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Winter Meeting - Saturday February 8th - 2PM

Bachman's Heritage Room - 6010 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis 55419

Guest Speaker - Bob Solberg "Growing Hostas in Containers"

Bob has been very active in the American Hosta Society, serving as the Editor of The Hosta Journal, the principle publication of the American Hosta Society, (1988-1990) and Vice President for The Genus Hosta, (1998-2001). He was the recipient of the 2003 Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Award. Bob is co-founder and is Executive Secretary of The American Hosta Growers Association, (1998-2011, 2018-current), a professional trade organization for hosta nurseries. The members of the AHGA select the Hosta of the Year annually.

He is a nationally known lecturer on the subject of hostas and writer of many articles on hostas. He has edited the "Green Hill Gossip" since 1996 and the "Gossip Jr.", a twice yearly subscription newsletter since 2004.

Hosta hybridizing has been a passion of Bob's for almost 30 years. In 2008 he was awarded the Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award by the American Hosta Society for his work with hostas. He has introduced about 100 hostas to date and hasplans to add five or so to that number each year.'Guacamole', introduced in 1994 and Hosta of the Year in 2002 is probably his best known cultivar and is probably in your garden.



'Orange Marmalade' PP#16,742 is his first patented hosta. 'Corkscrew', 'Ginsu Knife', 'Cracker Crumbs', 'Crumb Cake', 'Tongue Twister', 'First Frost', 'One Man's Treasure', 'Smiley Face', 'Sweet Sunshine' and 'Curly Fries' are some of his better introductions, along with some of his newest hostas, 'Ambrosia' PPAF and 'First Blush' PPAF .

submitted by Tom Wright

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Letter from our President, Rod Hilstrom



A time of Transitions! As I was thinking about writing my first President's Message, I started by thinking we would do things like last year. Then it hit me, no, this will not be a year like last year, almost everything is different because this year Minnesota Hosta Society is hosting the American Hosta Society National Convention, Hosta Vision 2020, which affects nearly everything we do. Last year was similar to each of the previous eight years, but MHS has a tradition of hosting the national convention every ten years, 2000, 2010, 2020, etc. In the year 2021 we will resume doing things similar to what we did last year.

A few of the things that will not change much from last year are the general membership meetings in February, April and October; the luncheon meeting in March; maintaining and improving the MHS Display Garden at Smith Coffee and Café in Eden Prairie; and possibly the Minnesota State Fair exhibit in late August. However, we will continue to provide some of the best hosta speakers in the country at the meetings and present a quality product for the Display Garden and the State Fair.

Hosta Vision 2020 will impact many of the programs as follows: The Member Plant Sale in March and April will only have about fifty percent as many hostas available because the convention will provide some of the best vendors in the US and you will likely wish to spend some of your hosta money there; the annual MHS Hosta Sale in June will be eliminated for this year because of the competition it would be for the outside vendors; the MHS Leaf Show will be eliminated because the convention has it's own leaf show in which we encourage all MHS members to participate; the MHS Garden Tour will not be hosted because the convention will be hosting many of Minnesota's finest hosta gardens in their tours; and the MHS Potting Party in May will be significantly downsized because we will only be potting up about 750 plants. However, your involvement in these activities is probably needed more than ever because we, Minnesota Hosta Society members, will be hosting 400 plus convention attendees. Please see Hosta Vision 2020 article in this publication to see how you can help!

Other transitions, or changes, that we are dealing with include: our excellent MHS President, Andy Marlow, leaving that position to become the AHS President; the MHS Board of Directors, as elected at the Fall Meeting, has new faces in all positions; plus the board may be looking a couple of other changes that have been in some preliminary discussions. These things should not be of concern to MHS membership because we still have very good people in the leadership areas: Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman are continuing to provide some wonderful direction for the Display Garden which has recently been recognized as an AHS National Display Garden; Steve Rutz is again managing the Member Plant Sale which last year provided a record 350 plus hostas to the MHS membership; and Marvin Ten Clay continues as chair for MHS Plant Sale which last year provided the most net income in the sale's history.

We also need to thank and recognize: Kathy Haram for her many years of leadership and for continuing as MHS Garden Tour chair; Linda Butwinick for the great job she has done as Membership Secretary (MHS membership increased by nineteen percent last year) and for chairing the MHS Leaf Show; Amy Peterson for all the energy and direction she has been, and is, providing to Hosta Vision 2020; and we would be remiss if we didn't recognize and thank our two recipients of the "AHS Certificate of Appreciation" who are Darlene Addison and Mary Jo Duncan! Congratulations ladies! And, finally, thank you to all the MHS membership, we appreciate each and every one of you, you are what makes our society do what it does and we have many good years ahead of us in honor of the "Friendship Plant" our beloved "HOSTA".

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The AHS National Convention "**Hosta Vision 2020**" is sponsored by us the MHS and will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott NW in Brooklyn Park, June 11-13, 2020. The Convention Planning Team has made great progress and registration is well underway. As with any **BIG** event many volunteers are needed to make everything run smoothly. It is never too early to volunteer and volunteers for support roles are still needed – see below for areas currently identified where you can help.

CONVENTION DETAILS

Check out the website (www.hostavision2020.com) for current information on registration (convention & hotel), gardens on tour, vendors, the hosta show and overall schedule of events. Each convention night hostatality is a hosted event by supporting organizations: MHS, Shades of Green HS, and the Midwest Regional HS.

Our show theme celebrates historical Minnesotan's who had the vision to preserve our green spaces for future enjoyment. Being local makes it the easiest time for **YOU** to participate. Don't be anxious by this being a national convention, MHS membership participation is very much encouraged. Help us show off Minnesota's best hosta leaves!



EYEGLASSES COLLECTION - Tied to our convention theme we included a philanthropic event to collect used eyeglasses for donation to the Lions International program. WHO estimates that the eyesight of 1/4th of the world's population can be improved through the use of corrective lenses. **YOU**, family and friends are encouraged to make donations. Please start collecting now!



AUCTION DONATIONS - Don't forget the need for donation of Hosta for the convention auction. Auction money supports AHS's publication of the prestigious *The Hosta Journal.* Have a more unique hosta **YOU** can share. This spring split off 2-3 pips and pot it early so it will be well established for the auction in early June.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Many hands make light work! MHS membership (**YOU**) are encouraged to volunteer to assist in some capacity with their time and talents. All volunteers welcome. Many will be needed to assist during the convention. These jobs require a short term commitment. To explore volunteer opportunities please contact:

Amy Peterson - apetersonmn@q.com or call (651) 773 – 3975.

More detail will be provided in the future but some known areas where volunteers are needed include:

- Convention site set up &/or take down
- Vendor set up &/or take down assistance
- Hosta show leaf prep room support
- Tour bus captains
- Tour garden assistance
- Hostatality room support
- Registration desk coverage

Mail -in registration form is on the next page of this Newletter

Display Garden Hostas...








Photos by Julie Carley

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 11-13, 2020 / Minneapolis Marriott Northwest

7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55428
Make Own Reservations at (877) 303-1681 or (763) 536-8300 or use the link on the convention website: www.HostaVision2020.com.
Daily Room Rate: $134.00, plus state & local taxes (currently 10.275%)

STANDARD REGISTRATION If received by 05/01/2020.	**$220.00/person** ☐ YES
LATE REGISTRATION If received after 05/01/2020.	**$240.00/person** ☐ YES
GARDEN TOUR BUS Opt in & ride bus to Fri & Sat gardens.	**$40.00/person** ☐ YES *If not select you are choosing to drive on your own.*
SE MN/ROCHESTER TOUR On 6/10/2020, 7am -5:30pm.	**$50.00/person** ☐ YES *Only 23 seats remain as of 12/21/2019.*

REFUND POLICY:

- 100% refund if written request received by 01 April 2020.
- 50% refund if written request received by 01 May 2020.
- No refunds will be made after 01 May 2020.
- No refund for cancellation in attending the SE MN/Rochester tour if wait list alternate not available.
- Send refund request to registrar listed on www.HostaVision2020.com.

Retain hard copy for your registration record. If paying by check submit lower piece with payment to registrar.

********** TEAR HERE ********** **Please PRINT CLEARLY** ********** TEAR HERE **********

REGISTRATION DETAILS

FIRST PERSON		***SECOND PERSON*** ***(Only if same address/contact info.)***	
Name:		**Name:**	
Address:			
Email:		**Telephone:**	
_____+_____+ *Early Registration -*	_____+_____+ *Garden Tour Bus Ride*	_____+_____ = *SE Minnesota Garden Tour*	_____ **Total**
Card #	*Billing Zip Code*	*Expiration Date* / *CVS #*	_____ **Charge Card Use Fee $10**
Check preferred payable to HOSTA VISION 2020		**GRAND TOTAL**	_____

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO:

Amy Peterson - Registrar ▪ 6313 Upper 44th St N., Oakdale, MN 55128

FLYING TO MN?	☐ YES – Additional details will be sent to you when available. 75 Free roundtrip transfers from airport to convention hotel available "first come first serve" opportunity. Transportation service will need flight details.
HOSTA SHOW	Please check if you wish to ☐ Judge, ☐ Clerk, and/or ☐ Place entries in the Hosta Show. Hosta Show schedule details will be available online at **www.HostaVision2020.com** in late 2019.
JUDGES CLINIC	Please indicate if you will be attending: ☐ Clinic I ☐ Clinic II ☐ Clinic III ☐ Check to receive the official handbook & binder at the clinic ($10.00 fee payable at class time.)
SPECIAL DINNER MEAL (TH/SAT only)? ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Vegetarian	**ATTENDING SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

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Minnesota Hosta Society
Board of Directors Meeting
October 12, 2019
Patrick's Restaurant at Bachman's on Lyndale

Members present: Andy Marlow (President), Kathy Haram (Immediate Past President), Rod Hillstrom (Vice President), Tom Wright (Recording Secretary), Linda Butwinick (Membership Secretary), Jeannine Churchill (Treasurer nominee), Paul Lambert (Recording Secretary nominee)

Members not present: Betty Holz-Bergman (Treasurer)

President Marlow called the meeting to order at 12:36 PM

President's report - Andy stated he made a visit to Savory Garden's in Lester Prairie to see the MN Hosta Society trailer that is stored there. The trailer is under 3,000 lbs GVW and therefore has a permanent registration/license. It is registered to the MN Hosta Society and once it is sold we will need to fill out a form to transfer it to the new owner. We will also need board approval to authorize the sale of the trailer and authorize a person to sign the transfer certificate.

Secretary's report - Marlow stated that the previous board minutes as published in the MHS Newsletter were approved via email from all board members.

Treasurer's report - The current balance in the MHS checking account is $33,505.26 (email read by Marlow from Treasurer, Betty Holz-Bergman)

Membership report - The current membership count is 242.

Vice-President's report - Next general meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2020 at Bachman's Heritage room. The scheduled speaker is Bob Solberg, topic is container plant soils.

March 21st will be the Jax Cafe winter lunch with presentation by Andy Marlow and Bob Olson.

Committee reports
Hosta Leaf Show – Butwinick
Still waiting for approval from AHS that our July 2019 show was accredited. Those that won & did not receive award ribbons will receive them at today's General Meeting. There will be no MN Hosta Society leaf show in 2020 as we will hosting the AHS convention that will have a leaf show of its own.

New Business
Sell trailer, rent storage space – Current trailer is owned by the MHS society and stored at Savory Gardens in Lester Prairie (not conveniently located). Proposal is to sell the trailer and rent storage space that is more centrally located for all MHS collateral. Haram moved and Butwinick seconded to explore the sale of the trailer. The motion carried.

Butwinick moved and Haram seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Wright, Recording Secretary

Minnesota Hosta Society
General Membership Meeting
October 12, 2019
Heritage Room at Bachman's on Lyndale

President Andy Marlow called the meeting to order at 2:10

President's report:
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published in the MHS newsletter. Motion passed without opposition via voice approval by the membership present.
Current bank balance is $33,505.26

Committee reports:
HostaVision2020 - presented by Mary Schwartzbauer. Asking for volunteers to help during the convention. See AHS convention website HostVision2020.com or Facebook page "HostaVision2020" for information on the convention to be held June 10-13, 2020 at the Minneapolis Marriott NW in Brooklyn Park.

Display Garden - presented by Gary Mosiman & Julie Carley. Garden will look much different next year as the church & parking lot to the south has been demolished and will be replaced by new development. Additional hostas have been planted this fall.

2020 Budget - motion made by Rod Hillstrom to approve the budget as printed in the latest MHS Newsletter, seconded by Roger Koopmans. Motion passed without opposition via voice approval by the membership present.

2020 Officer slate - presented by Kathy Haram. A motion was made by Don Dean and seconded by Elaine Cole to approve the slate as presented. Motion passed without opposition via voice approval by the membership that were present.
President - Rod Hillstrom
Immediate Past President - Andy Marlow
Vice President - Tom Wright
Treasurer - Jeannine Churchill
Recording Secretary - Paul Lambert
Membership Secretary - Betty Holz-Bergman

2019 Hosta Show awards - presented by Linda Butwinick. We had 211 displays of hosta leaves contributed from 15 people. Linda presented ribbon to Steve Rutz for 1st place ribbon (purple) for 'Fatal Attraction.' Linda stated (embarrassingly) that she won Best of Show award and the other four 1st place division ribbons.

AHS Awards - presented by Connie Linder

AHS National Display Garden - award marker plaque presented to Julie Carley & Gary Mosiman for MHS Display Garden which was awarded as an AHS National Display Garden.

AHS President's Wall award - presented by Andy Marlow
MHS nominated two people for the award which was approved by the AHS Board. Award certificates were presented to Mary Jo Duncan & Darlene Addision for their contributions to the MN Hosta Society.
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed without opposition via voice approval by the membership present and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Speaker Mike Shadrack followed with a great presentation on "Eight English Gardens."

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Wright, Recording Secretary

General Meeting Photos



AHS President's Wall award



Darlene Addision

Hosta Show awards



Steve Rutz & Linda Butwinick

AHS National Display Garden



Connie Linder presented to Julie Carley & Gary Mosiman



Mary Jo Duncan



2020 Officer Slate

HostaVision 2020



Mary Schwartzbauer

Speaker Mike Shadrack



"Eight English Gardens"

Dinner event after the General Meeting



2019 Recap

We had another GREAT Member Plant Distribution in 2019. We offered ten plants at sometimes steep discounts from retail. A total of 368 plants were purchased, seven selling out completely.

For 2020 the Member Plant Offering will be scaled back a bit to six plants. The total quantity will be down from previous years and a per person limit may be imposed.

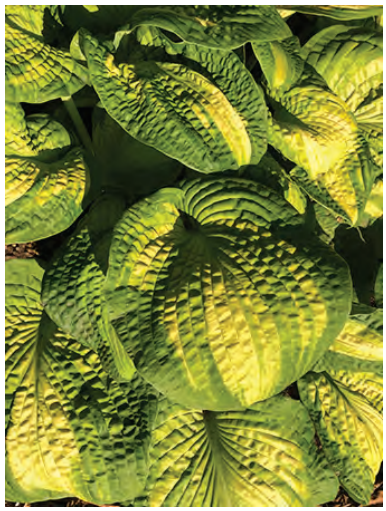
Probable list of plant include 1 mini, **'Mouse on the Moon'**; 1 streaked, **'Christmas Tree Gala'**; 2 nice mediums, **'Tickle Me Pink'** and **'Holar Wild Side'** and 2 large plants, **'Truly an Honor'** and **'Paradise Expectations'**. Some of these Hosta were new in 2019.

The final list and a description along with the order form will be included in the Spring Hostaphile.

submitted by Steve Rutz

Images from the Display garden...









Photos by Julie Carley

Geezers Guide to Rising Stars

(March Luncheon Meeting)

March Meeting: Lunch and Program. No business meeting, just some lighthearted fun and a great presentation on 'Rising Stars!''

Registration required: Your check for the cost of lunch ($20) must be received no later than March 7, 2020. This event is for members, but not limited to members. Non-members are welcome as guests of a member as long as it is paid along with member reservation.

Cost: $20 per person (plus cash bar is available for beverages)

Date/time/location: Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (lunch at 11:45 am) at Jax Café, 1928 University Avenue Northeast - Minneapolis, MN 55418

Program: Last year our dynamic duo, known as the very knowledgeable Bob Olson and the always entertaining Andy Marlow, billed themselves as the **"The Star Geezers.'** They will give a run through of the plants eligible for this years' Benedict Garden Performance Medal. If time permits they will also present information on the AHS popularity poll and offer some opinions on cultivars that should, or should not, be on the list. It should be entertaining and I'm expecting to gain some knowledge in addition!

Membership: If your MHS membership has expired please include your renewal membership along with the cost of lunch(s). Membership fee is $20.00 for two years.

Please mail bottom portion no later than March 7th along with a check made out to MHS to:

Tom Wright, 14060 Stonegate Lane, Minnetonka, MN 55345

Jax Café March Luncheon Meeting

Name:_____

Guest Name(s):_____

Total number attending: _____

Apple & Brie sandwich _____

JAX sliced prime rib sandwich _____

Total $$ March Luncheon meeting: _____

Total $$ Membership Renewal: _____

Display Garden Update

We picked up the hostas we had ordered for the MHS Display Garden at the MHS Spring sale, This year, we decided to pot them and grow them at our home for the summer (safe from deer and tree roots!). So, on September 23, after a summer of coddling, they were all planted in their new home at Smith House . With Rod Hillstrom's help, we found a spot for each of the new hostas and also dug up and replanted a few older hostas to free them from Maple roots.





The MHS Display Garden will be getting some new neighbors fairly soon. The woods next to the east side hosta garden will be developed into condo housing. In preparation for this change, we thought we should check the garden boundaries against the actual Smith House lot line.





We got the property map from Smith and brought our longest measuring tape. After a lot of measuring, we unfortunately found that instead of a right angle, the line ran inward and that we had hostas beyond that line. On October 25, Kathy Haram helped us transplant all the hostas that were beyond our newly found lot line. She also brought and planted some flowering companion plants that she dug from her garden.





Some very good news-AHS has honored the MHS Display Garden by designating it as an AHS Display Garden. An AHS engraved sign was presented to MHS at our Fall meeting. It will be installed at Smith House next Spring. Hopefully, some our our 2020 AHS Convention guests will have an opportunity to visit the Display Garden.

Article and photos submitted by Julie Carley



Winter Hosta Symposium - Milwaukee WI

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society will once again hold its **Winter Hosta Symposium** in Milwaukee, WI, at the Brookfield Sheraton on **January 31 and February 1st.**

The cost for the **8:30AM until 4:30 PM** symposium is **$59.00** and includes the Friday night hostatality suite, six speakers, a coffee break and a buffet luncheon.

Early arrivers can come in and register after 4:00 PM on Friday, January 31st. Supper is on your own with well over 20 restaurants to choose from within walking distance at the Brookfield Mall area.

Hostatality will be the evening's venue and the chatting can extend late into the evening. The hostatality suite will have beverages (regular and alcoholic) and snacks. **Hotel costs are $105.00 for one and $10.00 for each additional person.** This includes a buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant on Saturday morning.

To make a reservation call the **Sheraton at 1-262-364-1100** and use the code WHT or Winter Hosta Symposium 2020 for your discounted price. Consider staying a second night and enjoy more chit-chat.

Our speakers will be **Bob Solberg, Michael Hill** speaking on mycorrhizae, **Jeff Moore** and his hands-on hybridizing, **Mark Zilis, Glenn Herold** speaking on trees and shrubs for the hosta garden and **Michael Greanya** speaking on rock garden plants and their adaptability to the hosta garden. Details will follow later as to the exact nature of the speakers' talks.

Weather is always better in Milwaukee in February and you can get your hosta "fix" by talking with other hostaphiles and enjoying our speakers.

Come join us for hosta chit-chat.

REGISTRATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE







"Companion plants" - photos by Kathy Haram

MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY
2020 WINTER HOSTA SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, February 1, 2020 - Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel

Hotel Rate: $105 single, $10 each additional occupancy + tax (includes breakfast for registered hotel guests).

Deadline for hotel reservation is 1/17/2020

To make a reservation call the Sheraton at 1-262-364-1100 and the code is WHT or Winter Hosta Symposium 2020 for your discounted price.

The Winter Hosta Symposium meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel. The Meeting will be from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Conference check-in is Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 PM, and Saturday morning from 7 to 8 AM.

Hospitality will be on Friday and Saturday Nights at the Sheraton Hotel.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Fill out registration form completely.
Make a copy of this registration form for your records. Confirmations will be done by email.

Note that MRHS memberships are family memberships, so individuals in the household are also MRHS members.

NAME _____ __ **MRHS member** __ **Non-MRHS member**

ADDRESS_____ **If a non-MRHS member,**

CITY_____ **your $10 surcharge will be applied to a**

STATE/ZIP_____ **1-year membership in the MRHS.**

PHONE_____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FAMILY MEMBER(S) ATTENDING _____

Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel - Registrations postmarked after January 17, 2020 require a $10 late registration fee per person. Cancellations before January 5, 2020 will be sent a full refund. We will be unable to issue refunds after January 17, 2020. (Except for medical emergencies or death in family)

Number of members	____	X $59 =	_____
Number of non-members	____	X $69 =	_____
Number of late registrations	____	X $10 =	_____
TOTAL			_____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MRHS

Mail your registration form and check to:

Dave Collura, 13600 W. Graham St., New Berlin, WI 53151-2572

Questions about registration? Contact Jack Barta (jbarta@wi.rr.com) (262) 375-0617

Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel - 375 S. Moorland Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 364-1100

Mention Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting for this rate. Rate is guaranteed through Jan. 17, 2020.

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HOSTA COLLEGE 2020

A Garden Symposium

March 20th & 21st, 2020

Friday Night

Hosta auction, shop for plants, books, tools & more

Saturday

Over 70 classes offered on "everything green"

Online Registration begins in February
Check our website for details:

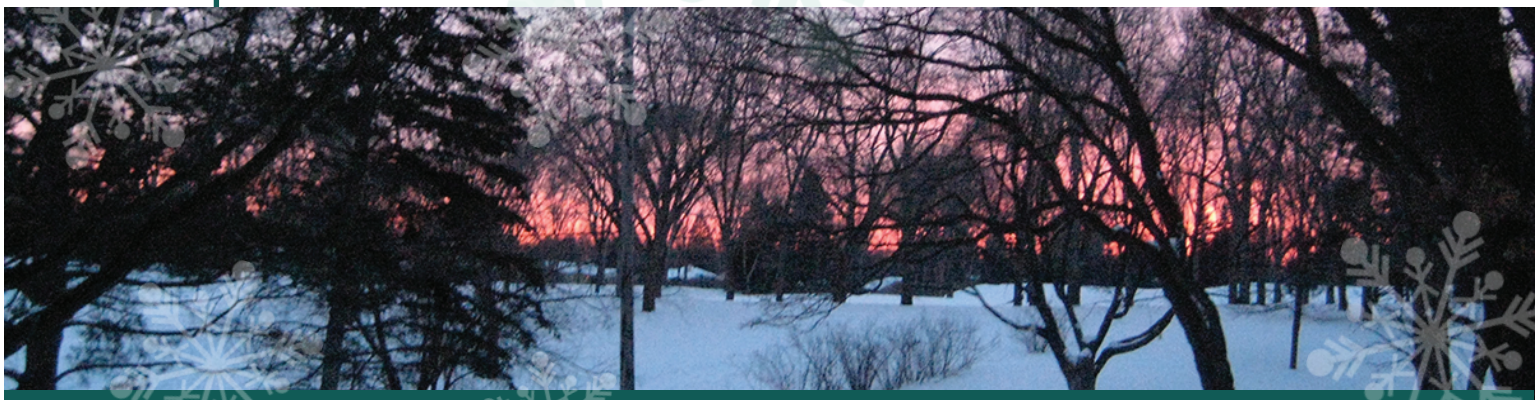
www.ihostohio.org/portal/glhc

We offer Hosta College for Kids! (ages 10-15)

Upper Valley Career Center
8811 Career Drive, Piqua, Ohio



February 8	**General Meeting with Speaker Bob Solberg** Topic: Growing Hosta in Containers Successfully OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Time and Location: 2PM at Bachman's at 6010 Lyndale Ave So, Richfied
February 28	**Deadline for Spring Newsletter**
March 21	**Jax Cafe, Speakers, our own dynamic duo, Andy Marlo and Bob Olson** This is a member event, and prepaid prior to the event. Members and members guests are welcome with registration.
April 4	**General Meeting, Speaker TBD** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Time and Location: 2PM at Bachman's at 6010 Lyndale Ave So, Richfied
April 30	**Deadline for Summer Newsletter**
May 16	Potting Party at Marvin Ten Clay residence, 9 AM
June 11-13	**AHS: National Convention Hosted by Minnesota Hosta Society** www.HostaVision2020.com Watch Facebook and Website for Open to Public vending dates and time
August 31	**Deadline for Fall Newsletter**



"The Garden in Winter"

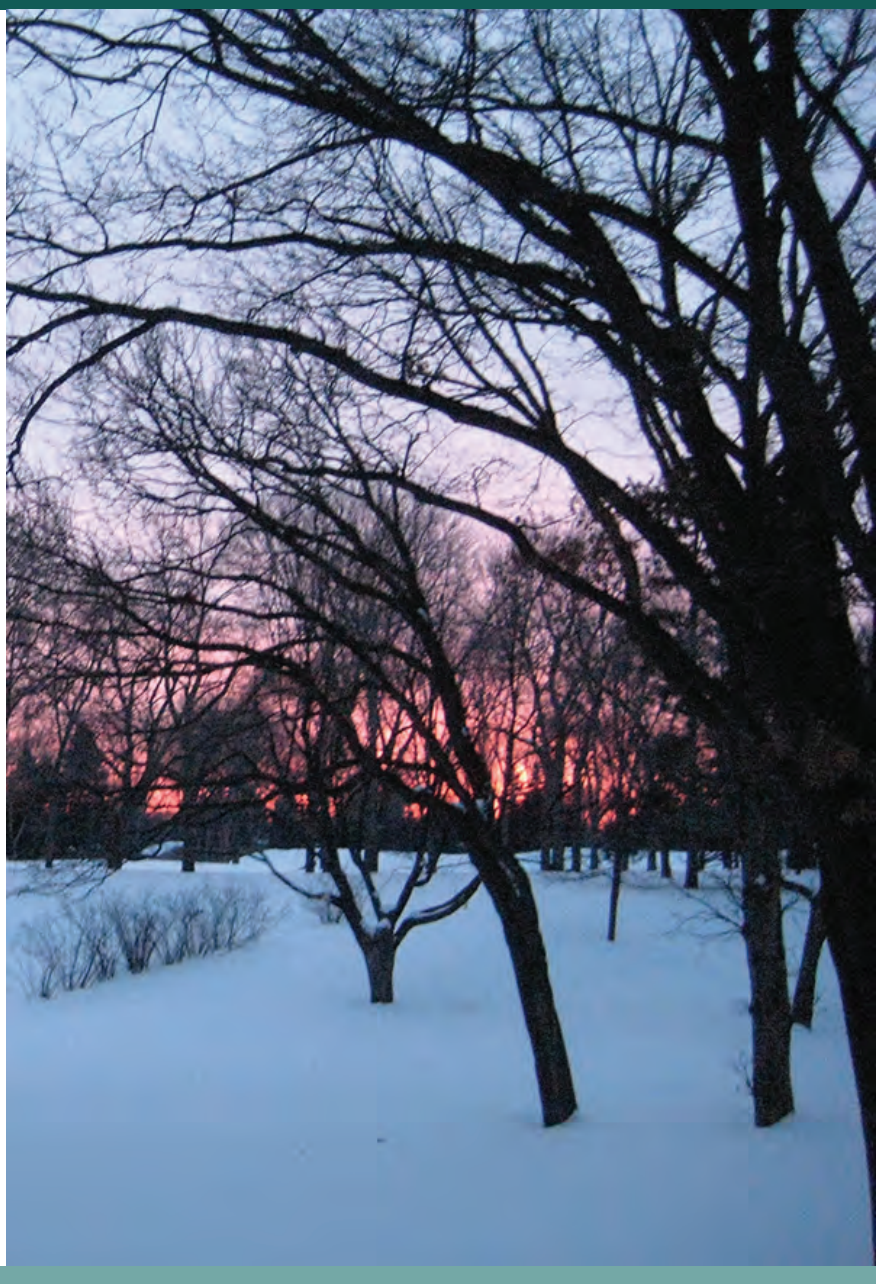
Frosty-white and cold it lies
Underneath the fretful skies;
Snowflakes flutter where the red
Banners of the poppies spread,
And the drifts are wide and deep
Where the lilies fell asleep.

But the sunsets o'er it throw
Flame-like splendor, lucent glow,
And the moonshine makes it gleam
Like a wonderland of dream,
And the sharp winds all the day
Pipe and whistle shrilly gay.

Safe beneath the snowdrifts lie
Rainbow buds of by-and-by;
In the long, sweet days of spring
Music of bluebells shall ring,
And its faintly golden cup
Many a primrose will hold up.

Though the winds are keen and chill
Roses' hearts are beating still,
And the garden tranquilly
Dreams of happy hours to be
In the summer days of blue
All its dreamings will come true.

Lucy Maud Montgomery



"Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream."

Josephine Nuese