



Hosta Happenings

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY

FALL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013

6:00 PM

RIVERDALE FIRE STATION

(across from ALCOA)

PROGRAM:

Q AND A ON

HOSTAS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

Come to the meeting with any questions or concerns about hostas or any related subject and our "expert" team panel will try to answer them!!

2013 HSG Seed Auction for BADITC

The Hosta Seed Growers will hold a Seed Auction again this year. Box Axmear has agreed to hold the auction on the Hosta Library and Reldon Ramsey will host it again. The auction will be held from Saturday, November 30th to Saturday, December 7th. All proceeds raised by the auction will go to Building A Dream In The Country for the Josh Spece family. Send all information about seed donations to Reldon at rohseeditor@gmail.com or renaldo75@hotmail.com. Please include as much information about the parent plants as you can, especially if they are from your hybridizing program. Include labeled photos if you have them available.

Currently, BADITC has raised \$140,200 of the \$200,000 needed. An interest free loan has been received so that the goal of \$150,000 has been met and building can begin. Many in-kind donations have come in since the announcement was made. The hope is that the Spece family can be in their new home before Christmas

January On-line Auction 2014: But That is a Long Time From Now!

October may seem an odd time to be thinking about sub-zero temps and cabin fever activities coming up in January of 2014 ... WRONG! There is no better time than now to take inventory, make note, and plan donations for the AHS On-line Auction. 2013 Online Auction showed us all that there exists a great degree of interest in seed, especially seed from good quality seedlings, rare collector plants, and streaked breeders. Do not have any of those, hey, there is also interest in seed from classics. Our participants have widely varying degrees of interest and experience with growing seed. The same holds true of plants, if you like it ... someone else will. This event is the second largest fundraiser for the society each year. Donors provide a description of plant material, seed, or garden related items and a digital photo. Each item is posted in an easy to use auction format.

Each year the AHS On-line Auction is held in mid January. News is distributed via email notices and upon the AHS website. Enter the AHS website and send a message to the chair, Don Dean, requesting that your address be added to the mailing group. Changed your service provider or have a new email address? Be sure to send this news to Don as well.

Much more information will be coming to the membership later. Take a moment now with this message to have your email included in future messages. Planning for possible donations is even more time critical while we can see what we have. Give it a thought and consider joining in on the fun and entertainment when the plant world can seem to have stopped!

On-line Auction Chair
Don Dean

Čzech It Out!

Vitáme Vás

(We welcome you)

The 2014 AHS Convention is less than a year away. **Harshbarger Hosta Society** is excited to be your host for this convention. We have been planning and working hard to make your visit to Iowa a positive experience, and the convention a memorial one.

The convention will feature optional bus tours on Wednesday and Thursday to showcase our local culture and cuisine

The Amana Colonies

The colonies are a world renowned tourist destination that offers old world German charm.

The National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library

This Cedar Rapids Museum celebrates the culture and heritage of thousands of Czech and Slovak immigrants to Linn and Johnson counties.

Of course, the real reason for attending the convention is for the hostas and gardens.

The rich black soil of the heartland provides an excellent environment for beautiful gardens accented with the creative flavor of Middle America.

- We have 10 exciting gardens for you to visit on Friday and Saturday
- More optional gardens on Sunday as you return home

Harshbarger Hosta Society is excited and proud to be hosting the 2014 AHS convention. We will have the Collins Road Marriott Hotel to ourselves to enhance the experience.

Come to the convention to...

- ✓ See our Hostas!
- ✓ Sample our Heritage
(be sure to check out yours)
- ✓ Experience our Warm
Midwestern Hospitality



Come to Cedar Rapids June 11-14, 2014

Čzech It Out!

From the North Coast Hosta Society newsletter:

So You Want to Collect All of The *insert your choice here??*

As of the 2010 publication of "The Book of Little Hostas" here are the 'Tiaras'.

'Golden Tiara'
'Diamond Tiara'
'Floral Tiara'
'Glen Tiara'
'Grand Tiara'
'Ribbon Tiara'
'Streaked Tiara'
'Sunny Tiara'

'Emerald Tiara'
'Lime Tiara'
'Margaret Mary Tiara'
'Pearl Tiara'
'Platinum Tiara'
'Royal Tiara'
'Russian Tiara'
'Silver Tiara'

'Gilded tTira'
'Ivory Tiara'
'Crystal Tiara'
'Heavenly Tiara'
'Topaz Tiara'
'Amber Tiara'
'Flame Tiara'



H. 'Diamond Tiara'



H. 'Golden Tiara'



H. 'Grand Tiara'

Hosta Help

Doctor, Doctor, it's all up to you!
I've fallen for Hostas & don't know what to do.
They seem to entice me and capture my
thoughts,
With their stunning beauty I have been caught!
Is there no antidote for this sickness I've
acquired?
It seems now Hostas are the only thing I've de
sired.
I fear for when winter comes? I shall go insane,
As there will be no Hostas for me to obtain.
Please help me dear doctor, I need some sort of
"fix".
My collection has risen to 900 and six.
The neighbors all think I have flipped my lid
And hubby thinks I should put them all up for bid.
If you don't help me I don't know what I'll do.
I'll probably just sit in my garden and stew.
Great you will help me?!! Then what shall I do?
What's that you say?. GIVE them all to you?
From Bevie (on the Internet)

from Illinois Prairie Hosta Society newsletter

**AHS HOSTA
POPULARITY POLL 2012**

- 1 H. 'June'
- 2 H. 'Sagae'
- 3 H. 'Liberty'
- 4 H. 'Sum and Substance'
- 5 H. 'Blue Angel'
- 6 H. 'Paradigm'
- 7 H. 'First Frost'
- 8 H. montana 'Aureomarginata'
- 9 H. 'Krossa Regal'
- 10 H. 'Striptease'
- 11 H. 'Stained Glass'
- 12 H. 'Regal Splendor'
- 13 H. 'Niagara Falls'
- 14 H. 'Earth Angel'
- 15 H. 'Orange Marmalade'
- 16 H. 'Praying Hands'
- 17 H. 'Guacamole'
- 18 H. 'Great Expectations'
- 19 H. 'Rainforest Sunrise'
- 20 H. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
- 21 H. 'Fragrant Bouquet'
- 22 H. 'Guardian Angel'
- 23 H. 'Curly Fries'
- 24 H. 'El Nino'
- 25 H. 'So Sweet'

**AHS MINI HOSTA
POPULARITY POLL 2012**

- 1 H. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
- 2 H. 'Pandora's Box'
- 3 H. 'Country Mouse'
- 4 H. 'Frosted Mouse Ears'
- 5 H. 'Cherish'
- 6 H. venusta
- 7 H. 'Tiny Tears'
- 8 H. 'Cameo'
- 9 H. 'Cracker Crumbs'
- 10 H. 'Curly Fries'

**AMERICAN HOSTA GROWERS ASSN.
HOSTA OF THE YEAR**

- 1996 H. 'So Sweet'
- 1997 H. 'Patriot'
- 1998 H. 'Fragrant Bouquet'
- 1999 H. 'Paul's Glory'
- 2000 H. 'Sagae'
- 2001 H. 'June'
- 2002 H. 'Guacamole'
- 2003 H. 'Regal Splendor'
- 2004 H. 'Sum and Substance'
- 2005 H. 'Striptease'
- 2006 H. 'Stained Glass'
- 2007 H. 'Paradigm'
- 2008 H. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
- 2009 H. 'Earth Angel'
- 2010 H. 'First Frost'
- 2011 H. 'Praying Hands'
- 2012 H. 'Liberty'
- 2013 H. 'Rainforest Sunrise'
- 2014 H. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'

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

Mississippi Valley Hosta Society
909 Mississippi Blvd.
Bettendorf, Iowa

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Oct 13 - 6 PM - MVHS Meeting, Riverdale Fire Station

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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

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

Hosta Forum - questions/answers - [http://](http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta)

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.