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President's Letter

Bob Iames, President



Hi gardening friends,

Another year is coming to an end and what a full and busy one it was. All the rain early in the season resulted in lush, full and huge hosta and an abundance of slugs and weeds. What's that saying, "You gotta take the bad with the good."

The tornados of May 27th left paths of destruction over many counties and affected many of our members including the estate where I work. There, the buildings have been repaired and the debris cleaned up, but the landscape has been changed for a long time. We lost 107 trees just around the main building and priests' houses. I really miss the mature trees and the shade they provided, but things are looking up. I am in the process of redoing shade gardens to full sun gardens. We had 40 trees planted in November and will add 40-45 more next fall. I am excited about the future and all the new sun plants I will be able to grow. A big thank you to our June and July Garden Tour members for sharing their

beautiful gardens with us. I love seeing how creative our members are with plants and garden art.

I also want to thank:

- ♣ Our many speakers for their interesting talks and garden insight.
- ♣ Our hospitality committee for another year of wonderful snacks and treats.
- ♣ Our Hosta Auction committee for putting on a fun and profitable auction that funds many things MVHS is able to do.
- ♣ Our bus trip committee for another wonderful outing. Even if, like the Grinch, "We only got stuck once, for a moment or two."
- ♣ And our members for supporting this society and each other. We couldn't do all that we do without your attendance, ideas and help. Thank you.

Over the holiday season, make time for family and friends and celebrate life. The days are getting longer and spring is on the way. Soon hostas will be poking their noses out of the ground and the cycle of life begins again.

Happy gardening, Bob



MVHS Dues Reminder

2020 dues are due December 31, 2019. 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).

2020 Save-the-Date

Date	Place	2020 MVHS Events
May 16	West Carrollton Nazarene Church	Hosta Auction
Oct 24	Presidential Banquet Center Kettering Ohio	Tri-club Speaker and Luncheon

Hosta College March 20-21

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 \$48 (hosta society members) or \$58 (nonmembers) participants are able to attend 5 classes they have chosen from a program of over 60 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 February 1 or go to <https://www.ihostohio.org/glhc/default.asp> for more information.

American Hosta Society 2020 National Convention Minneapolis MN June 10-13

Host: Minnesota Hosta Society
 Hotel: Minneapolis Marriott NW Brooklyn Park, MN
 June 10 optional tour limited to 100 people
 June 11-13 convention

Standard registration now through April 30, 2020

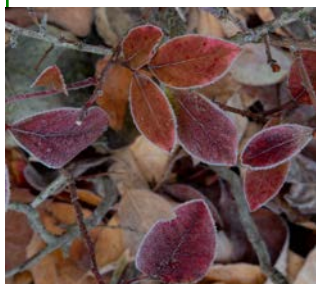
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Date	Place	Other 2020 Gardening Events
Mar 5	Springfield Ohio	Perennial Flower School is a one-day conference held by OSU Extension, Clark County Master Gardeners, call 937-398-7600
Sep 5	Bob liames' home	Bob's Garden Fair. Contact gardenbob222@aol.com for info.

Editor's Corner

The Miami Valley has had a rough year. In 2019 we've experienced temporary loss of clean water, severe tornado damage, a hate rally, and a mass shooting. Our members have experienced damage to their homes, gardens, and workplaces. I'm proud that our organization voted to make a \$3,000 donation to the Dayton Foundation fund to help rebuild and replant after the tornado. We know that loss of a home, job, and health is especially devastating. We also know that a beautiful landscape does make a difference in how people feel. The loss of old trees, rare specimens, a sentimental shrub, a plant that we've babied for many years are things that we grieve. As gardeners, we will persevere, because the transformation we make in our little worlds is so rewarding. I'm honored to gather with such a generous, friendly, and supportive group of people. May God bless us with a healthy, happy, and wonderful 2020!



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

2019 Year In Review

April 9 Meeting

“Tips and Tricks for Your Best Hostas Ever” by Gene Wogoman and “Hosta and Their Shady Friends” by Bob Iames

At the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler we were treated to two informative talks on hostas and their companions. Member, Gene Wogoman led us through some products, tools, and methods he and Glenda have found helpful over many years of growing many hostas. His discussion of fertilizers and slug control had us riveted and many questions were answered.

Bob Iames led us through a beautiful slide presentation on his favorite shade loving companion plants. The suggestions included unusual specimens as well as gorgeous perennials that can be found in local nurseries. There was lots of oohing and aahing.



Gene Wogoman (left) and Bob Iames (right)



2019 Auction a fantastic success!

May 4 at the West Carrollton Nazarene Church our annual auction netted the MVHS \$3,675. This is a club record and a 29% increase over last year. Our highest priced item was a stunning stained glass piece, made by our own Greg Rau, that sold for \$100 (photo below). Carlon Addison was our largest contributor with items that sold for a total of \$413. There are so many people to thank for our great outcome, but I need to single out Bob Iames. Yes, he was a great auctioneer and made it a lot of fun. He donated items that sold for \$324. But what I really want to thank him for is tolerating my almost daily text messages, emails and phone calls with questions and asking advice. This was my first

year as auction chairperson and I leaned on Bob constantly. I could not have done it without him.

I also want to give a special thanks to Joan Stoppelman for collecting all the information on items to be donated and producing the auction list. Our hospitality committee outdid themselves this year with doughnuts for breakfast and a wonderful pulled pork sandwich lunch. Our set up and tear down crews were amazing. I couldn't keep up with them! Then we have our group that just knew their jobs and came in and did what needed to be done:

Check-in and check-out: Jerry Bashor, Marcia Bashor, Karen Warner, Steve Harman

Sale Tracking: Joan Stoppelman, Joyce Thomas, Susan Detert, Karen Strider-Iames

Runners: Greg Rau, Carlon Addison, Cathy Brandt

Secure local vendor donations: Karen Warner, Joyce Thomas, Pat Smith, Joan Stoppelman, Gene and Glenda Wogoman, Gene and Marcia Bashor, Bob Iames, Tina Duritsch. If I missed anyone – thanks to you too!

This is our only fundraising event of the year and the reason why our dues are so low. Please consider donating one or more plants to next year's auction. If everyone donated just one plant that sold for \$15, that would give us an additional \$1,260. Remember, Hostas are the Friendship Plant and our auction is the perfect place to share them!

Lastly, a big thank you to our new vendor donors this year that are listed in the Vendor Thank You pages 8-9. Check out all these generous vendor partners. Written by Normajean Roselius

Lois Lustenberger holds a Greg Rau original creation



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June 11 North Member Garden Tours

David Rector invited us to his Tipp City garden. Six years ago, David moved from a large yard with 39 years of planting to a retirement community and a much smaller yard devoid of plants. He has done a lot of "digging up the yard" and now has a good variety of plants including 75 hostas, tree lilies, and gorgeous annuals. Dawn redwood, patio peach and evergreen trees provide shade for the hostas.

David Rector's Garden Left

Steve and Tina Duritsch opened their Troy garden to the group despite some challenging spring rains. (They mentioned using a kayak to traverse the back yard). Their beautiful garden includes mature Japanese maples, hostas, perennials, daylilies and hydrangeas. A growing collection of dwarf and unusual conifers complements the garden.

Steve & Tina Duritsch's Garden Right



Member News

After four weeks in the hospital and four leg surgeries, **Greg Rau**, MVHS Vice-President, is recovering at home. Greg and Bette have appreciated the cards and believe your prayers have made a difference. Bette says Greg is "Doing better. Slow but sure...kind of like watching paint dry, but at least it's drying."

Congratulations to member, **Mary Hofacker**, who was awarded this summer a Beautification Award by the Patterson Park neighborhood for her lovely garden.

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.

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July 9 West Member Garden Tours

Robert and Leesa Comparin's Garden

All three of the gardens featured in the July tours held unexpected surprises as we walked into the backyards and discovered magical worlds created with plants. Thank you to all of the members who invited us to see their worlds.



In the rural area near Camden, **Robert and Leese Comparin** have created an amazing series of ponds, waterfalls, rockwork, sculpture and gravel paths that give their backyard a beautiful focal point. Around that structure, they've planted unusual trees, specialty conifers, perennials, pollinator plants, and hostas that provide variety of color, texture, and shape. A garden tower provides an interesting way to view the garden and the 30-year-old koi.



Paul and Carolyn Leatherman's garden not only has a beautiful selection of hostas, but mature beds of perennials, hydrangeas, shrubs, southern plants, and a butterfly garden. Hard to imagine the yard used to have 80 taxus.

Carolyn and Paul Leatherman sitting in their "Hosta of the Year" raised bed in New Lebanon



2019 Year in Review

July 9 West Member Garden Tours continued



BJ Ney in her unique Farmersville garden. Your put must pass through the spokes of this old bicycle.



BJ Ney invited us to stroll through her garden and test our putting skills. She has artfully incorporated 18 miniature golf holes in her country style garden. Each hole is landscaped with lovely plants and quaint objects. The garden was featured in the Early Spring 2019 issue of *Country Gardens Magazine* and began as a way to entertain her children. The mature trees provide high shade for hostas and the yard includes a pollinator garden and garden “shed.”

August 13 Meeting

“How to Have a Beautiful Garden Without Having an Ugly Shovel”

presented by Pat Stidham

After our business meeting at the Miami branch of the Dayton Metro Library, member, Pat Stidham guided us through techniques that she uses to design beautiful garden spaces. Her ideas could be used to design an entire yard or simply create a small space that successfully conveys a feeling or style that makes people want to linger. She encouraged us to keep a notebook of ideas clipped from magazines or the internet to help us define the style, color or mood we want to create. Next comes the choice of location and might include an area under a tree or next to a structure where the “room” is partly defined. When choosing materials, Pat encouraged us to look at containers and articles we already own including “indoor” objects that can be repurposed like a tea cart or baskets. The style and color of these objects contributes to the design. Our gardens can be a showcase for our passions and interests, so choose objects that mean something to us. In addition to color and style, gardens can focus on fragrance, touch or taste. A secret garden can be created by choosing a site that cannot immediately be seen. Pat brought several beautiful plants to emphasize how much impact moveable and changeable containers can have.

Speaker, Pat Stidham is an OSU Extension Master Gardener and we toured her lovely and creative garden last year.



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Speaker, Gary Snyder



September 10 Meeting

“Soil Health” presented by Gary Snyder

After our business meeting at the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler, Gary Snyder of Green Velvet Sod Farms discussed the importance of soil health. We all complain about our clay soil, but Gary walked us through a pyramid graphic depicting the various types of soil (Sandy, Loam, and Clay) and how the different soil structures affect gardening. A soil test should be made to understand our individual garden’s soil and the analysis will determine pH, Cation Exchange Capacity, mineral presence, and soil structure. Gary recommended some products for changing pH (Aqua-pHix), breaking down clay soil (Humic DG) and improving the productivity of soil for turf, shrubs, and trees (C20 Soil Builder). More information can be found at greenvelvet.com/products. The presentation was very informative and Gary answered many member questions. If interested in doing a soil test, the OSU Extension provides information and a list of laboratories at ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-1132.



Marcia and Gene Bashor were surprised with a cake celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to a great couple!



Gene Bashor presents Gene Wogoman with an award given by the American Hosta Society for **Best Article**. Gene’s “Opening the Hosta Garden in Spring” appeared in the April 2018 issue of the Hosta News Scapes, our local newsletter. Congratulations!

October 8 Carry-in Dinner and Meeting

“Brighten Up Your Fall Garden”

presented by Abigail Hunter of Andy’s Garden


After eating great food and having a business meeting at Andy’s Garden, Troy Ohio, Abigail Hunter, a member of MVHS led a discussion and power point slide show on the star plants of the fall garden. She has a beautiful garden and provided lots of ideas for plants we may not already have. A little bluestem grass called ‘Twilight Zone’ which possesses an iridescent silvery blue purple cast beginning in mid summer stood out. Andy’s was a great host location for the last MVHS meeting of the year.



Speaker, Abigail Hunter

Thank You New Vendors!

The following new vendor partners donated plants or other goods to the 2019 MVHS Auction. A successful auction would not have been possible without their generous support. Thank you.



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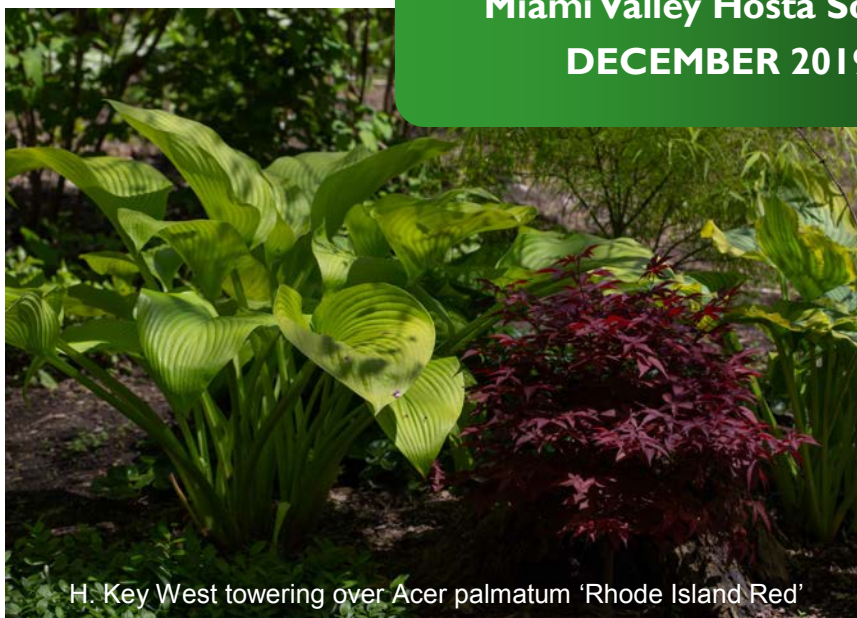
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