

Bob Iames

President's Letter

Hi gardening friends,

The newsletter is back! Thank you, Ginny Stuckey, for taking over as editor of the newsletter. I know I have missed this wonderful publication. Ginny is taking over as editor from Robin Mann who did a fabulous job. Thank you, Robin, for all your hard work on the newsletter.

Ginny is also our new Constant Contact person. She will be in charge of sending out the emails that keep us all informed and connected. She is taking over that role from Joan Stoppelman. Thank you, thank you, thank you Joan for all your hard work and dedication sending out the emails to our members. You did a fantastic job!

There are so many people to thank for all that they do to keep the MVHS running. First, thank you officers for all your hard work this past year. Bette Rau as vice president, Joyce Thomas, treasurer and Elaine Middlestetter secretary. You all did a great job. Next to thank is the hospitality team, Joyce Thomas, Kathy Watson, Sherry Green and Sharon Rife. They do a wonderful job with refreshments at our meetings and special events. Thank You!!! The MVHS auction would not be the success it is without all the hard work Normajejan Roselius puts into it. Thank you Normajejan! Normajejan and Ginny are our new website editors and built a brand new website for our club. It is an awesome website and easy to use. Be sure to check it out. Thanks for all your work and expertise on the website, it is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank everyone who opened up their gardens for our garden tours this year. The garden tours are one of my favorite things to do with the club. I

love seeing all the creativity our members have with their gardens and how well cared for and grown the plants are. There is a lot of garden knowledge and experience in this group.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, our members, for attending our meetings and special events. Without your support the MVHS would not be the incredible group it is. Thank You!

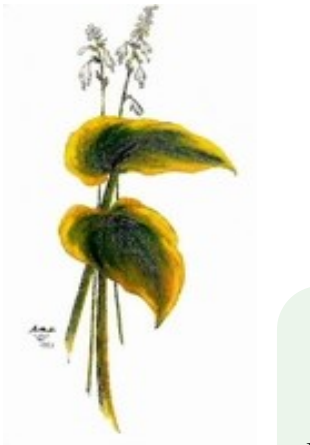
The Christmas Party has changed. Audry and Ron Schilb were going to host the event but Audry's and her mother's on going health issues have changed that. Please keep them both in your thoughts. Sherry Green has offered to step in and host the party. The date and time are still the same, Dec 12 from 6-9pm. There will be food. Thanks Sherry. Watch for an email with all the information.

There will be a bus trip in 2024. Bonnie Wildenauer has taken charge of the planning and is moving full steam ahead. She is being helped by Terry Nehr, BJ Ney and Bette Rau. It will be Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, 2024. Watch for info to be coming out in the newsletter and emails about the trip and be sure to mark your calendar and save the date.

Remember that dues are due. Please update your contact info, email, phone, address, etc. We want to be able to keep you informed of all the great things that are happening with our club. Watch for an email reminder and get those dues in so you don't miss anything.

Have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your family and loved ones.

Bob



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2023 Club News

Annual Miami Valley Hosta Society Auction

By Normajeane Roselius



The 2023 MVHS auction was a great success. We had 45 people in attendance and raised \$3008 for the club after all expenses were paid. The highest priced item was a stunning set of three stained glass birds that was hand crafted by our own Greg Rau. It sold for \$80.

I may chair the auction, but it is everyone that helps out that makes it a success. Unfortunately, it is six months after the auction and I cannot remember everyone that helped make our auction great, so I will hit the highlights.

A big thanks goes out to Bob Iames for his ability to keep the auction moving while making it fun and lighthearted. We can always depend on him for laughter and smiles. I can't imagine our auction with any other auctioneer!

One thing that makes our auction unique is the complimentary lunch provided to all attendees by our Hospitality Committee: Joyce Thomas, Kathy Watson, Sherry Green and Sharon Rife. Thank you for the lovely refreshments.

A huge shout-out to Ginny Stuckey and Susan Detert for all the bid tracking during the auction.

Terry Nehr has sort of taken charge of set up and the running of the plants to the auctioneer and the audience over the last few auctions. This has allowed me to attend to other matters needing my attention. Thank you, Terry.

To everyone else that worked at the auction, THANK YOU!

Finally, a huge thank you to all that donated items or solicited vendors for donations. I especially want to thank our 22 vendors this year. They donated items even though we could not provide them the usual advertising on the website, in the newsletter or in the yearbook. I am happy to say that all three of these are either currently in place or will be soon so we can provide the benefits to the vendors for their 2024 donations.

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.

Position Changes

Web Site Design and Content



Normajeane Roselius has stepped into overseeing the <https://miamivalleyhosta.com/> as of August. She has made formatting and content changes already and updates the site frequently. If you have not looked at it recently you are encouraged to do so. And check it often for details on club events, events of interest to Hosta growers, photos from members, etc. If you would like to have some information published to the website please send an email to Normajeane at ShadeGardener1@outlook.com.

Newsletter Editor / Constant Contact



Robin Mann has successfully handed over the reins for this publication to Ginny Stuckey. This *Hosta News Scapes* is her first publication and she hopes to return the newsletter to a regularly issued event. If anyone has any feedback for the look and content, or would like to submit an article for publishing please send it to mvhs.editor@gmail.com. Ginny is also taking care of all emails that go out via Constant Contact. Many thanks to Joan Stoppelman for her years of service.



Club Membership

Elaine Middlestetter is spearheading Membership and is already busy organizing data, updating all the club nametags, and getting things in order to publish the yearbook in 2024. Joyce Thomas will still be receiving membership dues and will assist Elaine as needed.

Condolences



Joyce Zech passed away Apr 24, 2023

Joyce Zech, age 90 passed away peacefully after a brief illness. She was born and raised in Germantown, OH. Joyce was an avid gardener and long time member / supporter of the Miami Valley Hosta Society. Her husband Gene, also a member of the club, preceded her in death.

Nancy Denlinger passed away Nov 8, 2022



Nancy Lou Denlinger, 87, of Kettering, OH, passed away with family by her side. She lived her entire life in the Dayton area and lost her beloved husband James M. Denlinger in 2008. Her love for gardening and ability to grow ANYTHING led her to become a member of the Miami Valley Hosta Society. She was an accredited Flower Show Judge with The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, Inc. where she was a Life Member. Pretty things always caught her eye and she loved florals, so celebrate and think of her when you wear your bright colors.

Jerry Bashor passed away Apr 22, 2022



Jerry Bashor was 87 when he passed away in Brookville, OH. He worked in various greenhouses after college until co-owning & retiring from Bashor Appliance Center in Trotwood with his brother Gene. Gene also was a long term member of the club (who passed away in Nov of 2020.) Jerry was a great man: patient, kind, gentle and a loving husband & father. He touched many lives and for those he touched he left them a better person for having known him.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Tis the Season

FOR A
HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 pm

Hosted by Sherry Green

*email invitation
to come*

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, \$42/members, \$55 non-members, note: pre-registration is required
Apr 9	Vandalia Senior Center 21 Tionda Dr, Vandalia, 45377	Meeting with presentation
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	TBD	Meeting with presentation
Sep 10	TBD	Meeting with presentation
Oct 8	TBD	Meeting with 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.

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.

Friday morning we will begin by touring the garden at the home of Jay & Tess Park. Their garden features over 3 acres, including 1 acre of native trees and conifers. Cross the stream over the stone bridges to see Hosta beds and spring wildflowers on the way to the Napping cabin. Next, we take time out for a shopping spree and tour of Perennials Plus. We continue the afternoon fun at a few more garden tours seeing formal British gardens, picturesque Hosta gardens, and a graphic designer's sculptures and garden art. Evening activities include dinner and an auction at a local church with our friends from the Indianapolis Hosta Society.

On Saturday we will jump on the Great Lakes Regional Hosta Society Tailgate Tour where six avid gardeners will open their doors for us to wander thru their garden paradises. Some have invited vendors to set up at their homes. Don't forget to bring your notebooks and cameras to capture a plethora of garden ideas.

Mark your calendars. A registration form and more information will be coming soon. Questions ... text Bonnie at 937-620-3140





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



Join us for some fun packed days and a “Whale of a Time”.

Go to <https://hostaconvention.org/>
For full details.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Region One is very excited to be the location of the 2024 AHS National Convention. Join us June 18–22 in Marlborough, Massachusetts at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel for A Whale of a Time! Convention activities will include some fabulous garden tours, a New England Clambake & BBQ, a fully accredited Hosta Show, plenty of vending and shopping opportunities, four informative speakers, fun contests, a Friday night buffet dinner followed by the much anticipated AHS auction, Saturday AHS Awards Banquet, tons of Hosta-tality and the first ever New England Seedling & Sport Competition (modeled after the beloved First Look competition).

The convention activities will kick off Tuesday afternoon/evening with a Judges Bootcamp open to anyone who would like to sign up to attend judging clinics, a hosta show job fair and a workshop on how to prepare and enter leaves in the hosta show.

Two optional tours will be available on Wednesday (additional fee, pre-registration required) and those who sign up can experience Boston by going on a Whale Watch or seeing the sights by land and by water on a famous Duck Boat tour. After some time on your own, the bus will then stop at Sam Adams Brewery for a tour and a tasting.

More information, registration forms and t-shirt order forms can be found at:

<http://www.hostaconvention.org>

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: 100%;" type="text"/>
STANDARD REGISTRATION if received by 4/30/24	\$ 255		\$ <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
LATE REGISTRATION received after 5/1/24 before 6/8/24	\$ 275		\$ <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
MEALS ONLY (companion)- Thursday Picnic, Friday Buffet & Saturday Banquets only	\$ 175	➔	\$ <input style="width: 100%;" 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: 100%;" 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: 100%;" type="text"/>
BOSTON/DUCK BOAT TOUR (7:30am-5:30pm) inc. transportation	\$ 108 /person	➔	\$ <input style="width: 100%;" 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	TOTAL DUE \$ <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> MAIL PAYMENT TO: Sandie Markland PO Box 1573, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
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** 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

Thank You 2023 Auction Donors!

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