaller. Striking in a container in a special spot in the garden.

( ) x \$16 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Megan's Angel'**

(D & M Beilsein 2009) - (sport of streaked 'Blue Angel') Huge (22"x54" or larger). This is named for Doug's daughter. Huge blue leaves emerge with a wide, soft yellow border that will become white by late summer. Grows well and has wonderful near white flowers. Will grow large enough to fill a whiskey barrel.

( ) x \$11 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Mouse Trap'**

(Shady Oaks Nursery) - ("blue Mouse Ears' sport) Mini (6"x14") Best growing of the white-centered 'Blue Mouse Ears'. This hosta emerges with a pure white center with a few scattered green flecks. Summer leaves may green up in extreme heat so there is never any melting out! Lavender flowers on cute white scapes in June. The centerpiece of your "mouse" collection.

( ) x \$11 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Rough Knight'**

(D & M Beilsxtein 2013) - (King of Spades' op) open pollinated) Small-Medium (10"x36") This small blue-green beauty has very cupped leaves with perfect little rows of puckers. All the leaves appear to be emerging from a single point like a bouquet of foliage, to decorate the garden. Great in a pot too.

( ) x \$11 \_\_\_\_\_

**'Wonderful'**

(R. Goodwin 2005) - (Little Wonder' seedling) Mini (3"x6") This tiny hosta has teardrop-shaped yellow leaves that form a very cute delicate miniature mound. It is a perfect container hosta or grow it in a special bed along a walk.

( ) x \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**HOSTA FINDERS ARE HERE!!!**

Sandra Jurgens, Treasurer, now has a supply of the 2015 Hosta Finder. It will cost \$15 again this year; however, if you want it mailed to you it will cost \$18. She will also have them at the March meeting.

To order, please send Sandra a check, made out to MVHS. Her home address is: 1140 E. Dover Ct., Davenport, IA 52804.

For those unfamiliar with the Hosta Finder, it is a wonderful reference and has a comparison of prices of hostas being offered from approximately 50 different growers.

**2015 DUES ARE DUE!!!**

We don't want to lose you.

So please don't delay

Send your check right away.

Dues are still only \$7/yr — send check to Sandra Jurgens, 1140 E. Dover Ct., Davenport, Iowa 52803.



\*Light Ray is not pictured at this time.

## ***2015 AHS Convention***

*June 18, 19, 20 Raleigh, NC*

### **“Back to the Future”**

“The three day convention consists of garden tours, educational lectures, hosta show, vending room, live and silent auctions, award presentations and various other opportunities for like- minded hostaphiles and gardeners to gather and celebrate our favorite plant and the great people it brings together.”

On Thursday evening we will visit Tony Avent's Plant Delights Nursery Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens. The nursery and extensive gardens are renowned for their diversity of rare plant material including many new hybrids produced as part of their research mission.

On Friday, we will visit 5 local residential gardens, including David Spain's nationally known moss garden. On Friday our lunch stop will be at the North Carolina State Farmers Market in Raleigh. In addition to the wide selection of produce available from North Carolina, (it should be peach season), there are many interesting plants for sale also. You will enjoy a gourmet box lunch and then snack your way around the market testing the free samples.

On Saturday morning, the buses will take you to Green Hill Farm in Franklinton, owned by Nancy and Bob Solberg, which is one of the leading sources of new hostas.

(Registration Form for Convention is on next page)



## 2015 AHS CONVENTION REGISTRATION

June 18-20, 2015 – Raleigh, North Carolina

### BACK TO THE FUTURE - hosted by Bob and Nancy Solberg

#### 1. COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT. PLEASE ENTER NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE.

First Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. HOSTA SHOW/JUDGING RELATED EVENTS

Do you plan to attend: Judging Clinic I (Wed. evening)? \* Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Judging Clinic (Thurs. morning) II? \* Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Judging Clinic III (Friday evening)\* Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ \*A new Judges Handbook is required - downloadable for free at [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org)  
or available for purchase at the clinic (\$10.00). Check here if you like to purchase a Handbook: \_\_\_\_\_

Div. VI - Artistic Design and Div. VII - Specialty categories and specific instructions may be obtained through the AHS Web site,  
[www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org), or the 2015 convention web site, [www.2015ahsconvention.com](http://www.2015ahsconvention.com).

I plan to: Enter \_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_

Please indicate number of entries you plan to submit in each Division:

I - Cut Leaf II - Container Grown III - Troughs/containers IV - Educational Displays  
# \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Competitive Exhibits VI - Artistic Design VII - \*Specialty (Container): Unnamed Seedlings Sports  
# \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\*We reserve the right to limit number of entries; please see Show Rules.

#### 3. REGISTRATION FEE

Full Registration (Wednesday through Saturday, including Thursday Bus Tour/Picnic at Plant Delights Nursery, Friday Breakfast  
Friday Box Lunch and Tour Garden Buses, Saturday Breakfast, Bus tour to Green Hill Farm, Saturday Lunch and Banquet

Full Registration.....	\$230.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet Only (NO TOURS).....	\$40.00	\$ _____
LATE FEE: Full Registration After May 1, 2015.....	\$50.00	\$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER June 8, 2015

Hosta Hybridizer? Do you plan to send Bob 3 seedling pics for the Scientific Session? Yes \_\_\_ Send to [HostaBob@gmail.com](mailto:HostaBob@gmail.com)

Friday box lunch requests (please circle one): Beef Chicken Vegetarian Gluten Free

Banquet meal requests (please circle one): Chicken Pork Vegetarian Gluten Free

#### 4. MAIL THIS FORM AND REMITTANCE

Check Enclosed: Payable to AHS 2015 Convention: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Include Registration, Late Fee, Handbook if applicable)

Or Credit Card: Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ AmEx \_\_\_ Disc \_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code on Back \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\$10.00 Credit Card Fee

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IN US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (INCLUDE Registration, Late Fee, Handbook, Convenience Fee if applicable). Payment must be made in US funds and drawn on a US bank.

Mail to: Sandie Markland, Convention Treasurer, P.O. Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948-7539

5. I will donate plants or items for the Live Auction (proceeds to go AHS) Yes (approx. #)

#### 6. HOTEL RESERVATIONS. Make reservations DIRECTLY with the hotel.

HILTON NORTH RALEIGH/MIDTOWN, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609-7330

Make your reservation at the Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown at [www.3.hilton.com](http://www.3.hilton.com) or by calling 919-872-2323. Tell them you are with the American Hosta Society. Group rate is \$105.00/Double Room, plus applicable taxes.



## AHS National Convention



Raleigh, North Carolina

June 18-20, 2015

*"Back to the Future"*

*For complete details:*

<http://www.2015ahsconvention.com/>

**Hotel:** [Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown](#) in North Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Tour Gardens:** On Thursday evening we will visit Tony Avent's Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens. The nursery and extensive gardens are renowned for their diversity of rare plant material including many new hybrids produced as part of their research mission.

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On Saturday morning, the buses will take you to Green Hill Farm in Franklinton, owned by Nancy and Bob Solberg, which is one of the leading sources of new hostas.

Other tour opportunities will be available on Wednesday on your own.

## 2015 MRHS Convention *A Hosta Rendezvous*



**When:** July 9-11, 2015

**Where:** Holiday Inn, 450 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001  
563-556-2000 888-465-4329 (reserved Rate is \$124) [Hotel Information](#)

**Gardens:** There will be 6 gardens to tour on Saturday. (Optional Bus Tour with boxed lunch \$30 per person - limited to the first 50 paid advance registrants.)  
Sunday - Optional garden tours (information provided at registration)

**Dining:**  
Thursday - Optional River Cruise with dinner (Prime Rib or Chicken) on the [Spirit of Dubuque](#). Special rate of \$50.00 per person. Limited to 60 registrants. Make reservations directly. (563-583-8093)

The following meals are included with your registration:  
Friday - Dinner BBQ at the [Arboretum](#).  
Saturday - Continental Breakfast and Evening Banquet

**Registration:** Printable [Registration Form](#).

**Hosta Seedling Competition:** [Seedling Competition Information](#).

*Mark your calendar now.*

For more information Contact Cheryl Hird 563-557-1535 [Email](#)

# Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention 2015



## HOSTA RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM – Dubuque Iowa Thursday-Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Holiday Inn

450 Main St. Dubuque, IA 52001  
Phone: 563-556-2000 / 1-888-465-4329

Make reservations directly with hotel. Reserved rooms for the convention are \$124. Mention the convention for this block of rooms.

**\$110.<sup>00</sup>** Registration fee per person when postmarked on or before to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**\$150.<sup>00</sup>** Registration fee per person when postmarked **after June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

*Registration fee includes:* 3 meals (Friday evening meal, Saturday: continental breakfast and evening banquet). Fee also includes hosta leaf show, seedling show, speakers, hospitality room, vendors, and the hosta auction!  
Bus transportation to all six gardens **optional** at \$30 per person including a box lunch. Limited to first 50 paid registrations. Maps will be provided to everyone who wants to drive to the gardens.

Mail to: Don Wood, 902 Farrell Ct., Dubuque, IA. 52001  
Phone: 563-556-5635 Email: [DRHS4@hotmail.com](mailto:DRHS4@hotmail.com)  
Make check payable to "Dubuque Regional Hosta Society" or "DRHS"

Please type or print below, as you want your convention badges to read.

Name :	
Include name with city & state in Convention attendants list?	Yes ___ No ___
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	
*Dinner choices, Sat. evening banquet: <b>Pork</b> ___ <b>Salmon</b> ___ <b>Chicken</b> ___ <b>Veg. Lasagna</b> ___	
Plants for Sat. MRHS Auction – All proceeds to MRHS	Donate plants? Yes ___ No ___
<b>Hosta Leaf Show:</b> Willing to judge? Yes ___ No ___	Compete in show? Yes ___ No ___
Cut-Leaf ___ Container-Grown ___ Trough/Container ___	Educational Display ___ Artistic Display ___

The 2015 Hosta Seed Growers Seedling Competition will be held during the 2015 Midwest Convention. Registration required and made directly with them by July 1 deadline. Registration form can be found on the Midwest Hosta Society website.

**Optional Thursday evening Prime Rib/Chicken Dinner Cruise:** Special \$50 rate for convention attendees. See cruise website for details: [dubuqueriverrides.com](http://dubuqueriverrides.com). Boarding at 5:30, cruise 6:00 to 8:00. Minimum of 20 and maximum of 65 by June 9, if we do not have the minimum number by June 9, we will refund your payment at registration.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- If you have special menu (vegetarian), dietary, bus seating or other requirements, please indicate your preferences on a separate sheet and submit it with this registration form. Our best effort will be made to accommodate these preferences. Our bus is not wheelchair accessible.
- If you would like confirmation of your registration, list a valid email address or enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- **Refund Policy:** Refunds are made for cancellations before June 1<sup>st</sup>, otherwise after the bills are paid if funds are available. Dinner Cruise refunds as listed above.

**\*Menu:** Stuffed Pork Chops,  
Pecan Crust Salmon, Stuffed  
Chicken Cordon Blue, Vegetarian  
Lasagna. **Indicate in Dinner  
Choices above.**

Registration –	Postmark by 6/15/15	\$ _____
Late Registration -	Postmark after 6/15/15	\$ _____
Optional bus tour Display Gardens / box lunch - \$30/person		\$ _____
Thurs. Dinner Cruise (include e-mail to notify if canceled)		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

NOTE: Dinner Cruise Registration deadline is JUNE 9



## 2015 Hosta of the Year – ‘Victory’

The American Hosta Growers Association has selected the imposing hosta ‘Victory’ as its 2015 Hosta of the Year.

A tissue culture sport of *H. nigrescens* ‘Elatior’, this hosta may not at first catch your attention when it is just a small nondescript plant with a narrow cream edge to the leaves. However, be patient and provide plenty of room when planting this plant-to-be. ‘Victory’ will grow and grow



and grow until it becomes a massive upright mound of very large and thick shiny heart shaped light green leaves with prominent creamy white margins. It may approach a width of up to 5 feet and be 2 ½-3 feet tall. Walters Gardens accurately describes a mature specimen of ‘Victory’ as a “triumphant accomplishment that commands attention in the landscape.” “Stunning” is another word often used to describe this magnificent hosta.

As with all AHGA Hosta of the Year selections, ‘Victory’ is widely available at reasonable prices and is a good performer, even here in the south. If you have the space to accommodate just one huge spectacular hosta, consider saving it for this handsome hunk. ‘Victory’ should be available through several of our vendors at our Hosta Show Plant Sale this May.

This is a little late but cute:

### NEWER HOSTAS WILL BE FOR SALE AT PLANT SALE

Are you day dreaming of green grass and making a list of what you want to plant in your garden!!! We have placed our order for newer hostas from Naylor Creek Nursery. Following is a list of what we ordered for the plant sale on May 31:

H. ‘Amos’	H. ‘Baby Doll’
H. ‘Church Mouse’	H. ‘Country Mouse’
H. ‘Desert Mouse’	H. ‘Frosted Mouse Ears’
H. ‘Funny Mouse’	H. ‘LS Paisley Print’
H. ‘Pandora’s Box	H. ‘Remember Me’
H. ‘Teeny-weeny Bikini	H. ‘Apple Candy’
H. ‘Olympic Sunrise’	H. ‘Sunset Groves’

We also got the following hostas from Q & Z before they went out of business:

H. ‘Aladdin’s Lamp’, H. ‘Baby Booties’, H. ‘Blackjack’,  
H. ‘Blue Mouse Ears’, H. ‘Cherokee’, H. ‘Justine’,  
H. ‘Giantland Sunny Mouse Ears’, H. ‘Mariachi’,  
H. ‘Merlin’, H. ‘Mystic Star’, H. ‘Nifty Fifty’,  
H. ‘Orange Star’, H. ‘Pebbles’, N. ‘Permafrost’,  
H. ‘Pie a la Mode’, H. ‘Spartacus’, H. ‘Splendid Sarah’  
H. ‘Tidewater’ and H. ‘Victory’.

### Valentine Food For Thought

Cabbage always has a heart;  
Green beans string along,  
You’re such a cute tomato,  
Will you peas to me belong?  
You’ve been the apple of my eye,  
You know how much I care;  
So lettuce get together,  
We’d make a perfect pear.

Now,

something’s sure to turnip to prove you can’t be beet;  
So, if you carrot all for me let’s let our tulips meet.

Don’t squash my hopes and dreams now,

Bee my honey, dear;  
Or tears will fill potato’s eyes,  
While sweet corn lends an ear.  
I’ll cauliflower shop and say,  
Your dreams are parsley mine.  
I’ll work and share my celery,  
So be my Valentine!

**MVHS dues** are \$7 a year. Please make your check payable to MVHS and send to Sandra Jurgens, 1140 E. Dover Ct., Davenport, IA 52803. 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 opportunities.

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**AHS dues** - The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a convention, three issues of "The Hosta Journal." Individual dues are \$30/yr; \$80/3yrs. Family dues are \$34/yr; \$90/3yr. Make your check payable to AHS and send to Sandie Markland, Membership Secretary, PO Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

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**MRHS dues** are \$10/yr. Send your check to Barb Schroeder, 1819 Coventry Dr., Champaign, IL 61822-5239. There is a printable membership form on the website or please include your name, address, tel.no and email address.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

MAR 8 - MVHS Meeting  
APR 25 - VV Fluff and Buff

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Visit our MVHS web site: **mvhosta.org**

Other hosta and garden web sites:

- American Hosta Society - <http://www.hosta.org>
- Midwest Regional Hosta Society - <http://wwwmidwesthostasociety.org>
- Hosta Library - <http://www.hostalibrary.org>
- Hosta Forum - questions and answers - <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta/>
- Mini Hosta Forum - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/minihosta>

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Bettendorf, Iowa 52722