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WISCONSIN HOSTA SOCIETY
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello WHS!

I am back...and it is good to be back! I am excited for the opportunity to be president and am looking forward to a great 2020. My history with the WHS has been an active one with being president for four years; vice president for two years; and handling the sale/auction for probably eight years. I love change and get bored with the status quo so if you have any new or wonderful ideas than do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Taking over as president will be a smooth transition thanks to outgoing president Sandy O'Malley. Sandy did a great job for the Wisconsin Hosta Society. It takes a huge commitment to put in all of the time, energy and thought process to properly run a club. Sandy did all of this and more and we cannot thank her enough. Be sure and let her know that we appreciated her efforts because without people like her there would be no club.

I am looking forward to a great 2020! We have plans for some great speakers for our meetings, and I am especially looking forward seeing and talking with all of you.

Phil Timm, President



2020 CALENDAR

WISCONSIN HOSTA SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 4

Membership Meeting
Michael Jesiolowski (Director, Rotary Botanical Gardens) "Hostas—My Love of and Experiences with Them"

6PM Social, 6:30-8:30PM Meeting
Olbrich Gardens

Wednesday, April 1

Membership Meeting
Mark Dwyer (Owner, Landscape Prescriptions by MD)
"Tough Perennial Pals for Hosta"
6PM Social, 6:30-8:30PM Meeting
Olbrich Gardens ATRIUM

Sunday, May 31

WHS Hosta Auction
Time TBA
Olbrich Gardens ATRIUM

Summer 2020

WHS Leaf Show
Details TBA

Summer 2020

WHS Potluck Picnic
Details TBA

Wednesday, September 2

Membership Meeting
6PM Social, 6:30-8:30PM Meeting
Olbrich Gardens

Wednesday, October 7

Membership Meeting
6PM Social, 6:30-8:30PM Meeting
Olbrich Gardens

Nov 2020

WHS Harvest Party
Details TBA

2020 GARDEN EXPO

FEB 7-9, 2020

Join Wisconsin Hosta Society at the Garden Expo!

The 2020 Garden Expo will take place at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9. Once again, the Wisconsin Hosta Society will host a booth.

Please review the schedule below and let me know if there is a time slot(s) you can join us to meet and greet potential new WHS members as well as sell some hosta plants.

Friday, February 7 (show opens at Noon)

- Noon – 2 pm
- 2 pm – 4 pm
- 4 pm – 6 pm
- 6 pm - 8 pm

Saturday, February 8 (show opens at 9 am)

- 9 am – 11 am
- 11 am – 1 pm
- 1 pm – 3 pm
- 3 pm – 6 pm

Sunday, February 9 (show opens at 10 am)

- 10 am – Noon
- Noon - 2 pm
- 2 pm – 4 pm (plus tear-down)

Also, please let me know your mailing address so I can send you a pass to attend the Expo.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. You may contact me via email at gerber@wpmca.org or call me at (608) 345-0688.

See you at the Expo!

Lori Gerber

2020 GARDEN EXPO

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Here's a sneak peek at the hostas WHS will be selling at the Garden Expo next month.

Marlene and Jonathon at Uniquely Hostas have been taking good care of them! We expect to sell the following varieties: "Autumn Frost," "Cool as a Cucumber," "Island Breeze," "Waterslide," and "What the Hill Phil." For more WVPT Expo info check out <http://wigardenexpo.com>.



WISCONSIN HOSTA SOCIETY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

\$ 8,006.77	Beginning Balance December 31, 2018
\$ 1,290.00	Income Membership Dues-54 Renewal, 42 New
\$ 1,110.00	Income Garden Expo Hostas at Expo-74 sold
\$ 435.00	Income Garden Expo Hostas after Expo-29 sold
\$ 945.00	Income August Picnic Hosta Auction
\$ 180.00	Income H. What The Hill Phil @ \$20 each
\$ 87.00	Income T-shirts/Canvas Bags Fundraiser
\$ 126.00	Income T-shirts sold
\$ 50.00	Income Donation
\$ 4,223.00	Total Income
0.00	Expenses Garden Expo Hostas 2019 paid for in 2018
(407.00)	Expenses Garden Expo 2019/2020
(318.07)	Expenses & Food at Picnic, Leaf show
(100.98)	Expenses Misc. Office/Filing Fees/Postage
(266.00)	Expenses Insurance
(375.00)	Expenses Speakers/Olbrich Botanical Gardens
(417.17)	Expenses Harvest Party 2019
(125.02)	Expenses T-shirt order
(2,009.24)	Total Expenses
\$10,020.53	Ending Balance December 31, 2019 Bank Statement

Respectfully submitted, Treasurer Marla Robinson

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE HOSTA WORLD

The **Midwest Regional Hosta Society** will once again hold its **Winter Hosta Symposium** in Milwaukee, WI, at the Brookfield Sheraton on Jan. 31-Feb. 1. The cost for the 8:30AM-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. 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 "Hostas: Back to the Basics;" Michael Hull 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. 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! <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/>



HOSTA COLLEGE 2020 MARCH 20 - 21

www.ihostohio.org/glhc/



Lisle, IL July 16-18, 2020

<http://www.midwesthostasociety.org/ConventionPromo2020.pdf>



**American Hosta Society
National Convention**

June 10-13, 2020

Minneapolis, MN

www.hostavision2020.com

WHS PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 4, 2019

On a sultry August Sunday Heidi Carvin hosted WHS members for our annual potluck picnic. As we walked through her gardens, she offered members small vases to make bouquets from her prairie garden, which was in full bloom. As usual the potluck offerings were tasty and there was plenty of food. As dark clouds gathered in the distance, we set up for the plant auction. Unfortunately the storms were faster than we were, so everyone got watered...well watered. But there were smiles all around as everyone dried off and packed up. A big thanks to all the WHS growers (Hollywood Bob, Norwegianwood, Flower Factory, Uniquely Hostas, Elim Hostas, and Phil Timm Gardens) who donated plants. We raised \$945 for the club. Thanks also to Heidi, who volunteered to host as an emergency stand-in and also while she was preparing to move!



“MY FAVORITE HOSTA...THIS WEEK”

PHIL TIMM



When I am walking the gardens there is always one that makes me stop and admire. It was a bit of a slow grower but it proved to be worth the wait. The hosta that makes me smile is called “First Love.” It is a sport of Montana “Aureomarginata” and gets about the same size. It has a beautiful yellow center with a green edge which makes it a reversed sport of “Aureomarginata.” The hosta holds its color throughout the growing season and is a beautiful hosta for the garden. I highly recommend it and it is my favorite hosta...this week.

Looking for more HOSTA reading material? Here’s an email link to the American Hosta Society’s monthly eNewsletter: <http://americanhostasociety.org/Publications/eNewsletter/january2020/january2020.pdf>

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MINUTES

WHS September 5, 2019 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. WHS board members were introduced: Sandy O'Malley, president, Deb Hayes, vice-president, Marla Robinson, treasurer, Peggy Lemon, secretary.

Committee Reports: The search for a new president and vice president continues. The terms would begin this fall and run for 2 years. The president will work as a co-chair for a year to assist the new president, if desired. This issue will determine the future and direction of the WHS. If you are interested, please contact a board member. We are a group that gets along, and works together, and has fun.

WHS bylaw definition of President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board. They shall appoint all committee chairpersons and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

WHS bylaw definition of Vice-President: The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and shall serve as Chairperson of the Program committee.

The next general meeting will be held Oct. 2nd, at 6:30pm, with social hour beginning at 6:00. The speaker is Frank Greer a long time Madisonian and gardener, who will speak on "40 Years in My Garden." The meeting will be held in the upstairs meeting room.

Business meeting adjourned at 6:45 and Jason Granberg, Ph.D., Water Resources Management Specialist, and Conservation Biologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, gave a presentation on "Invasive Species of Wisconsin." In addition, he had several weed ID handouts and suggestions for supplemental books. He stayed afterward to ID plants people had brought in from home. Some more unusual weeds he took back to his lab to get identified. A fascinating presentation!

Submitted by

Peggy Lemon, WHS secretary



MINUTES

WHS MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. WHS board members were introduced: Sandy O'Malley, President, Deb Hayes, Vice President and chair of Programming committee, Marla Robinson, Treasurer and Membership committee, and Peggy Lemon, Secretary.

- 1.) We have a nominee for President. Phil Timm, who is very active in the society and has been president in the past, is interested in running again. A voice vote of members present was held, and Phil was resoundingly elected as the new president of WHS!! His term will begin in the new year. Congratulations Phil!
- 2.) If your name and number are not listed in the directory, it is because you requested it not be listed. If you do not want to be in the directory in the future, please contact Marla and let her know.
- 3.) WHS membership runs from January 1 to December 31. The annual dues are ten dollars.
- 4.) A full financial report was included in the September newsletter. The current club balance is \$10,331.69. The board will be discussing ideas for our annual donations. If you have suggestions, please email Marla or Peggy.
- 5.) Our general meetings will continue next year on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The meetings for 2020 will be: March 4, April 1, September 2, and October 7. The meeting room has been reserved with Olbrich. The meetings will continue to start at 6:30, with social (half) hour at 6:00.
- 6.) At 6:40 the meeting was adjourned, and our speaker, Frank Greer, was introduced. He gave a presentation on "Forty Years in My Garden." His gardens were beautiful, and his tips worth their weight in gold! An email of his Power Plants handout was sent to membership on 10/3/19. A very appreciated perspective!

Submitted by Peggy Lemon, WHS Secretary



Frank's Power Plants

Wisconsin Hosta Society Oct. 2019

Trees

Oaks—*Quercus Alba*

Woodies

Hemlocks

Tsuga diversifolia (Japanese hemlock)

'T. d 'Loowitt'

'T. d 'Gracilus'

Tsuga canadensis (Canadian hemlock)

T. c. 'Geneva

T. c. 'Gentsch white'

T. c. 'Sargent's weeping'

T. c. 'Brandley'

Acer

Acer schirasawanum 'Aureum' (yellow full moon maple)

Acer palmatum 'Blood Good'

Hydrangea anomala subsp 'petiolaris' (climbing hydrangea)

Bulbs—Early Spring

Galanthus (snow drops)

Adonis amurensis

Eranthis hyemalis (winter aconite)

Scilla mischtschenkoana (S. tubergenia)

Crocus tommasinianus (tommies)

Corydalis solida

Chionodoxa forbesii (glory of the snow)

Mid-Season Bulbs

Allium alflatuense 'Purple Sensation'

Allium stipatum 'Mount Everest'

Leucojum aestivum 'Graveyte giant'

Ornithogalum magnum (Russian asparagus)

Lilium martagon

'Terrace city hybrids'

'Claude Shride'

'Port wine'

Perennials

Hosta

H. 'Green sheen'

H. 'Green Pie Crust'

H. *Montana-Aureomarginata*

H. 'Gold standard'

H. 'Hadspen Blue'

H. *Sum & Substance'*

H. 'Sun Power'

H. 'Princess Wu'

Epimedium

E. x 'rubrum'

E. x *perralchicum* 'Frohnleiten'

E. x *versicolor* 'Sulphureum'

E. x 'Warleyense'

E. x *versicolor* 'Cherry Tart'

Tricyrtis (toad lilies, little cuckoo)

T. *latifolia*

T. *macropoda* (T. *dilatata*)

T. *macrantha* subsp *macranthopsis*

Phlox paniculata 'David'

Primula sieboldii

Ferns

Osmunda regalis (royal fern)

Adiantum pedatum (maidenhair fern)

Athyrium filix-femina (lady fern)

Dryopteris goldiana (goldie fern)

Diplazium pycnocarpon (*Athyrium pycnocarpon*)

Polystichum acrostichoides (Christmas fern)

Grasses, sedges, carex

Hachonechloa macra

H. *macra* 'Aureola' (Japanese comb grass)

Carex glauca 'Blue Zinger'

Carex elata 'Bowles Golden'

Carex pendula (weeping sedge)

Carex siderostica

Cares siderostica 'Variegata'

WHS HARVEST PARTY

Nov. 3, 2019

WHS closed out 2019 with a fun gathering at Ziggy's in Oregon. Plenty of good eats, a hosta quiz, fun door prizes, and catching up with hosta friends made the hours pass quickly. Everyone went home ready to face the winter and dream of spring!





Hello Hosta Friends,

It has been such a pleasure serving on the board of the WHS — 2 years as a member-at-large and for the past 2 years as president. As I think back over these last 2 years, uppermost in my mind are people ~ people coming together to share in a common interest and contributing in so many very noticeable ways, and in many less noticeable ways as well ~ all melding together to make the WHS the wonderfully successful organization that it is! And so, I end my presidential term with much gratitude and a desire to express thanks to so many!

Thank you to fellow board members who made my job so much easier: Vice President, Deb Hayes who arranged for all of the speakers and garden tours over the last 2 years; Treasurer/Membership Chair, Marla Robinson; and Secretaries Marlene Rosenberg (2018) & Peggy Lemon (2109).

HUGE thanks go out to Garden Expo Chairpersons Bob & Dawn Geske (2018) & Lori Gerber (2019); Newsletter Editor & Harvest Party Organizer, Windi Fourdraine; 2018 bus trip organizers, Jane Zemlicka & Jeanne Murphy; 2018 Auction Chairperson, Phil Timm & his co-auctioneer in both 2018 & 2019, Bob Geske; Leaf Show/Ice Cream Social hosts, Dawn & Bob Geske (2018) & Jeannette Wheat (2019); Picnic hosts, Marlene Rosenberg & Jonathan Goodrich (2018) & Heidi Carvin (2019); and another "tip of the hat" to Windi Fourdraine for designing and making all of the arrangements allowing us to purchase WHS shirts and tote bags ~ what an awesome way to display our pride in being members of this great society!

Thanks to everyone who donated treats for meetings and raffle or door prize items over the last 2 years! AND finally, thank you to ALL of YOU, our members, for attending meetings and other events, sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm, and helping to further our mission: **to promote the knowledge of and interest in the genus Hosta, to encourage its cultivation and usefulness in the landscape, and to support gardening friendships.**

I am looking forward to the next chapter of sharing our interest in (OK to substitute "obsession with" for "interest in") "The Friendship Plant" knowing that your new president, Phil Timm, brings much knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to the position!

Sincerely,
Sandy O'Malley
WHS President 2018-2019



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Corrections? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Newsletter Editor Windi Fourdraine at twotxaggies@frontier.com



*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."
- John Steinbeck*

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