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President's Letter

Potomac Hosta club is celebrating our 30th Anniversary this August.

Our Annual Spring meeting will be at Peace Lutheran Church. Merrifield Garden Center was unable to rent to us on April 3rd. Our guest speaker Bruce Banyai has a new grandchild due in March and the last week of March – Easter. Fortunately Board Member Debo Burk found us another location. The room will open at 2:00pm. Only Board Members, Schwegler, Morris, Ferguson and Shaver will be in for setup before that time. We will not have any outside vendors this year due to the change of venue.

**Please bring some refreshments to share at this meeting. The club will provide the paper goods and drinks as always. Also bring in items for the raffle and door prizes. Hostas, memberships, raffle tickets will be for sale by cash and checks.*

The club is working on updating our Bylaws and we need to elect new officers. Please consider stepping up. As a volunteer organization, we simply cannot function without the members contributing some of their time and energy to make it function.

This also includes volunteering your gardens for the open garden tours. All gardens are a work in progress and we would love to see your garden in any stage of development! Please we would like 5 gardens to sign up.

Susan

'Hosta Gardeners have it made in the shade.'

PHC Annual Spring Meeting and Plant Sale

Note the change in the long-time venue.

This year the spring meeting of the Potomac Hosta Club will be held at a new venue, the **Peace Lutheran Church at 6362 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 22312**. The meeting will run from **2:00 to 4:00 PM**. Directions to Peace Lutheran Church are listed below on Page 3.

The meeting will start off with the annual plant sale, featuring a variety of hostas, which are described and shown below. There also will be assorted door prizes to enliven the meeting. **Members are encouraged to donate items for our raffle or their own inexpensive hosta and garden-related items for door prizes**, providing greater enticement for members to attend the meeting. The sale will be followed by our guest speaker, Bruce Banyai.

Bruce Banyai: Long-Time Hosta Grower, Retailer and Judge

Bruce Banyai is the former owner of Banyai Hostas, a retail and wholesale hosta nursery in Hockessin, Delaware, and he has been growing hosta since the 1960s, selling and promoting them with his mother the late Pauline Banyai. He also introduced a few hosta of his own, notably *H.* 'Twist of Lime' and *H.* 'Crystal Fountain'. Bruce has been attending American Hosta Society functions going back to 1979, was a Master Judge of AHS Cut Leaf Shows, judged several of Region One's First Look shows, attended AHS Winter meetings in the 1980s and 1990s, and taught at the Great Lakes Hosta College. He is a past President of the Delaware Valley Hosta Society and was the AHS National Convention Auction Director from 1987 to 1992.



The topic of Bruce's presentation is a retrospective look at his mother and is titled: **"Pauline Banyai: The Michigan Hosta Lady Revisted."** Pauline became interested in raising and selling hostas in the 1960s as a side source of family income, but soon was also engaged in propagating and hybridizing them. Her most famous sport was *H.* 'Gold Standard', reportedly the best selling perennial in the 1990s. In all, a total of 36 hostas are attributed to Pauline Banyai.

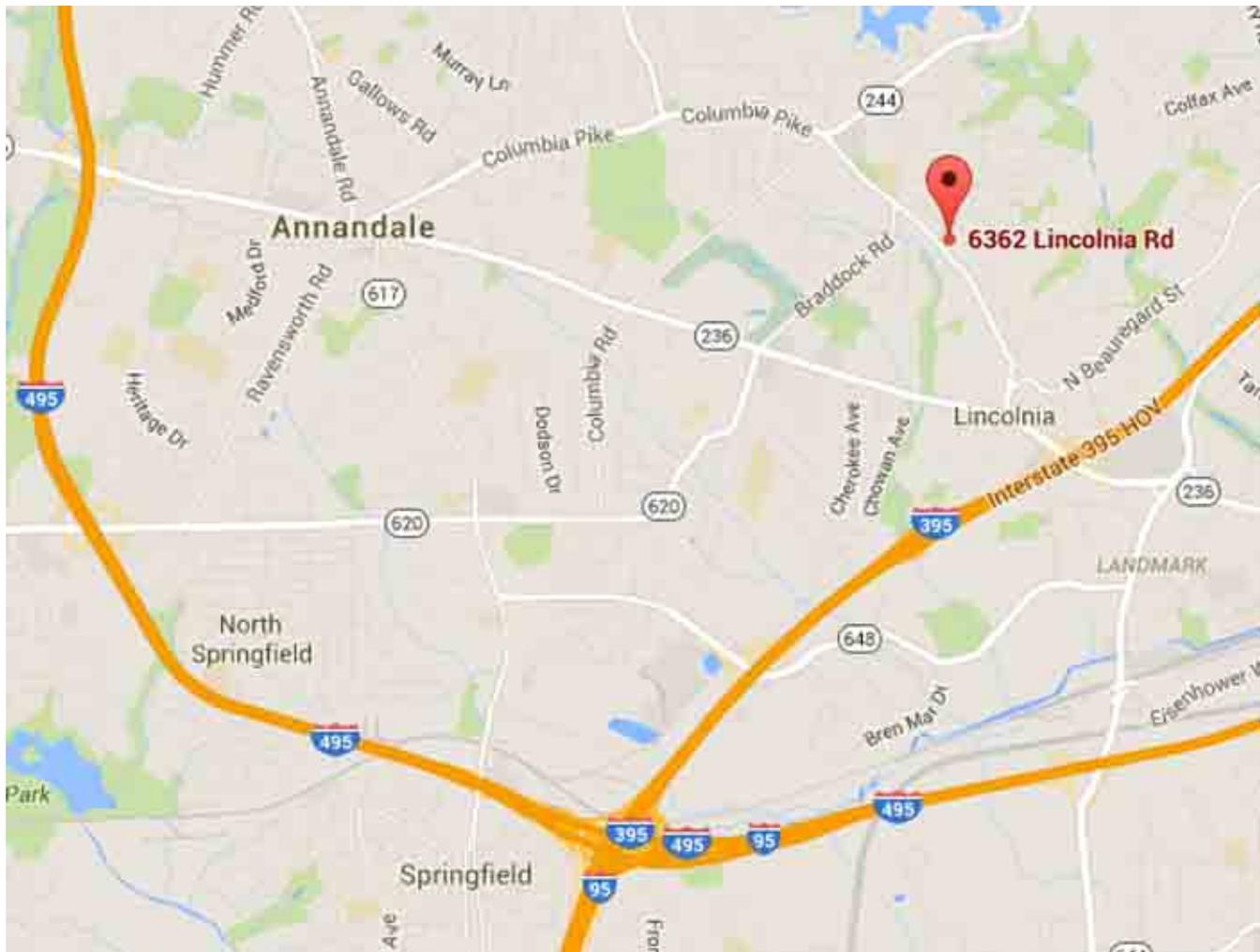


H. 'Gold Standard'

REMEMBER: You can always visit the Potomac Hosta Club on Facebook for all the latest information.

Directions to the Club's 2016 Spring Meeting and Plant Sale

Peace Lutheran Church
6362 Lincolnia Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22312



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From the Virginia Beltway/I-495:

Exit I-495 at Route 236 East/Little River Turnpike (Exit 52). Travel 3 miles to the traffic light at Braddock Road. Turn left onto Braddock Road and go for approximately 1 mile to the first traffic light, at Lincolnia Road. Turn right onto Lincolnia Road and drive about 0.3 mile to Summit Place. Take a left onto Summit Place and the church will be on your right.

From Interstate 395:

Exit I-395 at Route 236 West/Duke Street, Exit 3. Once on Route 236 West/Duke Street, turn right at the first light onto Beaugard Street, about 0.2 mile. Make an immediate left at the next light onto North Chambliss. Make a left onto Lincolnia Road at the next light, about 0.2 mile. The church is 0.6 mile on your right just before Summit Place. Turn right onto Summit Place and into the church parking lot on your right.

2015 Hosta Plant Sale

PHC Member Discounts

As in the past, PHC member families get a \$10 discount on the first plant(s) they buy. The discount applies to the family only and not to each member of the family.

You may purchase *only one hosta per variety* for a total of 10 plants. If there are plants remaining after everyone has had an opportunity to buy, then you may purchase additional plants. Doors will open at 1:45 - first come first served.

This Year's Plants For Sale

H. 'Curly Fries' –2016 Hosta of the Year



From Bob Solberg in 2008, a seedling of *H.* 'Pinnacle Upsidedown Cake', with highly ruffled, narrow leaves about 7-inches long and 1.5-inches wide that emerge yellow and then fade to near white. It is a small hosta, about 5-inches high and 16-inches wide, although it has proven to develop into a small mound. It has deep-purple scapes topped by lavender flowers and a medium growth rate. **Price is \$18.00.**

H. 'Hush Puppie'

From Tony Avent in 2005, *H.* 'Hush Puppie' is a *Hosta venusta* hybrid with dark-green, oval-shaped leaves that have a wide cream edge and are about 4-inches long and 2-inches wide. It is about 7-inches



high and 15-inches wide, with 8-inch high scapes of dark lavender flowers that appear in June. 'Hush Puppie' has a vigorous growth rate. **Price is \$15.00.**

H. 'Komodo Dragon'



From Mildred Seaver in 2004, *H.* 'Komodo Dragon' is a seedling of *H.* 'Donahue Piecrust' and is a large plant, reaching approximately 30-inches in height and 7-feet wide when mature. The large leaves are 10-inches wide by 13-inches long, blue-green to gray-green and heavily ribbed. Four-foot tall scapes appear with lavender flowers in midsummer. It has a medium growth rate. **Price is \$16.00.**

H. 'Moonstruck'

H. 'Moonstruck' is a small, upright blue hosta about 10-inches high and 18-to-24-inches wide. Its lance-like leaves are 6-inches long and 3-inches wide, with creamy-white centers and blue-green margins. Its scapes support violet blooms in late summer. It



has a reasonably fast growth rate for a hosta with the amount of white in its leaves. Price is **\$15.00**.

H. ‘Pocketful of Sunshine’



Introduced by Walters Gardens, ‘Pocketful of Sunshine’ is a sport of *H. ‘Rainforest Sunrise’* with thick round, heavily puckered and deeply cupped leaves forming a mound about 10-inches high and 20-inches wide. The leaves are about 4-inches wide and 6-inches long, the center being chartreuse in spring and brightening as the summer progresses, while the margins are deep green as the plant matures. It forms lavender flowers on 14-inch high scapes in early-to-mid summer and has a medium growth rate. **Price is \$18.00.**

H. ‘Vulcan’

Introduced by Hans Hansen in 2007, *H. ‘Vulcan’* is an exceptionally vigorous sport of *H. ‘Captain Kirk’* with white-centered leaves that hold their color through the growing season. When mature the



hosta is about 18-inches tall and 30-inches wide. The white leaf centers are bordered by dark-green margins, with lighter green streaks where the margin meets the center. The oval-shaped leaves are about 7-inches wide and 8-inches long. The 24-inch high scapes sport pale lavender flowers in mid-summer. It has a fast growth rate. **Price is \$16.00.**

Welcome Aboard!

The Potomac Hosta Club would like to welcome the following new member:

- Elaine Sell, Nottingham, MD (Baltimore)

Election of PHC Officers

Last year the Club elected a new slate of directors and this year it is time to elect – or reelect – our officers: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and membership secretary. In preparation, the PHC Executive Board – the officers, directors and newsletter editor – is revising the current bylaws, which date from 1997. When approved by the board, the revised bylaws will be sent to the membership for your comments and thoughts, and will be brought to a vote at the next general membership meeting, which could be a special meeting called specifically to discuss and vote on the proposed bylaws.

What the Executive Board is asking of the membership is that you consider the proposed bylaws carefully and either volunteer to stand for one of the officer positions or suggest the name of a

member you think would be a good fit for the office – and may be willing to serve. Most of the current officers have served more than two three-year terms and it is time to inject new blood into the board. If the Potomac Hosta Club is to remain viable and continue to thrive in the years to come depends wholly on all of you and I hope you will step up to the challenge of joining our Executive Board.

Tom Hilt
 Editor, *Shady Business*

Hostas Number One!

Another interesting gardening tidbit from fellow member and Master Gardener George Graine, who writes:

“Below is some interesting data from a trade pub e-mail. Can you believe that hostas rank #1 in perennial sales for 2014?”

Well, I think many of our members can, but for you non-believers, read on.

Nearly \$1 Billion Sold

Perennials are approaching \$1 billion in sales each year. That’s according to the USDA 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties released a couple of weeks ago. In 2014, the total sales for the potted herbaceous perennial plant category was \$945 million. This is up \$101 million (12%) from the last census results in 2009.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS) 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties, conducted earlier this year, is based on respondents’ total calendar 2014 sales. The mandatory data was collected from horticultural operations with over \$10,000 in farm gate sales across all 50 states. The data can be found in Table 1 of the 2014 census, under Potted Herbaceous Perennial Plants; a link to the Census can be found below.

Not many of us have had much time to analyze the data from the whopping 516 page report, but rest assured there will be more census results to come from Ball Horticultural’s resident horticulturist Dr. Marvin Miller. Look for more summaries here or in Ball Publishing’s *Acres Online* newsletter and *GrowerTalks* magazine. If you simply can’t wait, you can view the 2014 Census of Horticultural

Specialties results by clicking this link:

http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Online_Resources/Census_of_Horticulture_Specialties/

The Top Perennials Are ...

The perennial category from the 2014 Census of Horticultural Specialties was divided into 38 categories (including "other perennials"), each representing a genus or category of perennials. These categories were not broken down by plant species or by cultivar. I always find it interesting to scroll through these categories to see if they make sense, or if a category took me by surprise.

The top ten perennials are:

Rank	Perennial	2014 Value
1	Hostas	\$58,375,000
2	Daylilies	\$28,517,000
3	Ferns (hardy/garden)	\$20,389,000
4	Salvia (perennial)	\$16,695,000
5	Echinacea (Purple and other)	\$15,657,000
6	Dianthus	\$15,170,000
7	Coral Bells (Heuchera)	\$15,149,000
8	Sedum	\$15,031,000
9	Coreopsis	\$14,038,000
10	Lavender	\$13,748,000

Of these, ferns is the category that stands out like a sore thumb. I wouldn't have expected ferns to have been in the top five, but there they are. Lavender at number 10 also seems a little out of place; I would expect something like phlox or rudbeckia to fill this spot (these were ranked 11th and 12th respectively).

Speaking of Viridescence

by Rob Mortko

(Article courtesy of the AHS Newsletter Exchange, reprinted from the Ontario Hosta Society’s newsletter, OHS Newsletter, Volume 22, Issue 1, Winter 2016.)

We have all come to appreciate that foliage color is a dynamic variable in growing hostas. And we can

generally deal with that. But what about those variegated cultivars that start the year with a glorious combination of variegated color only to end up all green by mid-season?

For example both 'Fortunei Albo-Picta' and ventricosa 'Aureomaculata' start the season with an attractive cream colored center along with a dark green margin. But by late May they are essentially a solid green color. The very popular 'Whirlwind' does the same thing even if it does give us a little longer show of variegation into early July before turning all green.



'Fortunei Albo-Picta' (early June); photo by Marta Cepek

So what's up with all this? The American Hosta Society defines the term viridescence as “having leaves which begin the season lighter colored and become more green as the season advances.”

“Honey, I Shrunk the Garden” How to Get the Most out of a Small Garden

A recap of Steve McMurtry's November 15, 2015 program to the Georgia Hosta Society.

(Courtesy of the AHS Newsletter Exchange, reprinted from the Georgia Hosta Society's Georgia Hosta Notes, Volume 32, Number 1, January 2016.)

Normally, we do not review programs presented at previous meetings in our newsletter. However, we are making an exception this time for a couple of reasons. First, our November meeting date had to be changed at the last minute and, as a result, many of our members were unable to attend on the revised date. Second, Steve presented an absolutely

outstanding program on miniature gardens that we think all of our members deserve to know about.

Steve's talk was about the trend of many gardeners to down-scale their gardens into smaller spaces or even into containers. He noted that AHS has been promoting container gardens for many years as well as promoting the use of miniature hostas. He also noted that the interest in fairy gardens continues to grow. He brought a number of beautiful and interesting container gardens made up of a wide range of both sun and shade plants to help demonstrate what makes a successful planting. Many of them also incorporated fairy garden props that made them all the more interesting.



Steve demonstrated several principles that go into creating and maintaining beautiful miniature gardens. First he talked about containers and soil mixes. He stressed the need to use high quality soil mixes that provide good drainage. He makes his own soil mix starting with pine bark based soil conditioner to which he adds generous amounts of pumice and/or perlite to promote drainage and hold down the weight of the container. He also recommends adding a layer of expandable shale or uncolored aquarium gravel at the bottom of the container to further promote drainage.

Steve noted that containers can be just about anything that will hold soil and plants and which have sufficient drainage holes. If a container does not have drainage holes, use a drill with masonry bits to add some. He pointed out the wide variety of containers that he used in the exhibits he brought for demonstration. He added an important note of caution. Make sure your container garden is not too heavy for you to handle. He stressed that the

container you select is a critical part of the overall design and should complement the material used in it. The same goes when arranging several container gardens together. They should be arranged to complement each other.



Steve talked extensively about proper plant selection. Assemble plants which are compatible with each other from a cultural standpoint and which are aesthetically pleasing in combination as well. He demonstrated how plant and accessory shapes, form, line and color had to be considered in combining the plants into the integrated garden. He noted that containers meant to be shown in accredited hosta shows should have hostas as **the strong focal point**, which makes plant selection even more important.

(Georgia Editor's Note: Perhaps it is time to consider changing the wording for Division III Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect to indicate that hostas should be "prominent" in the exhibit rather than "the strong focal point" to allow more flexibility in plant selection.)

Steve stressed that every container garden should be arranged to bring the eye to a focal point in the exhibit. He does this in two ways. With the first method, he arranges plants and accessories in the container from front to rear with the taller materials in the rear. With the second method, he arranges the material in a spiral fashion from outside to inside with the taller plants and accessories in the center of the container. He showed how either method works and noted the method used often will be dictated by the container.

Steve pointed out that accessories such as miniature paths, steps and pools can be made from easily found materials such as leftover tiles, saucers, broken ceramics, etc. Anything can be made into

an accessory for the container garden or fairy garden provided it is compatible with other materials in the garden. Due to the high current interest in fairy gardening, many accessories of just the right size may be purchased on-line or found in craft shops. As with container selection, the only limit to accessory selection is your own imagination.

Steve stressed the importance of closely monitoring your container gardens and watering when needed. Also apply fertilizer regularly to feed your gardens. The well-draining soil mixes used in containers can dry out fairly quickly in hot dry weather and the regular application of water to keep the medium moist can rapidly wash out nutrients. If you use moss for a ground cover, keep in mind that the moss tends to shed water. Make sure the water penetrates the moss when you water and reaches the soil beneath it. He also noted that containers sitting on the ground should be checked regularly to make sure roots from nearby trees and shrubs do not invade the pot.

Steve closed by stating that you are the artist and your container garden or fairy garden is your subject. Let your imagination run wild and go for drama in container, plant, and accessory selection. Above all, though, build a garden that pleases you. If it does that, it is a total success.

Below you will find several pictures of containers that Steve created. These pictures were taken by either Steve or another of our talented members, Mikky Lockwood. Enjoy!



2016 American Hosta Society Convention: “Gateway to the Gardens”



Next year's AHS convention will be held in St. Louis Wednesday-Saturday, June 15th through 18th, hosted by the St. Louis Hosta Society. The theme is “Gateway to the Gardens” and will feature local vendors, speakers, a cut-leaf show and ten private gardens on display Friday and Saturday, June 17th and 18th. The convention agenda and schedule is available through the St. Louis Hosta Society's website at: www.stlouishosta.org.

Registration is \$215 if sent by April 30th and includes a handbook, ten self-guided garden tours, Friday & Saturday breakfast buffets and evening banquets, access to all seminars, speakers and vendors, and a gift hosta. A bus for the garden tours is available to the first 54 people to sign up at a cost of \$50. The convention will be held at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel in St. Louis County, at the intersection of Interstate-270 and Highway 364/Highway D (Page Avenue).

Reservations can be made through the St. Louis Hosta Society's website and rooms will be discounted to \$129 at night, plus taxes, if reserved by May 31st.

The Dirt on Dirty Hostas

By Conny Parsons

(Courtesy of the AHS Newsletter Exchange, reprinted from Delaware Valley Hosta Society's Newsletter, Volume 24, Number 4, Fall 2015.)

The photo below was taken late September and shows only about 25% of the dirt, actually sooty mold, which was on the leaves throughout the summer. Two other hostas next to it were also

infected. The second flush looked a little better by maybe 50%. Constant sprinkling and watering along with an occasional rain removed some but not all.



Sooty Mold on H. 'Eternity'. C. Parsons photo

This blackish mold growing on hosta leaves is due to the sticky honeydew secreted by aphids (and other insects) living in overhead trees. The hostas in this area are under a crabapple, a maple, and not far from a black walnut tree. The aphids infect the new growth on many trees. The liquid they secrete as they feed is called 'honeydew.' This sugary substance is extremely sticky and clings to surfaces, including hosta leaves, windows and cars. Various molds then grow in the honeydew, creating a blackish appearance on hosta foliage.

The only information/solution about sooty mold on hosta leaves we found was in Mark Zilis' *Field Guide to Hostas*, pages 366-367. Spray the foliage with water as honeydew appears; or (of course) move hostas to locations where they will not be subject to honeydew. Early spray with a mild detergent and water followed by sponging the leaves may help.

Googling “sooty mold on plants” produced several other potential treatments for application early in the season. Spray with neem oil (2 T. per gallon) weekly while the problem persists. A simple baking soda spray is often effective at preventing fungal spores from settling onto vulnerable plants (1 teaspoon into 2 quarts of water, with a drop of liquid soap). Spray foliage once a week with this solution and after heavy rainfalls.

2016 Dixie Region Convention

The Hosta Society of North Alabama is hosting this year's Dixie Region convention in Huntsville, Alabama, on Thursday-Saturday, June 2nd through 4th. Huntsville's NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Museum sets the convention's theme, "Rocket City Rendezvous...for Hosta Lovers." Included will be tours of nine local gardens, speakers, vendors, hostality, and a Saturday banquet buffet and special speaker. Registration is \$125 if made by April 22nd and the form can be found on the Dixie Region's website, www.dixiehosta.net.

The convention will be held at the Best Western Plus Hotel, Madison, Alabama (in the Huntsville area) and reservations can be made by calling the hotel direct at: 256-772-7170. Mention the Dixie Region convention when making reservations for a guaranteed rate of \$88-a-night, plus taxes, which includes breakfast. If you would like more information on the program or have other questions, contact Mary Terrell at: marydterrell@gmail.com.

Garden Stroll: Volunteers Needed!!

One of the high points of the Club's yearly activities is the Garden Stroll: the ability to visit members' gardens. Not only do we see great gardens, we get to meet other members, share our thoughts on hostas and gather a variety of ideas on how we can make our gardens better. Whether you live in the city, the suburbs, in a rural area or a townhouse, your garden is unique and we want to see it.

Our Garden Stroll dates this year are Sunday, May 15th, and Sunday May 22nd. If we have enough volunteer gardens, we will group the Virginia tours together on the first Sunday, and the Maryland and DC hosts on the second Sunday.

Many of us have small yards or live in townhouses and may think that no one wants to spend the time to see a modest garden. But that's not true!! Last year Tito Rivera volunteered to show his townhouse garden and it was real gem and your's probably is too. So, volunteer to show it and we'll all have a good time. And if you need some help in getting it

in shape, we will find some volunteers to pitch in, just contact me at: tandjhilt@verizon.net.

Tom Hilt
Editor, *Shady Business*



Tito's townhouse garden.

Picture by Tom Hilt

Support for Our Professional Members

These commercial members not only bring another level of expertise to the PHC, they also support our efforts to bring members the newest hostas at reasonable prices.

Bridgewood Gardens, Chick Wasitis proprietor, Strasburg, Virginia; www.bridgewoodgardens.com

Claythings, LJ Pendlebury, proprietor, Alexandria, VA; www.claythings.net

Green Hill Farm, Bob and Nancy Solberg proprietors, Franklinton, North Carolina; www.hostahosta.com

Heather Hill Gardens, Bonnie Ruetenik proprietor, Fairfax Station, Virginia; www.heatherhillgardens.com

Possess the Land Nursery, Addie Drayton proprietor, Oxon Hill, MD; possessthelandnursery.com

Wade & Gatton Nurseries, Van Wade proprietor, Belleville, Ohio, wadeandgattonnurseries.com

Club Publicity: With regard to publicity, we are asking all the PHC officers and board members to do what we can to ensure that articles or notes about the Club are inserted in local news outlets, homeowners' associations newsletters, bulletin boards and the like. We also need the Club's membership to help us with this effort. If you know of an outlet for publicity for the Club, we will provide a note or article for inclusion. For assistance with this, you can contact Susan Hedrick at hostaclub@gmail.com or Tom Hilt at tandjhilt@verizon.net.

Membership Dues:

The current dues for 1 year/3 years are:

- Households \$10/\$25
- Senior Households (65+): \$5 Annually
- Garden Clubs, Plant Societies: \$15/\$40

Volunteers

This note has finally become a permanent feature in the newsletter and, unfortunately, I have not been able to make it go away. The club needs volunteers for the many activities we are involved in, so as a member, that means you! As summer fades, the Club will be entering our "dormant" period, but like your hostas, we'll come blooming out in the spring with a new list of hosta-related events that should command your attention – and hopefully, your help. We'll be looking for you! For questions, you can always contact Susan Hedrick on 703-866-2211 or at: hostaclub@gmail.com or Tom Hilt on 202-546-4199 or at: tandjhilt@verizon.net.

Hostas in the 2015 Hosta Garden Stroll



Tito Rivera's Hostas



Pat Myler's Hostas



Taffy Turner's Hostas

Upcoming Events For 2016

- **The PHC Annual Meeting and Plant Sale:** *Sunday, April 3rd, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM*, at Peace Lutheran Church, 6362 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, Virginia; see details above on Page 2. The speaker will be Bruce Banyai, whose bio also is listed above on Page 2.
- **AHS River Farm Plant Sale:** *Friday-Saturday, April 8th and 9th, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM*; open to non-members on Friday afternoon and Saturday. Location is the American Horticultural Society's River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Details on the AHS website: www.ahs.org. **Volunteers are needed for this sale.**
- **Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) Plant Sale:** *Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th*, at the National Arboretum, Washington, DC. Due to a change of location on the arboretum and increased vendor charges, **the Club will not participate in the sale this year** and reevaluate it for 2017.
- **Town of Vienna Garden Faire:** *Saturday, May 7th*, on the town green, 144 Maple Street, Vienna, VA.
- **Green Spring Park Plant Sale:** *Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM*, at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA; **volunteers are needed.**
- **PHC Garden Strolls:** *Sunday, May 15th, and Sunday, May 22nd*; **volunteers are needed to show their gardens.**
- **Dixie Regional Hosta Convention:** *"Rocket City Rendezvous," to be held Thursday-Saturday, June 2nd through 4th*, at the Best Western in Madison, Alabama (the Huntsville area). See details on Page 10 above.
- **Behnke Nursery's "Garden Club and Plant Society" Day:** Date and time to be announced, but generally held in early June at Behnke's Nursery, 11300 Baltimore Avenue, Greenbelt, Maryland.
- **AHS Annual Convention:** *Wednesday, June 15th, through Saturday, June 18th*, in St Louis, Missouri, hosted by the St. Louis Hosta Society; see Page 9 above for details.
- **Hosta Bingo:** Date, time and details to be determined. If members know of a location that can hold up to about 30 people for this event, please let Susan Hedrick know at: hostaclub@gmail.com.
- **PHC's 30th Anniversary and Annual Picnic:** *Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 11th, from Noon to 2:00 PM*, at the Broyhill Crest Recreation Club, 7212 Early Street, Annandale, Virginia.
- **Fall Hosta Forum:** *Friday-Saturday, September 16th and 17th*, at Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania. This one-day event is jointly sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania and Western New York Hosta Societies, with noted speakers on hostas and other plant/garden issues of interest. Specific details for 2016 are not yet available; if you are interested in this event, check the website www.wnyhosta.com.

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