



Hosta Happenings

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M.V.H.S. MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009
1:00 P.M.

POTLUCK

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

PROGRAM: GLENN HEROLD
"WHAT'S NEW WITH HYDRANDEAS"

Riverdale Fire Station
Riverdale, Iowa
(across from ALCOA)

MVHS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009-10

The following officers for the years 2009 and 2010 were elected into office at the November 9th general meeting:

President - Shirley Waters
Vice President - Sally Freeman
Secretary - Sandy Fedler
Treasurer - Dean Piatt
Past President - Ron Simmering
Appointed officers are:
Program - Don Musak
Scrapbook - Donna Piatt
Web Master - Sally Stewart
Membership - Carolyn Hamilton
Newsletter - Carolyn Hamilton

2009 DUES ARE DUE

If you have an "08" before your name on this mailing label, your dues for 2009 are due.

Club dues are still only \$7 a year. Please send your check to Dean Piatt, Treasurer, 2910 Telegraph Road, Davenport, Iowa 52804.

NORMA BOND PASSES AWAY

Norma Bond, a long-standing member of our club, passed away on December 18, 2008.

Her extensive hosta collection now resides in the memorial garden at the Bettendorf Children's Museum. Several years ago, when she knew she would be unable to maintain her hosta collection, she talked to Ron Simmering and several club members then dug her hostas and replanted them at the Bettendorf Children's Museum. Now many people can enjoy them.

She also grew such a variety of iris that her nick name was the "Iris Lady." Her major life's interest and passion was organic gardening. Aside from a prolific vegetable garden every year, her yard was a master plan of coordinated blooms all year long, from the first crocus to the last azalea and rose.

She will be remembered by her friends in MVHS, QC Iris Society and the Moline Horticulture Club.

Our sympathy to Ann DeSalvo. Her husband, Tom, passed away on January 8, 2009. Her home address is 2435 Arbor Drive, Davenport, IA 52803.

Minutes of November 9, 2008 Meeting

President Ron Simmering called the meeting to order at 2 PM. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer gave his report.

Old Business

Ron advised the club donated a couple of trees to the VanderVeer Hosta Glade. These replaced the trees which were removed due to age or storm damage.

Teri Simmering advised there are still a few 2007 Convention T-Shirts available at a good price of \$5. Please call her to see if she has your size.

New Business

Election of officers was then held. Carolyn read the slate of officers and they were elected without any nominations from the floor. New officers are: President-Shirley Waters, Vice President-Sally Freeman, Secretary-Sandy Fedler, Treasurer-Dean Piatt, Past President-Ron Simmering. Appointed officers will be announced at a later date.

The Winter Scientific Meeting will be held in Schaumburg, IL on January 17, 2009, and will be sponsored by the Midwest Regional Hosta Society. Various midwest societies will help and this year our club is responsible for manning the Hospitality Room. Volunteers are needed. Contact Carolyn Hamilton if you can help. We will be required to replenish food and drink which is being supplied by Northern Illinois Hosta Society.

Carolyn, Newsletter Editor, requested authorization to purchase new newsletter software. A motion was made and seconded this expense be allowed.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following refreshments, a discussion was held on growing hostas in our area. favorites, which ones didn't make it, hard to grow, etc.

Q & Z Nursery introduces
THE HOSTAPEDIA
by Mark Zilis

- *Over 7400 hosta descriptions listed A-Z
 - *1900 color photos
 - *Complete index of hosta names *Factual and Entertaining'
 - *Most definitive work on hostas in print and a must for every collector, nurseryman and gardener
- 9" by 12", 1120 pages, 1900 color photos, hardcover.

All retail preorders will be signed by Mark.
OUR CLUB IS TAKING ORDERS. COST IS \$72.00. IF WE GET ENOUGH ORDERS, THE COST WOULD BE A FEW DOLLARS LESS. (CLUB WILL PICK UP COST OF SHIPPING). DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 1ST. BOOK MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE APRIL 18TH FLUFF AND BUFF AT VANDERVEER PARK, OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH DON. HIS EMAIL IS: musak5@mchsi.com. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:

DON MUSAK
22 LONGVIEW CT.
GENESEO, IL 61254
Telephone: 309-441-5849

'JUNE' tops popularity poll for fifth consecutive year!

from Hosta Hotline, Mid-South Hosta Society
Even with the proliferation of fabulous new hostas in recent years, 'June' remains the favorite of American Hosta Society members for the fifth straight year.

Results of The Hosta Journal's popularity pole show 'June', the most prominent sport of 'Halcyon', topping 'Sagae' for the fourth year after the two tied two years ago.

From year to year, many old favorites have stood tall among the top 25. 'Sum and Substance' slipped from #3 to #6 a year ago, but reclaimed third in the latest poll. Also, 'Krossa Regal' plummeted from 7th to 19th and then jumped back to #6.

'Blue Mouse Ears', the 2008 Hosta of the Year, made its first appearance in the poll a year ago at #24 and AHS members have now promoted the tough little hosta to #12.

1. 'June'
2. 'Sagae'
3. 'Sum and Substance'
4. 'Blue Angel'
5. 'Striptease'
6. 'Krossa Regal'
7. 'Paradigm'
8. 'Guacamole'
9. 'Paul's Glory'
10. *montana* 'Aureomarginata'
11. 'Stained Glass'
12. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
13. 'Regal Splendor'
14. 'Halcyon'
15. 'Gold Standard'
16. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
17. 'Great Expectations'
18. 'Liberty'
19. 'Sun Power'
20. 'On Stage'
21. 'Fragrant Bouquet'
22. 'Niagara Falls'
23. 'Whirlwind'
24. 'Guardian Angel'
25. 'Spilt Milk'

In a separate poll of miniature hostas, 'Pandora's Box' remains the favorite by nearly 2-to-1 over parent 'Baby Bunting'. Other minis, in order of ranking are 'Lemon Lime', 'Tiny Tears', 'Twist of Lime', *venusta*, 'Cookie Crumbs', 'Green Eyes', 'Popo', 'Little Wonder' and 'Feather Boa'.



**COME TO MICHIGAN
2009 AHS CONVENTION
June 24-27, 2009**

The AHS convention's site is in Lansing, centrally located in Michigan's lower peninsula. The convention tours include West Michigan (optional tour day, June 24), South Central Michigan (including the Michigan Hosta Society Hillside display garden at Hidden Lake Gardens in the Irish Hills), and Eastern Michigan . Many gardens are new to the national tour.

We will gather for Thursday evening welcome reception at the Michigan State University's display gardens, greeting old friends, and making new friends, beginning our celebration of Great Gardens, Great Friends.

The Registration Form and schedule are available at their web site: <http://www.ihostohio.org/mhs/>.

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**Dorothy and Bev Wilson**

Bev and Dorothy Wilson are now living in the same care facility in Geneseo, IL. They are in the Good Samaritan, 704 South Illinois St., Room 104, Geneseo, IL 61254.

Dorothy is able to go to the kitchen there and make some of her good cookies to share with the other residents.

She says hello to all, and would like to hear from all of her friends.

**SOLBERG CLUB PLANT HOSTAS**

We are again taking orders for Bob Solberg club hostas. If you would like to purchase some nice hostas at club prices, please fill out your order sheet and return it to Shirley Waters, with your check, by April 1, 2009;

Solberg hostas are always nice-sized plants and come bare-root, so they will need potting or planting soon after you pick them up.

**2009 HOSTA FINDER**

Dean Piatt is now taking orders for the 2009 Hosta Finder. It will cost \$13 this year and if you want it mailed, please add \$3.25. The books will be available at the March meeting.

To pre-order, please send a check (made out to MVHS) to Dean at 2910 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA 52804. His email is: [dpiatt@mhosta.org](mailto:dpiatt@mhosta.org).

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

**AHS ON-LINE AUCTION**

There is another AHS On-Line Auction which which started on Saturday, January 17 and will run until Saturday, January 31. The proceeds from this auction will help with the expenses incurred with The Hosta Journal.

If you would like to participate, the site has very understandable instructions for registering and then bidding; the site's address is: <http://www.hosta.org> and then click on the auction box.

If you aren't participating and just want to see what some of the hostas are going for, it is a lot of fun and interesting. You will see a lot of donated hostas that aren't offered anywhere else.

## 2009 SCHEDULE - MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY

(Subject to Change)

JANUARY - 19 - Winter Scientific Meeting, Schaumburg, IL

FEBRUARY 8 - 1 PM - Pot Luck, Riverdale Fire Station  
Speaker - Glenn Herold, What's New with Hydrandreas

MARCH 15 - 2 PM - Meeting, Riverdale Fire Station  
Speaker - Alec Schlog, Reblooming Perennials

APRIL 18 - 1 PM - Fluff and Buff, VanderVeer Hosta Glade  
(rain date - either Apr 19 or Apr 25 flexible depending on weather)

APRIL 27 - 9 AM - Monday - Apply plant name tags at VanderVeer Hosta Glade

MAY 2 - 9 AM - Hosta Dig - VanderVeer Hosta Glade

MAY 29 - Rare Garden Affair, Davenport Outing Club - Fund Raiser for VanderVeer

MAY 31 - Plant Sale, Duck Creek Shelter #2

JUNE 7 - Dubuque Hosta Festival, Dubuque, Iowa Arboretum

JUNE 11-13 - Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention, Champaign, IL

JUNE 19-20 - VanderVeer Park Garden Walk (Sally Stewart's garden on tour)

JUNE 24-27 - American Hosta Society Convention, Lansing, MI

JUNE 28 - Garden Walk and picnic at Lois Beasley's, West Branch, IA

JULY 12 - Bus trip to Peoria

JULY 25 - Bix in the Park, VanderVeer Park - MVHS Party Tent

AUGUST - Car Pool to Dubuque Arboretum and various gardens-

SEPTEMBER 12 - VanderVeer Fall Festival

SEPTEMBER 20 - Annual Picnic, VanderVeer Hosta Glade

OCTOBER 11 - 6 PM - Meeting, Riverdale Fire Station - Panel Discussion

NOVEMBER 8 - 2 PM - Meeting, Riverdale Fire Station  
Guest Speaker - Mark Zilis

DECEMBER 4 - Annual Christmas Party

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY - SOLBERG CLUB PLANTS**  
**2009 ORDER FORM**

Please remember all plants will be bare root. Pick up date and place will be announced later. DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 1, 2009. Send your form, along with your check (made payable to MVHS) to: Shirley Waters, 3519 - 38th St., Moline, IL 61265. Phone 797-5379

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. PAID \_\_\_\_\_

'STRAWBERRY BANANNA SMOOTHIE' (Solberg 2008) (Whiskey Sour x sibling) (M) Bright translucent yellow with bright red, not purple, petioles. Exclusive Club Plant Only.  
( ) x \$31.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'BABY BLUE EYES' (Solberg 2006) Small. A very cute tight, flat mound of heart-shaped blue leaves. Grows fast.  
( ) x \$9.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'CORKSCREW' (Solberg 2003) (Tortifrons x One Man's Treasure) (S) Twisted, shiny dark green leaves. Blooms frequently on forked scapes.  
( ) x \$11.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'DRAGON'S EYE' (Lefever-Solberg 2008) (L) Frosty, undulating gray-green leaves, tall purple petioles, very waxy white leaf backs  
( ) x \$13.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'FAT CAT' (Ward 1996) (L) Sagae seedling, yellow gold, almost round deep yellow leaves and some nice quilting at maturity. White flowers.  
( ) x \$13.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'FRIENDS' (Scott-Goodwin 2007) (S) Spritzer seedling, pretty waxy and slightly twisted narrow yellow leaves, fast grower, lavender flowers.  
( ) x \$16.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'FROST GIANT' (Lefever-Solberg 2008) (L) Galaxy seedling, blue-green, sturdy leaves, bright yellow margin. Straight scapes, white flowers.  
( ) x \$13.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'LIME SMOOTHIE' (Lefever-Solberg 2008) (L) Galaxy seedling, variegated, waxy green center and broad lime green borders, unique coloration.  
( ) x \$13.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'MARGIE'S ANGEL' (Solberg 2007) (M) Excellent yellow gold leaf centers with dark green margin. Flat pointed leaf, likes shade. Near white flowers.  
( ) x \$26.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'OCEAN ISLE' (Chopko 2006) (L) Sport of El Dorado, long, thin pointed, wavy blue-green leaves with wide bright gold margin. High vein count.  
( ) x \$13.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



## 2009 MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA CONVENTION

Hosted by  
Illinois Prairie Hosta Society  
June 11-13, 2009

I Hotel and Conference Center  
1900 South First Street Champaign, IL 61820

### 1. One Form for Each Person – Please Print

Name (as you want it on your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Publish in Convention attendee list  Do not publish in Convention attendee list

### 2. Judges Clinic and Handbook

I will attend the Judges Clinic I - Friday, 8-11 AM. A current Judges Handbook is required.

I will download the free handbook in advance at [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org).

I will purchase the official handbook and binder at the clinic. Fee of \$10 payable at clinic.

### 3. Hosta Leaf Show

Check if you plan to:  Judge  Clerk

Check your entries in each division:

Cutleaf (Limit 25 entries)  Educational Display  Artistic Design  
 Container Grown Hosta  Non-competitive Exhibit  Specialty Division  
 Trough/Container for Effect

### 4. Auction

I will donate plants or garden items for the Friday night auction. Approximate number: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Reservations – Refunds through May 11, less \$25 processing fee

Registration Fee includes four meals: Friday banquet, Saturday breakfast, BBQ lunch, and banquet. Fee also includes: Thursday evening cocktail party, convention hosta and handbook, auction, vendors, hosta leaf show, garden tours, educational seminars and hospitality room.

Contact the I Hotel directly for room reservations at (217)819-5000 or [www.stayatthei.com](http://www.stayatthei.com) and mention attendee code AHOS. The group rate of \$109 plus tax is available through May 11, 2009.

Full Registration (by May 11) **\$135.00**  
 Late Full Registration (after May 11) **\$160.00**  
 Request vegetarian meals  
 Plan to attend Thursday evening alfresco cocktail party with educational speaker.  
 Send more information about optional golf outings on Friday and Saturday at an additional cost of \$65 payable on arrival.

### 6. Send Form and Check

Mail to: Siska Kallio, Registrar  
201 Sherwin Circle  
Urbana, IL 61802  
[siskak@isp.com](mailto:siskak@isp.com)

Total Registration Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Illinois Prairie Hosta Society

For additional information, schedules or questions, see [www.mrhs2009.com](http://www.mrhs2009.com).

Dues for the Mississippi Valley Hosta Society are \$7 per year. Please make your check payable to MVHS and send to DEAN PIATT, 2910 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA 52804.

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AHS DUES. The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a national convention, three issues of "The Hosta Journal", and a directory. They also have a web page - www.hosta.org. Dues are now \$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 American Hosta Society and send to the AHS Membership Secretary, Sandie Markland, 8702 Pinnacle Rock Ct., Lorton, VA 22079.

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Dues for Midwest Regional Hosta Society are \$10/yr. Send your check to: Pete Postlewaite, Treasurer, 21172 Andover Rd., Kildeer, IL 60047-8604.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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MARCH 15 - 2 PM - Meeting, Riverdale Fire Station

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?
HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED?

Send your corrected info to DEAN PIATT, 2910 TELEGRAPH RD., DAVENPORT, IA 52804,
His email is: dpiatt@mvhosta.org

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