



# Hosta Happenings

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY**

## **HOSTA SALE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012**

**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**

**If you haven't dug your plants yet, please do it IMMEDIATELY!**

**They need time to get accustomed to the pot!**

**Please drop off your plants at the sale location at 8 AM and have them named, if possible. (A named plant brings much more money than the one with "Tag Lost"!!)**

## **A SAMPLING OF THE HOSTAS THAT WILL BE FOR SALE ON JUNE 3rd!!!**

Bam Bam Blue, Tickle Me Pink, Snow Mouse, Ben Vernooij, Dancing Mouse, Mourning Dove, Christmas Pageant, Rocket's Red Glare, Final Summation, Guardian Angel, Dream Queen, American Halo, Eternal Flame, Fire and Ice, Montana Aureomarginata, Aventurine, Blue Mouse Ears, Citritini, Deep Space Nine, Earth Angel, First Frost, Frosted Mouse Ears, Frosty Morn, Holy Mouse Ears, Master of Ceremonies, Minutini, Peanut, Praying Hands, Raspberries and Cream, Royal Mouse Ears, and Summer Breeze.

We will also have nice divisions of hostas taken from the VanderVeer Hosta Glade.

In addition, we will have Hadspen Cream; Epimedium Sulfurium and a Hellebores Bananna Cream Pie

### **H. 'Honey Pie' Raffle**

Maybe you didn't order the Solberg hosta 'Honey Pie' because it was too expensive -- here is your chance to win one!! The club purchased two extra 'Honey Pie's' and Dean Piatt is going to be selling raffle tickets - \$1 each or 6 for \$5!!! The drawing for both will be at the Plant Sale on June 3rd. You won't have to be there to win either!! What a great opportunity to win a nice hosta!!!

#### **THANK YOU FROM CAROLYN:**

A huge thank you to all who helped get our VanderVeer Hosta Glade ready for the season! 14 people showed up for Fluff and Buff and we got all 7 gardens weeded and "fluffed" by noon! Also thanks to those who helped place name tags -- it is a huge job.

Thank you also to the people who helped dig hostas for our plant sale!!! We have approximately 100 nice division of plants ready for sale!

Everyone pitched in and it was hard work. I really appreciate your time and commitment! I'd list names, but I know I'd forget someone - but you know who you are!

# 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/](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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)

**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

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](mailto:soghscon@gmail.com)

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



## 2012 MRHS Convention Schedule

*Room assignments subject to change*

Wednesday, July 11, 7:00 floor prep for vending, auction, leaf show set-up

### Thursday, July 12 (Noon until 11 PM)

8:30 am-Noon	Vendor Setup	Grand Ballroom A
9:00 am-Noon	Leaf Show Setup	Grand Ballroom B/C
1:00 - 5:00 pm	Hosta Show Entries (Prep)	Royale Ballroom B
Noon - 6:00 pm	Auction Plants Received	Royale B
Noon - 6:00 pm	Raffle Set-up/Sales	Hotel Lobby
Noon - 9:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Lobby
Noon - 5:30 pm	Vendor Sales- open to public	Grand Ballroom A
5:15 pm - Bus departs for Garden Picnic		Outside Lobby
5:30 pm - Bus departs for Garden Picnic		Outside Lobby
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Garden Picnic (Optional)	Camp Creek Farm
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Hosta Show Entries	Hallway
7:45 - Bus departs for Hotel		
8:00 - Bus departs for Hotel		
8:30 - 11:00 pm	Vendor Sales - open to public	Grand Ballroom A
9:00 - 11:00 pm	Hostality	Hostality Suite/ Pool side

### Friday, July 13 (7 AM until 11:30 PM)

**Breakfast on your own (Hotel guests receive complimentary Continental Breakfast)**

7:00 am - 10:30 am	Hosta Show Entries	Hallway
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Judges Clinic I	Royale Ballroom A
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	Auction Plants Received	Royale B
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Vendor Sales - open to public	Grand Ballroom A
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Raffle Sales	Hotel Lobby
11:15 am - 12:15 am	Educational Seminar (Rob Mortko - Tissue Culture for Dummies)	Royale A
11:00 am - Noon	Judges Luncheon	Hotel Breakfast Room
<b>Lunch on your own</b>		
Noon - 3:00 pm	Hosta Show Judging	Grand Ballroom B/C
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Education Seminar (Don Dean - My Path to Hosta Gardening)	Royale A
2:00 - 4:00 pm	Auction Preview	Royale B
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Education Seminar (Robert Solberg - Growing Hostas: The Bigger the Better )	Royale A
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Hosta Show Open - open to public	Grand Ballroom B/C
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	MRHS Board Meeting	Breakfast Room
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Cocktails & Dinner Buffet	Royale AB
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Banquet	Royale AB
7:00 pm - 7:15 pm	MRHS Business Meeting	Royale AB
7:15 pm - 9:30 pm	Auction - open to public	Royale AB

## **Saturday, July 14, (6:30 am until 11:30 pm)**

**Breakfast on your own (Hotel guests receive complimentary Continental Breakfast)**

6:00 am – 7:30 am	Breakfast	Royale AB or Breakfast Room
6:00 am – 7:30 am	Registration	Convention Lobby
8:00 am – 1:30 pm	Garden Tours Buses Hotel	Front Lobby
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Hosta Show - open to public	Grand Ballroom B/C
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Hostatality	Hostality Suite/ Pool side
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	President's Meeting	Breakfast Room
4:00 pm	Leaf Show tear down	Grand Ballroom B/C
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Vendor Sales - open to public	Grand Ballroom A
4:00 pm	Vending tear down	Grand Ballroom A
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Unpotting/cleaning	North courtyard
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Raffle Sales	Hotel Lobby
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Raffle Drawing	Hotel Lobby
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Cocktails & Banquet	Royale AB
(5:00-6:00 – Cocktails, 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner; 7:00-7:15 2013 promo; 7:15 – 7:30 pm - Hosta Show Awards; 7:30 pm Guest Speaker (Don Engebretson) 8:30 - Announcements)		
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Convention wrap-up meeting	Hotel Breakfast Room
9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Hostatality	Hostatality Suite/ Pool side

## **Sunday, July 15 – remove any remaining items from hotel**

**Optional Tour Gardens Open – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**





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# GLR TAILGATE 2012

**JUNE 22-24**



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GRAND HAVEN'S MUSICAL FOUNTAIN



WINDMILL ISLAND

**ENJOY BEAUTIFUL WEST MICHIGAN!  
JOIN YOUR HOSTA FRIENDS FOR A FUN  
WEEKEND OF VISITING, GARDEN TOURS AND  
NURSERY SHOPPING**

## FRIDAY JUNE 22

Start your weekend by checking into the **ALLENDALE SLEEP INN AND SUITES** - 4869 Becker Dr, Allendale, MI 49401 ph. (616-892-8000) Twenty five rooms have been reserved at a special rate of \$64.99 when you mention TAILGATE 2012. The hotel is located just six miles from the Andersons' where most of Friday's activities take place.

Prefer camping? Check into the **ALLENDALE/ W GRAND RAPIDS KOA** - 8275 Warner St, Allendale, MI 49401 ph. (800-562-9751) Mention that you are with the GLR Hosta Society and qualify for at least a 10% discount. The campground is on the Grand River and is just 5 miles from the Andersons'.

12:00 - Meet at the Andersons' - 10038 Rich St, West Olive, MI 49460 ph. (616-895-4455) You may tour Kay's gardens, take a swim or just chat with friends. Bring a lawn chair. Tents for shade will be provided.

1:00 - 2:30 **PLANT SALE OR TRADE** If you wish you may bring some plants to sell or trade. Set your own prices and bring what you will need to set up.

3:30 - 5:00 **TOUR WALTERS' GARDENS-** 1992 96th Ave, Zeeland, MI. One of the largest U.S. wholesale perennial plant growers.

Stop in at **GARDEN CROSSINGS** (4902 96th Ave, Zeeland) on your way back to the Andersons'. Garden Crossings is rated #1 mail-order nursery on Dave's Garden Web. You may pre-order at [www.GardenCrossings.com/gardencenter](http://www.GardenCrossings.com/gardencenter). Type in the code HOSTA for a 20% discount.

6:00 - until? Gather at the Andersons' for **TAILGATE PARTY**. Bring your own food and beverages, coolers and lawn chairs. Tables and grills will be provided.

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. FOR THIS WEEKEND EVENT at [Kayhosta@gmail.com](mailto:Kayhosta@gmail.com)**

7:30 **AUCTION- PLEASE BRING A PLANT TO DONATE.** The proceeds from the auction will go towards the expenses involved for putting on this event- water, printing costs, signs, and porta potties. Excess proceeds will go to TAILGATE 2013.

#### **SATURDAY JUNE 23**

9:00 - 5:00 **TOUR WEST MICHIGAN HOSTA GARDENS:**

Bob and Brenda Sinke -1180 59th St. SE, Kentwood, MI (616) 901-6157

Rich and Sandy Brown - 1301 Oakleigh Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, MI (616) 453-7569

Mike and Kay Maitner - 5927 Knob Hill Dr, Grand Rapids, MI (616) 361-2890

Dori and Pam Rawson - 426 9 Mile Rd, Comstock Park, MI (616) 784-9587

9:00 - 5:00 **NURSERY SHOP** West Michigan has an abundance of greenhouses and nurseries.

Ottawa-Kent Perennials - Will give wholesale prices on a huge variety of plants, as well as, hostas. They are rarely open to the public. Located at 2089 Hayes St, Marne, MI (616) 677-3361

K Gardens - 2938 72nd St. SW, Byron Center, MI (616) 898-9502 West Michigan's largest selection of hostas.

Elizabeth Peacock Family - Before her recent death, Elizabeth was an active member of WMHS. Her collection of over 1000 varieties of hosta and almost as many daylilies will be sold by her family. A website with prices and more information is being developed. Bring your own shovels and pots. **The sale will be both Saturday and Sunday.**

#### **SUNDAY JUNE 24**

**TOUR THE HOSTA GARDENS OF KALAMAZOO** - Check the Hosta College website for more details.

Visit **Meijer Gardens, John Ball Park Zoo, The Art Institute of GR** or any of the museums of Grand Rapids.

Spend the day at **Lake Michigan. Kirk Park** is just 12 miles from the Andersons'. **Grand Haven State Park** and

**Holland State Park** are just a few miles further.

On your way home plan a stop at **Hidden Lake Gardens**, one of the finest hosta display gardens in the U.S.

**PLEASE GO TO THE HOSTA COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND UPDATES ON THIS EVENT.** (click on Upcoming Events) Here you will find suggestions for hotels, restaurants, local nurseries, as well as, the map showing the tour gardens. **PRINT OFF THE INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL NEED.**

**SAVE SUNDAY, JUNE 30th FOR OUR MVHS GARDEN WALK!!!!!!  
We will tour gardens on Mississippi Avenue in Davenport  
and have our Happy Hour on Mississippi Blvd in Bettendorf!**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!!!!!**

**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; \$57/2 yrs. Family memberships are also available at \$34/yr and \$64/2 yrs. Make check to AHS and send to the Membership Secretary, Sandi Markland, POBox 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

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

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

**June 3** - MVHS Plant Sale

**Jun 13-16** - AHS Convention, Nashville, TN

**Jun 22-24** - GLR Tailgate, West Michigan

**Jun 30** - MVHS Garden Walk

**July 12-14** - MRHS Convention, Rochester, Minnesota

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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.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**

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