



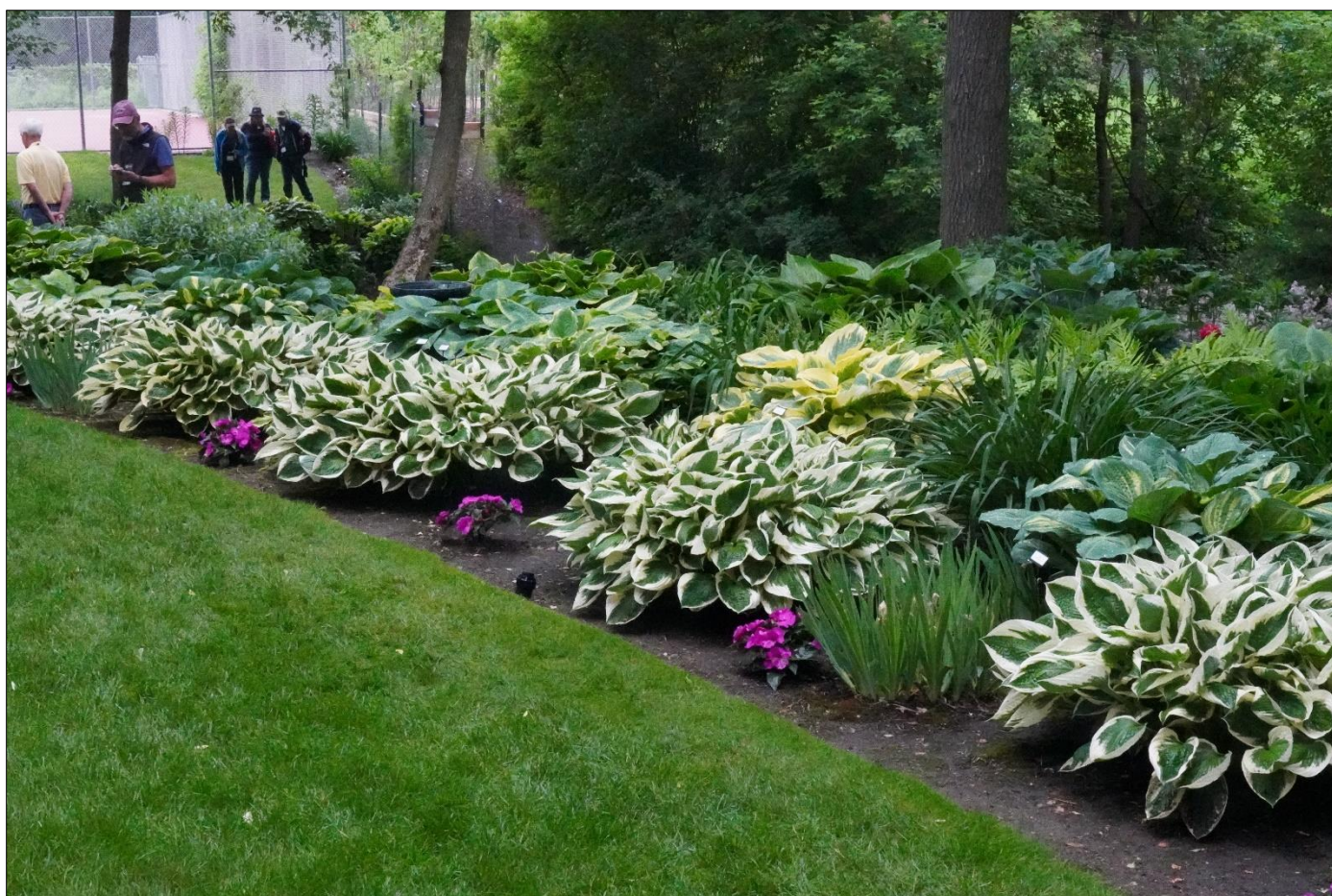
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**Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman's Garden at the 2022 AHS National Convention
in Minneapolis, Minnesota**

See more photos from the 2022 AHS National Convention starting on Page 11.



President's Message

By Greg Ferguson

Spring is around the corner!

You have probably seen the entry in social media which shows a photo of the side of a building with a coil spring peeking around the corner of the building. The caption: *Spring is just around the corner!* Well, we know spring is on the way, but we can be sure that we'll get plenty of weather surprises before we safely reach the spring season.

Our temptation here in Georgia is to get a jump on the growing season – planting seeds, transplanting, moving our plants outside, compromising our tender plants – but we need to rely on our experience and common sense. And patience. Spring is still weeks away. Hang in there.

We're ready to kick off 2023 for the Georgia Hosta Society full force. Our Board met successfully and productively on January 14 to plan for our meetings and events. Our next general meeting will be on February 11, again in hybrid format, in person and via Zoom. Our speaker, Tammy Borden, will be with us via Zoom. We used this technique for the November meeting, with great results. You don't want to miss Tammy. You will love her presentation.

Please take time to read and enjoy the newsletter. There is a wealth of information just for you. Every word is important and key to your participation in the Georgia Hosta Society.

I hope you will consider volunteering with the Georgia Hosta Society. There are opportunities in every area. You will enjoy it, and the GHS will be stronger and more vibrant with your involvement.

The other thing I will ask you to do is to invite people to our meetings. Our attendance is excellent, but we don't need to keep GHS to ourselves. Let's share our meetings. Invite your friends, and bring them to the meetings with you. Share and tell.

Thank you for all you do. See you at our February meeting!

Greg Ferguson



Next Meeting February 11, 2023 11:00 AM

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

Our Guest Speaker – Tammy Borden **Garden Designing with Hostas**

Gardeners used to "settle" for hostas as the only alternative for the shady corners of their yards. Now, thousands of varieties provide unique colors, patterns, and forms, and are highly sought after. Our guest speaker, Tammy Borden, will cover ways in which hosta gardeners can bring a sense of personality and show-stopping curb appeal to the hosta garden using many of the same principles used in other forms of design.

Tammy Borden has been gardening in the shadows for 30 years, with a special place in her heart for hostas. She has more than 600 hosta varieties throughout her yard, both in the ground and in containers, in addition to dozens of companion plants, and her garden was featured at the 2019 AHS convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Tammy serves as the Executive Vice President of the American Hosta Society in addition to being the Newsletter Editor of the Green & Gold Hosta Society of Northeastern Wisconsin. She also authored the book, "A Perennial Life," available on Amazon. Married to the love of her life, Paul, they enjoy long country drives, hole in the wall diners, and Sunday afternoon naps.



Tammy will join us via Zoom for an interactive program in a similar format to what we had at last September and November meetings. The entire meeting will also be available via Zoom to our members who cannot attend. Instructions for joining the meeting will be sent closer to the meeting date via email or you can contact our Communications Coordinator Scott Smith for information.

Food for February 11th Meeting – Members' Favorite Comfort Food



It's not a great event unless your favorite comfort food is on the table to be shared. Bring your personal favorite meat or vegetable dish, salad, bread, or dessert. Anything goes. Beverages will be provided by GHS. Remember that the success of our luncheon is completely dependent on us to bring the food so we encourage everyone to bring something.

GHS Needs Donations for February 11th Silent Auction



We will be conducting another silent auction at the February meeting and we will need donations of plants as well as new (not used) garden-related materials to make it a success. Please look around your home and garden to see what you might be able to provide. Oh yes, don't forget to bring money to outbid everyone else for that special item you might just have to have.

Raffle.....Raffle.....Raffle!



For the last three years, GHS has been limited in its fundraising activities by pandemic conditions and as a result, we have been running deficit budgets in those years. We are now looking to get back on track with these activities. In addition to the Silent Auction at the February meeting, we will also be trying out a new "50/50" raffle format as a means of generating income for GHS. The format and rules will be explained by our new Ways and Means Chair, Kendra Spadoni, at the meeting. We think and hope you will enjoy it. Hint: The prize will be money!

We will also be rolling out a brand new GHS high quality polo shirt at the next meeting which we hope to offer for sale this spring to our members. Kendra will bring some examples to the meeting and, if the members desire to purchase one, we will move forward with this fundraising program as well. The price will be \$30.00 per shirt.

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Time to Pay Dues for 2023

Yes, it is that time again. Your 2023 dues are now due. If you are coming to the February 11th meeting, that would be a good time to give our Membership Chair, Becky Paris, a check for this 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 online at the GHS website, <https://gahosta.org/>. Annual dues are only \$15.00 per individual or \$25 per family (two people).

Show Date Change from May 13 to May 6

Please note that the date of our 2023 Hosta Leaf Show has changed from May 13 to May 6 due to the associated Tucker Day event being unexpectedly scheduled one weekend earlier than usual. We regret that the new date conflicts with the Dixie Region Regional Meeting but we strongly felt that the show must continue to remain the same as Tucker Day.



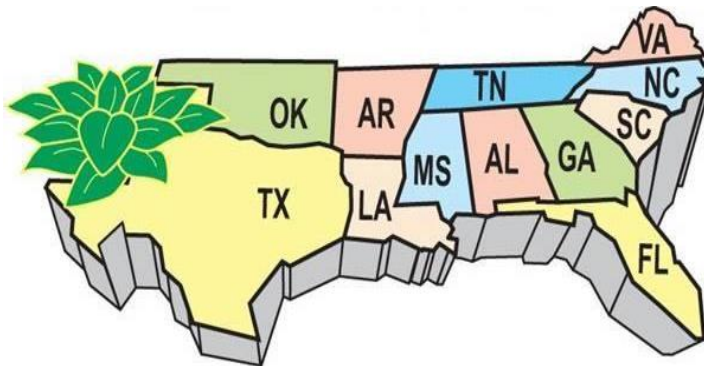
Dixie Regional Hosta Society

The Dixie Region Regional Meeting will be on May 4-7 this year. It will be conducted Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday, in the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Suites Regency Park in Cary, NC. for Thursday – Saturday nights. Online reservations can be made at <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8>. The room rate is \$124.00 per night and reservations must be made before April 20, 2023. The group ID is the Dixie Regional Hosta Society and Group number is SW24E8.

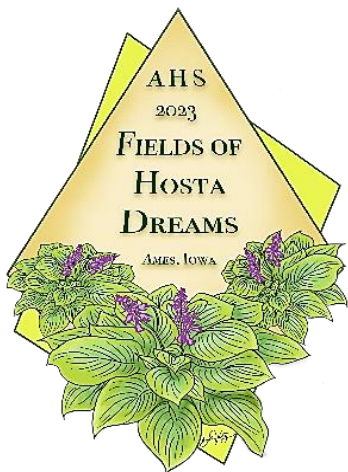
The format will be a choose-your-own adventure tour of public gardens, nurseries, and home gardens. We will meet Thursday evening for hospitality and Friday morning for directions for the tour. Then you will be on your own. We will meet Friday evening or Saturday to have our annual meeting and auction. Plant Delights Nursery will be open this weekend - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon. Green Hill Farm will be open Saturday.

Registration fee for the meeting is \$35 per person. More details about the Dixie Region Regional Meeting, the meeting schedule, and the registration form can be found on the last three pages of this newsletter.



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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.

The registration form can be accessed at the above website. Registration fee will be \$275, with buses for the Friday and Saturday garden tours at an additional \$130 per person.

A Look Back at the November 5, 2022 Meeting

Our November general meeting was a lot of fun. After a short business meeting, we broke for lunch. The tables were loaded with great food, as usual, brought by our members who never let us down in the food department. The dessert table surely added a few pounds! After lunch, it was time for our first ever Win-A-Plant Bingo game. There were to be three plants donated by members and given as prizes to the first three winners. Thanks to the generosity of several other members, we ended up with several more donated prizes. It took a few minutes to get the hang of the game but soon everyone was busy trying to get that straight line filled in up, down, across or diagonally in order to be one of the lucky ones to shout "Bingo!" and win one of the beautiful plants. We most definitely will have to do that again.

If the luncheon and game were not enough fun, we still had our guest speaker to go. Don Rawson joined us via Zoom and shared the fantastic gardens that he and his wife Pam have created around their Grand Rapids, Michigan home. The unique landscaping incorporating huge boulders brought in from around the country was a delight for our members to see as was the many shots of beautifully grown hostas and companion plants. Along the way through his program, Don also shared bits of his vast gardening wisdom and answered many questions from our members about the plants he was recommending. He capped the program presenting pictures of some of the wonderful new hostas created in his hybridizing program. He left us with greatly expanded wish lists and a desire to hear even more from him. Thanks, Don Rawson, for a super program.

Below and on the next page are a few pictures taken at the meeting by our club photographer, Mikky Lockwood.



A Look Back at the November 5, 2022 Meeting



Shown above are two of Don Rawson's super future introductions.

HVX and the Big Box Stores

By Harold McDonell

There has been much discussion lately in the hosta social media circles about Hosta Virus X (HVX) and much of the discussion has centered on the part played by big box stores in disseminating plants infected with this incurable virus. This article is being written to better inform our members about HVX, how it has been rapidly spread by some irresponsible hosta plant growers and sellers, and what steps we can take to keep this nasty virus out of our gardens.

First some basic information about HVX. It is only one of several viruses that can infect hostas but it is by far the most prominent one we have to deal with. HVX has existed in Japan for a long time, probably for centuries, but was not known in the United States until 1996 when it was first identified in specimens from several mid-western states which had been presented to the University of Minnesota as harboring an unknown pathogen. Its spread in the United States has been explosive, primarily due to the rapid increase of imports of field grown hostas from Europe, the Netherlands in particular. It continues to be spread now in not only imported plants but in locally grown plants as well. It can also be spread through tissue culture but fortunately, most tc labs in the United States have been very vigilant in testing plants going both into and out of tissue culture. It is primarily spread mechanically via tools used in cutting roots and leaves of hostas.

I will not attempt in this article to go into identification of HVX symptoms, or how exactly we can prevent its spread through our practices in our gardens. There are many sources which can provide more accurate and more detailed information than I can. Some of the best information can be found at the Hosta Library, www.hostalibrary.org. An excellent and detailed HVX video presentation by Chris Wilson is posted at the Hosta Library and I encourage all members to watch it. In the presentation, Mr. Wilson provides numerous pictures of HVX infected hostas and goes into great detail about just what to look for in determining if a plant is infected. Also discussed are steps one can take to prevent spreading it in the garden through unsanitary practices such as failing to properly clean tools between cutting and transplanting hostas. He also goes into how to test hostas using AGDIA test strips developed specifically for identifying HVX. Just about everything you may want to know about HVX is covered in this video. The good news about HVX is that, unlike many other plant viruses, it appears to have no insect transmission vector so it is much easier to control.



H. 'Striptease' Infected with HVX
Photo: hostalibrary.org



Hosta Severely Infected with Hosta Virus X
Photo Source Unknown

Now, how do big box stores factor in on the spread of HVX? Big box stores have become the major retailers of hostas as hosta popularity has exploded over the last 25 years. In a quest to meet the demands from their customers for hostas at low prices, they have resorted to using wholesalers who have not been responsible in insisting their growers properly test plants for HVX before, during, and after their propagation.

HVX and the Big Box Stores (Continued)



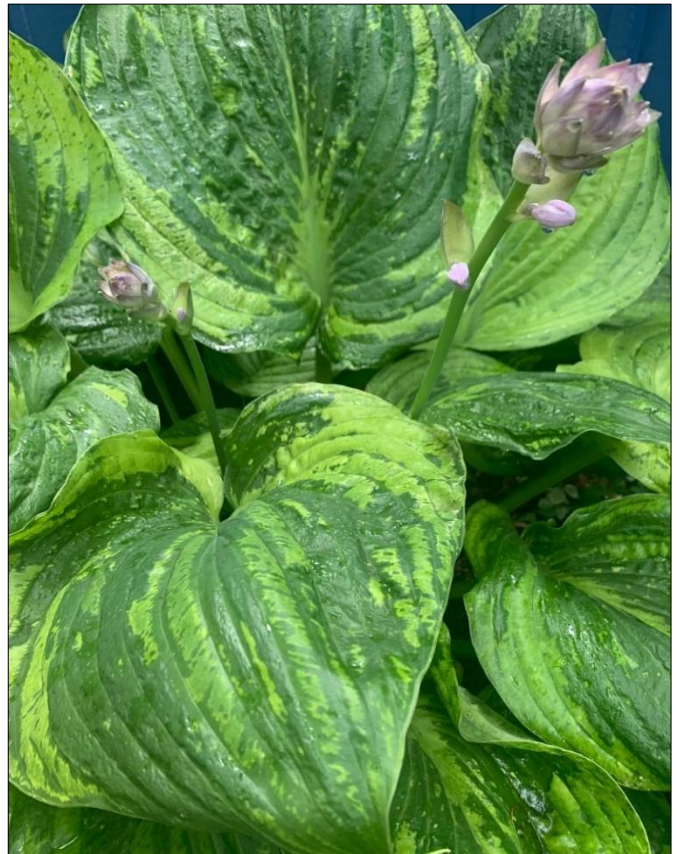
H. 'June' Showing Classic "Inkbleed" Symptoms of HVX Along the Veins

Photo: hostalibrary.org

The administrators of the **Hosta Diseases and Pests** Facebook site have been soliciting pictures of infected plants found in big box stores and large nurseries along with the accompanying plant or pot labels, and have compiled a list of companies providing obviously HVX-infected hostas. The list can be found in one of the featured posts on that Facebook page. I would strongly encourage you, if you are purchasing hostas from a big box store, to copy that list and carry it with you when you shop. Then **DO NOT** purchase any hostas carrying one of those plant/pot labels. Please note that the Proven Winners pot/labeled hostas, which are now beginning to appear in big box stores, have so far proven to be free from infection due to the strict standards placed on Proven Winners provided plants. The only caveat to this information is that those plants are often jammed up against plants from suspect sources, increasing chances that they can become infected on the

store shelves through sap transfer from damaged leaves. Plants that do not provide anything more than the big box store labels may come from providers who "fly under the radar" and those plants should also be considered suspect.

Of course, the HVX virus can be found in plants from other sources, but most plants coming from hosta specialty nurseries that deal in tissue culture -plants only have a much more reliable record of selling non-virus plants. I try to stick with them when I purchase hostas, even though the prices most likely will be higher than the same plants in big box stores. I would not go so far as to say don't buy from big box stores but I do caution anyone who does to be very careful. Check the source of the plant on the labels or pots and look closely for HVX symptoms on any of the plants. Also, keep those plants isolated in pots for a few years before considering planting them in the ground because it may take several years after infection for HVX symptoms to appear in a plant. HVX should be a disease that is easily eliminated from the hosta production process. However, many growers, wholesalers, and retailers have so far resisted adopting the simple steps needed to stop its spread. It will be up to us consumers to stop buying suspect plants from suspect sources. Until we do that and begin negatively affecting sales, HVX in newly purchased hostas will continue to be a major problem.



Hosta Virus X Infected Hosta

Photo Source Unknown



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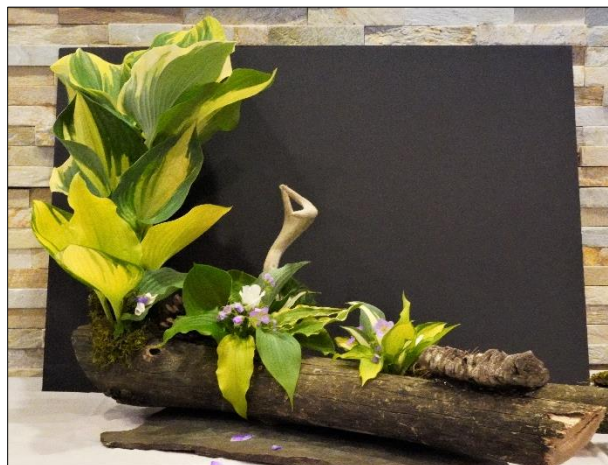
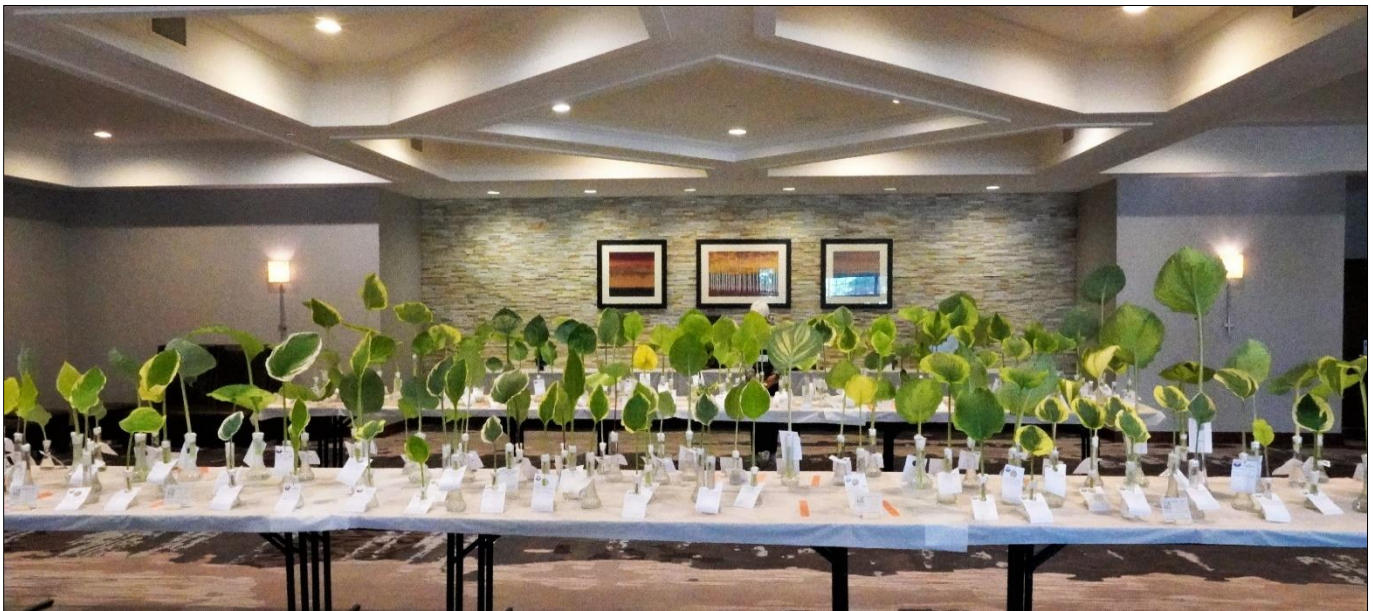
American Hosta Society National Convention

Brooklyn Park (Minneapolis Area), Minnesota June 8-11, 2022

Convention Photos by Harold McDonell

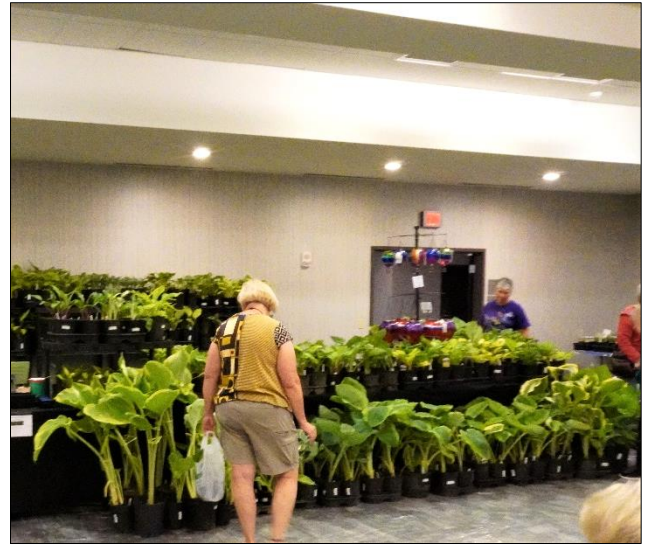
National conventions are a wonderful way to discover new hostas and other plants, gather new gardening ideas, renew friendships, and discover new hosta friends. They consist of several jam-packed days of fantastic garden tours, informative meetings, great lectures, hosta shows and sales, and social functions. They are indeed special occasions. There are a couple of drawbacks, though. Attending national conventions often involves extensive travel to get to the convention location and the costs of attending can become pretty high. For those reasons, many of our members find attending national conventions to be out of the question. We did have a few members attending the really special 2022 national convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, though, and we are providing some scenes from the convention so you can experience some of the excitement. Five of the tour gardens will be covered in this issue and the rest will be featured in the March newsletter. Enjoy.

National Convention Hosta Show



American Hosta Society National Convention

National Convention Vending Room (The Ultimate Hostaphile Candy Store!)



American Hosta Society National Convention

Kathy and Ben Boenisch's Garden



H. 'Lakeside Dragonfly'

H. 'On Stage'

American Hosta Society National Convention

Linda Butwinick and Paul Lindquist's Garden



H. 'Crispula'



H. 'Spilt Milk'



H. 'Allegan Fog'



H. 'Morning Light'

American Hosta Society National Convention

Amy Peterson's Garden



H. 'Gunther's Prize'



H. 'Sails Ho'



American Hosta Society National Convention

Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman's Garden

This garden, one of the most beautiful ever to be on display at an AHS National Convention garden tour, was also on tour during the 2010 National Convention in Minneapolis. It was beautiful then but since, it has matured and expanded. It features hundreds of fully mature hostas grown to perfection.



H. 'Simply Sharon'



H. 'Foxfire Palm Sunday'



American Hosta Society National Convention

Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman's Garden - continued



H. 'Formal Attire'



H. 'Warwick Comet'



H. 'Goodness Gracious'

American Hosta Society National Convention

Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman's Garden - continued



H. 'Patriot'



H. 'Bachelor Party'



H. 'Lakeside Banana Bay'



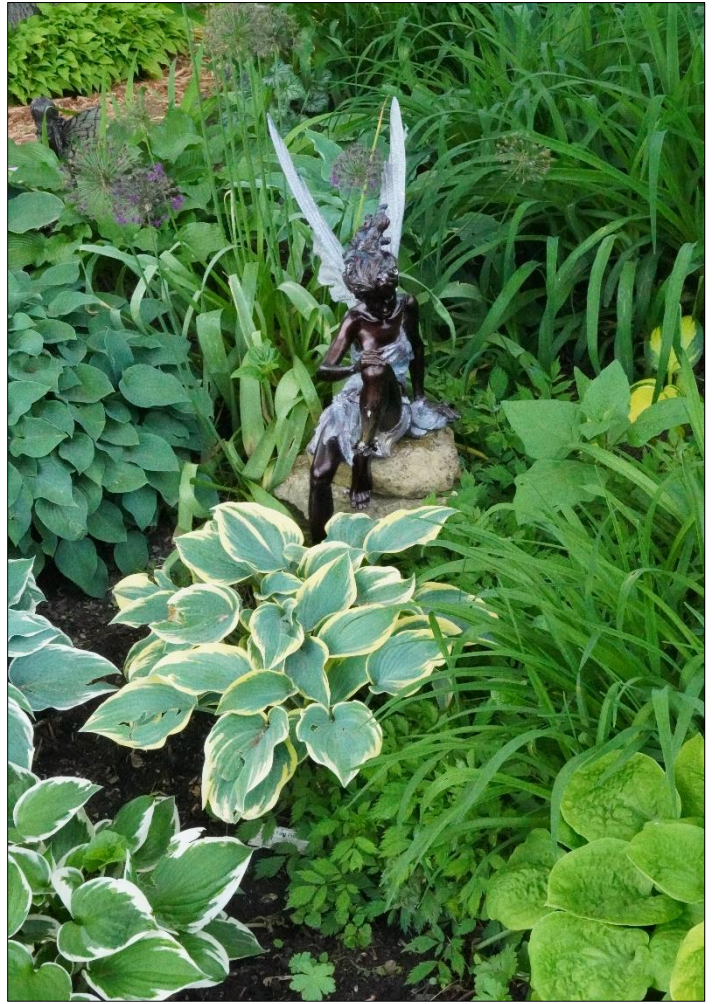
H. 'Risky Business'



H. 'Silver Bay'

American Hosta Society National Convention

Anne and Dick Flip's Garden



THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF General Meeting
Deen Day Sanders Garden House, Duluth, Georgia
November 5, 2022

President Greg Ferguson opened the meeting at 11:20 am by making announcements. Dues for 2023 may be paid to Becky Paris or Dexter Henry today. Also, anyone who does not have a laminated name tag and would like to have one should advise Becky.

Today's meeting will include a "Win-a-Plant" bingo game. Prize plants were donated by Steve McMurtry, Harold McDonell and Becky Paris.

Claudia Walker has agreed to be the "Sunshine Chair" to keep the membership advised on any illnesses or life events within our group.

Mary Lepore's husband Vic has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Mary has resigned from our Board of Directors to care for him.

Steve McMurtry will soon be moving out of the area. He has numerous plants remaining from his recently-closed nursery and he offered them to members at no cost. Please contact Steve if interested in checking out the remaining plants.

The Atlanta chapter of the American Hydrangea Society, which regularly meets at the Atlanta History Center, will offer garden tours on June 10, 2023.

The official business meeting began at 11:32 am.

Minutes of the September 10 general meeting were published in the October 2022 edition of *Georgia Hosta Notes*. Chuck Zdeb moved that the minutes be accepted as published; Fred Lindquist seconded the motion and it carried.

Dexter Henry, Treasurer, reported that our funds are in good order. Dues paid for 2023 will add to our cash balance.

Greg appointed an audit committee of Chuck Zdeb, Cozart Smith and Judy Beeler. At the February 11, 2023 general meeting, the committee will conduct the required annual audit of the Treasurer's records.

Harold McDonell, Newsletter Editor, said that the January and March editions of *Georgia Hosta Notes* will feature the 2022 American Hosta Society (AHS) convention in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. We have received no further information on the 2023 Dixie Region Hosta Society convention tentatively planned for the spring in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The February general meeting will feature a Zoom presentation by Tammy Borden, currently the AHS executive vice president.

Chuck Zdeb continues to confer with the Vice President for Education at Lanier Tech to develop procedures for awarding the scholarship promoting the genus hosta. Chuck will prepare an article on this project for a future newsletter.

Chuck is coordinating judges' training to be conducted in the spring. Five people have indicated interest and Chuck is still looking for an appropriate locale.

In addition, Chuck reported that the American Red Cross is currently experiencing a shortage of blood. He encouraged us to consider donating blood, as well as to vote in the upcoming mid-term elections.

Kendra Spadoni, recently added to the board as Ways and Means Chair, could not attend today's meeting because she and other veterans are planting pansies and chrysanthemums today at a veterans' park in South Georgia. Greg recognized veterans in our group, including Chuck Zdeb, George Lyons and Dave Felton.

There being no further business, Chuck moved that the meeting be closed and George Lyons seconded the motion. It was approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.

Following lunch, we enjoyed a video presentation by Don Rawson highlighting "Top Performers in the Rawson Garden" near Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Judy Beeler, Secretary

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THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2023 Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Ferguson at 9:49 a.m. Participating were: Greg Barner, Judy Beeler, Sandra Bussell, Dexter Henry, Richard Jolly, Katie Lindquist, Julia Lyons, Mark Malaguerra, Harold McDonell, Becky Paris, Scott Smith, Kendra Spadoni and Chuck Zdeb.

Minutes of the October 8, 2022 board meeting were published in the October 2022 "Georgia Hosta Notes" newsletter. Chuck Zdeb moved and Greg Barner seconded that the minutes be accepted as published. The motion carried.

Several local plant societies, including the Dunwoody and Lawrenceville Garden Clubs, have requested speakers for their upcoming meetings. Chuck and Sandra volunteered to present programs with support from a Power Point program and notes that Harold has presented to groups in the past.

Scott will research the possibility of purchasing an electronic data storage system which might be used to collect and store photos, notes, outlines, etc. for our members' use in preparing for speaking engagements. He will determine the feasibility and cost of such a system and will report to the board by email.

Dexter presented the Treasurer's report and the proposed 2023 budget. For the third year in a row, we ended the year with a lower balance in our checking account than we had at the beginning of the year. Dexter explained that one of our major expenses for the past year was labor costs for setting up and dismantling the hosta show and sale (see further discussion later). Also, we did not conduct a silent auction in 2022, an activity which normally generates a significant amount of income. Dexter further explained that the charges for subscription services we use (such as Zoom and Wild Apricot) continue to rise. We need to evaluate such expenditures, including the proposed data storage system mentioned above.

MINUTES OF January 14 BOARD MEETING – continued

We discussed several ideas for decreasing expenditures and increasing income.

Chuck said that the local daylily society has purchased a travel trailer for storing and transporting show supplies and other club paraphernalia. When not in use, the trailer and contents are securely stored at a member's property at no cost.

The consensus was that we need to have some type of fund-raising event at every general meeting. The Bingo game that was used at the most recent meeting could be revised and used as a fund raiser, but that game alone would probably not generate the needed funds. We also considered auctioning a collection of unique plants, as we have done in the past.

Ways and Means Chair Kendra Spadoni suggested a "50/50 Raffle" that she has used with other organizations. Raffle tickets are sold for 6 for \$5.00. The holder of the winning ticket receives one-half of the total money raised by the sales and the organization keeps the other one-half.

Kendra also suggested selling polo-type shirts embroidered with the club logo. She will bring a prototype shirt to the February meeting to determine interest.

Ultimately, we decided that the February meeting will include both a silent auction and a "50/50 Raffle."

The Treasurer's report and the 2023 budget were approved after a motion by Scott, a second by Katie and an affirmative vote by the board members.

At the February general meeting, Chuck Zdeb, Cozart Smith and Judy Beeler will conduct the required audit of the Treasurer's records and will present an oral report to the members at that time.

A nominating committee for 2024-2025 officers and board members will be solicited and elected at the February general meeting. The nominating committee will present a slate of proposed candidates at the September general meeting.

Greg requested that we send recommendations to him for this year's President's Wall award. Scott will add a page to the website listing all previous winners.

In the past, the GHS has sponsored the award for the winner of the Best Container Division at the annual American Hosta Society (AHS) convention hosta show. Claudia Walker has been responsible for procuring and delivering the award (usually an engraved glass vase or inscribed metal plaque). Greg will determine if Claudia will again secure the award for 2023.

Our speaker for the February general meeting will be Tammy Borden, Executive Vice President of the AHS. The topic for her Zoom presentation will be "Garden Designing with Hostas." Greg Barner will contact Tammy to ensure that all necessary electronic connections are in place at the meeting venue. Julia said the food theme for this meeting will be "Your Favorite Comfort Food."

The April meeting will not include a speaker, but will consist of the spring auction of hostas, other plants and garden accessories. The program in September will be an in-person presentation by noted daylily photographer and editor of the award-winning Georgia Daylily publication, Claude Carpenter. The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta membership will be invited to join us for the program and lunch. The November program is yet to be determined. We will consider the feasibility of pursuing international speakers who could present Zoom programs.

MINUTES OF January 14 BOARD MEETING – continued

Harold has confirmed three private gardens in the Cartersville, GA area which will be open to us for tours on June 3rd. Last year's garden tours in that area were well-received.

Chuck and his committee continue to confer with officials at Lanier Tech to implement the stipend we propose awarding to a horticulture student. The details are still being finalized.

The date of this year's Hosta Show and Sale has been changed. The show is normally the second weekend in May, in conjunction with "Tucker Day." This year, the City of Tucker set May 6th as Tucker Day; we have changed the show date to coincide. Dexter has confirmed with the First Baptist Church of Tucker that we will have use of the facilities on May 5 and 6.

"Across the pond," May 6th is also the day of the coronation of Charles III and his wife Camilla as King and Queen of the United Kingdom. To tie in with the coronation, our show will have a regal theme such as "Royal Flush" or "Crown Jewel."

Sandra and Dexter, show co-chairs, agree that assistance with the physical set-up and tear-down of the show is essential. In 2022, a major expense of the show was travel costs for our young helpers (two for set-up on Friday, two others for tear-down on Saturday) coming from Athens to Tucker. It is essential that we find local helpers. Dexter will ask the church if the custodial staff would be available for hire; Greg Barner will contact Tucker High School to see if student help might be an option.

Pat Brussack, a former show co-chair, will be available this year for assistance with logistics. Unfortunately, the new date of the show conflicts with the date of the Dixie Region Hosta Society meeting in Raleigh; some of our most experienced members will be going to North Carolina and will not be available for our show activities.

The next board meeting will be March 18.

There being no further business, Chuck moved that the meeting be adjourned; Katie seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Judy Beeler, Secretary



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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.

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 or Contact Barry Ankney, Membership Secretary - AHS, 1104 Oxford Court, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5249.

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 the Hosta Treasury website – www.hostaregistrar.org.

2023 Calendar of Events

February 11, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House – Tammy Borden, Guest Speaker
March 18, 2023 – Board Meeting
April 15, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House – Annual Spring Auction
May 4-7, 2023 – Dixie Region Meeting – Raleigh, North Carolina
May 6, 2023 - Hosta Show and Sale (Setup - May 5 - 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM)
June 3, 2023 – Cartersville Garden Tours
June 7-10, 2023 – AHS National Convention – Ames, Iowa
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:

Georgia Hosta Notes newsletters will be sent to members via email to save production and mailing expenses unless you specify that you prefer a paper copy. Please check here if you want a paper copy ____.

Annual Dues are \$15 for individuals or \$25 for a family (two or more persons living in the same household).

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

Advertising Rates for *Georgia Hosta Notes*

Georgia Hosta Notes welcomes advertisements. To place an ad, send formatted ad along with payment made to The Georgia Hosta Society to Harold McDonell - Editor, 110 Dawn Drive, Fayetteville, Ga. 30215 (haroldmcdonell@aol.com) at least one month prior to meeting date. We will assist with formatting if you desire.

Full Page - \$50 Half Page - \$30 Quarter Page - \$20 One Eighth Page - \$10

2023 Dixie Regional Hosta Meeting

“Choose Your Own Adventure”

Cary, NC May 4-7, 2023

It will not be long before spring is here and the hostas are jumping out of the ground. This year the Dixie Regional will try to take advantage of the excitement of early May to have our annual meeting. It will be hosted by Bob Solberg, Regional Director and Beth Barnes, Regional Treasurer centered in Cary, NC. The dates are May 4-7 at the Comfort Suites Regency Park, 350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518.

The meeting will have a new and fun format. It will be a “Choose Your Own Adventure”. Attendees will choose from a too long list of world class botanical gardens, excellent nurseries, and local gardens to visit in their own vehicles on Friday and Saturday. Of course, we suggest carpooling, so you make new hosta friends or catchup with old ones. Suggested lists will be provided for both days, emailed to all registrants before they arrive so they can start to plot their adventure ahead of the meeting.

There will be hospitality at the hotel on Thursday and Friday nights with an educational presentation Friday night after dinner on your own. Saturday night we will have our Annual Meeting, pizza party, and fun auction after we return from touring.

Some of the attractions include the J. C Raulston Arboretum, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, WRAL Azalea Gardens, and the NC Farmers Market. Plant Delights will be open that weekend as well as Green Hill Farm on Saturday as well as many, many local nurseries. There will also be some private gardens to visit featuring hostas and a variety of gardening styles. Check the schedule for suggested days to visit each of these.

Registration is easy and very affordable, just \$35.00. Please copy and mail the registration form to Beth Barnes with your check. You can register for the hotel online at this link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8> or call the Hotel (919) 852-4318 and mention the Group is the Dixie Regional Hosta Society and the code is SW24E8. The rate is \$124.00 for King or Double Room plus State and local tax.

We hope we can be part of your hosta adventure this spring and you will choose to come and see us in May. Questions? Contact Bob Solberg, HostaBob@gmail.com.

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Thursday, May 4th: Arrive at Comfort Suites Regency Park
350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518

8:00 PM Hospitality at the Hotel

Friday, May 5th:

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

8:00 Meet in Hotel Lobby

8:30 Depart Hotel for garden tours on your own

Plant Delights, WRAL Gardens, N C Farmers Market,
J C Raulston Arboretum, Big Bloomers, Private Garden

Lunch on your own

Dinner on your own

8:30 Hospitality, presentation at the Hotel

Saturday, May 6:

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

8:00 Depart Hotel for garden tours on your own

Private Gardens, Green Hill Farm, Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Lunch on your own

7:00 Pizza Party at the Hotel

8:00-8:15 DRHS Annual Meeting

8:15-9:30 Live Auction (free to the public)

Sunday, May 7:

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

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Registration Form

Please print:

Name: (as it will appear on your convention name tag) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional Attendees:

Name _____

Name _____

Full Registration: (includes Thursday and Friday Hospitality, Friday and Saturday Garden Tours on your own, Saturday Pizza Party, and Auction.) **Cost per person \$35.00**

Number of attendees @ \$35 _____

Late Registration Fee: If your form is postmarked after **April 1, 2023**

please add \$20 per person late fee. Late Fee @\$20 per person _____

Total included _____

Please mail checks only with this form to:

Beth Barnes, 2628 Freestone Lane, Raleigh, NC 27603

Make checks payable to: Dixie Regional Hosta Society

Hotel Reservations: Comfort Suites Regency Park

350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518 919-852-4318

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Reservation link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8>

Group: Dixie Regional Hosta Society SW24E8

Includes free hot breakfast. Rate cutoff date: April 20, 2023

**Please remember to bring plants, garden art, or a fun item
for the Saturday Auction. Thanks.**