



Bob Iames, President

President's Letter

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As the gardening season winds down, I was thinking back on what a great year MVHS had. Interesting speakers, a fun bus trip to the Hosta Tailg8 in Mogadore, OH and the Great Hosta Auction, just to name a few.

June brought us to the homes of Audrey and Ron Schilb and Karen Warner for member garden tours. Many of us had a great time at the July picnic at the home of Marcia and Gary Niswonger, where we saw a beautiful garden and enjoyed being able to chat with one another. A big thanks to all.

I would like to thank Karen Warner, Bette Rau, Joyce Zeck and Susan Detert for all their hard work to make the club so much fun and a success. Bette (Vice-President) and Susan (Secretary) will be joining Joyce Thomas (Treasurer) and me as your new officers for 2017 & 2018. It will be our goal to continue in their successful foot-

steps.

I would also like to thank Steve Harman for all his hard work and dedication on electronic communications for the club. He kept us informed with Constant Contact and coordinated the website account. Joan Stoppleman will be taking over for Steve.

2017 is going to be an exciting year. It's our 25TH Anniversary. Can you believe it, the MVHS is 25 years old and still growing strong. From the thoughts of a few people, wanting to expand their love and knowledge of hosta, grew a club that has provided education in all aspects of gardening, Hosta College and many, many friends. It's no wonder the hosta is known as the "Friendship Plant".

There are several important 2017 dates we would like you to mark on your calendars right now. Please see Page 3. Of special note are the following.

June 17 Public Garden Tour As part of our 25TH year we are going to

invite the public to our gardens. This will be open to any of our members who want to be a part of the tour. Our hope is to spark more interest in our club and increase membership. Please consider opening your garden for this event.

September 12 25TH Anniversary Dinner

What we need from you will be pictures, memorabilia and stories from the past 25 years to share. More information about these and all our other meeting dates and events will be in your 2017 Yearbook, newsletters and emails. Please watch for them and mark your calendars.

This is shaping up to be another great year. Please plan now to attend as many events as you can. Bring friends to the meetings, the more the merrier. The 2017 gardening season will be upon us before you know it. So, till our first meeting in April, have a safe and family-filled holiday season.

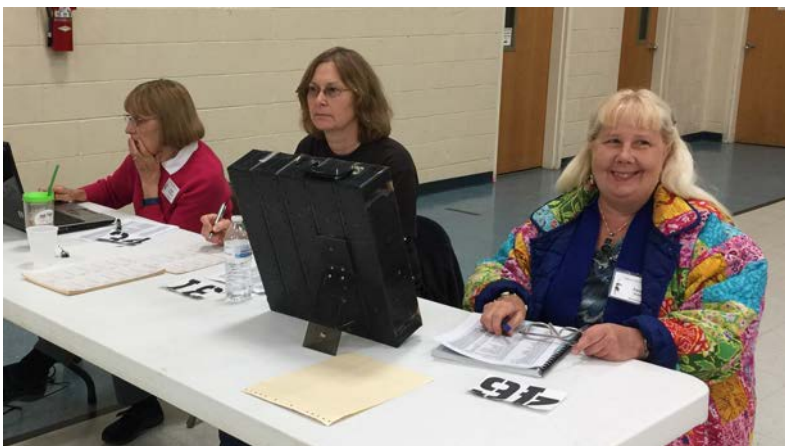
Bob Iames

May 14 Auction at a New Location is a Success



Thanks to bidders and volunteers, this year's annual fundraising event set another record raising \$2,265 net of expenses. A sincere thank you to EVERYONE who supported our club's annual auction and fundraiser... this year on a cold, rainy *new* day (Saturday) and at a new location, the very hospitable West Carrollton Nazarene Church which was secured by Gene & Glenda Wogoman.

Special recognition goes to **Joan Stoppelman** who organized the donated plants and bidding guides, and to our new auctioneer, MVHS Member **Bob Iames** and his assistants, **Gene Bashor**, **Greg Rau**, **Tom Stoppelman** and **Carlton Addison**. Thanks also to bid talliers, cashiers, auction-item organizers and arrangers, and to the membership chairs, hospitality crew and all others who helped to make things go so smoothly.



But highest praise is reserved for MVHS Vendors (listed page 9) and the dedicated members (listed below) who donated plants and gardening items, and to the 33 generous bidders who made this result possible.

Thank you.
By Karen Warner



Sherry and her purchases

Individual Contributors:

Carlton Addison
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Audrey & Ron Schilb
Joyce Thomas
Karen Warner
Gene & Glenda Wogoman

2017 MVHS Preliminary Calendar

April 11 Meeting with guest speaker Doug Beilstein at the Dayton Metro Library-Vandalia Branch

May 6 The Great MVHS Hosta Auction at the Nazarene Church, West Carrollton.

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June 24-5 Bus Trip to Michigan

September 12 25TH Anniversary Dinner The dinner will be held at the Presidential Banquet Center at 6:00 PM. What we need from you will be pictures, memorabilia and stories from the past 25 years to share. So start looking for and remembering those things now.

October 21 Tri Club Luncheon This is our annual meeting with the Central Ohio, Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Hosta Societies. It's our year to host the meeting and it will be held at the Presidential Banquet Center. The speaker will be Rob Mortko, owner of Made In the Shade Gardens from Olathe, KS. His presentation will be "The Hot Hostas of Tomorrow," a presentation on hostas that will be released in a year or two from many of the country's top hybridizers.

The remainder of the calendar will be communicated in the Yearbook mailed to members early next year. Stay tuned!

Dues Reminder

2017 dues are due December 31, 2016. Timely paid dues give you the benefit of being included in the printed Yearbook, preferential Bus Trip Registration, and early registration for Hosta College. Please mail your check to Treasurer, Joyce Thomas 6211 St. Rt. 123 Franklin, OH 45005 or contact Joyce at 937-789-8663 or joycethomas1499@gmail.com. Individual \$12/year. Family \$17/year (2 persons with the same address).

Hosta College March 17-18

If you've never attended a Great Lakes Region Hosta College, you're missing one of the area's most comprehensive weekend plant symposiums. For only \$42 (hosta society members) or \$55 (nonmembers) participants are able to attend 5 classes they have chosen from a program of over 70 classes on hostas, other plants, and gardening topics. The weekend includes a banquet, speaker, auction, and vendor sales as well as networking opportunities with some of the major hosta experts in the country. We are fortunate to have such a great spring conference held at the Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua, Ohio. Keep your eyes open for registration e-mail messages in February or go to <http://www.ihostohio.org/portal/glhccollege.asp> for more information.

American Hosta Society Membership

Join the American Hosta Society and receive *The Hosta Journal* mailed twice a year and have access to a third issue online in the *Members Only* section of the AHS website. This publication offers the latest information on care, feeding, and hybridizing; pictures of new cultivars; and news of upcoming meetings and conventions. Additional benefits include an opportunity to attend national meetings and conventions which offer educational and scientific presentations, garden tours, judge's clinics, and a chance to see the latest and best hosta in the hosta show. Members have the privilege of visiting display gardens throughout the country, many of which are only open to AHS members. Also, members are invited to exhibit their favorite hostas and compete for recognition in various AHS national and regional cut-leaf shows. Visit americanhostasociety.org for more information.

Other Events of Interest

February 18-19 Miami Valley Orchid Society Show. See miamivalleyorchidsociety.com

June 7-10 American Hosta Society National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Go to indyhosta2017.com to register. Register by January 15, 2017 for early bird savings.

September 2, 2017 Bob's Garden Fair

2016 Meetings

August 9 "Water Gardening" by Jerry Woodbury



Jerry Woodbury, President of the Miami Valley Water Garden Society, gave a very informative talk on the design, implementation, and maintenance of ponds and water features. He compared the pros and cons of Pre-formed versus Flexible Rubber Liners. We met at a lovely new location, the recently renovated Miami Township Branch of the Dayton Metro Library.

September 13 Carry-in at Stockslager's

The Club held another fabulous potluck at Stockslager's Greenhouse and Garden Center in New Lebanon. After shopping and eating, we were treated to a fascinating tour of the facilities which include 7 acres under roof and additional acreage outside. We saw many of the 70,000 perfectly shaped mums produced each year stretching as far as the eye could see. A big thank you to our hosts who provided a great warehouse dining experience and insights into producing nursery plants on a massive scale.



October 11 "Preparing the Garden for Winter" at Knollwood



For its final meeting of the year, the Club met at Knollwood Garden Center and Landscaping in Beavercreek. John Scott, third generation of this family company, shared his wisdom about shutting down our gardens for the season. He provided the group with an excellent Autumn Checklist that detailed what pruning, mulching, and maintenance each major group of plants needs.

We elected two new officers:

Bob liames, President

Joyce Thomas, Treasurer

We applauded the dedicated service that Karen Warner (former President) and Joyce Zech (former Treasurer) gave to our organization.

2016 Garden Tours



Audrey & Ron Schilb's Home in June (above)



Karen Warner's Home in June (above)

2016 Garden Tours Continued

In 2016 we were privileged to visit three wonderful member gardens.

Audrey and Ron Schilb invited us to see their mature and varied Kettering garden prior to some major upheaval necessitated by a gas transmission easement running through the back portion of the yard (previous page). The examples of dogwoods, redwood, tri-color beech, and other ornamentals were spectacular specimens.

Karen Warner's well manicured Springboro yard displayed lovely hostas, interesting conifers, whimsical art, and a beautiful water feature (previous page).

Gary & Marcia Niswonger hosted the club's summer picnic filled with good food & conversation. The artful design of planting beds, water, stone, and sculpture made the gathering a feast for the eyes as well. (Right). Thank you for sharing your gardens with us.



Gary & Marcia Niswonger Garden

2016 Bus Trip



Cherokee Campgrounds



Larry & Carlton

On July 8, MVHS hopped on a bus to Mogadore, Ohio to join the 6th annual Great Lakes Region Hosta Tailg8 hosted by Midland Hosta Society. Over Friday and Saturday, we toured five fabulous residential gardens, participated in an auction, shopped at Wade & Gatton and the Tailgate vendors, and visited a hidden gem, the Warther Museum.

Friday morning, we drove to the home of Daniel Behr in Howard, Ohio. His garden featured a significant collection of daylilies and lovely hostas as well as prize winning cookies. We proceeded to Wade & Gatton Nurseries in Bellville, Ohio for lunch and shopping. The gardens surrounding the old farm house are worthy of arboretum status and the endless rows of hoop houses contained a wide range of hostas and perennials for sale (many of which found their way into the belly of the bus).

The Tailgate was centered at the Cherokee Campgrounds in Mogadore, east of Akron in Northeast Ohio. Af-



Donna McMillen Garden



Daniel Behr Garden

Bus Trip Gardens

ter checking into the very conveniently located and comfortable hotel, we joined in the Tailgate festivities. Many vendors were present selling hostas, perennials, conifers, and small trees. Our group donated plants and bought several plants in a well run auction. On Saturday we toured four more residential gardens. Donna McMillen's garden in Akron, Ohio charmed us with whimsical statuary made from concrete molds

including an Alice in Wonderland creation. Rufus & Patty Gehman's Louisville, OH garden appeared to be a traditional farmhouse property from the front and yielded one of the most interesting and beautiful water features in the back yard. A side stream wound around an island containing a huge tree before returning to the pond. Marjie & Dave Jeffries' Canton, OH garden had 300 hosta and 17 hydrangea and demon-



Rufus & Patty Gehman Garden

2016 Bus Trip Cont.

strated a beautiful use of a narrow, but deep yard. The teal green 1953 Oldsmobile in the garage attracted some interest as well. Rita Mullet had a 2 1/2 acre Beach City, OH country lot with everything one hopes for in a garden tour--over 400 hosta, 350 daylilies, beautiful potting barn, several sculptures, water feature, and an interesting use of antiques. The Midland Hosta Society should be congratulated on a great Tailgate.

Saturday afternoon found us at the Warther Museum and Gardens in Dover, OH which displays the amazing carving creations of Ernest "Mooney" Warther. Born in 1885 to Swiss immigrant parents, Mooney Warther created hundreds of scale replicas of his-



Sherry & Joyce

Marjie & Dave Jeffries Garden

toric trains carved from ebony, ivory, and walnut in his workshop/home in Dover. Each train has thousands of tiny moving parts and is a work of art. The definition of a great museum experience is that I walked in wondering why a garden club would visit a small museum celebrating carving and I walked out knowing that I had been in the presence of the works of a genius. This museum is a must see for anyone that finds himself in northeast Ohio.

This was my first MVHS Bus Trip and I found it to be one of my favorite club experiences. I expected to see great gardens and buy plants, but I did not realize how much I would enjoy getting to know my fellow bus riders. A big thank you to the members who made it possible Larry Grage, Bette & Greg Rau, Karen Warner, and Gene & Marcia Bashor. We are planning another great trip in 2017, so don't miss out!
By Robin Mann



Rita Mullet Garden



Warther Museum, Dover Ohio

Thank You Vendors!

The following vendors donated plants or other goods to the 2016 MVHS Auction. A successful auction would not have been possible without their generous support. *In addition, the asterisks indicate vendors that held MVHS meetings in 2016. Thank you for your hospitality and support.

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(513)423-5306
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dannaherlandscaping.com
12200 Vans Valley Rd, Galena, OH 43021
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Email: gwogoman@infinet.com
7620 Halderman Rd, West Alexandria, OH 45381
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Grandma's Gardens grandmasgardencenters.com
8107 North State Route 48, Waynesville, OH 45068
(937)885-2740

Groovy Plants Ranch groovyplantsranch.com
4140 Co. Rd 15, Marengo, OH 43334
(740)675-2681

Joan's Backyard Treasures
6215 Calvalcade Dr, Hamilton, OH 45011
(513)868-3512

Knollwood Garden Center & Landscaping *
Knollwoodgardens.com
3766 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45432
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4107 East State Route 73, Waynesville, OH 45068
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