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Hosta 'Spartacus'

Observed growing in the McDonell garden which was on tour for the Dixie Regional Fall Meeting on September 15, 2017. For more coverage of the meeting, see pages 7-13 of this newsletter.

President's Message



By Steve McMurtry

This is my last message as your president and I am finding it to be the most difficult one to write. Too many emotions, too many thoughts. Over the past two years, the society has thrived. From our hosta shows at the new venue to the recent memorable Dixie Regional meeting that we hosted, you have assured that GHS is the best. You have made my presidency as smooth as possible. If I had the time and space to list all the members who have helped me the past two years, I would, but the list would be long and Harold is stingy with the space. Also, I fear I might overlook someone. Our new president, Scott Smith, will be a great leader and will make us ever better in the future.

Winter is fast approaching and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are knocking at our doors. We only have few weeks left to prepare our plants for the Winter ahead. Be sure to remove the old spent foliage from your hostas to help prevent diseases and pests from overwintering in it, and if you have any potted plants that need to go into the ground, stop procrastinating and get them planted now. Mulch your beds so your babies have a nice blanket to protect them until Spring.

We have a great speaker, Glenn Herold, lined up for our November 11 meeting and I hope you will enjoy his presentation. He is a well-known speaker in AHS circles. Bring family and friends because this will be a must-see event. Also at this meeting we will be raffling several premium specimen companion plants, purchased by GHS just for this meeting, that will become focal points in your garden should you be lucky enough to win one of them.

Best of luck to all of you for the holidays ahead and warm wishes for you and your loved ones. Don't be afraid to hold them tight and tell them you love them. You might not get another chance.



Next Meeting November 11, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Deen Day Sanders Garden House, 10777 Bell Road, Duluth, GA 30097

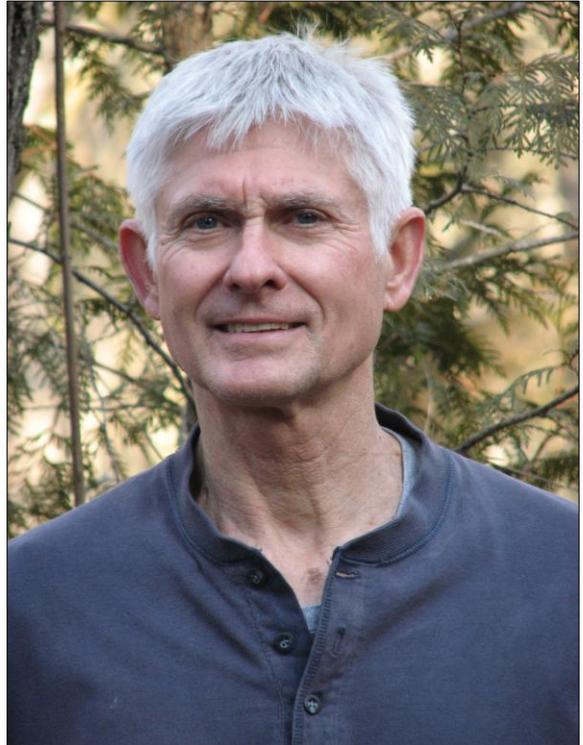
Speaker - Glenn Herold

**"Family Matters: The Significance of Plant Classification
with Emphasis on the Hosta Family"**

We are proud to announce that our speaker for the November meeting will be Professor Glenn Herold. A resident of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, Mr. Herold received his MS in Horticulture from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He was a Professor of Horticulture and Head Cross Country Coach at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois and is currently the Assistant Track Coach at Concordia University in Wisconsin. He was the founder of the Illinois Central College Arboretum.

Mr. Herold's gardening interests are hostas, dwarf conifers, woodland wildflowers and small maples. Over the years he has held several leadership positions in the Illinois Hosta Society, the Midwest Regional Hosta Society and the American Conifer Society. He has been a frequent and popular speaker at many hosta meetings over the years.

Mr. Herold's program is entitled "Family Matters: The Significance of Plant Classification with an Emphasis on the Hosta Family." Plan now to attend our November meeting and experience Mr. Herold's informative talk.



Food for November Meeting - Veterans Day Crowd Pleaser



November 11 is Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor America's veterans who have sacrificed so much throughout the history of the United States so that we may continue to enjoy the freedoms first guaranteed us at the very beginning of our country. For this Veterans Day meal, Hospitality Chair Julia Lyons advises that GHS will provide the meat. She asks that our members bring salads, vegetable dishes, breads or desserts. Bring whatever you think our members would like. GHS will also provide the paper goods and drinks. And please, as we enjoy the day, remember and honor our veterans.

**Special Raffle of Premium Shade Companion Plants at November
11 Meeting. Don't Miss the Opportunity to Win One!**

Pamela and William Baker, and Judy Beeler **AHS President's Wall of Honor Recipients**

At the September 23rd General Meeting, it was announced that Pamela and William Baker, and Judy Beeler have been named by the American Hosta Society to appear on the American Hosta Society's President's Wall of Honor. The President's Wall of Honor award was created by AHS to recognize and thank those members of local and regional societies who have worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of their local clubs. Those who are awarded this honor have their names inscribed on the President's Wall of Honor located on the AHS web site, www.americanhostasociety.org. Judy's and the Baker's names, along with other 2017 recipients, will soon appear on the 2017 Wall of Honor.



Judy Beeler

In nominating Judy Beeler for this award, the Board of Directors of GHS recognized Judy for her willingness to take on just about any job she is asked to do in addition to her duties as a director of GHS. She is always there for us. Recent examples were her work on the Dixie Region Fall Meeting in Peachtree City, which included obtaining the bulk of the contents of the convention gift bags, and her assistance to Julia Lyons with the Hostality Room food. Judy has been a dependable and indispensable worker for GHS from her first days with the Society.

Pamela and William Baker are not able to be active members with GHS now but for many years they were faithful workers at our Hosta Show. They were the first to show up each year at the storage unit with their pickup truck to provide transportation of needed show props to the show location. They also helped with the show set-up and at the end of the show, they were there to dismantle and return the props to the storage

unit. Pamela and William are the perfect examples of members contributing in their own way to make GHS a success and the Board of Directors of GHS nominated them for this award to show the Society's appreciation for their efforts.

We are fortunate to have had Pamela and William Baker and Judy Beeler as valued members for so many years. We look forward to seeing their names on the President's Wall of Honor for 2017.

The Georgia Hosta Society is proud of William, Pamela, and Judy as well as our previous President's Wall honorees - George Schmid, Toni Wright, Lillian and Erling Grovenstein, Claudia and Hugh Walker, Julia Lyons and Dexter Henry. We appreciate all of them for their many years of extensive and faithful service to GHS.

Our 2018-2019 Officers

At our September 23rd meeting, we elected our new officers for the 2018-19 term. Leading the Georgia Hosta Society will be President Scott Smith. Scott has been on the GHS Board for several years and is presently serving as our Secretary. We look forward to Scott's leadership. The new slate of officers is listed below:



Scott Smith - 2018-19 President

President – Scott Smith
1st VP Programs – Steve McMurtry
2nd VP Membership – Ricky Cox
3rd VP Publications – Harold McDonell
Treasurer – Dexter Henry
Secretary – Judy Beeler
Parliamentarian – Claudia Walker
Director 2nd Term – Mark Malaguerra
Director 2nd Term – Altermiece Gates
Director 2nd Term – Mikky Lockwood
Director 1st Term – Becky Paris
Director 1st Term – Sandra Bussell
Director 1st Term – Pat Brussack

Our new officers will be recognized and inducted into their new jobs at our November 11 meeting. We thank each of them for their commitment to GHS. We also thank the outgoing board members Johnnie Hadley, Greg Ferguson, Dennis Gates, Julia Lyons and Bill and BJ McNiff for their service to GHS. Many of them will continue to serve us as committee chairs and in other capacities. A special thanks goes to outgoing President Steve McMurtry. Much has been accomplished under his leadership over the past two years. Steve will continue to serve as our 1st VP Programs.

Plan now for 2018 Dixie Region Meeting and AHS National Convention.

This issue of *Georgia Hosta Notes* highlights the 2017 Dixie Region Meeting and the 2017 AHS National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you like what you see, why not become a part of the fun? Plan now to attend both in 2018.

The 2018 AHS National Convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania next year on June 20-23. AHS will be celebrating its 50th anniversary at this meeting, so the host Delaware Valley Hosta Society is pulling out all the stops in planning the convention to make it the most exciting ever. Included will be a visit to the renowned Longwood Gardens for a tour and an evening treat with the incredible new Main Fountain Garden show of water, sound, light and fire. For more information, visit www.ahs2018philly.org.

The Dixie Regional Hosta Society Convention will be hosted by the Middle Tennessee Hosta Society and will be held on May 31-June 2 in Clarksville, Tennessee. More information will be available soon on the Dixie Region (Region 3) web site at www.dixiehosta.net.

Notice: Time to Pay Your 2018 Dues. See Last Page for Membership Details and Renewal Form.

Editor's Message and Hosta Ramblings



by Harold McDonell

2018 Wishes

Well folks, here we are again near the end of yet another year and another hosta season. Certainly it has been an interesting one starting with Spring in January and February followed by a cruel blast of Winter in the middle of March. Then there was the wonderful regular rainfall, at least up until September, and relatively mild Summer temperatures compared to the hellishly hot temperatures and record drought that we experienced during the previous year. September brought us Tropical Storm Irma, just before we were to host the Dixie Region Fall meeting, that challenged us to no end. Yes, based on weather alone, 2017 certainly will be remembered as unique and we still have more than two months to go.

Thinking back over the events of 2017 got me to thinking ahead to what I would like to see happen in 2018 and I thought of a few items I would definitely want to order up for the new year. First, let's have normal seasonal weather for a change, with a real winter that will kill the pesky gnats that have gravitated up from south Georgia this year as well as some of those awful ticks that have made my life miserable all summer. It is a wonder I haven't contracted Lyme Disease by now. My hostas asked that I include a nice reasonably cold winter on my wish list, too. Let's have steady rainfall throughout the year so that I will not have to haul out the hoses even once in 2018. Let's have perfect hosta weather leading up to our Hosta Show so that we will have many magnificent leaves to enter. Let's have all our members healthy and available for our show. I have to admit that 2017 was a challenge with so many regular members missing. Let's have another 400+ entry year at our leaf show, a goal that has eluded us for a while. Let's have leaves so good that the judges will have to declare the whole head table as Best of Show!

Let's have a wonderful Dixie Region meeting in Clarksville, Tennessee next year with perfect gardens and perfect weather. Knowing those in charge, there is no doubt that all we will have to do in 2018 is go and enjoy a special weekend. Won't that be great - not being the host next year? Let's have a very special 50th anniversary AHS National Convention in 2018 in Philadelphia. I have already experienced two outstanding conventions in Philly. I predict that this will be the best one yet. Let's hope many of our members can make both the regional and national meetings next year.

Let's have a year in 2018 when all of our hostas are disease-free. No concerns about HVX. No streaks of dead tissue due to those awful foliar nematodes. No bacterial leaf spot to mar our leaves and no Southern Blight to contend with. Let's have no vole damage in 2018 and let's banish those dear deer from our gardens for the whole year. Well, maybe I am asking for a little too much with this paragraph but one can dream, can't one?

Most of all I am hoping that all GHS members will have a wonderful and fulfilling year. Here's wishing all of you the best in 2018. Now, have I missed anything more to wish for?

Recap of the Dixie Regional Hosta Society Fall Meeting

This year's Dixie Regional Hosta Society meeting, which was conducted on September 15-16 and hosted by the Georgia Hosta Society, is now history. We can report that all went very well and our guests from all over the Southeast and parts beyond enjoyed the good old southern hospitality offered up by GHS.

The Dixie Regional Meeting registration began on Thursday at the host facility, the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Hotel and Convention Center in Peachtree City, Georgia. The hotel, with its campus-like setting, was an immediate hit with the meeting participants. Each participant received not one but two gift hostas. The first, a brand new and exciting variegated sport of *H. 'Empress Wu'* named 'Wu Hoo', was provided by GHS members Scott Smith and Mark Malaguerra who found the sport in their garden a few years ago. The second gift hosta was Olga Petryszyn's big and beautiful golden hosta 'Coast to Coast' which was donated by Proven Winners and Walters Gardens. The Hostality Suite was opened Thursday night for the first time and was soon filled with Dixie hostaphiles eager to renew friendships with other Dixie Region members. The Hostality Suite was to become one of the most popular features of the weekend with good attendance each night.



H. 'Wu Hoo'

The Dixie Hosta weekend official activities began with Friday tours to the garden of Richard Jolly in the morning and the garden of Harold and Kathy McDonell in the afternoon. Both had sustained substantial damage as the result of Hurricane Irma which blew through Georgia as a tropical storm on Monday preceding the tours. By tour time, however, both gardens had been cleaned up and few reminders of the storm remained.



Richard's Pine Forest Gardens in Tyrone, Georgia offered up both a beautifully landscaped private garden around the Jolly home as well as an extensive commercial hosta garden. Primarily a mail-order nursery, Pine Forest Gardens was open for business for Dixie Region meeting participants who delighted in the huge selection of hostas offered for sale, especially the extensive inventory of miniature and small hostas. Everyone left with a few more hosta plants and a little less money!



The McDonnell garden in Fayetteville, Georgia was a mix of well-landscaped shade and sunny areas, a beautifully appointed goldfish pond, and many rare and unusual plants not seen in many gardens. Although the hellebores, epimediums, ephemerals, daylilies, and other perennials were long finished blooming, much color was still present as the result of extensive plantings of summer annuals in both the sunny and shady areas of the garden. Ferns were everywhere. Harold hybridizes hostas so participants were able to observe the results of his program. The McDonnells' front yard seemed to

become the social gathering place of the day with many Dixie participants taking the time to get to know everyone better and catch up with old friends.

Friday's activities continued with the opening Friday evening of the vending room. The vendors presented their best stock and everyone was vying for plants to buy. The day ended with a spirited auction back at the convention center conducted by Dixie Region Regional Director, Bob Solberg. Many quality hostas and other plants provided by Dixie members, vendors, and Southern Living Plants were eagerly snapped up.



Saturday was a day of lectures which fit nicely into the theme of the meeting - Shady University. There was much to be learned and our lecturers were up to the teaching task. First up was Rob Mortko, prominent AHS and American Hosta Growers Association member, and owner of Made in the Shade Gardens. Rob, who operates one of the few hosta-specific tissue culture labs remaining in the US, explained the effects on hosta production of the recent closing of two prominent domestic hosta TC labs. He speculated on what the future may hold for hosta production with those two labs gone, which has already resulted in hosta retailers scrambling to find stock to sell. Rob also gave us a glimpse of what the future holds in terms of what new hostas will be coming onto the market soon. There were many oohs and aahs expressed as he showed one spectacular future new hosta after another.



Next up was Mark Maher, a sales representative for Flowerwood Nursery. In his spirited lecture, Mark revealed to us what the future holds in the southern shrub and tree market. Using both slides and real plants, he presented an array of exciting new plants just hitting the market from Southern Living Plants and Encore Azaleas that left everyone drooling and excited. Upon completion of his lecture, Mark gave away all the demonstration plants to meeting participants through a drawing, leaving us even more excited!



After a break for lunch and a short Dixie Region business meeting, the lectures began again Saturday afternoon with an excellent demonstration of how to create hosta Kokedama by GHS member, Pat Brussack. Kokedama (苔玉, in English, literally "moss ball") is a ball of soil, covered with moss, in which an ornamental plant grows. The idea has its origins in Japan, where it is a combination of both Nearai and Kusamono Bonsai styles. Today, Kokedama is very popular in Japanese gardens. Pat went over the materials needed to make Kokedama and then demonstrated her technique for making hosta Kokedama using a miniature hosta as the featured plant. Earlier in the year, Pat had exhibited Kokedama using much larger hostas at the GHS hosta show. Pat left us wanting to go right out and give it a try.



The last lecture of the day was presented by Bob Solberg. In addition to being our Regional Director, Bob is also a prominent member of AHS and the American Hosta Growers Association. He is the owner of Green Hill Farm, a major retail hosta nursery, and he is an accomplished hybridizer. Bob shared his view of the future of hostas in the US. He also presented another array of fantastic future hostas now making their way to the market which were every bit as exciting as those shown earlier by Rob Mortko. One hosta in particular, a super rugose hosta (Seedling # K 30-9-1) from Doug Beilstein caught everyone's immediate attention. Bob shared with us that Doug wants to name it 'Road Rage' but Bob is trying to talk him into coming up with a tamer name. The consensus of the attendees was that 'Road Rage' just might be the perfect name for this wild looking new cultivar. (See Page 14 for a picture of this special hosta.)



After some odds-and-ends business, the 2017 Dixie Regional Hosta Society Fall meeting came to an end Saturday afternoon. However, many participants chose to stay overnight and enjoy the Hostality Suite one more time before departing for home with cars brimming with new acquisitions and freebies as well as very happy Dixie Region members. To all participants, GHS thanks you for coming.

Below and on the following pages are a few pictures taken during the Dixie meeting by club photographer Mikky Lockwood along with additional contributions from Greg Ferguson. We hope you enjoy them.



Hostality Suite Fun!



Richard Jolly's Pine Forest Gardens



Kathy and Harold McDonell's Garden



Dixie Region Founder Toni Wright with
Garden Host Kathy McDonell



A Few More Scenes from the 2017 Dixie Region Fall Meeting







**Doug Beilstein's Super Seedling: Number K 30-9-1
Garden Name - 'Road Rage'**

Georgia Hosta Society Loses A Valued Member - Kelly Bussell

The Georgia Hosta Society is made up of many special people, each of whom adds his or her own special mark on the society. It is with regret that we must report that one of those special people, long-time member Kelly Bussell from Athens, Georgia, has lost his valiant fight with lung cancer. Kelly passed away on August 31, 2017. Until his move to Athens a few years ago, he was a familiar fixture at GHS meetings and served on our Board of Directors. He is probably best known for his management of the Hosta Show plant sale for many years. During his tenure on this job, Kelly attracted quality vendors to our annual sale that are still with us now, and he ran each such event with precision. With Kelly at the helm, no one ever worried about how the show sale was going. He was truly a special member and we will miss him. We offer our thoughts and prayers to his wife Sandra.



A Look Back at the Indianapolis AHS National Convention

In the last issue of Georgia Hosta Notes, we promised to share some scenes from the gardens at the fabulous 2017 AHS National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The gardens were unbelievably beautiful. We hope you enjoy this look back.

Pictures by Harold McDonell



A Look Back at Indianapolis (Continued)



**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

September 23, 2017

Deen Day Sanders Garden House, 10777 Bell Road, Duluth, Georgia 30097

Minutes prepared by Scott Smith - GHS Secretary

The general meeting was called to order by president Steve McMurtry at 12:10pm.

- 1) A motion was made by Harold McDonell to approve the minutes of the April 8 general meeting as published in the September newsletter. This was seconded by Ricky Cox and was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2) Steve reminded members that membership renewal time is coming soon.
- 3) Treasurer's report: Dexter Henry was absent but Steve highlighted that it appears that the Society broke even for the Dixie Region meeting expenses.
- 4) Steve provided highlights of the Dixie Regional meeting.
- 5) There was a proposal published in the September newsletter to change the Constitution and By-Laws so that the number of directors would be reduced from 9 to 6. Claudia Walker made a motion to approve the changes as published. This was seconded by Scott Smith and was approved by unanimous consent.
- 6) Election of officers for 2018-19

Steve McMurtry presented the 2018-19 slate of officers selected by the Nominating Committee. Absent was a selection for Secretary. Steve then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Judy Beeler was placed in nomination for Secretary and a move to close the nominations was made and approved. Harold McDonell moved that the slate of officers be approved. This was seconded by Julia Lyons and the slate of officers listed below was accepted by unanimous consent:

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- 7) Steve announced the Presidents Wall recipients for 2017. They are Pamela and William Baker, and Judy Beeler. Steve presented Judy the plaque recognizing her award. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were not present and will be presented their plaques at a later date.
- 8) The meeting was closed at 12:30pm following a motion by Julia Lyons and a second by Steve McMurtry. This was approved with unanimous consent.

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2017**

Haynes Landing Clubhouse, 3400 New Heritage Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022

Minutes prepared by Scott Smith - GHS Secretary

Attendees: Harold McDonnell, Mark Malaguerra, Mikki Lockwood, Judy Beeler, Julia Lyons, Scott Smith, Dexter Henry, Greg Ferguson, Sandra Bussell, Pat Brussack, Steve McMurtry, Ricky Cox.

The board meeting was called to order by Steve McMurtry at 9:35a. Steve welcomed the new board members.

Membership - Ricky Cox distributed the latest membership roster. As of this meeting, there are 79 active members. Harold McDonnell recommended that Pam and William Baker be awarded Honorary Membership status. Scott Smith moved to make the Bakers honorary members. The motion was seconded by Harold and approved by unanimous consent. A question was asked as to whether all members of the GHS were also members of the AHS. This resulted in a plan to send an invitation to all members of AHS who are not currently members of GHS to attend the November meeting. Claudia Walker asked to step down from the phone committee. Dexter Henry will reallocate the call list among the other committee members.

Secretary - Scott read the minutes from the September General meeting. Harold made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting as corrected. This was seconded by Greg and approved by unanimous consent.

Programs - Steve discussed the logistics for the November guest speaker. Ricky will contact the hotel and advise on ground transportation recommendations and will validate rates. The general consensus was that the speaker will cover hotel and ground transportation costs and will be reimbursed at the meeting following the lecture. Steve is currently researching speakers for the February meeting. He will start with an invitation to a representative of Wilkerson Mill Gardens to speak on hydrangea as companion plants.

Publications - The draft newsletter has been distributed. The cutoff for changes and additions will be October 18.

Treasurer - Dexter Henry distributed a copy of the financial summary from the Dixie Regional and the overall state of the financials. There was a small amount remaining from the proceeds of the Dixie Regional. Dexter initiated a discussion of the cost of the storage facility. Several members volunteered to research other spaces to determine if that expense could be lowered. Dexter also highlighted that there are sufficient funds to add a speaker to the September, 2018 meeting. Claudia Walker made a motion for a donation to the homeowners association for the club house in the amount of \$100 as a show of thanks to a no charge meeting place. This was seconded by Dexter and was approved by unanimous consent.

Hospitality - Julia Lyons announced that the society will provide the meat for the November meeting. Members will be asked to bring sides.

Ways & Means - Steve discussed the potential for additional fund raising options. One suggestion was to hold a raffle for the November meeting with select items being purchased to drive demand. Claudia made a motion to spend up to \$100 to purchase plants for the November raffle. This was seconded by Harold and received unanimous consent.

Parliamentarian - Claudia indicated the revised bylaws and constitution will be distributed after the first of the year.

2018 Hosta Show - Claudia announced that the 2018 hosta show co-chairs are Pat Brussack, Sandra Bussell, and Judy Beeler.

Website - Julia provided an informational handout for a possible change in the website using Wild Apricot. Wild Apricot is an organization that provides website assistance to nonprofits. Pat will contact the company and will also speak with a member of the GA Sheep and Wool Association about their experience using Wild Apricot.

Schedules - The first board meeting of 2018 is tentatively scheduled for January 6 in the club house. Julia will check on available dates for the general meetings for 2019.

Harold McDonnell moved to adjourn the meeting and Mark Malaguerra seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY

2016-2017 OFFICERS AND BOARD

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1 st VP Programs: Johnnie Hadley	678 586-3734
2 nd VP Membership: Ricky Cox	404 316-8783
3 rd VP Publications/Newsletter Editor:	
Harold McDonell	770 461-8882
Secretary: Scott Smith	678 637-8383
Treasurer: Dexter Henry	770 460-0983
Parliamentarian: Claudia Walker	770 442-3257
Ex Officio: Greg Ferguson	770 436-4846

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Term

2 nd	Judy Beeler	404 233-6331
2 nd	Dennis Gates	770 879-8868
2 nd	Julia Lyons	706 265-3328
1 st	Mark Malaguerra	404 752-6523
1 st	Altermiece Gates	770 879-8868
1 st	Mikky Lockwood	470 238-6066

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Hosta 'Remember Me'

Georgia Hosta Society Members Holding American Hosta Society Positions:

Claudia Walker: AHS National Show Chair
Harold McDonell: Gifts and Memorials Chair
W. George Schmid: Nomenclature Editor Emeritus for *The Hosta Journal* and the *Online Hosta Journal*.

The Georgia Hosta Society

The Georgia Hosta Society offers a yearly hosta show, four *Georgia Hosta Notes* newsletters and four general meetings, garden tours and workshops, an annual plant sale, and many other benefits. Annual membership dues are \$15 per Individual, \$25 for a family membership. Send membership inquiries and dues to Ricky Cox – VP Membership, 202 Rising Star Road, Jackson, GA 30233. For further information, go to www.gahosta.org.

The American Hosta Society

The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a national convention; two issues annually of *The Hosta Journal*, each with nearly 100 pages, many interesting and informative articles, and dozens of color and black and white pictures; and one annual *Online Hosta Journal*. Membership dues are \$30 individual and \$34 family membership per year (US). Contact Sandie (M.L.) Markland - Membership Secretary, PO Box 739, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948 or go to AHSMembershipSecretary@Charter.net. For additional information, go to www.americanhostasociety.org.

Dixie Region (AHS Region 3)

All members of GHS and AHS are automatically members of the Dixie Region. The region offers annual meetings, garden tours, judging clinics and other activities. For information, go to the Dixie Region Website: www.dixiehosta.net.

Hosta Cultivar Registration

For all questions about registering hosta cultivars, contact Gayle Hartley Alley, ICRA for Hosta at www.hostaregistrar.org.

2017-2018 Calendar of Events

November 11 - General Meeting with Guest Speaker Glenn Herold

2018 Board Meeting Dates - January 6, (Remainder TBD)

**2018 General Meeting Dates - February 3, April 7, September 8, and
November 10.**

2018 GHS Hosta Show Date - May 12

2018 Dixie Region Meeting - June 1-2, Clarksville, TN

2018 AHS National Convention - June 20-23, Philadelphia, PA

GHS Membership Registration / Renewal - 2017/2018

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Ricky Cox, 202 Rising Star Road, Jackson, GA 30233
Please make check payable to The Georgia Hosta Society.**

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