



## President's Letter

*Bob Liames, President*

Hi friends,

Spring has sprung--kind of. Seems to be a very slow process this year. Hellebores have been a real standout in my garden so far. A few hostas have started poking their noses out of the ground.

It was great to see so many of you at Hosta College. There were new presenters with some new awesome classes and great vendors. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to set up, clean up, present classes and everything else it takes to make Hosta College a success. Plan to attend next year!

Our annual auction is a month away. Be thinking now of the great plants you want to donate this year and mark your calendar NOW for the auction on May 5th. Bring a group of friends to bid on the incredible plants and garden items we have. Don't miss it.

The bus trip is early this year so make your plans now to join us June 2nd. It's a one day trip filled with all your likes; great gardens, shopping and food. There will be fun for everyone.

This is an election year. How are you going to volunteer your time and expertise to serve the Miami Valley Hosta Society? We need you.

The April meeting is right around the corner, April 10th. Dave Dannaher is speaking on Japanese Maples. Dave and Leslie have been two great supporters of MVHS over the years. They are awesome people and will have some great plants for sale too.

Final thought....Let's make this year "The year of Presence".

Be present with friends at the meetings.  
Be present with friends at the auction.  
Be present with friends on the bus trip.  
Be present with friends at the member garden tours.  
Be present with friends volunteering for the MVHS.

You never know what "Presents" the MVHS has for you unless you are "Present" with the MVHS. See you at the April 10th meeting.

Happy gardening, Bob



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Helleborus seedling in March



Hosta 'Kiwi Full Monty'

## 2018 HOSTA COLLEGE SILVER ANNIVERSARY



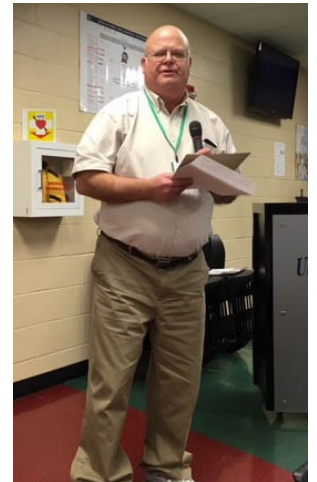
March 16 and 17 were especially green (not just due to St. Patrick's Day) at the Upper Valley Career Center in Piqua Ohio, where the 25th annual Hosta College was held. Approximately 400 garden enthusiasts gathered to learn from around 50 volunteer educators teaching over 60 classes. The vendor area pictured above provided ample plant shopping and if that was not enough, an auction lead by Bob Iames offered unique hostas for bid.

This premier garden symposium celebrates its 25th year anniversary. It was started in 1993 by then President of the Great Lakes Region Hosta Society (GLRHS) Sandy Wilkins and the GLRHS board. The original mission of providing excellent classes, vending, books, auction and a time for people in several states to gather is still the character of this growing conference today.

To mark the occasion, the current American Hosta Society President, Gregg Peterson, presented the GLRHS with a letter commending them for achieving this milestone with such excellence and thanking the many volunteers over the years who have made it possible.

A special thanks to the many volunteers from the Miami Valley Hosta Society that make this great event possible:

Carlton Addison  
 Gene & Marcia Bashor  
 Kathy Brandt  
 Larry Grage  
 Libby Head  
 Bob Iames  
 Lois Lustenberger  
 Dorothea Otte  
 Dick Prentice  
 Bette & Greg Rau  
 Gene & Glenda Wogoman



Gregg A. Peterson, President of the American Hosta Society  
 Photo by Glenda Wogoman

Congratulations to Glenda Wogoman on a successful Hosta College under her Presidency of the Great Lakes Region Hosta Society. Glenda provided the information for the Hosta College articles.

## 2018 HOSTA COLLEGE continued

Van Wade's passing on April 26, 2017, and his tremendous influence in the plant community, were recognized during the Hosta College banquet. Van Wade ran Wade and Gatton in Bellville Ohio and few hosta lovers have not been impacted by Van and Shirley Wade. Their beautiful property, amazing plants, generosity, mentorship, friendship, and support of the Hosta Community was unparalleled. Van Wade is survived by his wife of nearly 67 years, Shirley, four children, and numerous grandchildren and great-grand children (some of whom were present).

His son, Brian Wade, gave a presentation titled "My Dad, Van Wade" helping the audience to see his dad through a son's eyes. Brian recounted a story that illustrated how Van shared his values. Brian and Van were running the Wade & Gatton borders when Brian and his brother wanted an apple from the neighbor's property. Van initially told his sons it was wrong to take without asking, but then finally said okay if they paid the neighbor for 3 apples the next time they saw him. Sometime later they met their neighbor and Van paid him. This left a lifelong impression of how to treat others.

After sharing his own memories of his dad, Brian walked around the room and asked others to share their stories. One story from the audience was when Van sold them a very large tree that needed to be transported back to Michigan via the Ohio Turnpike. The speed and wind on the turnpike caused the ropes to come loose, requiring a stop to retie. The huge tree stuck way out in front of the car and caused a bit of commotion at the toll booth.

Once, Van took all of the little grandsons for a ride together in his golf cart and bounced one boy out; observing ruefully that he didn't think he could handle all of the them at once.

Another shared that Shirley fell while weeding and ended up in a rehab center for the whole summer. Van's love was so great for his wife that he and the grandchildren picked flowers every morning to take to her and spent all day, every day with her while she was in rehab.

Many others shared stories about his generosity, his love of Hosta, the sharing of his knowledge and his love of talking to people, especially his many hosta friends. The evening was a beautiful tribute to a kind, loving and generous man.



Wade Family at the banquet (L-R): Tigran Mdivanian, Rebecca Wade-Mdivanian, Yervand Mdivanian, Cheryl & Brian Wade Photo by Glenda Wogoman

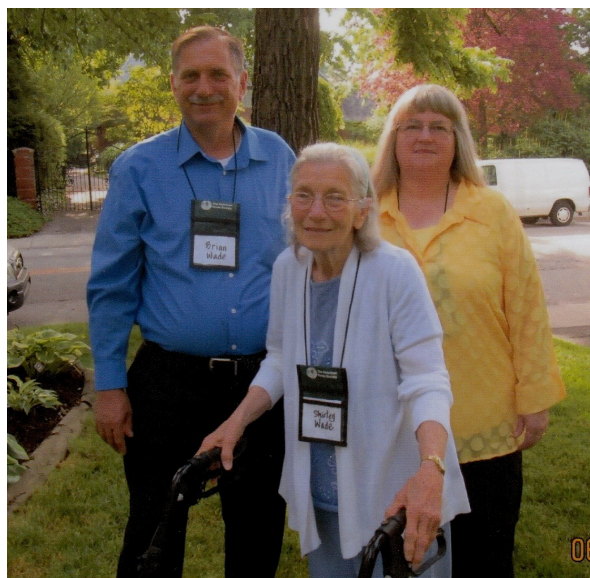


Right: Brian & Cheryl Wade with mother, Shirley Wade at the National Convention in 2017. Photo by Carlon Addison

Wade & Gatton Nurseries is located in Bellville, Ohio  
[wadeandgattonnurseries.com](http://wadeandgattonnurseries.com)



Van Wade (1930-2017)





## MVHS APRIL 10 MEETING

### “The Wonderful World of Japanese Maples”

At our first meeting of the year, Dave and Leslie Danna will talk about “growing and knowing Japanese Maples.” Japanese Maples add incredible color, texture and grace to your garden, especially the hosta garden. Dave will provide all the information you need to grow and choose the best Japanese Maples.

For 40 years, Dave and Leslie have been committed to helping clients enhance their landscapes and outdoor living spaces with unique plants. Danna Landscaping and Nursery located in Galena Ohio (north of Columbus) specializes in propagating and growing rare plants that are easy to grow and hardy in Ohio. Learn more at [dannalandscape.com](http://dannalandscape.com).

The meeting will be held at 7pm at the Vandalia Senior Center at 21 Tionda Drive, South, Vandalia Ohio.



Acer palmatum ‘Katsura’

### Did You Know? Japanese Maple Edition

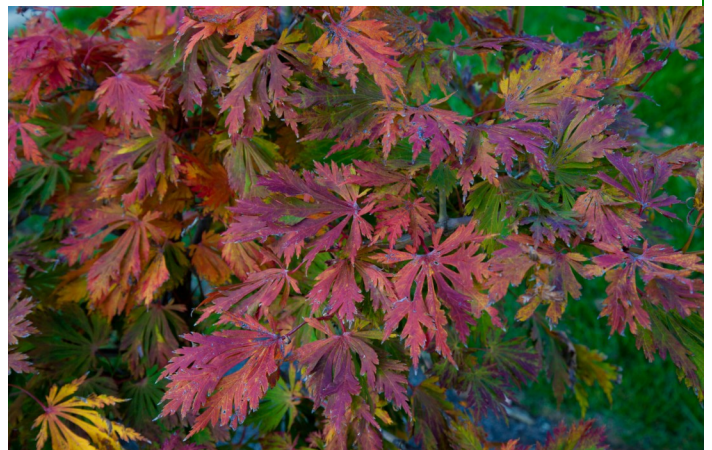
Just when you thought Japanese Maples could not get any more versatile in the garden, apparently, they are also a delicacy. According to an article written by Brian Ashcraft at Kotaku.com, the Japanese have been eating momiji tempura (fried Japanese Maple leaves) for 1000 years. Minoh City in Osaka is known for its Japanese Maples as well as the dish which involves curing the leaves in salt for a year and then frying them in a tempura batter until crisp. Beautiful trees and tasty treats, I think I just planned our next bus trip!

Did you know that several species of the genus Acer (maple) are considered Japanese Maples in the nursery trade. The three species that we generally find for sale in Southwest Ohio are as follows:

1. Acer palmatum is the species to which most “Japanese Maple” cultivars belong. Palmatums have a strong tendency to proliferate into many variations, mutations, and sports which has given growers hundreds of cultivars over the centuries. All shapes, sizes, and colors are available to integrate into different garden settings. Most are endemic to Japan and are found in many different elevations, climates, and soil conditions all over the island nation.

2. Acer japonicum (American common name: Full Moon Maple, Japanese common name Ha) is second only to palmatum in contributing a large number of cultivars to the nursery trade. The species is especially desirable for brilliant fall color in tones of yellow, orange, and red. Japonicums tend to be small to medium sized, sturdy, strong-growing trees adaptable to most situations. A few stand-outs are ‘Green Cascade,’ ‘Aconitifolium,’ ‘O isami,’ and ‘Kujaku nishiki.’

3. Acer shirasawanum are commonly called “the maple with small, round leaves” by Japanese. The leaves are often lime green in spring with fall color in gold tones with a blending of crimson. The species is native to the island of Honshu and is found on moist well drained valley slopes. ‘Aureum’ (Golden Full moon maple), ‘Autumn Moon’ and ‘Jordan’ are popular cultivars.



Acer japonicum ‘Aconitifolium’ (American common name fern leaf or in Japan called Dancing Peacock)

Date	Place	Event
Apr 10, 7p	Vandalia Senior Center	Meeting "The Wonderful World of Japanese Maples" presented by Dave and Leslie Dannaer, Dannaer Landscaping
May 5, 10a	West Carrollton Nazarene Church	Annual Hosta Auction: Preview at 10a; Auction at 10:30a
Jun 2	Mansfield/Columbus Ohio	Bus Trip, Register no later than May 19
Jun 12, 6-9p	Just North of Downtown Dayton	North Member Garden Tours
Jul 10, 6-9p	Springboro	South Member Garden Tours
Aug 14, 7p	Dayton Metro Library Miami Township Branch	Meeting "Trough Magic" presented by Joan Day, Backyard Treasures
Sep 11, 6:30p	The Secret Garden	Meeting & Carry-in "365 Days of Flowers" presented by Ron Schilb, shopping 5p, dinner 6:30p, meeting 7:30p
Oct 9, 7p	Vandalia Senior Center	Meeting & Election of Officers "Top Performing Annuals for Low Maintenance Gardens" presented by Pam Bennett, State Master Gardener Volunteer Program Director
Oct 20, 11a	deSha's Restaurant, Cincinnati OH	Tri-club Meeting hosted by Hosta Society of Greater Cincinnati, "The Reds are Coming" presented by Doug Beilstein

## Did You Know? Japanese Maple Edition continued



Acer palmatum 'Sango Kaku'

I have several Japanese Maples in my garden and they all have their time to shine; some glow in the spring like the 'Aureum' pictured at right. My favorite fall tree is Dancing Peacock pictured on the previous page. Sango kaku (Coral Bark) is stunning in the winter (top left). These are truly four season plants.



Acer shirasawanum 'Aureum'



Written by Robin Mann utilizing *Japanese Maples: The Complete Guide to Selection and Cultivation* by J.D. Vertrees & Pater Gregory (2009) which is the bible of Japanese Maples as far as I'm concerned.

Bottom left: Dwarf Japanese maple provides stunning textural contrast with big leaved hostas in this garden on the 2017 National Hosta Convention tour in Indianapolis.

# OPENING THE HOSTA GARDEN IN SPRING

BY GENE WOGOMAN

## FALL

Spring clean up of hosta gardens begins in the fall. The condition of garden beds in the fall make spring clean up much easier. Bloom scapes can be cut off to 6" above ground to help locate plants in winter and spring and to avoid trampling new growth the following spring. After hosta clumps have collapsed in late fall or on warmer days in winter, I use a 10 prong fork to lift flattened clumps of leaves and petioles into a wheelbarrow for disposal. This eliminates places for pests to overwinter. Eliminate as many winter annual weeds (such as bedstraw, chickweed, and false deadnettle) as you can. Check to be sure your labels are still in place.



## EARLY SPRING

Reset labels that have been heaved out by frost. If the small hostas have heaved reseal them at this time.

## WEED CONTROL

Now is the time to kill any remaining winter annual weeds before they bloom. Spray broadleaf weed killer such as Bayer Advanced.

## NUTRIENTS

- Most hostas, except the fragrant-flowered ones, produce all their leaves in 6-8 weeks. Hosta roots do not start to grow until leaves appear, so start spring fertilizer at first emergence.
- Apply slow release fertilizer for long term nutrients around clumps just as they emerge. Osmocote is a good 3-4 month fertilizer.
- Supplemental feeding of high nitrogen liquid fertilizer is beneficial every 2 weeks during this growing period. Use Miracle Gro Garden Feeder (hose end) to provide a quick boost for the new foliage.



Hosta 'Bridal Falls'

## OPENING THE HOSTA GARDEN *continued*

### EARLY PESTS

- Begin slug control before the new leaves emerge. Slugs become active when ground temperature is above 55 degrees. The best product to use is one that contains metaldehyde or iron phosphate as its active ingredient. They are available at local garden supply stores as well as stores like Wal-Mart.
- If you have a deer problem start repellent program now. It may be beneficial to rotate the type of repellent throughout the season.
- Check for shallow tunnels in turf and mulched beds for voles. Trap or bait for control.
- Spring time is mole time. Trap or bait them early before they multiply. I have had success using MOTOMCO mole killer, which mimics the moles' natural food source, the earthworm. I bury it in the tunnel so it is not exposed for other animals and pets.



### EARLY PROTECTION

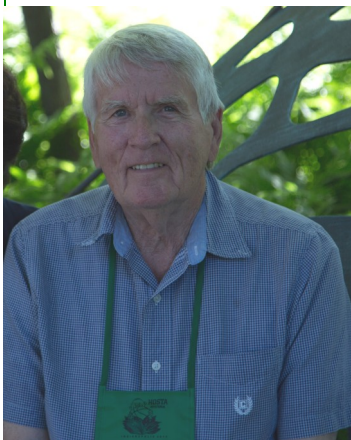
- Pull mulch and winter debris away from crowns to aid in air circulation. This helps to prevent fungal and bacterial infections.
- You will need to be prepared to protect them from late frost by using Remay frost cloth or nursery pots, light sheets, boxes etc.

### WATER

As new leaves expand water is critical. On bright sunny spring days with low humidity the hosta leaves can transpire (lose moisture) faster than the roots can take it up, so water! water!

### DIVISION OF HOSTA

Some sources say spring is the best time to divide. If you just want a couple extra plants, take a pie-shaped piece of the clump when it first comes up and it will fill in over the summer. If you want to divide the clump, dig it up and divide it in late summer.



Gene Wogoman is a long-time MVHS member, past president and one of our current Great Lakes Region Hosta Society delegates. Gene and Glenda Wogoman operate Glenda's Garden in West Alexandria Ohio specializing in hosta and trough sales. The garden will be open weekends in May. Call 937-974-5720 for details or to make an appointment to tour the gardens at other times.

## 2018 Other Events of Interest

### 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 an optional trip to Longwood Gardens. For information on the gardens, speakers, hotel, etc. go to [www.ahs2018philly.org](http://www.ahs2018philly.org). Registration runs through May 1.



### GLRHS 8th Annual Tailgate

Great Lakes Region Hosta Society's Tailgate will be hosted by the Central Ohio Hosta Society July 13-14 in Grove City Ohio near Columbus. Friday events include touring private gardens in Zanesville, dinner, and auction. Saturday has plenty of private gardens, parks, and nurseries to see. Go to [www.ihostohio.org/glhcevents.asp](http://www.ihostohio.org/glhcevents.asp) for all the details.

### American Hosta Society Membership

Join AHS 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. 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](http://americanhostasociety.org) for more information.

### Editor's Corner

It was so good to see you at Hosta College last month. I got so caught up in renewing friendships and catching up on the news, I only took a few photos. I'm starting to recognize gardeners from other hosta societies which means I've been around a while. Gardeners are the best people!

I don't normally give you a **To Do** list in my Editor's Corner, but as soon as you put down this issue, I would encourage you to do the following:

1. Put all these exciting events in your calendar, so you don't miss anything.
2. Think about what plants you can donate to the May 5 Hosta Auction. If you can help contact or pick up plants from vendors, call Dick Prentice at 833-5597. Invite friends to this lively event.
3. Register for the June 2 Bus Trip before May 19. In one day we will see the Beilstein's Hybridizer Garden, Kingwood Garden Center, Groovy Plants Ranch, Marlee Hosta Farm, Dannaher Landscaping, and eat delicious food at Der Dutchmen. Find the registration form and fees in the yearbook.
4. Make arrangements to attend the National Hosta Convention in Philadelphia or the Tailgate in Columbus.
5. Consider volunteering to be the MVHS Delegate(s) to the Great Lakes Region Hosta Society. The Wogomans' term ends this year and we need two people to be our liaisons beginning with attending the September Board Meeting. Responsibilities include working on Hosta College (3rd weekend of March) and attending 2 board meetings per year. Terms are two years and can be re-elected. This is a great opportunity to meet exceptional gardeners and help with an amazing conference. Talk with Glenda or Gene Wogoman for more details.



As always, if you have photos, topics of interest, or any other feedback, please contact me at [rmann1993@yahoo.com](mailto:rmann1993@yahoo.com). Robin Mann, Editor



# 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.

**Andy's Garden** andysgarden.com  
2310 West State Route 55, Troy, OH 45373  
(937)335-5550

**Berns Garden Center** bernsgardencenter.com  
825 Green tree 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: ggwogoman@gmail.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)771-0011

**Stockslagers Greenhouse & Garden Center**  
Stockslagers.com  
14037 Dayton Eaton Pike, New Lebanon, OH 45345  
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**Wade & Gatton Nurseries**  
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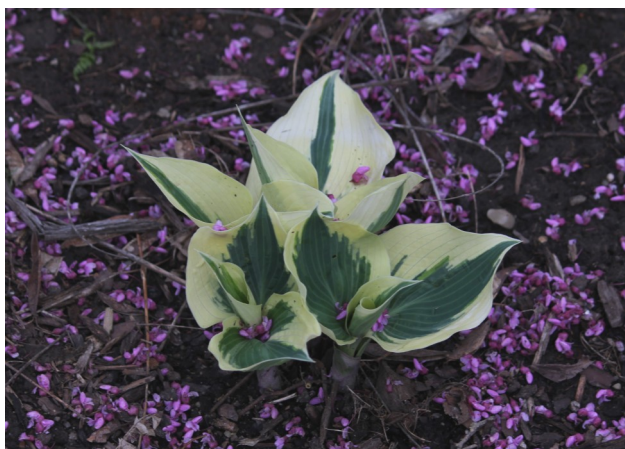
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