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Spring Meeting - Saturday, April 4th - 2:00 PM

Presentation:

"Insider Tips: What to expect at the AHS 2020 Convention"

Bachman's - Heritage Room - 6010 Lyndale Avenue South - Minneapolis

The Minnesota Hosta Society is host for the American Hosta Society 2020 convention on June 10-13. As a result, many of our members are involved in planning and organizing the convention activities.

Key activity leaders will host a panel presentation reviewing what to expect at the convention.

Activities to be covered include:

- Educational Speakers (3 each day)
- Garden Tours (Fri & Sat morning)
- Impromptu Garden Tours (before and after the convention)
- Hosta Leaf Show & Judges Clinic
- Evening Hospitality events (Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat)
- AHS Auction (Friday)
- MHS Silent Auction (Thu/Fri/Sat)
- Gift Hosta for attendees
- Vendors - opportunity to purchase Hosta, companion plants and garden related items
- Volunteer opportunities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jax Cafe event on 3/21 has been cancelled

AHS Hosta News:
Covid-19 and Hosta Vision 2020

Please see message on page 3
from Andy Marlow, President AHS

regarding the status of the Hosta Vision 2020 American Hosta Society National Convention



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Letter from our President, Rod Hilstrom



Thanks for being a MHS Member

Spring is Coming! My calendar says the first day of spring is Thursday, March 19th. As hosta enthusiasts we all like spring, we can get outdoors and clean up our gardens, dig out a few old plants, put in a few new plants, etc. March 19th may be a little early but we will be in the garden sometime in April. As MHS members we all like growing hostas and for sure showing hostas. As I look at our MHS membership I see a very talented group of people from many walks of life and somehow, we have all chosen to grow beautiful hostas.

As I think about those beautiful designs in the hosta leaves, I also think about all the effort that has gone into getting them to that point. First we look at the catalogs, or websites, and decide which hostas we would like to add to our garden this year, then we dig up a new garden area, we amend the soil, we plant the new root stock, we water, we fertilize, we spray for deer and rabbits, we treat for slugs, we weed, and we do numerous other things to make our hostas look the best they can look.

With all of our talent and all of our effort we have succeeded in raising some very beautiful hostas, now what more can we do with them. Fortunately, this year MHS, on June 11th thru 13th, is hosting Hosta Vision 20/20 and there are several things that we can do with our hostas;

1) Several members have volunteered their gardens so hundreds of people can walk through and view them,
2) Many of you, hopefully all of you, can bring your favorite leaf, or leaves, to the Leaf Show,
3) Many of you can also bring in your container grown hostas, or hanging basket hostas, to help decorate the convention hotel landscape, and
4) Not related to the Hosta Vision 20/20, but on August 27th and 28th, MHS will be putting together a display in the Horticulture Building at the Minnesota State Fair.

One or more of these opportunities should allow you to show-off some of your beautiful hostas. Please help us out with putting on a hosta show that will not be soon forgotten!



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Covid-19 pandemic announcement

AHS Hosta News <hostanews@ahsmail.org>

Sat, Mar 14, 8:15 PM

Hosta Vision 2020 American Hosta,Society National Convention

I'm sure many of you are anxious to know about the Hosta Vision 2020 American Hosta Society National Convention scheduled for June 10-13 in the Twin Cities in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Convention chair Amy Peterson, her chief advisor Mary Schwartzbauer, Minnesota Hosta Society president Rod Hillstrom and I have met. With the situation still very fluid and the convention almost three months away, we are reluctant to make a definitive decision right now. So much could change in that time. We feel the decision should come closer to the event.

As of now, the convention is on as scheduled. A number of things could change that. An order from local, state or federal authorities, a decision by the convention hotel to limit large gatherings, or enough cancellations by registrants could all have an impact. We expect to provide a definitive answer by May 1. We should have a better handle on the situation by then, and that date should allow time for people to alter their plans, should that be necessary.

As you may remember from your registration form, there is a cancellation penalty for anyone cancelling after April 1. We are waiving that penalty to allow people to postpone their decision until the May 1 date. Should we have to cancel the convention entirely, we are committed to providing everyone a full refund of their registration.

This is a serious situation and we are approaching it as best we know how. Please keep yourselves and your families safe and healthy.

Andy Marlow
President, American Hosta Society



Board of Directors Meeting
Date: 1/11/2020, 9:00 am
Location: Good Earth Restaurant, Edina, MN.

Members present – Rod Hillstrom (President), Tom Wright (Vice President), Paul Lambert (Recording Secretary), Betty Holz-Bergmann (Membership Secretary), Jeannine Churchill (Treasurer), Andy Marlow (Immediate Past President)

President R. Hillstrom started the meeting with a general discussion on various MHS activities, financial info and budgeting. The board approved the minutes of the last (Oct. 12, 2019) board meeting. B. Holz-Bergmann (Past-Treasurer) reported the MHS financial account balance is $32391.79.

Treasurer B. Holz-Bergmann reported the MHS membership is at 182. There were 247 members with 65 expiring in 2019. Postcards are to be sent out as a reminder of their expired membership and a reminder will be sent with the next newsletter that their membership has expired.

Vice-President T. Wright reported on upcoming meeting programs will be Bob Solberg on Feb. 8, 2020 and Andy Marlow and Bob Olson on Mar. 21, 2020 social meeting at Jax Café.

Andy Marlow reported that the current registration is at 210 persons for Hosta Vision 2020 (AHS National Convention). The hotel is approximately 60% booked.

R. Hillstrom reported on the member plant sale for 2020. There will be 6 different hostas with a total of approximately 200 plants available for sale to members at the March meeting and via the Spring newsletter. Other committees have little or no activity at this time.

Other ongoing and upcoming activities: An MHS display at the Minnesota State Fair display by the MHS will require a new committee and volunteer staffing in Aug. 2020 and possibly future years. A committee will review and recommend updates to the bylaws. USBank accounts will be transferred to new officers Pres. Rod Hillstrom and Treas. Jeannine Churchill.

Date: 2/8/2020, 12:00 am
Location: Patrick's Bakery and Café, Bachman's, Minneapolis, MN.

Members present – Rod Hillstrom (President), Tom Wright (Vice President), Paul Lambert (Recording Secretary), Jeannine Churchill (Treasurer), Andy Marlow (Immediate Past President)

Not Present -- Betty Holz-Bergmann (Membership Secretary)

Guests – Amy Peterson (Hosta Vision 2020 Chair), Bob Solberg (Guest speaker for MHS general meeting)

The board approved the minutes of the last (Jan. 11, 2020) board meeting. Jeannine Churchill gave the treasurer's report and the current balance is $28,057.72.

Vice-President Tom Wright reported that the speaker for the following membership meeting on Feb. 8, 2020 is Bob Solberg. Andy Marlow and Bob Olson will give a presentation on the Mar. 21, 2020 social meeting at Jax Café. The Apr. 4, 2020 membership meeting will have a panel discussion on the upcoming AHS convention Hosta Vision 2020.

Jeannine Churchill (reporting for Betty Holz-Bergmann) reported that the MHS membership is at 190. Renewal notices and emails have been sent to expired members. Amy Peterson reported that the current registration is at 270 persons for AHS convention Hosta Vision 2020.

Rod Hillstrom reported on the member plant sale for 2020. There will be 6 different hostas available for sale to members at the March meeting and via the Spring newsletter.

The board approved the sale of the MHS storage trailer to Dennis Savory for $800. Arrangements for new storage will be made in the springtime.

Rod Hillstrom noted the need to fill chairperson positions for MHS Leaf Show in 2021 (preferred 2-person team), MHS State Fair Display in Aug. 2020 (preferred 2-person team) and an MHS Publicity Chair. A request for volunteers will be made at the next MHS general membership meeting. Also, a request for volunteers for various events and activities regarding the AHS convention Hosta Vision 2020 will be made at the following membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Lambert, Recording Secretary

Minnesota Hosta Society
General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2020
Heritage Room at Bachman's, Minneapolis, MN.

President Rod Hillstrom called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. Attendance was approximately 90 people.

Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of October 12, 2019 meeting – Elaine Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the MHS general membership meeting (Annual Meeting) held on October 12, 2019 as published in the MHS newsletter, (2nd by Sandra Wright). The motion passed without opposition.

Treasurer's Report – Jeannine Churchill gave a report of expenses and income and reported the MHS account balance was at $28,057.72. A motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report was made by Andy Marlow and the motion passed without opposition.

Membership Secretary's Report – Jeannine Churchill (reporting for Betty Holz-Bergmann) reported that the MHS membership was at 188 members and 59 memberships had expired at the end of 2019 and have been contacted.

Committee Reports

Hosta Vision 2020 – Amy Peterson reported on the status of the AHS convention. Currently 270 people have registered and committee activities and events are on track to be ready for the convention. Amy noted that there are sign-up sheets for contributions and volunteers for activities and time periods during the convention. Rita Gindt-Marvig reported on the convention leaf show and made a request for volunteers. Rod Hillstrom reported on the need for Container Plants needed for the outdoor landscape at the convention, many containers needed.

Member Plant Sale – Steve Rutz reported that there will be a member plant sale of 6 different hostas available with an order form in the March newsletter.

Vice President's Report – Tom Wright reported that the Jax Café social meeting will have speakers Andy Marlow and Bob Olson giving a talk on the plants for this years' Benedict Garden Performance Medal. The next general membership meeting on April 4, 2020 will have a panel discussion on the AHS convention. The topics would cover experiences, what to expect and how to get the most from the convention.

President's Report – Rod Hillstrom stated the MHS is seeking a chairperson(s) for the MHS Leaf Show in 2021. He also reported on the MHS State Fair Display, which last year won ribbons for best display at the MN State Fair and that the society is looking for chairperson(s), volunteers and contributors for the MN State Fair Display on Aug. 27-28, 2020. Rod also noted the society is seeking a publicity chair for promotion of events and activities of the society.

The MHS potting party will be May 16, 2020 to pot hostas for the Member Plant Sale and also the convention gift plant.

Rod Hillstrom reported the board approved the sale of the MHS storage trailer to Dennis Savory and the new storage arrangements are TBD.

New Business – Andy Marlow reported on the MHS Garden Photo Contest and presented certificates and awards to the winners. Adult division 1st place winner was Kathy Haram (certificate and $50), 2nd place winner was Betty Holz-Bergmann (certificate and $25) and 3rd place winner was Darlene Addison (certificate and $10). Youth Division winner was Emil Liden.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Tom Wright introduced guest Speaker Bob Solberg. Bob is the owner/operator of Green Hill Hostas and gave an interesting talk on Growing Hostas in Containers. The talk included growing practices for good development which included pot sizes, soil mixes, drainage, fertilizing, watering schedules, etc. He also made note of growers in Holland and Belgium growing hostas exclusively in greenhouses and pots (as does Bob). He also gave an anecdote filled talk about his last trip to Japan on his search for hosta Sieboldiana. He also covered and had photos of some of his newest introductions. He concluded his talk by answering many questions.

2020 AHS National Convention Update

AHS 2020 National Convention, June 10-13, 2020 at the Minneapolis Marriott NW in Brooklyn Park.

Status: As of 25 Feb. 2020 we have 293 registered attendees with a minimum goal of 350 attendees so we are about 87% of goal. We have also achieved about 85% of our funding target to date with fees and donations. Donors include the MHS, SOGHS and Midwest Regional HS. We have also fulfilled our contract obligations with the convention hotel with regards to rooms and anticipated food purchase. Our add-on garden tour to SE MN/Rochester area on Wed. June 10th has 104 of 108 seats full. A key focus moving forward is obtaining volunteers for registration and support of the hosta show and vending.

Volunteer sign-up will continue at the next MHS Meeting (April 4th). MHS membership is encouraged to volunteer to assist in some capacity with their time and talents even if you cannot attend the full convention. Most volunteer activities would involve a 3-4 hour block time commitment during the convention. We are also looking for donations of specific items. Discussion & sign-up will be at the next MHS meeting or you can contact: Amy Peterson at apetersonmn@q.com or call 651 773 3975 for additional information. **Thank you** for considering where your time and talents can make the MN Hosta Society hosting of the 2020 AHS National Convention a great success!

Lastly, just a reminder about our collection of used eyeglasses. Our convention theme "**Hosta Vision 2020**" has included this philanthropic activity. Collected eyewear will be donated to the MN Lion's International program. Used eyeglasses (and the case if available) can be brought to any upcoming MHS meeting or the convention for donation. Check with friends and family to make a donation!



Many Hands
Make Light
Work

Amy Peterson
Hosta Vision 2020 - Convention Chair

UPCOMMING CONVENTION PLANNING MEETINGS – ALL WELCOME!

Location: Minneapolis Marriott NW, 7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park, MN

☒ March 7, 2020 (Saturday 9-11am)	☒ May 9 & 23, 2020 (Saturday 9-11am)
☒ April 11 & 25, 2020 (Saturday 9-11am)	☒ June 6, 2020 (Saturday 9-11 am)

Container hostas needed - for 2020 Convention display

Please help to cover the outside of Hosta Vision 2020 convention hotel with hostas.

There is nothing more pleasing to convention attendees than seeing the yard of their hotel covered with beautiful hostas. If you would be able to help, please plant a favorite hosta of yours in a compatible container and then bring it to the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest when you register on Wednesday, June 10th.

Someone will be there to meet you and help place the container and hostas in an appropriate position in the landscape. We will water it during the week and then you have a choice of what to do with the container and hosta later in the week. If you would like to donate it to the AHS Auction on Friday afternoon just let the person know that is helping you place the hosta on Wednesday, it will be taken to the AHS Auction if you have indicated such. If you would like to keep the hosta for yourself you may retrieve it on Saturday afternoon as activities at the convention are beginning to wrap up. Your hostas will be tagged with the appropriate name and with your name as the hosta owner.





Photos by Kathy Haram

Please fill in the information below and send to:
Rod Hillstrom
12510 – 25th Ave. N.
Plymouth, Mn 55441

Please do this by May 16th so we have time to get appropriate labels made up - and - so we know how many hostas we can plan on having in the hotel landscape.

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H. `Paradise Expectations' M. Fransen NR

A reverse sport of 'Great Expectations', this hosta has blue-green leaves with a gold or yellow margin.

This is a large hosta, 24" X 50", and should be a better grower than 'Great Expectations'.

Member price - $10.00



H. `Tickle Me Pink' B. & D. Stegeman 2006

A seedling of 'One Man's Treasure' X 'Squash Casserole' with a medium size, golden yellow leaf. Much of the leaf petiole is spotted red.

This small to medium size plant, 8" X 28", has been around for a while and is still one of the nicer medium sized yellow hostas.

If you need a second medium sized yellow plant and don't want to dig and divide your existing one, consider buying this hosta.

Member price - $10.00



H. `Holar Wild Side' R. Van Keer NR

The leaf on this medium size plant is green, long, twisted and wavy. IT'S WILD! Parentage is 'Netune' X 'Tequila Sunrise'.

If you are a 'Holar' collector or want the twisted look, here is the plant for you.

Member price - $15.00



H. 'Mouse on the Moon' M. Zillis, R. Solberg NR

A sport of 'Mouse Madness', this mini was introduced in 2019. With a whiter edge, ruffles and a pointed leaf, you need to add this mini to your 'Mouse' collection.

The expected size is 6" x 4"

Member price - $15.00

MHS Member Plant Sale 2020 continued



H. `Christmas Tree Gala' L. Powell 2000

Our streaked offer for 2020 is a green, white & yellow streaked sport of 'Christmas Tree'. At 10" x 23", this medium to medium large plant will fit nicely into your hosta border.

If you are looking for a streaked hosta to use in your hybridizing program, this is the one.

Member price (for this hard to find host) - $20.00



H. `Truly an Honor' J. Miller NR

This is a solid green sport of the streaked 'Rod Kuenster', a seedling of 'Dorothy Benedict' X 'Blue Belly'.

The parentage of this hosta points to a large blue / green plant whose mature height is unknown because 'Rod Kuenster' itself has not yet reached it's full size.

Member price - $20.00
This hosta is NOT AVAILABLE anywhere else.

MHS Member Plant ORDER FORM - on the next page →





Photo by Rod Hillstrom

2020 Member Plant Order Form

Member Name: _____

THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF ONE (1) PLANT OF EACH VARIETY AND A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) PLANTS PER ORDER

Member Plant Order Information

Hosta Cultivar @$10	# of plants	Price	Subtotal for plant
H. 'Paradise Expectations'	_____	@$10 each	_____
H. 'Tickle Me Pink'	_____	@$10 each	_____

Hosta Cultivar @$15	# of plants	Price	Subtotal for plant
H. 'Holar Wild Side'	_____	@$15 each	_____
H. 'Mouse on the Moon'	_____	@$15 each	_____

Hosta Cultivar @$20	# of plants	Price	Subtotal for plant
H. 'Christmas Tree Gala'	_____	@$20 each	_____
H. 'Truly an Honor'	_____	@$20 each	_____

Total Cost of Plants _____

(Make Checks Payable to 'MHS')

Mail completed form with payment to:

Steve Rutz
110 Kingsview LN N, Plymouth, MN 55447

MHS Hosta Potting Day

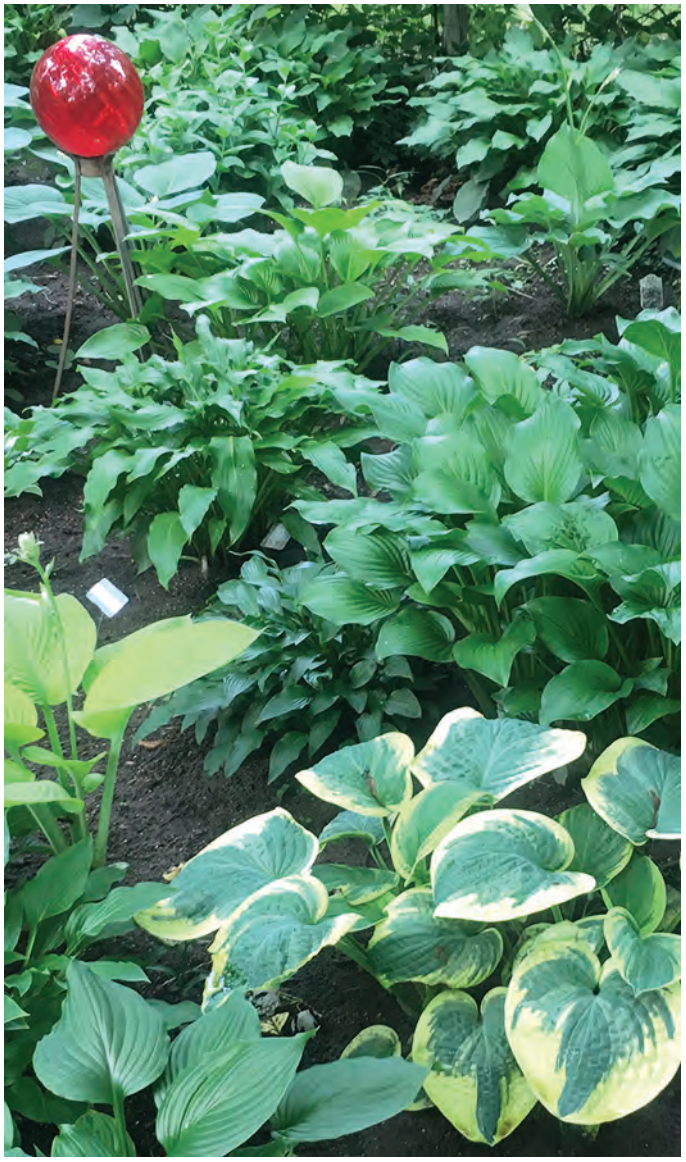
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9AM - noon

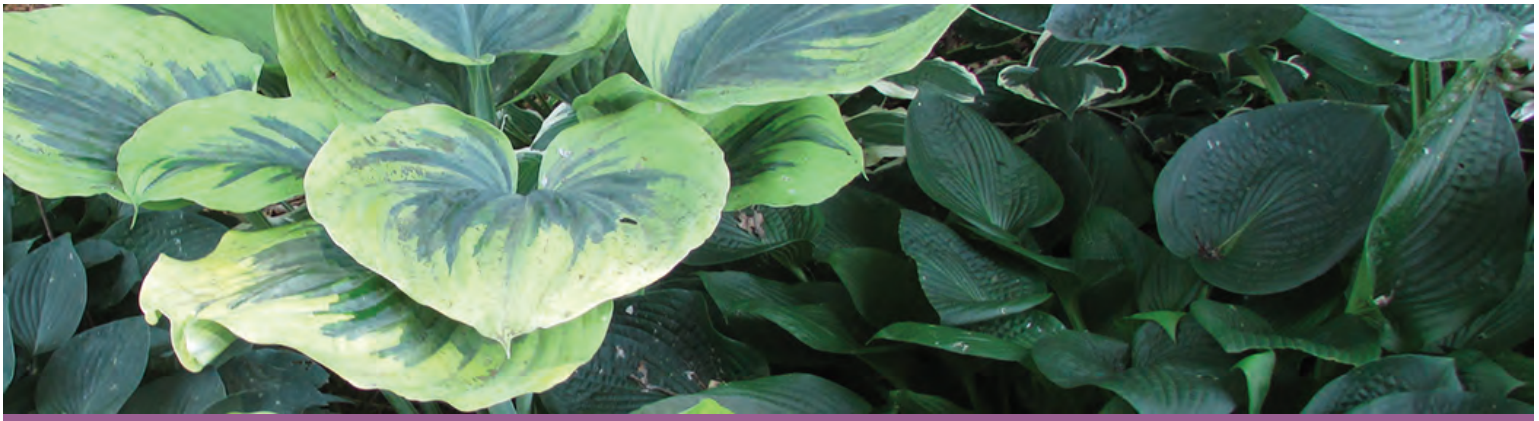
The MHS Hosta Potting day will be held Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the home of Marv & Barb Ten Clay, **19655 Vine Street, Deephaven, MN 55331**, from 9:00 am to noon.

We will be potting the gift plants for the HostaVision 2020 convention. We will also be potting the member plants (these will also be available bare root if you let us know before we start planting). In addition we will be potting up Hostas for the MHS silent auction at the convention. Donations are welcome (see additional information in the Hostaphile).

Note that we will not be having a Hosta plant sale this year. You are all invited to visit the Vendor Room at the convention. Many Hostas will be available for purchase during the public open hours (you do not need to be registered for the convention to shop and buy Hostas here).

This is a fun day for not only potting, but for interacting with fellow MHS members. New members are invited to come and meet other members of the society. Coffee will be provided and members will be bringing treats to share.





Display Hostas Needed for MN State Fair

On August 27th and 28th Minnesota Hosta Society has another opportunity to put on a great hosta display in the Horticulture Building at the Minnesota State Fair.

This has been done for many years and the quality of the display is entirely dependent on getting and having great hostas to display.

In 2019 MHS was awarded three ribbons for various categories of the display. We would like to improve on that this year! If you have any of your favorite hostas in pots or planters please let us know if we could use them for a couple of days. They do not need to be new cultivars or the largest hostas in your garden, they just need to be a good quality hosta or planter. Your hostas will be returned to you after the August 28th.

Please fill in the information below and give it to Rod Hillstrom at your earliest convenience or mail it to Rod at 12510 – 25th Avenue North, Plymouth, Mn 55441. Please do this by June 15th so we have time to get appropriate labels made up and so we know how many hostas we can plan on having at the State Fair. Thanks in advance!



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Plymouth, Mn 55441

Please do this by June 15th so we have time to get appropriate labels made up - and - so we know how many hostas we can plan on having at the State Fair. Thanks in advance!

Name _____ Phone _____

Probable pot sizes and cultivar names (1)_____

(2)_____ (3)_____

(4)_____ (5)_____

2nd Annual MHS Photo Contest

Winners of the second annual Minnesota Hosta Society Display Garden Photo Contest were announced at the MHS General Meeting on February 8. Certificates and checks were awarded to the winners in the adult and youth categories.

Judges for the contest were the staff of The Hosta Journal, official publication of the American Hosta Society: editor Bob Olson, photo editor Andy Marlow and designer Janet Mills.



Adult - First place ($50 prize):
Kathy Haram
Hosta 'Fried Green Tomatoes'



Youth Division - First Place ($50 prize):
Emil Liden
IMG 4986
Emil, who lives in Eden Prairie, is 16 years old. He and his mother attended the February meeting.



Adult - Second place
($25 prize):
Betty Holz-Bergmann
Hosta 'Lunar Moth'



Adult - Third place
($10 prize):
Darlene Addison
Hosta 'Whirlwind'

Images from Feb 8th General Meeting



















3/21	~~Jax Cafe, Speakers, our own dynamic duo, Andy Marlow and Bob Olson~~ ~~This is a member event, and prepaid prior to the event. See the Winter Newsletter for more information.~~ Members and members guests are welcome with registration
4/4	General Meeting: Program - "Insider Tips: What to expect at the AHS 2020 National Convention" Panel Discussion OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Location: Bachman's at 6010 Lyndale Ave So, Richfield 2:PM
4/30	Deadline for Summer Newsletter
5/16	Saturday - Hosta Potting Day - 9:00am to noon.
6/11-13	2020 AHS: National Convention Hosted by Minnesota Hosta Society www.HostaVision2020.com Watch Facebook and Website for Open to Public vending dates and time
8/31	Deadline for Fall Newsletter
October	Fall Meeting, Speaker, Location TBD

