



President's Letter

Bob Liames, President

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Hi gardening friends, Where has the year gone? Seems like yesterday I was planning what direction the garden was taking this year. There were some hiccups: 18.7" of rain June through July followed by just 2" in August...wind storm...rabbits...wind storm...deer...wind storm...picking up sticks...wind storm...picking up more sticks. Oh well, all in the life of gardeners.

Our next meeting is our 25th anniversary celebration at the Presidential Banquet Center. Please bring old

club photos, memorabilia and memories to share with everyone. It will be a fun night.

October brings our regular club meeting with Tom His-song speaking about the wonders of birds and then the Tri-Club meeting. This is our year to host the tri-club meeting. It will also be at the Presidential Banquet Center and Rob Mortko will be our speaker. He is a fantastic speaker and his talk is on "Hot Hostas for the Future." I hope to see everyone. Please refer to the Yearbook for all the information for these events.

Planning for next year will start soon. If you have any ideas for speakers, places to go, or things to do, please let me or any of your officers know. See you at the 25th celebration.

Take care,
Bob



Paul's Glory, Gage Garden

May 6 Auction a Great Success!

The 2017 Auction netted the MVHS \$3,065 which is a 35% increase over 2016. Our only fundraising event of the year, the auction supports the organization's activities throughout the year. Gene and Glenda Wogoman secured the West Carrollton Nazarene Church for the second year and this has been a great location for the auction. The success would not be possible without the generous donations of plants from businesses and members. A big thank you to all the members who picked up plants, volunteered at the auction and who planned the event! Thank you bidders for your enthusiastic support!



Libby & Michael Greanya Garden



2017 Meetings



Mardy Beilstein, Carlon Addison, Doug Beilstein

MVHS APRIL MEETING

On April 11 at the Dayton Metro Library-Vandalia Branch, Doug Beilstein presented “**Are TETS our Next Frontier.**” The talk was a fascinating discussion of what tetraploid hostas are, how they are engineered, and what advantages and disadvantages they have over traditional diploid hostas. Tetraploids have four chromosomes, whereas traditional hostas have two. Some of the advantages of Tets are greater substance, larger flowers and sharper colors. The disadvantages are a tendency towards brittleness and lack of variety in leaf shape. Doug has been hybridizing tets and is excited about the possibilities for future hosta varieties. As a bonus, he talked about frost damage of hostas and the importance of removing the mushy tissue to avoid rot.

MVHS AUGUST MEETING

On August 8 at the Dayton Metro Library-Miami Township Branch, Tom and Fran Davidson presented an introduction to raising honey bees. Tom and Fran are the owners of Golden Queen Apiary which began in 2011 with two hives. Now they have over 24 hives and mentor other new bee keepers. The Davidsons brought slides and video of their bee-keeping activities and explained the interesting life cycle of a hive.



Tom Davidson



Fran Davidson

2017 MVHS Fall Calendar

Date and Location	Event
<p>Sep 12, Tue 6pm Presidential Banquet Center</p>	<p>25th Anniversary Dinner. Reservations required.</p>
<p>Oct 10, Tue 7pm Vandalia Senior Center 21 Tionda Dr South Vandalia, OH 45377</p>	<p>Meeting with guest speaker, Tom Hissong, Retired Education Manager, Aullwood Audubon Center & Farm. “Magic in the Air: The Wonders of Bird Migration.” Learn how to develop a “bird friendly” yard habitat. Tom has worked as an environmental educator for 40 years.</p> 
<p>Oct 21, Sat 12-3pm Presidential Banquet Center</p>	<p>Tri-Club Luncheon with guest speaker Rob Mortko of Made in the Shade Gardens. “The Hot Hostas of Tomorrow.” Reservations and fee required by October 11. See Yearbook for more information.</p>

2017 American Hosta Society National Convention in Indianapolis

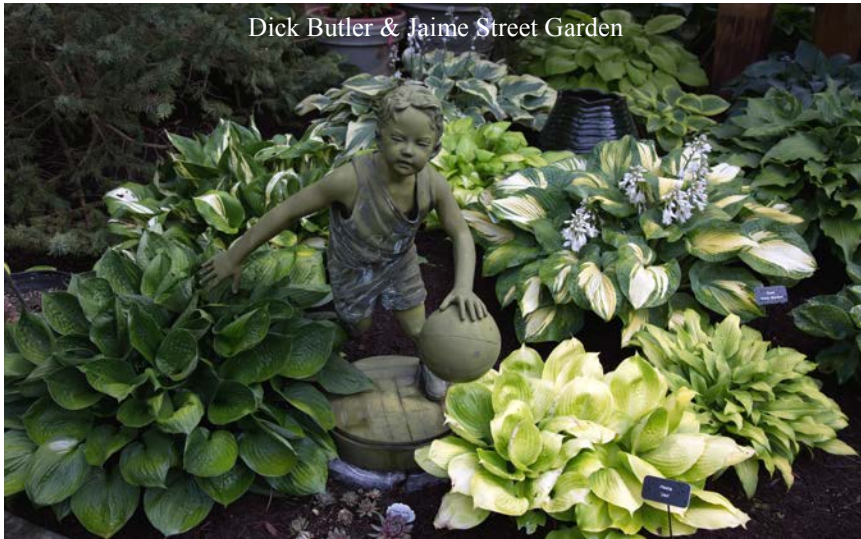
With the National Convention only 2 hours away from the Miami Valley, MVHS had around 15 members attend.

From left to right:

- Gene & Marlena Mayleben
- Karen Warner
- Robin Mann
- Tom & Joan Stoppelmen



Donna & Carl Gahwiler Garden



Dick Butler & Jaime Street Garden

The Indianapolis Hosta Society hosted an amazing convention called *Hosta Hysteria* June 7-10. The convention included several inspiring residential gardens, a beautifully landscaped garden center, informative speakers, a leaf show, auction, and a large vendor area. After years of planning and thousands of volunteer hours, the event was very well organized and the weather was spectacular.

Phifty in Philly 2018

The 2018 national convention will be hosted by the Delaware Hosta Society in Philadelphia June 20-23. *Phifty in Philly* recognizes the 50th anniversary of the American Hosta Society. The convention will be held northwest of Philadelphia at the Double Tree by Hilton-Valley Forge and includes a trip to Longwood Gardens. For more detailed information go to www.ahs2018philly.org.



Randy & Susie Goodwin Garden

June 25th Anniversary Public Garden Tours

Joyce Thomas Garden



Thank you to those who opened their beautiful gardens to the public on June 17:

Larry and Dorothy Grage
Joyce Thomas
Jerry and Phyllis Bashor
Gene & Marcia Bashor
Dick Prentice
Kevin Chapman
Gene and Glenda Wogoman



Larry & Dorothy Grage Garden



Kevin Chapman Garden

July North Member Garden Tours



Dick Prentice Garden



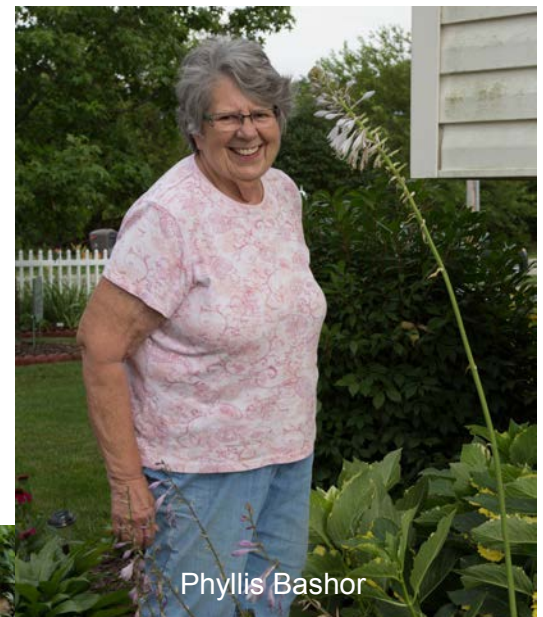
Greg & Bette Rau Garden

Despite high winds, afternoon rain, debris, loss of electricity, and damaged trees, members were treated to beautiful gardens July 11. Thank you to those who opened their gardens:

- Gene & Marcia Bashor
- Dick Prentice
- Jerry & Phyllis Bashor
- Greg & Bette Rau
- Wengerlawn Nursery



Jerry & Phyllis Bashor Garden



Phyllis Bashor



Gene & Marcia Bashor Garden

2017 Bus Trip

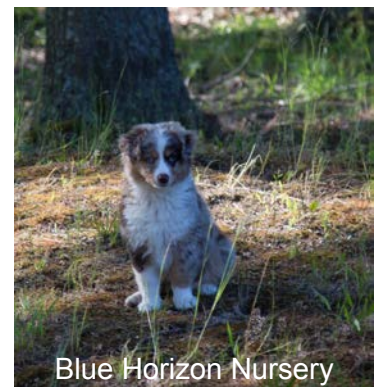
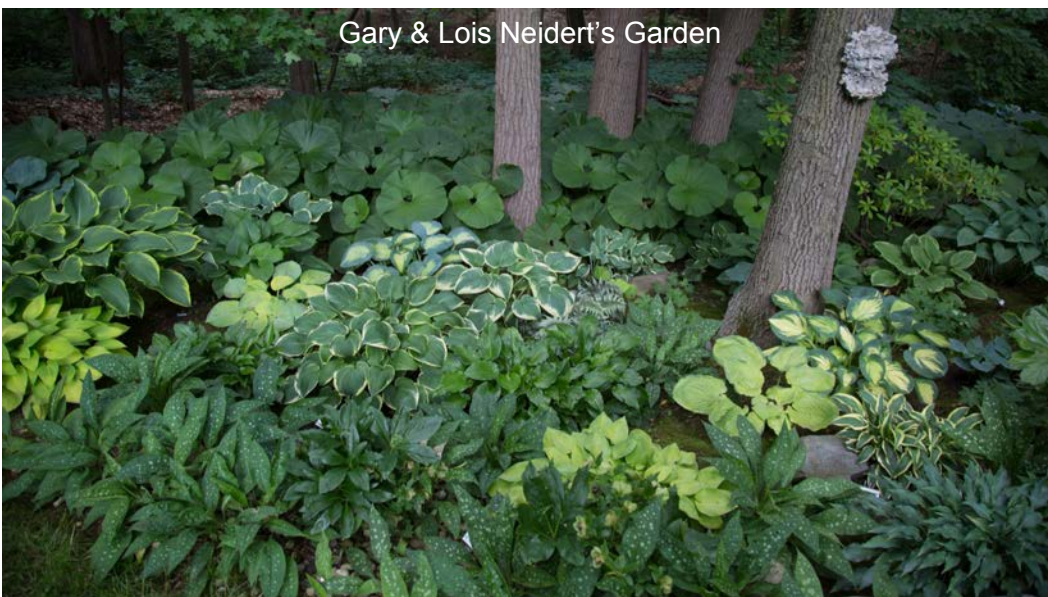


MVHS headed to the Kalamazoo Michigan area June 24-25 for the Great Lakes Tailgate hosted by the Southwest Michigan Hosta Society. Four beautiful residential gardens were featured on Saturday as part of the Tailgate. The Bus Trip committee added two garden centers, four residential gardens on Sunday, two fun dinners, Bette's jokes, and door prizes to round out the trip.

The photos won't do justice to the quality of the gardens we visited. The variety of settings (lake shore, suburban, wooded, wetlands, rural) showcased how useful hostas can be in different landscapes and how each gardener approaches their garden in a unique way.

Romence Gardens (Portage, MI) had a large selection of hostas and other plants. Blue Horizon Nursery (Grand Junction, MI) opened early for our group and sold us unusual conifers, small trees, and perennials. The bus storage area was bursting!

Thank you to the Bus Trip Committee Larry Grage, Greg & Bette Rau, Karen Warner, and Joyce Thomas for making this a memorable trip.



2017 Bus Trip continued



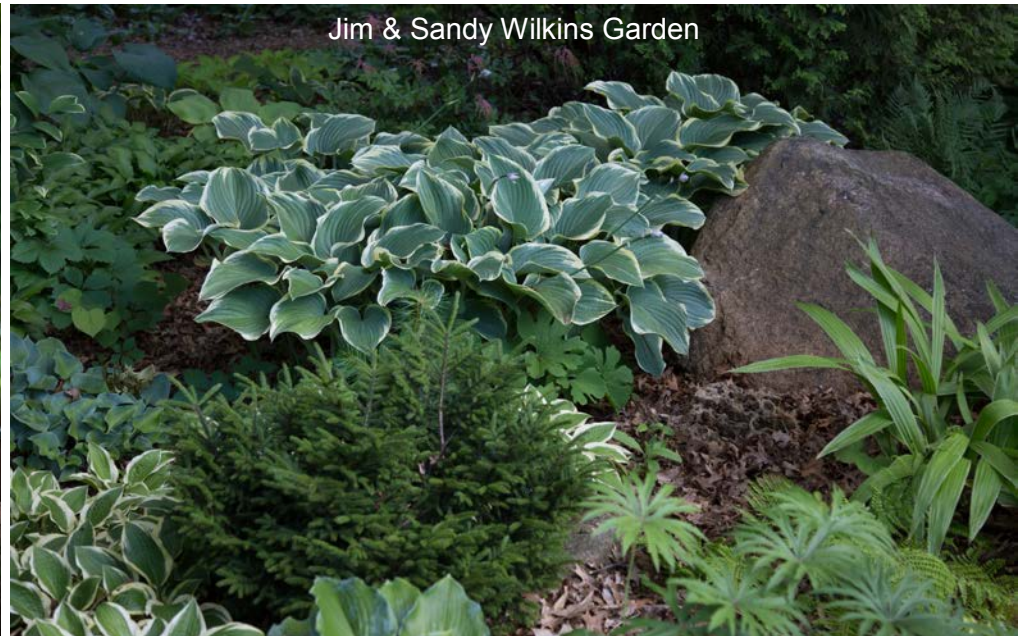
Arleigh Symysios Garden



Sue Binning's Garden Signs



Joan & Tom Stoppelman



Jim & Sandy Wilkins Garden



Ron & Connie Witalis celebrate 50 years of marriage



Editor's Corner

The 25th year of the Miami Valley Hosta Society has been a great year. I've seen some life changing gardens this season. I came away from the National Convention inspired by what I learned from the speakers and what I saw in the mature gardens we visited. Upon returning home, I had a moment when I looked at my somewhat dry yard (as it hadn't received water for 4 days) and thought it was the poorest excuse of a yard and shouldn't even be called a garden compared to the gardens on the tour. That feeling eventually passed and was replaced by seeing all the potential in a young landscape.

I'm so glad that the founders of this organization also saw the potential in a society of people that shared a love of gardening and a passion for the "friendship plant." Current and past officers, committee members, and members at large have worked hard to make this an informative and inspiring club for hundreds of people for 25 years. If you've ever thought

I'd like a program on.....

I'd like to see a website that.....

I'd like to share my garden.....

I'd like to know more about MVHS planning process for.....

I'd like to help us do more of.....



Then please share your thoughts and your time and your talents. Bob liames can be reached at gardenbob222@aol.com or (937)836-3218. The planning for 2018 will start soon. As always, if you have photos, topics of interest, or any other feedback, please contact me at rmann1993@yahoo.com. Robin Mann, Editor

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

Jim & Sandy Wilkins Garden



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 american-hostasociety.org for more information.



Boldt Garden

Thank You Vendors!

The following vendors donated plants or other goods to the 2017 MVHS Auction. A successful auction would not have been possible without their generous support. Thank you.

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(937)335-5550

Berns Garden Center bernsgardencenter.com
825 Greentree Rd, Middletown, OH 45044
(513)423-5306
3776 Indian Ripple Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45440
(937)912-0422

Dannaher Landscaping & Nursery
dannaherlandscaping.com
12200 Vans Valley Rd, Galena, OH 43021
(740)965-3789

Glenda's Garden
Email: gwogoman@infinet.com
7620 Halderman Rd, West Alexandria, OH 45381
(937)839-4044

Grandma's Gardens grandmasgardencenter.com
8107 North State Route 48, Waynesville, OH 45068
(937)885-2740

Greenleaf Gardens charliebunton@gmail.com
4726 U.S. Route 68 North, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
(937)767-1997

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

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

Knollwood Garden Center & Landscaping
Knollwoodgardens.com
3766 Dayton Xenia Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45432
(937)426-0861

Lisa's Perennials & Flowers
4625 W State Route 41, Covington, OH 45318
(937) 473-3873

Meadow View Growers meadowview.com
755 North Dayton-Lakeview Rd (St Rte 235 North)
New Carlisle, OH 45344
(937) 845-0093

The Secret Garden secretgardenwaynesville.com
4107 East State Route 73, Waynesville, OH 45068
(513)897-5505

Seely's Landscape Nursery seelyslandscape.com
3265 Walcutt Rd, Hillard, OH 43026
(614)7710011

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Stockslagers.com
14037 Dayton Eaton Pike, New Lebanon, OH 45345
(937)687-2722

Wade & Gatton Nurseries
wadeandgattonnurseries.com
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Gene & Marcia Bashor Garden

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