



Bob Liames, President

President's Letter

Hi gardening friends,

Can you believe it's September already? I still have plants to plant, beds to expand and mulching to do. Where does the time go?

I want to again thank everyone who helped with garden cleanup at the Wogomans'. Twenty plus people showed up to help and made quick work sprucing up the gardens.

The September meeting at the Secret Garden was a huge success. Thank you to owners Debbie and Bart Goodwin for being such gracious hosts and Dave and Leslie Dannaher for a great program on Japanese maples. Has anyone fried up any Japanese maple leaves yet??? Our next meeting is Oct. 9 in Vandalia. Please refer to your Yearbook. Pamela Bennett will be our speaker and we will hold election of officers. We are still taking nominations. Please contact Betty Rau at (937) 687-5657 if you

would like to run for an office or nominate someone.

Big thank you to vice president Betty Rau whose term is ending and secretary Susan Detert for their service to the club and all the help they've given me the past two years. Nice job, you two.

Remember to register for the Tri-club luncheon, this year hosted by the Hosta Society of Greater Cincinnati at deSha's Restaurant. Doug Beilstein will be our speaker. Reservations need to be to Joyce Thomas by Oct. 10. Please use reservation form on page 17 in your Yearbook. This event is always a fun time.

Mark your calendars now for the MVHS Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 13, hosted by Karen Warner at her home. See page 2.

As you begin garden clean-up for the season, make time to enjoy the beauty of fall. Take care, Bob

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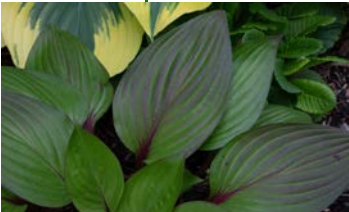
Marlee Farm

MVHS Dues Reminder

2019 dues are due December 31, 2018. 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. Questions? Contact Joyce at 937-789-8663 or joycethomas1499@gmail.com.

Individual \$12/year. Family \$17/year (2 persons with the same address).

2018 MVHS Calendar

Date	Place	Event
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. These are not your Grandma’s annuals. Pam will take us on a fast-paced journey through the world of today’s annuals. Learn about those plants that do well in Miami Valley gardens with little maintenance.
Oct 20, 11a	deSha’s Restaurant, Cincinnati OH  Hosta First Blush’	Tri-club Meeting hosted by Hosta Society of Greater Cincinnati, “ The Reds are Coming ” presented by Doug Beilstein. Doug is a hosta hybridizer in Mansfield. He filed his first six hosta registrations in 2007 and at last count, some seventy of Doug’s plants are now registered with the American Hosta Society (AHS). Doug has held positions as President and Executive VP of the AHS. Reservation form and \$25 are due to Joyce Thomas by October 10. Details are in the yearbook with the exception of a new vegetarian option which can be written on the form.
Dec 13, 7p	Karen Warner’s Home 25 Triple Crown Cir Springboro, OH	You are cordially invited to a Holiday Party at Karen Warner’s home. See her 23’x8’ Christmas village and enjoy light refreshments. Please RSVP to Karen by Dec 5: karjaws@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at (937) 748-2407.

2019 National Convention

The Green and Gold Hosta Society of Northeastern Wisconsin welcomes you to beautiful and picturesque Northeast Wisconsin where you’ll tour iconic gardens, hear world-renowned speakers, shop a variety of vendors, participate in friendly competitions and a live auction, eat great food and, most importantly, enjoy the company of fellow gardeners and friends, both new and old.

Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Green Bay, WI

For more information visit
www.ahs2019event.org.



American Hosta Society

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 for more information.

April 10 Meeting



For our first meeting of the year, Ron Schilb presented “**365 Days of Flowers.**” Ron showed a wonderful slide show of plants that bloom in the fall and winter months. He focused on Hamamelis (Witch Hazels) and provided details about different varieties that he has found grow well and have stunning blooms and leaf color. We are fortunate that Ron could step in last minute to speak at this meeting and share his love of these plants.



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena'

May 5 Auction a Great Success!

The 2018 Auction netted the MVHS \$2,848. 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 third 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!



Doug & Mardy Beilstein's Garden

June 2 MVHS Bus Trip

A bus-full of hosta enthusiasts embarked on a whirlwind tour of central Ohio's notable gardens and specialty nurseries on June 2. The following sites were visited and enjoyed:

- Doug and Mardy Beilstein's Home & Hybridizing Garden, Mansfield OH
- Kingwood Center Gardens, Mansfield OH
- Der Dutchman Restaurant, Mansfield OH
- Groovy Plants Ranch nursery specializing in succulents, perennials and annuals, Marengo OH
- Marlee Hosta Farm, home, farm, and seller of hostas, Centerburg OH
- Dannaher Landscaping nursery specializing in conifers, Japanese maples, and rare plants, Galena OH



A big thank you to Gene Bashor, Greg & Bette Rau, and Karen Warner for organizing the trip. And to all those who opened their fabulous gardens to us. Hope to see you on the bus next year!

More photos on page 8.

Joyce Thomas at Kingwood Center (left)

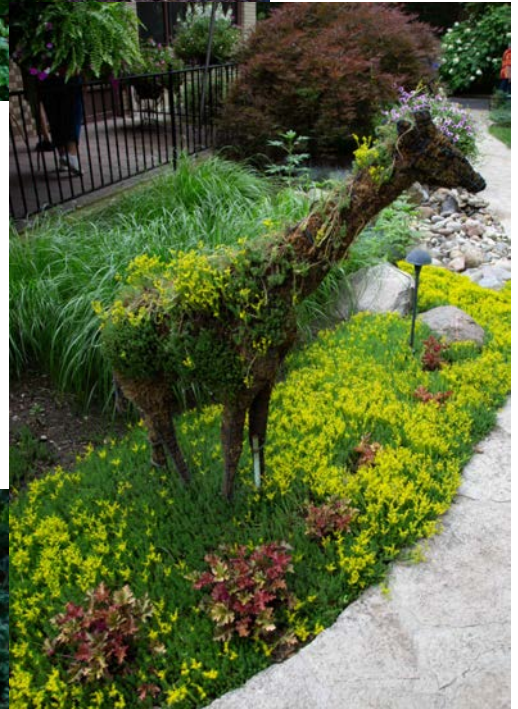
June 12 North Member Garden Tours



Michael Walters' Garden (Left)

Sarah Sillin's Garden (below right)

A huge thank you to all the people who invited us to their gardens this year. There is so much work involved in creating and maintaining a garden with plant diversity, beautiful color combinations, artful hardscapes, meticulous grooming, and wow elements. We got incredible inspiration from your unique spaces. We're always looking to tour member gardens. If interested, contact Bob liames.



Bette & Greg Rau's Garden (left)

July 10 South Member Garden Tours



Sherry Green's Garden (top and right)



Pat Stidham's Garden & "She Shed" (left and below)



Jerry & Patty Woodbury's Garden & Water Features (bottom)

Late Summer Meetings



Photos by Joan Day

August 14 "Trough Magic" by Joan Day

MVHS member, Joan Day, owner of Joan's Backyard Treasures, presented a compendium of information on troughs and plants we might not be able to grow in our yards. However, in troughs we could provide the environment necessary to allow these plants to be successful. She explained that troughs allow us to make micro-ecosystems by meeting plant's individual requirements of soil, light, and moisture. Troughs also separate and highlight plants so that they are more noticeable in the garden. Joan admonished us not to fertilize miniature Hostas in troughs. She explained that they outgrow their space and then die. Joan

talked about the ability to maintain pH levels that favor plants difficult to grow in our native soil.

She recommends the use of miniature plants (ones that grow less than an inch per year) and dwarfs (those that grow less than 3" per year). She emphasized that almost every plant has either a dwarf or miniature form that could be grown in a trough. Some of the plants highlighted were miniature hostas, ferns, succulents, evergreens (conifers), and mosses. There were plants with flowers and plants without, plants for sunny conditions, dry conditions, and plants for moist shady conditions. There are plants for alkaline and acidic conditions.

Joan also shared several great ideas for decorating the trough by using tufa rock, fairies, unusual rocks, pebbles of varying sizes, etc. Putting the trough on a hard surface allows it to drain better. She also shared that a hanging hypertufa can liven up a wall; see the photo above. She also demonstrated how a group of small tufas can be assembled into a presentation.

In Joan's recipe to make these hypertufas, you combine 1 part peat, 1 part perlite or vermiculite, and 1 part Portland cement, mix well before adding 1 part water. Fiber mesh should be added for large structures that have weight that might cause them to break. After allowing it to cure covered by a plastic tarp for a week, holes should be drilled in the bottom, and the texture should be roughed according to your preferences. Then the hypertufa should be allowed to cure for an additional 3 weeks before planting. During this time, water should be placed in the tufa to leach the lime from the material. **Wear a mask and goggles during mixing & construction.** See the following web site for more precise directions: <https://www.finegardening.com/article/make-a-hypertufa-trough>.

Suggested plants include miniature ferns: *Cystopteris bulbifera*, Japanese painted ferns, *Camptosorus rhizophyllus*, *Woodsia polystichoides*, and *Cystopteris bulbifera*. Miniature Goatsbeard, *ArunCUS aethusifolius*; Miniature Heucheras, Petite Pearl Fairy or Petite Lime Sherbet; and *Polygonatum humile*, Dwarf Solomon Seal. Flowering plants include: Miniature *Aquilegia*, *Columbine*; *Viola pedatifida*, Crow foot Violet or *Viola dissecta*, Japanese Fern Violet; and Dahlberg Daisy an annual that reseeds. Sun loving plants include Dwarf Conifers and the following: Phlox, Veronica, *Antennaria*, *Lysimachia*, *Orostachy*, and Thyme. Last but never least miniature Hostas.



Written by Ronald E. Schilb

Late Summer Meetings continued



Dave & Leslie Dannaher

September 11 Carry-in and “The Wonderful World of Japanese Maples” by Dave and Leslie Dannaher

On a lovely September evening, the MVHS met at the Secret Garden, retail store in Waynesville, Ohio to enjoy a potluck supper, shop garden art and hear an informative presentation on Japanese Maples. Dave discussed several different species that are included in what we consider “Japanese Maples” and their qualities. He led us through a slide show of an incredible assortment of his favorite varieties demonstrating that there exists a maple in every color, shape, and size for our garden situations. He gave us many of the English translations of the Japanese cultivar names and showed a video of Japanese chefs making tempura fried maple leaves, a regional delicacy. Dave and Leslie own Dannaher Landscaping & Nursery in Galena, Ohio which specializes in conifers, Japanese maples and other rare plants.

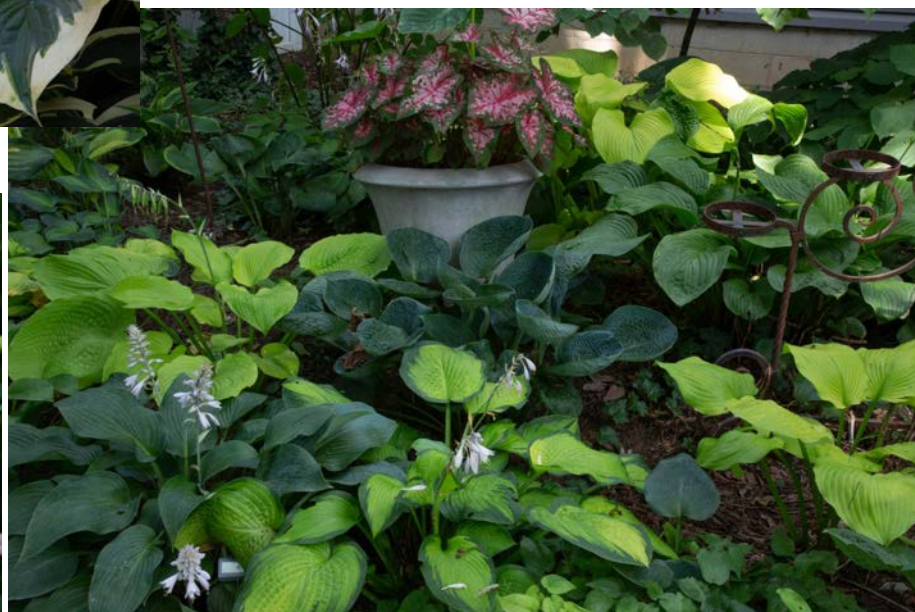


Greg & Bette Rau shopping unique garden art

Great Lakes Region Tailgate 2018



The Great Lakes Region Hosta Society and the Central Ohio Hosta Society hosted the annual Hosta Tailgate in the Greater Columbus area July 13-14. Activities included a Friday auction, vendors, and wonderful garden tours all over the metropolitan area and beyond. Thank you to the organizers and gardeners for a beautiful event. Here are a few photos.



MVHS Bus Trip continued



Buddy Dannaher



Groovy Plants Ranch



Marlee Farm

Editor's Corner

2018 has been an interesting year for gardening. Spring seemed to take forever to arrive. April was the fourth coldest on record at almost 6 degrees below normal. Additionally, we experienced the seventh snowiest April on record with 3.4" of snow. To make up for a cold spring, we've had a hot summer. The average number of 90 degree days is 14 in the Miami Valley. We've had 23 so far (two days in May, four in June, seven in July, five in August, and five in September). I don't think my plants are enjoying the beachy weather and I think we're all ready for the cooler temperatures of autumn.

If you're looking for something to do this winter and enjoy volunteering, you might consider taking the Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) training. MGV's impact the community by educating and inspiring others in areas such as horticulture, agriculture, pollinators, native plants, demonstration gardens, garden help lines, pest management, etc.

I was inspired to join the Master Gardeners when the MVHS toured the Dayton VA Grotto Gardens in 2014. I saw how the volunteers were bringing peace and beauty through the gardens to VA residents, visitors, and employees. A light bulb went on in my head when I realized that through the Master Gardener program I could use my passion for gardening for the good of the community.

If this sounds interesting to you, contact Kim Hupman (937)224-9654 or hupman.5@osu.edu for more information. Montgomery and Greene counties will conduct combined MGV training February-April 2019. Classes occur on Thursdays 8:30am to 4pm in Beavercreek. Applications are due October 31, 2018.

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



Thank You Vendors!

The following vendors donated plants or other goods to the 2018 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

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

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

Natorp's Nursery Natorp.com
8601 Snider Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45040
(513)398-4769

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
wadeandgattonnurseries.com
1288 Gatton Rocks Rd, Bellville, OH 44813
(419)883-3191

Wengerlawn Nursery Co. wengerlawnnursery.com
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