



Miami Valley Hosta Society

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President's Letter

Bob Iames

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Hi gardening friends,

Spring is in the air and plants are blooming and growing. I have hostas popping up everywhere and I've already been planting the dormant conifers I got from Dannaher's at Hosta College. It felt good to have my hands in the soil again even if it's still a little cold.

Hosta College was very nice this year, I hope you were able to attend. If not, make plans now for next year. We'll post the date as soon as we know. The auction had some great hostas in it. Several first-time offerings of new hosta and some nice older varieties that aren't readily available. Our own Normajeau's streaky hosta seedling brought \$150.00. There were new speakers with new topics, new craft ideas and old friends.

Our first meeting is April 9th with Doug Beilstein as our speaker. His presentations are always full of great info into the hosta world and fun. Bring some friends with you to enjoy the evening maybe they will join our group.

Be thinking about what you want to donate for the Hosta Auction. The date is May 4 and it will be here before we know it. Try to have them potted up 2-3 weeks prior to the auction so they can look their best that day and have them labeled. Normajeau will have info at the first meeting.

The time is now to get signed up for the bus trip in June. Bonnie has put together a great trip to the Indianapolis area. She will have more info and registration forms at the first meeting.

See you at the April 9th meeting,
Bob



Save the Dates in 2024!

Date	Place	2024 MVHS Events
Mar 15-16 ✓	Upper Valley Career Center 8811 Career Drive, Piqua, Ohio 45356	Hosta College, \$50 per person
Apr 9	Vandalia Senior Center 21 Tionda Dr, Vandalia, 45377	Meeting: Hostas....Seeing Red presented by Doug Beilstein
May 4	West Carrollton Church of the Nazarene	MVHS Annual Auction
Jun 7-8	Dayton to Indianapolis	Club sponsored bus tour
Jun 11	TBD	Garden Tours
Jul 9	TBD	Garden Tours
Aug 13	Vandalia Senior Center 21 Tionda Dr, Vandalia, 45377	Meeting: Color and Texture in the Spring Garden Presented by Glen Pace
Sep 10	Christ's Church 3370 Upper Bellbrook Road Sugarcreek Twp, OH 45305	Meeting: Seed Starting and Introduction to Gardening Presented by Sophia Briley
Oct 8	Vandalia Senior Center 21 Tionda Dr, Vandalia, 45377	Meeting, election of officers, presentation
Oct 19	TBD	Tri-club luncheon, hosted by MVHS

Bob's Garden Fair will be held Saturday August 31, 2024. Contact Bob liames at gardenbob222@aol.com for more information.

Annual Miami Valley Hosta Society Auction

By Normajean Roselius



The MVHS 2024 Annual Auction is scheduled for **Sat May 4, 2024**, so mark it on your calendar. Remember that Hostas are the friendship plant and our auction is the perfect place to share them while earning money for the club..

Normajean Roselius is once again leading the efforts for the auction. She will be sharing information via meetings and emails. If you would like to volunteer to help with the auction please reach out (ShadeGardener1@outlook.com / 937-609-4627.) More help is always welcomed. Also, please keep the auction in mind as you work in your gardens this spring. We take all sorts of plants and garden art for the auction.

Special Event!

OVERNIGHT BUS TRIP Fri, June 7 & Sat, June 8, 2024 Indianapolis, IN Tailgate Tour

By Bonnie Wildenauer



Have we got a tour for you! Hold on to your hats and get ready for a wild ride through Indianapolis.

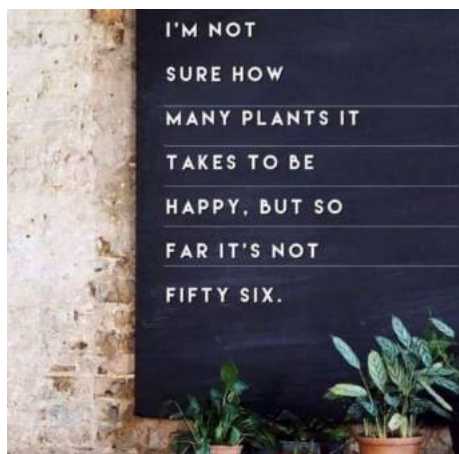
Hopefully, by now everyone has gotten emails from the club with information about our planned bus tour. We have had a good response to the trip but there are still seats open. Tell your neighbors and friends – this is a trip not to be missed. Please see the MVHS website for additional details.

More information: <https://miamivalleyhosta.com/bus-trip-info>

Registration form: <https://miamivalleyhosta.com/bus-trip-form>

Full itinerary: <https://miamivalleyhosta.com/bus-trip-itinerary-1>

All participants will receive additional information regarding the trip via email.



Hosta College 2024

By Ginny Stuckey

This year was my third year at Hosta College and I enjoyed it just as much as my first year. Of course, I have learned a little (compared to the lots there is to learn about Hostas) but there is still more to learn and to experience. The classes are offered in 7 periods with a lunch break in the middle. They cover a wide topic on the very basics of hostas, which I feel I am past, to the very advanced, such as hybridizing (I don't know if I will ever reach this level.) My classes this year were more about companion plants and garden design. I made my first kokodama and have managed to keep it going in my sunroom.

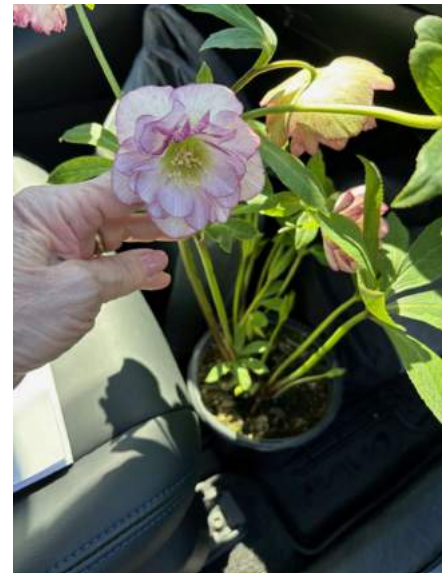
Of course I saw many other club members there. Bob liames pulled double duty as both a class instructor and auctioneer. I carpoled with Normajean Roselius. I competed with other members in the auction (got a couple of items) and shared lunch with others. I tried for some items in the raffle but didn't win them. But I didn't come away empty handed. I bought some items from vendors, won a beautiful door prize and met some wonderful people.

It was a lot of fun and I'll go back again.



Instructor Bob

My kokodama plant



My door prize

2024 Hosta of the Year: Hosta 'Mini Skirt'

This is a reprint of an article written by Judy Artley, newsletter editor for the New England Hosta Society *Leaf Letters* newsletter



Each year, the members of the American Hosta Growers Association (AHGA) select a Hosta of the Year. Winners are hostas that are good garden plants in all regions of the country, are widely available and retail for about \$15.00 in the year of selection.

The 2024 winner is H. 'Mini Skirt'. This petite hosta forms a miniature mound of very wavy, thick, blue-green leaves with creamy yellow margins in spring. In summer, the center turns more green and the edge lightens to creamy white. Pale lavender flowers with deeper purple stripes appear closely packed together on short, very proportionately sized scapes in early to midsummer. Plant this cute little hosta in troughs and containers with good drainage, or plant it near the edge of the border where it is easily seen.



H. 'Mini Skirt' is a sport of H. 'Mighty Mouse' which was introduced and registered by Walters Gardens in 2013. The AGHA began the Hosta of the Year program in 1996. The complete list of Hostas of Year is on the AGHA website.

Information from the [American Hosta Growers Association](#), [Walters Gardens](#) and [the AHS Hosta Registry](#)

"Gardening is the art
that uses flowers & plants
as paint, and the soil and
sky as canvas" - Elizabeth Murray



Thank You 2023 Auction Donors!

Andy's Garden

andysgarden.com
Troy, OH

Benedict's Nursery

(574) 773-2254
Nappanee, IN

Berns Garden Center

bernsgardencenter.com
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grandmasgardencenter.com
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(937) 767-1997
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hostahosta.com
Franklinton, NC

Joan's Backyard Treasures

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Hamilton, OH

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knollwoodgardens.com
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lakeviewgardencenter.com
Fairfield, OH

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(937) 473-3873
Covington, OH

Marilyn's Hosta Garden

(330) 958-0512
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masonhollow.com
Mason, NH

Meadow View Growers

meadowview.com
New Carlisle, OH

Natorp's Nursery

Natorp.com
Cincinnati, OH

Paw Paw Everlast Label Co.

everlastlabel.com
Paw Paw, MI

Robin's Nursery

robinsnurseryxenia.com
Xenia, OH

Siebenthaler's

Siebenthaler.com
Beavercreek, OH*

Stockslagers Garden Center

stockslagers.com
New Lebanon, OH

Stoney Creek

stoneycreekgardenc.com
Yellow Springs, OH

The Happy Hosta

tnifong1@hotmail.com
Thomasville, NC

The Secret Garden

secretgardenwaynesville.com
Waynesville, OH

Treasurers on High

tcarter22@woh.rr.com
Covington, OH

Wengerlawn Nursery Co.

wengerlawnnursery.com
Brookville, OH



*Please keep these 2023
auction donors in mind
when doing your holiday
shopping.*



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

- ✓ Memberships are for 12 months — January 1 thru December 31.
- ✓ Memberships include annual Membership Card, subscription to **Hosta News Scapes** newsletter, email reminders for scheduled events and notices of various Member news.
- ✓ Members receive MVHS Yearbook containing program calendar and membership roster.
- ✓ Members can register for Hosta College ahead of the general public, and at a cost savings.
- ✓ Members-only garden hops, annual picnic, special events, and more.
- ✓ Member discounts on overnight bus trip and special garden tours.
- ✓ Active Members receive email notification of all activities and announcements.



Miami Valley Hosta Society Membership Dues:

- \$12** Individual Membership
 \$17 Family Membership
Two or more individuals sharing same address

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Mail form, with check made payable to **Miami Valley Hosta Society**, to:

Joyce Thomas
6211 St. Rt. 123
Franklin, OH 45005

For information, call **(937) 789-8663**
 Or email **joycethomas1499@gmail.com**

American Hosta Society 2024 National Convention



June 18th - 22nd
Marlborough, Massachusetts

JOIN US in New England for **A WHALE of a TIME**

Garden Tours ~ Accredited Hosta Show
New England Clambake/BBQ ~ Vendors
New England Sport and Seedling Competition
Speakers ~ Workshops ~ Judges Bootcamp
Optional "Experience Boston" Day
Taste of New England Welcome Reception



Registration information at
www.hostaconvention.org

By MAIL - Fill out form on back and return
with your payment

Early Registration Deadline 1/31/24
Registration Deadline 4/30/24
Late Registration Deadline 6/8/24

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough, MA 01752
(508) 460-0700
Ask for **American Hosta Society 2024** room rate

For more information and schedule of events,
please visit www.hostaconvention.org

2024 AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

June 18-22, 2024 - Marlborough, Massachusetts

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel

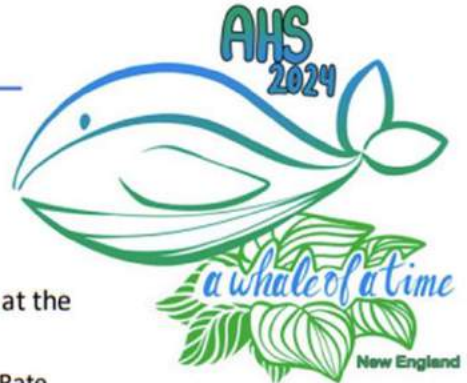
181 Boston Post Road W - Marlborough, MA 01752

Make your hotel reservations by calling (508) 460-0700 or use the link at the

AHS convention website: www.hostaconvention.org

Remember to request the special AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY 2024 Room Rate

\$139/night (includes full buffet breakfast in Zachary's Restaurant)



REGISTRATION DETAILS *(Please print clearly - one attendee per form)*

Name:	Preferred Name on Badge:
Address:	City, State, Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:

**Please see cancellation policy at www.hostaconvention.org*

EARLY REGISTRATION if received by 1/31/24	\$ 240	 	\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
STANDARD REGISTRATION if received by 4/30/24	\$ 255		\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
LATE REGISTRATION received after 5/1/24 before 6/8/24	\$ 275		\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
MEALS ONLY (companion)- Thursday Picnic, Friday Buffet & Saturday Banquets only	\$ 175		\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
GARDEN TOUR BUS includes bus fee and box lunches for Friday and Saturday garden tours - <i>*select lunch choice below</i>	\$150•		\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>

** Select ONE Box Lunch per day (Tour Bus riders ONLY) - lunch on your own for self drive attendees*

Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Deli Turkey Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoked BBQ Chicken Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Vege Sandwich
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacon Turkey Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Steak & Arugula Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Vege Sandwich

** Optional Wednesday Tour (choose only ONE)*

WHALE WATCH/BOSTON (7:30am-5:30 pm) inc. transportation	\$ 126 /person	\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
BOSTON/DUCK BOAT TOUR (7:30am-5:30pm) inc. transportation	\$ 108 /person	\$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>

Thursday Clambake Meal Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Lobster (1 1/4 lb) <input type="checkbox"/> Steak (10 oz sirloin) <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Chicken	Saturday Banquet Meal Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Parm Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> New England Scrod <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Kabobs
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TOTAL DUE \$

**MAIL PAYMENT TO: Sandie Markland
PO Box 1573, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948**

** Please let us know about any special dietary needs ASAP*

Pay by Credit Card - will send an invoice to your email address for Total Due PLUS 5% convenience fee

Hosta Show: Please check if you wish to

Judge Clerk

Plan # _____ entries in the Hosta Leaf Show

Plan # _____ entries in New England Seedling & Sport Competition

Rules & Regulations available at www.hostaconvention.org

Judges Bootcamp (Tuesday, June 18): Please check if you plan to attend

Judges Clinic I (1-5 PM) Judges Clinic II (6-8 PM)

Need Judges Handbook (\$10 payable at Clinic)

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER YES NO

Miami Valley Hosta Society 2024



**“Stimulating the knowledge
and love of hostas”**

Dayton Ohio and Miami Valley Region

I can't wait to walk down the aisle

The aisle:



MVHS Officers:

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Vice-President: Bette Rau

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Newsletter: Ginny Stuckey

Website: Normajean Roselius

Yearbook: Elaine Middlestetter

Great Lakes Region Delegates:

Tina Duritsch, Amanda Duritsch

Membership: Elaine Middlestetter

Annual Program: MVHS Officers

Special Events:

Hosta Auction—Normajean Roselius

Bus Tour—Terry Nehr, BJ Ney,

Bonnie Wildenauer

Hospitality:

Joyce Thomas, Kathy Watson, Sherry Green,

Sharon Rife



SOCIAL MEDIA:

Web Page www.miamivalleyhosta.com