



# Hosta Happenings

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY  
ANNUAL  
**HOSTA SALE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010**

**9 AM - MEMBER'S ONLY SALE**  
**10 AM - 1:30 PM - PUBLIC SALE**

**DUCK CREEK PARK SHELTER #2**  
Davenport, Iowa

HOSTAS, HOSTAS, HOSTAS  
and COMPANION PLANTS

**Please drop off your hostas and companion plants at the sale location at 8 AM** and have them named, if possible. We will price them! If you are unable to get them there on Sunday, call Carolyn Hamilton at 355-6973, or Sally Stewart, 359-4752, to make other arrangements.

## OVERRUN by MICE!

by Bob Leask

Ontario Hosta Society-Spring 2010

Once upon a time there was a hosta named **'Minnie Mouse'** from Keith Squires but, upon threat of possible legal implications of a trademark, the name was changed to **H. 'Missie Mouse'** when registered by Peter Ruh. But recently we have had one introduced as **'Mighty Mouse'**, so who knows where this will take us. But it certainly has kindled the interest in small hostas.

We have certainly been inundated by the pesky little creatures over the last couple of years. With the promotion of **'Blue Mouse Ears'** as *Hosta of the Year*, we have been simply overwhelmed with the offspring and variations. It is rumored to be a sport of 'Blue Cadet'.

**'Green Mouse Ears'** followed shortly but was this just a reversion to its natural colour or a sport of **'BME'** (**'Blue Mouse Ears'**)?

**'Blue Mouse Ears Supreme'** is a streaked sport of **'BME'** and is similar to **'Royal Mouse Ears'**.

**'Cat and Mouse'** is a thick leaved, medio-variegated sport of **'BME'** with a chartreuse interior and an uneven blue-green margin. Shades of green overlap.

**'Mighty Mouse'** is a streaked sport and **'Pure Heart'** is the white centered form to accompany it (for you comic's fans).

**'Mouse Tracks'**, a cute little streaked hosta out of **'Mighty Mouse'**, features various yellows and creamy whites that streak throughout its blue/green leaves.

**'One Iota'** is a variegated sport of **'BME'** with a light green/cream edge on dark green. This is a forced sport by Jim Anderson and of course there is a streaked form as well.

**'Snow Mouse'** is a **'BME'** sport from Marco Fransen with a beautiful white center surrounded by a blue-green border. Leaves are very thick. And **'Royal Mouse Ears'** is a variegated sport of **'BME'** which is medium blue-green, with cream colored streaks. It is deeply cupped and is dull on top, with a glaucous bloom underneath.

**'Frosted Mouse Ears'** is a tissue culture sport out of **'Royal Mouse Ears'** developed at Q&Z, featuring a wide, creamy white margin, a bluish green center, thick substance.

**'Holy Mouse Ears'** is another sport from **'Royal Mouse Ears'**, features thick white leaves with uneven blue-green margins.

Each of the above usually produces a cute little clump of lavender flowers about three or four inches ( 8-10 cm) above the foliage. They make interesting displays in troughs and planters and at the front of beds – hopefully raised so they can be appreciated.

Perhaps by the time this newsletter is published we will also have Mouse Trap, Mouse Droppings, Field Mouse, Computer Mouse, Mouse Hole and who knows what else. They seem to proliferate at the same rate as real mice. How about some cheese with that?

The above article was taken from the Northwest Indiana Hosta Society May Newsletter.

WE HAD A LOT OF GREAT HELP ON THE VANDER VEER FLUFF AND BUFF!!! IT WAS A COOL DAY, BUT IT DIDN'T RAIN!!! MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO MAKE THE GARDENS READY FOR SPRING!!!

Also thank you to those who helped with the hosta naming task and to those who also helped with the hosta dig. We dug about 100 plants which will be sold at the Plant Sale on Sunday!

WE COULD NOT MAINTAIN THESE GARDENS WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. IT IS REALLY APPRECIATED!

### **AUGUST 8th BUS TRIP**

There are just a few empty seats left on the bus going to Trudi Temple's garden. If you are interested, come early to the Plant Sale and sign up to be on the bus, or contact Don Musak or Dean Piatt. The cost is \$35 a person and includes treats, snacks and drink. Lunch is on your own at Culver's. There will be no refunds after July 25th.

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### **PLANT SALE HOSTAS**

HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST OF SOME OF THE HOSTAS THAT WILL BE AT THE ANNUAL SALE ON THIS COMING SUNDAY, MAY 23rd. Remember, members can come at 9 AM before the public sale starting at 10 AM:

Blue Mouse Ears, Frosted Mouse Ears, Holy Mouse Ears, Mighty Mouse, Snow Mouse!!!! Ann Kulpa, Dancing Queen, Hyuga Urajiro, Maya Tritone, Proud Sentry, Trifecta, Silver Star, Great Arrival, Sara's Sensation, Blaze of Glory, Blue Flame, Cracker Crumbs, Earth Angel, Eye Candy, First Frost, Fragrant Dream, Fried Green Tomatoes, Ginsu Knife, Halcyon, Ivory Necklace, Lakeside Old Smokey, Majordomo, Miss Linda Smith, Mojito, Ocean Isle, Orange Marmalade, Paul's Glory, Pineapple Poll, Popo, Powder Blue, Praying Hands, Ray of Hope, Striptease, Sum and Subtle, Tappan Zee, Tennessee Waltz, Tortilla Chip, Victory and Wheaton Blue.

We dug a spectacular Liberty (3 eyes) from Chub Harper's garden!

We will also have some real nice hostas that we dug from VanderVeer -- and we also have some of the Forest Johnson hostas left (real nice ones) that will be on the bargain table because they aren't named.

**We hope this tempts you to come to the Plant Sale early at 9 AM when Member's Only Sale starts!!!**

Carolyn and Sally

**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](http://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, 8702 Pinnacle Rock Ct., Lorton, VA 22079.

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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 and send to Dean Piatt, Treasurer, 2910 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA 52804. 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.

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### **WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

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Other hosta and garden web sites:  
American Hosta Society - <http://www.hosta.org>  
Midwest Hosta Society - <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org>  
Hosta Library - <http://www.hostalibrary.org>  
Hosta Forum - questions/answers - <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta>  
Mini Hosta Forum - <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 DEAN PIATT, 2910 TELEGRAPH RD., DAVENPORT, IA 52804.** His email is: [dpiatt@mvhosta.org](mailto:dpiatt@mvhosta.org)