



# Georgia Hosta Notes

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Photo by Harold McDonell

**Beautiful Grouping of Hostas Found at the Anderson Estate during the 2022  
Dixie Regional Meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee.**

**For more coverage of the Dixie Regional Meeting, see page 8.**



## President's Message

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By Greg Ferguson

Hello to our hosta family!

This time of year, hostas are preparing for dormancy and they start to turn yellow and brown. The vibrant greens, blues, and creams start to fade. The leaves start to wither. The leaves start to dry out. This is normal. With our first frost, the remaining leaves get nipped. The leaves lose structural strength and start to droop. You end up with droopy, seemingly spent plants. But wait! That's ok. The hostas have been preparing for this. The hostas are in their happy place for the winter. They are resting. They enjoy the cold temperatures. They LOVE the cold temperatures. They NEED the cold temperatures. Certain animals hibernate for the winter; hostas go dormant for the winter.

What should you do? While there are leaves on the plants, keep your hostas watered. Do not cut off the leaves. The green that you see is chlorophyll. As you remember from high school biology, this chlorophyll converts sunlight to food for the plant. As long as there is green, the hosta acts like a solar panel, absorbing the sun's energy. After the leaves are fully spent, you can cut them back if you want to, to neaten up your garden, and to minimize disease.

**Never take your hostas inside for the winter.** They need those cold temperatures to survive. Taking them inside defeats the hosta's life processes. If you like houseplants, buy houseplants. Hostas are not houseplants.

Dormant hostas leave open areas in your garden. Mix in companion plants. Add winter-flowering plants like camellias, hollies, plants with berries and fall/winter flowers to fill in empty spaces. Over the winter, go onto the internet to plan 2023 purchases. Check out our hosta growers and sellers. Go to the online Hosta Library. Update your plant lists. Next year, take photos of your hostas while they are at their peak. Do this to remember what they look like, what you have planted where, what's in your pots, and if you need to dig or move plants.

Our Newsletter has lots of good news and information for you. Please spend some quality time enjoying it. We are excited about our excellent upcoming speakers, our garden tours, and our 2023 Hosta Show and Plant Sale. We are in our annual dues season, so please check your status and pay next year's dues if you have not already.

As always, we encourage you to participate by attending our meetings and events and by volunteering. Please invite your friends. Share our newsletter. Help us grow and publicize our Georgia Hosta Society.

I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 11 am.

Greg Ferguson

GHS President 2020-2021, 2022-2023

## Next Meeting    November 5, 2022    11:00 AM

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

### Our Guest Speaker – Don Rawson 'Top Performers in the Rawson Garden'

We are delighted to have Don Rawson as our guest speaker for our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will be sharing his own spectacular Michigan garden with us in his presentation and will be pointing out those hostas and other perennials which he considers to be outstanding performers.



Don will join us via Zoom for an interactive program in a similar format to what we had in September with Josh Spece. The entire meeting will also be available via Zoom to our members who cannot attend. Instructions for joining the meeting will be sent close to the meeting date via email or you can contact our Communications Coordinator, Scott Smith, for information.

Don and his wife Pam live on four country acres near Grand Rapids, Michigan. Together, they grow over 400 hosta cultivars and an assortment of other companion plants. Don hybridizes on the side, growing a few thousand hosta seedlings each year. His introductions include 'Rhino Hide' and 'Gabriel's Wing', with more on the way.



Don has a liking for rocks...big rocks! One area of the landscape is covered extensively by large boulders- some weighing 30,000 pounds and 9 feet across. The rocks and boulders were all brought in and put in place by Don and his family since the house was built about 30 years ago. It is no surprise that visitors to the Rawson garden often find themselves perusing rock specimens rather than looking at flowers.



Don served as president of the West Michigan Hosta Society and was the co-chair of the 2021 AHS National Convention. In addition, he is co-chairman of the Nomenclature Committee and compiles the list of miniature hostas for the AHS website.

He is responsible for two publications: *The Hosta Lists* and the *Hosta Hybridizer's Manual*. *The Hosta Lists* is a compilation of over 100 individual lists of hostas based upon various characteristics. This resource represents two decades of work on Don's part and currently includes over 29,000 entries. The second booklet- the *Hosta Hybridizer's Manual*- is a collection of articles from various authors and well-known hybridizers.

Many of us, having already heard Don speak at other functions, know that this is going to be a great program. Clear your calendar now and plan to attend our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for a great experience.

**Two Future Don Rawson  
Hosta Introductions  
Top: *H.* 'Razorback'  
Bottom: *H.* 'Catcher's Mitt'**

## **Food Theme for November 5th Meeting**

### **Cool Weather Dishes That Your Family and Friends Always Enjoy**



Cooler weather has finally made its way to Georgia and we are now enjoying some cool crisp days. What better theme could Julia Lyons, our Hospitality Chair, select for our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting than Cool Weather Dishes. Meats, veggies, salads, breads or desserts – it is your choice as to what to bring as long as it is a cool weather dish. GHS will provide beverages as usual.

### **Win-A-Plant Bingo**

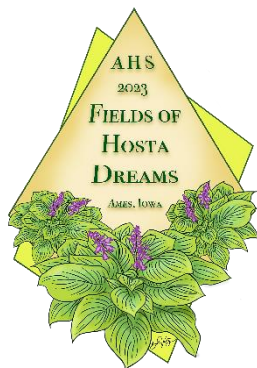
We are delighted to announce that we will be playing Bingo at our November 5 meeting. Specifically, we will be playing a game of Win-A-Plant Bingo and the first three participants to reach Bingo on their cards will win one of three plants provided by Harold McDonell and Becky Paris. We do not yet know what the plants will be but they will not be hostas (wrong time of the year for them) and they will be great plants. If this works out well, we will be doing it again down the road. There will be no charge for playing. It's free!

### **Time to Pay Dues for 2023**

Yes, it is that time again. Your 2023 dues are due by the first of the year. If you are coming to the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, that would be a good time to give our Membership Chair, Becky Paris, a check for next year's dues or you can mail your dues to her at the address shown on the membership registration form on the last page. You may also pay on-line at the GHS website, <https://gahosta.org/>. Annual dues are only \$15.00 per individual or \$25 per family (two people).

### **2023 National Convention, Ames, Iowa – June 7-10, 2023**

#### **"Fields of Hosta Dreams"**



The 2023 American Hosta Society National Convention, hosted by the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society, will be held on June 7-10 in Ames, Iowa. Detailed information on events, speakers, hosta show, auction, and garden tours is now available at the AHS website at <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/Activities/Conventions.htm>. You may also just type in americanhostasociety.org. You will be excited when you see what is in store for you. In the meantime, don't strike out! Batter up and get registered now. Registration form can be accessed at the above website.

### **2023 Dixie Region Regional Meeting - Raleigh, North Carolina**

The Dixie Region (Region Three) regional meeting will be held next year in Raleigh, North Carolina. Dates have not yet been confirmed. Stay tuned for more information.

## A Look Back at the September 9th, 2022 Meeting

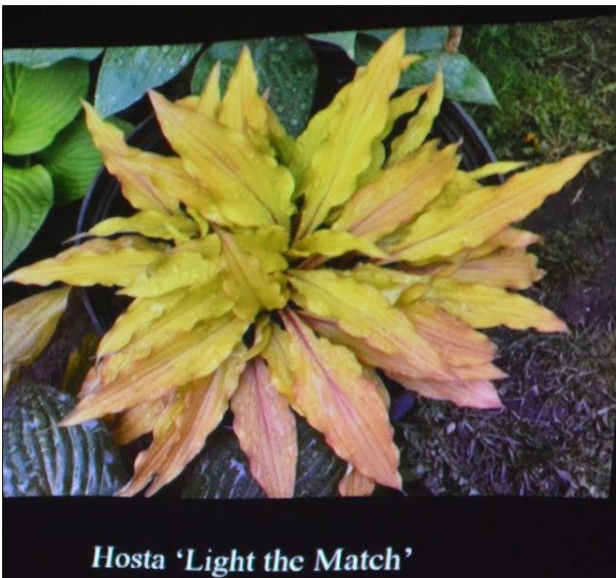
Our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was very special because it marked the first time that we have attempted to have a remote program presented to a live audience at the Garden House. Everything went very smoothly, thanks to the efforts and expertise of our Communications Coordinator, Scott Smith. Our guest speaker was Josh Spece, owner of In the Country Garden and Gifts in Independence, Iowa. His topic was "New Hostas for 2023 and Beyond." Josh presented images of many spectacular new hostas that will soon be available, and what we saw was exciting to say the least. We hostaphiles have a lot to look forward to in the years ahead! Thanks, Josh, for a splendid program.

Before and after the meeting, we were treated to a plant sale by Steve McMurry. Steve closed his Rising Star Hosta Farm this past summer and he brought his remaining stock to the sale. There were many good bargains to be had and sales were brisk. Our thanks to Steve for this special treat.

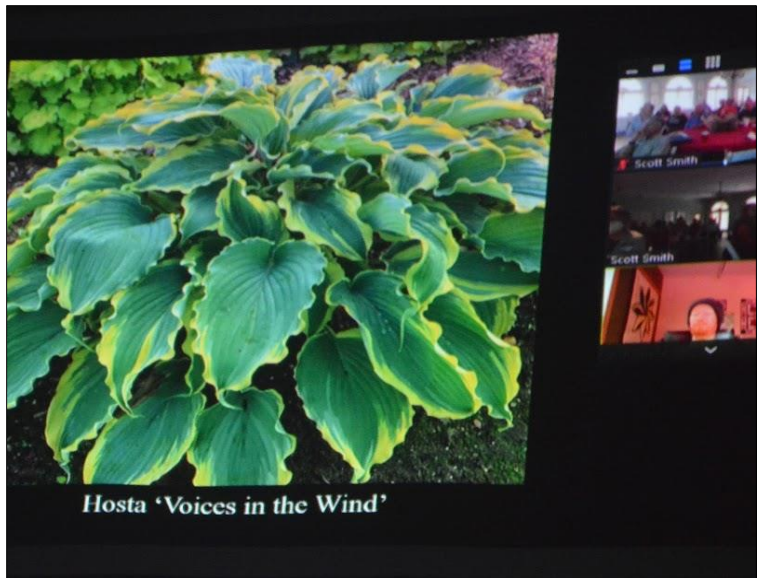
We must also express thanks to our Hospitality Chair, Julia Lyons, who presided over one of our best lunches ever. Of course, it was all made possible by you, our members, who brought enough great food to feed a small army. Let's do it again at our next meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.



A Look Back at the September 9th, 2022 Meeting



Hosta 'Light the Match'



Hosta 'Voices in the Wind'

Pictures From Josh Spece's Presentation

## A Look Back at the September 9th, 2022 Meeting



Meeting Photos by Mikky Lockwood

## The 2022 Region 3 Dixie Regional Hosta Society Meeting

The third try turned out to be the charm for the East Tennessee Hosta Society as it hosted the Dixie Regional Hosta Society's 2022 meeting in Knoxville last summer. ETHS was all set to host the meeting in 2020 when the COVID pandemic hit and forced its cancellation. Another attempt was then made in 2021 only to have the meeting cancelled again. However, the talented and persistent members of ETHS attempted it again this year and the result was a great weekend of meetings, excellent programs with fun speakers, a spirited auction, socials, and super garden tours. You nailed the meeting, Chair Fred Anderson, and all of your hard-working members of ETHS.

The Georgia Hosta Society was well represented with a number of our members attending the meeting. It was such a great weekend, we wish all of our members could have attended. Knowing that was not going to be possible, several of our members tried to capture the essence of the meeting by taking many pictures that we could share with all of our members. The following pictures were provided by Mikky Lockwood, Greg Ferguson, and Harold McDonell. Someone once said that a picture is worth a thousand words and that has proven to be true, especially in this case. We hope you enjoy them.

### Dixie Region Meeting

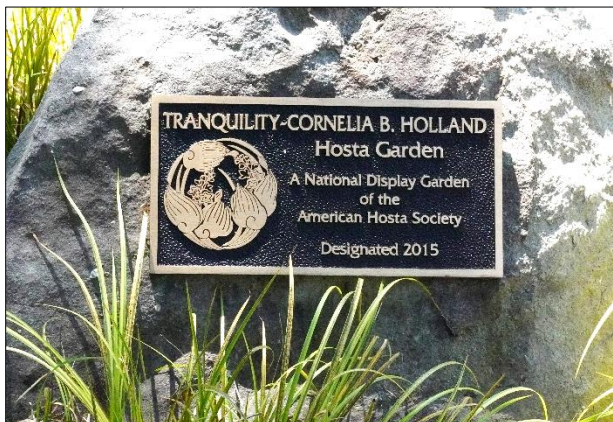




**Dixie Region Meeting - Anderson Estate**



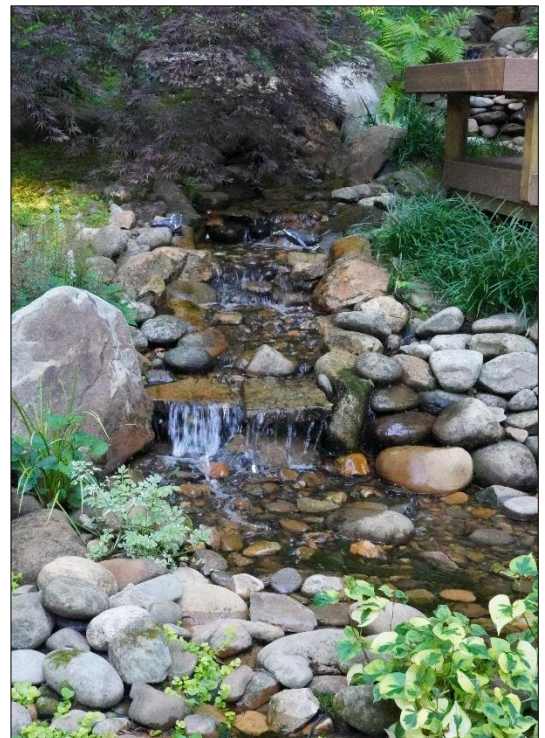
## Dixie Region Meeting - UT Gardens Knoxville – Tranquility Hosta Garden



## Dixie Region Meeting - Ivan Racheff House and Gardens

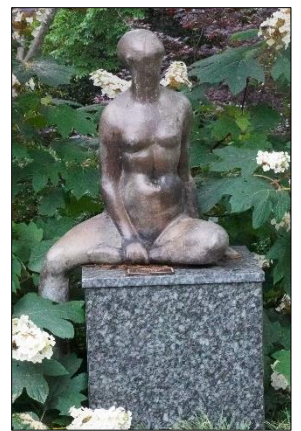
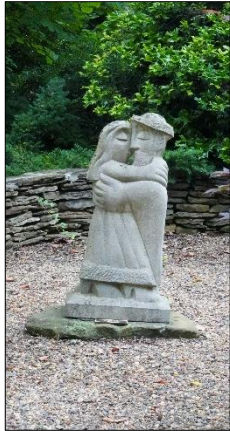


Dixie Region Meeting - Randy Stewart's Garden Retreat



*H. 'Paradigm'*

**Dixie Region Meeting - UT/GATOP Arboretum and Education Center**



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**Greg Ferguson at GATOP Arboretum**



**Mikky Lockwood at GATOP Arboretum**



## The 2022 Cartersville Garden Tours

Dedicated GHS members braved what was to be the hottest day of 2022 to tour the Lily Hill Garden of Curlette Hennard and Shady Rest Garden of Doris and David Bishop in Cartersville on June 15. Despite the blistering heat, the beautiful gardens made the trek up I-75 more than worthwhile. Both gardens not only had plenty of hostas, they also contained many daylilies in peak bloom. The sheer beauty of the daylilies stole the show.

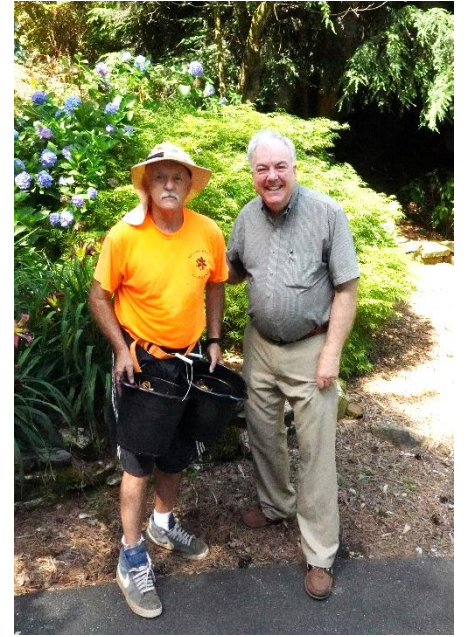
Lily Hill Garden is a small garden with numerous shrubs and perennials arranged to perfection. It was such a peaceful garden and Curlette made everyone feel completely at home. The much larger Shady Rest Garden was nothing short of a botanical paradise. While originally planned to be primarily a daylily garden, Doris and David have enhanced it with extensive hardscaping to harness the steep sides of the garden. They have also added numerous sun and shade perennials, native azaleas, Japanese maples and other interesting trees and shrubs to complement the extensive daylily plantings. Doris discovered hostas several years ago and has filled just about every shady area with them. What a treat both of these gardens were.

We are presenting below some pictures taken during the tours of each garden. If you were not able to attend the tours, we hope these pictures will give you an idea of why these gardens were so special.

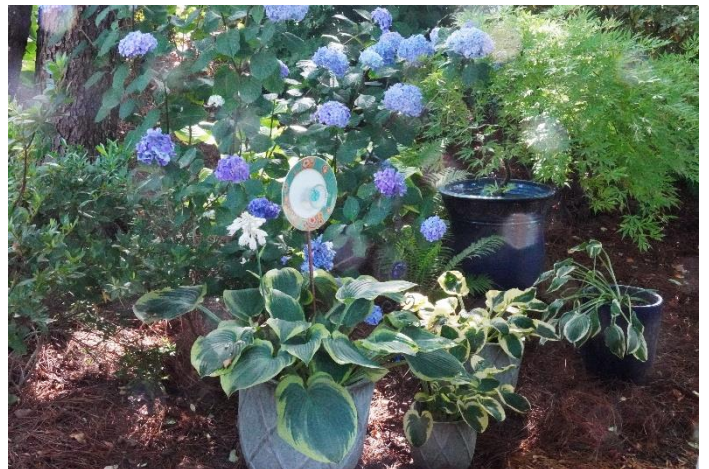
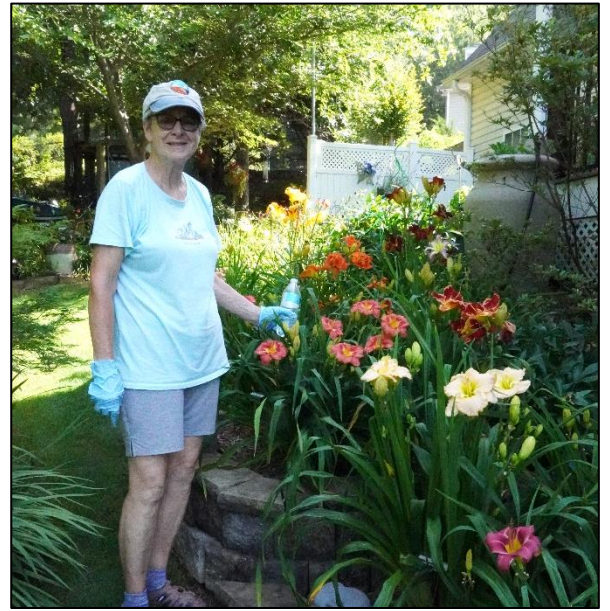
### Scenes from Shady Rest Garden



## Scenes from Shady Rest Garden



## Scenes from Lily Hill Garden





## Companion Plant of the Month: Saxifragaceae

By Mary L. Albrecht, Professor Emerita, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Tennessee

(Editors Note: This very informative and award-winning article about the saxifrage family of plants is reprinted from the East Tennessee Hosta Society's *Hosta Happenings* newsletter, August 2021 edition. The saxifrage family consists of a number of different familiar garden plants and includes both perennial plants and shrubs that enjoy widespread popularity in our Southeast gardens.)

The what? Saxifragaceae? The saxifrages are things like *Heuchera* (coral bells, alum root), *Tiarella* (foam flower, false mitrewort), *Heucherella* (foamy bells), *Astilbe* (false spirea, false goat's beard), *Bergenia* (winter begonia, pig squeak), and *Rodgersia* (rodersia). Oh, and there's also *Saxifraga* (rockfoil, saxifrage).

But then, they are also plants like Hydrangea, Itea (sweet spire), Deutzia (deutzia, slender deutzia), and Philadelphus (mock orange). And, if you are growing fruit, there's Ribes (currents and gooseberries).

According to Bailey's Manual of Cultivated Plants (1975 15th printing of the 1949 revised edition), the saxifrage family is "allied to Rosaceae but differs in having fewer or more definite stamens, pistils mostly fewer than sepals and sometimes combined into a single compound pistil, leaves usually without stipules and sometimes opposite; flowers bisexual or unisexual, usually regular; sepals prevailing 4 or 5, and petals and stamens of same number of stamens twice as many (or more), the petals and stamens inserted at the edge of a disk; pistils free or united, ovary inferior or superior, placentation axile or parietal, usually 1-5 celled: fruit a capsule or berry with many seeds that contain abundant albumen." Clear as mud! Right?

Britanica.com more simply describes the family as "Members of the family have leaves that characteristically alternate along the stem and are sometimes deeply lobed or form rosettes. The flowers possess both male and female parts and four or five sepals and petals; they are generally borne in branched clusters and range in colour [sic] from greenish to white or yellow and from pink or red to purple. The fruit is a capsule with many seeds.

"Now we're getting closer to understanding. It's clear from the descriptions that the flower characteristics hold this plant family together, not necessarily whether or not the plants are woody or herbaceous. That's true for other plant families. Now let's look at some of these plants used for ornamental purposes.

### Herbaceous Plants



***Astilbe*** (false spirea, false goat's beard) have been a backbone plant for the perennial garden for decades. They handle the same growing conditions as hosta and benefit from some morning sun and afternoon shade. Flowers are small but presented in very large, showy plumelike inflorescences borne well above the foliage, and come in white and shades of pink and red, even a lavender variety. Sizes vary. The smallest are mounds of foliage about 6 to 8 inches tall to the very large that can reach about 12 inches tall with an equal spread.



***Bergenia*** (winter begonia, pig squeak) is a little used but delightful plant with very deep green foliage. Again, a mound forming plant (about 12 to 18 inches tall and wide) that will spread slowly from a rhizome. Flowers are only pink. A plus is rabbits and deer don't like it! It also can handle moist soils. It gets the name pig squeak from the foliage - if you hold a leaf between you thumb and forefinger and then pull along the leaf, it makes a sound like a pig squeaking! And, it's evergreen so adds to the winter garden. Treat the foliage like hellebores by removing spent foliage in the late winter or early spring before new growth.

## Companion Plant of the Month: Saxifragaceae (Continued)



**Heuchera** (coral bells, alum root) is one that we all know and grow. It has gained in popularity over the years and there are numerous cultivars available that range from silver to chartreuse green to deep burgundy and purple that is almost black.. Many come with veins being a contrasting color to the blades. Flowers are borne on tall, wispy inflorescences. Take care not to keep the crowns wet, especially through winter months. And, they benefit from some light clean-up before new growth appears in the spring. Try to give them some morning sun. And, some of the varieties are short lived depending upon environmental conditions. You may not have success with all of them. Mt. Cuba Center (located in Hockessin, DE) trialed 83 varieties and published a report available at [mtcubacenter.org/trial/heuchera](http://mtcubacenter.org/trial/heuchera).



**x Heucherella** (foamy bells) is an intergeneric hybrid created from *Heuchera* and *Tiarella*, introduced to the bedding plant industry in 2002 with the variety 'Sunspot'. It is generally more compact and delicate in appearance than its *Heuchera* parent. It forms a dense, compact (5 to 8 inches) clump with distinctly veined foliage with deep lobes. Similar to coral bells, the foliage will usually retain some color in winter. Tiny star-shaped pink or white flowers appear in airy to dense inflorescences atop stems rising well above the foliage clump (typically to 15-20" tall) in late spring to midsummer.



**Rodgersia** (rodgersia) varies on size depending on species. *Rodgersia podophyllum* ranges from 3 to 6 feet and as wide. *Rodgersia aesculifolia* (*aesculifolia* from *Aesculus*, the genus of horse chestnut, and *folia*, meaning foliage, so horse chestnut-like foliage) is also a large species. Best to grow in moist shade. A good choice for smaller gardens is *Rodgersia* 'Bronze Peacock, from Terra Nova Nurseries, as it is only about 2 feet tall and wide. Missouri Botanic Garden recommends deadheading (removing flower stalks) when done flowering.



**Saxifraga** (rockfoil, saxifrage) common to gardens predominantly come from two species, *S. x arendsii* (USDA Zones 5 to 7) and *S. stolonifera* (USDA Zones 6 to 9). These are good groundcovers. Growing conditions for both align well with hosta.



**Tiarella** (foam flower, false mitrewort) performs better in deeper shade than *Heuchera*, so a dappled shade works well. They are a low maintenance plant and don't need dividing for years. Easily grown in average, medium moisture, well-drained soil in part shade to full shade. Prefers soils high in organic matter for moisture retention. Soil should not be allowed to dry out; yet, avoid wet soils which can be fatal particularly in winter. Removal of flower spikes after bloom will improve the appearance of the foliage mound. If they appear a little tattered from the old foliage, they can easily be trimmed back to allow new growth. Another plus is it appears that deer and rabbits leave them alone.

## Companion Plant of the Month: Saxifragaceae (Continued)

### Shrubs



**Deutzia** (deutzia, slender deutzia) is an underused deciduous shrub for the sunny to partly sunny landscape. There are several cultivars of Deutzia available, and most produce a profusion of pure white, fragrant flowers during late April and early May. Deutzia will grow well in USDA Zones 5 to 8, which covers most all of South Carolina. In the warmer parts of the state, they will perform best with partial shade.

The sizes of cultivars range from the dwarf selection 'Nikko', which grows to 2 or 3 feet tall, to the species that has a mounding limb habit and reaches 3 to 5 feet tall. However, there are a few with pink flower buds, such as 'Nikko Blush'. (from <https://hgic.clemson.edu/deutzia/>)



**Hydrangea** has become more popular over the past few years as the choices have exploded. Most commonly used in the landscape are *H. microphylla* (hortensis and lacecap groups), *H. anomala* (climbing hydrangea), *H. quercifolia* (oakleaf hydrangea), *H. arborescens* (smooth or snowhill hydrangea), and *H. paniculate* (peegee hydrangea). For good cultural information, see this article from Clemson University Extension - <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/hydrangea/>.



**Itea** (sweet spire) is a native deciduous to semievergreen shrub of the southeastern US. Great addition because of the abundant fragrant flowers that attract pollinators. And, reportedly deer resistant! Keys to good growth and flowering are moist, slightly acidic, humusy soils with 4 hours of sun per day. Good information is available from North Carolina State Extension at <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/iteavirginica/>. May be somewhat difficult to find so look for it at native plant nurseries.



**Philadelphus** (mock orange) genus contains approximately 60 species of deciduous shrubs. Typically they have fragrant, white flowers with showy stamens. You will run across different species and varieties at garden centers. A nice edition to the landscape provided you can provide some sunlight; they tend not to do well in full shade. New cultivars provide for more compact, less messy growth. And, the newer cultivars appear to be deer resistant and drought tolerant.

#### Photo credits:

*Astilbe* and *Bergenia*, courtesy Harold McDonell.

*Deutzia*, Monrovia, <https://www.monrovia.com/dwarfnikko-deutzia.html>

*x Heucherella*, Bloomin Designs Nursery, <http://www.bloomindesigns.com>

*tiarella*, New Garden Plants, <http://www.newgardenplants.com>

*saxifraga*, Missouri Botanical Garden, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org>

*Philadelphus* and *heuchera*, Proven Winners, <https://www.provenwinners.com/>

*Hydrangea* and *Itea*, Wayside Gardens, <https://www.waysidegarden.com/>

*Rodgersia*, TERRA NOVA® Nurseries, Inc., <https://www.terranovanurseries.com>

Note: Some photos from original article were substituted.

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
Deen Day Sanders Garden House, Duluth, Georgia  
September 10, 2022**

President Greg Ferguson opened the meeting at 11:17 am by welcoming new members and visitors and making announcements. The final meeting of the year will be November 5<sup>th</sup>. Hosta plants available for purchase today are provided by Steve McMurtry, who has closed his plant nursery.

The minutes of the April 9, 2022 general meeting and the August 13, 2022 board meeting were published in the August 2022 edition of *Georgia Hosta Notes*. Chuck Zdeb moved that the minutes be accepted as published; Steve McMurtry seconded the motion and it carried.

Dexter Henry, Treasurer, reported that our funds are in good order.

Harold McDonell, Newsletter Editor, requested that we continue to provide him with photographs of our gardens and plants, especially close-up shots of hostas and blooms. He would also appreciate suggestions for future articles. This summer's tours of two gardens in Cartersville, GA will be highlighted in the October newsletter.

Chuck Zdeb reported on the progress of creating a scholarship to promote the genus hosta. He is researching this possibility with the Vice President for Education at Lanier Tech. Together, they will determine the qualifications to be used to select a deserving student to receive the grant. In addition, Chuck is exploring the possibility of the school participating as a vendor in next year's hosta show and sale, offering vegetable, perennial and native plants for sale.

Chuck also reported that some hosta societies were unable to conduct accredited shows this year because of a lack of qualified judges. He encouraged members to consider taking the judges' training to learn more about hostas in general, even if they do not intend to pursue actual judging. He is currently searching for a location that can be used to conduct Judges' Clinics I and II on the same day.

Greg stated that there is a need for someone to volunteer to keep the membership aware of illnesses, deaths or other significant events among our group. In past years, this was known as the "Sunshine Chairperson." No action was taken at this time.

There being no further business, Chuck moved that the meeting be closed and Mark Malaguerra seconded the motion. It was approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Following lunch, an exciting video presentation by Josh Spece of In the Country Garden & Gifts provided a "sneak peek" of new hosta varieties we can expect within the next few years.

Judy Beeler, Secretary

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**October 8, 2022 Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Ferguson at 9:35 a.m. Participating were: Greg Barner, Judy Beeler, Dexter Henry, Richard Jolly, Mark Malaguerra, Harold McDonell, Becky Paris, Scott Smith and Chuck Zdeb.

Greg paid tribute to his late wife Donna, noting that today would have been their 45th wedding anniversary.

We are still in need of volunteers to fill the requests of other plant societies, including the Dunwoody Garden Club, for speakers for their 2023 - 2024 season.

Minutes of the August 13 board meeting were published in the August *Georgia Hosta Notes* newsletter. Harold McDonell moved and Greg Barner seconded that the minutes be accepted as published. The motion carried.

Dexter Henry presented the Treasurer's report and commented that our only expenditures for the remainder of the year are the November speaker's fee and rental of the off-site storage facility. Membership dues for 2023 may be paid at the November meeting. Harold moved and Chuck Zdeb seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

Steve McMurtry is moving out of the state and has resigned his positions as Vice President Programs and Chair of the Ways and Means committee. The Chair position has been filled by Kendra Spadoni but we are still in need of a VP Programs. We will ask Steve to coordinate with Kendra to offer all files (electronic and paper) pertaining to possible future speakers as well as the established procedures for our silent auctions.

Greg thanked Scott Smith for his technical expertise in arranging the Zoom connections for the successful September general meeting featuring Josh Spece as speaker.

Our November general meeting program will be a Zoom presentation by Don Rawson, a noted hosta grower and hybridizer from Grand Rapids, MI. In addition to the speaker, we will play a "Bingo"-style game (at no cost to players) with donated plants awarded as prizes to the winners.

Tammy Borden, who lives in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area, has committed to presenting the program for the February 2023 general meeting. Tammy is currently the Executive Vice President of the American Hosta Society. The program for the April meeting will not include a guest speaker, but will rely on club members to give informal talks in addition to the annual plant auction.

Discussion on possible programs for late 2023 included suggestions of Tony Avent, Proprietor of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC; Claude Carpenter, a local award-winning photographer who could provide a program on photography in garden settings; and Dr. Mary L. Albrecht, Professor Emerita from the University of Tennessee who gave an impressive presentation at the Dixie Regional Convention in Knoxville this past summer.

It was agreed that a reasonable fee to offer Zoom speakers is \$200.

We are still looking for suggestions and volunteers for garden tours in the spring of 2023. Harold and Becky Paris will contact some possible garden hosts.

## October 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

Chuck reported on the progress for establishing a scholarship at Lanier Technical College in Cumming, GA. Greg Barner offered to coordinate with the Tech officials to codify qualifications. Chuck is also awaiting confirmation whether the school will participate in the 2023 Hosta Show and Sale by offering garden and native plants for sale.

Scott Smith presented an idea for a new project: to work with the Gainesville location of the Atlanta Botanical Garden to establish a new hosta garden. The proposed garden would feature hosta cultivars hybridized or introduced by current or former members of the Georgia Hosta Society. Scott will ask Mikky Lockwood to work with him on determining the Garden's interest in such a project.

At this time, we will not pursue offering a "club hosta" to our members. We may re-evaluate this at a later time, with guidance from our Ways and Means Chair. Possibly we could offer a plant retailed by one of our nursery members.

Chuck is finalizing a location for conducting Judges' Clinics. Club member Chotsy Waites has offered to host the training at her home. Thus far, only two people have indicated an interest in attending.

Three hosta vendors have committed to participating in the 2023 Show and Sale. Bentley Gardens, Pine Forest Gardens, and Silvers Elbert Nursery will offer hostas for sale. In addition, we hope to have a native plant seller and a daylily grower also participating.

The American Hosta Society is in the process of simplifying the Classification List. Four of our members are on the committee working on this project: Sandra Bussell, Harold McDonell, Claudia Walker and Chuck Zdeb. Harold asked the board if we (GHS) would be willing to "test" the new list during the 2023 show. It was agreed that we would test the revised list if it proves feasible and if AHS sanctions it.

Claudia Walker has consented to serve as the "Sunshine Chair" to apprise the membership of illnesses, deaths or other life changes among our group. A motion was made by Harold and seconded by Chuck to allocate \$100 to Claudia for cards and postage. The motion carried.

Board Member Mary Lepore has submitted her resignation because of her husband Vic's serious illness. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted. The board position will be offered to Kendra Spadoni.

Our next board meeting will be January 14, 2023.

There being no further business, Chuck moved that the meeting be adjourned; Scott seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Judy Beeler, Secretary

# THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY

## 2022-2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD

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Historian: Claudia Walker 770 722-3147

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Dexter Henry 770 460-0983

Newsletter Production and Publishing:

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## Georgia Hosta Society Members Holding American Hosta Society Positions:

**Chuck Zdeb:** AHS National Show Chair

**Sandra Bussell:** AHS Judges Records Chair

**Harold McDonell:** Gifts and Memorials Chair

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## The Georgia Hosta Society

The Georgia Hosta Society offers an annual 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 Becky Paris – VP Membership, 306 Carney Lane, Ball Ground, GA 30107. For further information, go to [www.gahosta.org](http://www.gahosta.org).

## The American Hosta Society

The American Hosta Society membership offers participation in all national AHS 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**. ENewsletters are also published periodically to keep members informed. Membership dues are \$30 individual and \$34 family per year (US). For additional information, go to [www.americanhostasociety.org](http://www.americanhostasociety.org) or Contact Barry Ankney, Membership Secretary - AHS, 1104 Oxford Court, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5249.

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## 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](http://www.dixiehosta.net).

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## Hosta Cultivar Registration

For all questions about registering hosta cultivars, contact Gayle Hartley Alley, ICRA for Hosta, at the Hosta Treasury website – [www.hostaregistrar.org](http://www.hostaregistrar.org).

## 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

November 5, 2022 - General Meeting - Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
January 14, 2023 – Board Meeting  
February 11, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
March 18, 2023 – Board Meeting  
April 15, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
May 13, 2023 - Hosta Show and Sale (Setup - May 12 - 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM) Tentative  
June 3, 2023 – Cartersville Garden Tours  
August 19, 2023 – Board Meeting  
September 16, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
October 7, 2023 – Board Meeting  
November 4, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House

## GHS Membership Registration– 2023

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Email:**

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**Please make check payable to The Georgia Hosta Society.**

**Send completed form and payment to:**

**Becky Paris – VP Membership, 306 Carney Lane, Ball Ground, Georgia 30107**

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