



The Royal Standard

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WISCONSIN HOSTA SOCIETY
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

The first event of the WHS is approaching soon. We will be having our booth again at the PBS Wisconsin Garden and Landscape Expo, which is held at the Alliant Energy Center. The hostas that we will be selling have been pulled out of hibernation and are presently under grow lights.

The booth plans have been made and it will be ready to go. Volunteers are needed to run the booth, sell the hostas and to recruit new members. Check your e-mail for information on signing up. The garden expo is a great way to forget about winter and to get inspired about the upcoming growing season. Volunteer if you can, but if not come out to enjoy the event and be sure to stop by our booth and say hi.

Phil Timm



2022 CALENDAR WISCONSIN HOSTA SOCIETY

February 11-13

WPT Garden & Landscape Expo
Alliant Center, Madison

Wednesday, March 2

Membership Meeting
Speaker: Lisa Johnson, UW-Extension Horticulture
"Hostas and Companion Plants"
6PM Social, 6:30-8:30PM Meeting
Olbrich Gardens, Madison

Wednesday, April 6

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

Sunday, June 26

Leaf Show & Ice Cream Social
1:30-4:00PM
Hosts: Windi & Robert Fourdraine

Sunday, August 7

Annual Family Picnic
12:30-3:30PM
Hosts: Jane & James Zemlicka

Wednesday, September 7

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

Wednesday, October 5

Membership Meeting
Speaker: Brian D. Hudelson, UW Plant Pathology "Hosta Diseases"
6PM Social, 6:30-8:30PM Meeting
Olbrich Gardens, Madison

Saturday, November 5

WHS Harvest Party
1-4PM
Kickback Café
107 S. Main St, Oregon, WI

Hosta of the Year 2022

H. "ISLAND BREEZE"

This year's Hosta of the Year is a real breath of fresh air! H. "Island Breeze" is a smaller (12"), variegated sport of H. "Paradise Island." Like its parent it has striking red petioles that contrast nicely with the wide green-edged leaves. Those thick leaves also allow "Island Breeze" to resist insect damage. In early spring the leaves emerge a bright beautiful chartreuse with medium green edges. As time passes the chartreuse becomes a soft yellow in more sun or lime green in more shade. Flowers are purple. This one's a stunner!



Photos courtesy of Walters Gardens.

Looking for more HOSTA reading material?

Here's an email link to the American Hosta Society's free monthly eNewsletter:

<http://americanhostasociety.org/Publications/eNewsletter/january2022/january2022.pdf>



FEBRUARY 11-13, 2022

📍 EXHIBITION HALL AT THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER - MADISON, WI

📅 FRIDAY 12-7PM SATURDAY 9AM-6PM SUNDAY 10AM-4PM

Once again, the Wisconsin Hosta Society will host a booth at the Garden Expo! We still need more volunteers so please contact me at gerber@wpmca.org or call me at (608) 345-0688 if you are interested in helping to meet and greet potential new WHS members as well as sell some hosta plants.

— Lori Gerber, Expo Booth Chair

Friday, February 11 (show opens at Noon)

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

Saturday, February 12 (show opens at 9 am)

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

Sunday, February 13 (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: _____

NOTE: As exciting as it is to have an in-person Garden Expo again, we want to make sure you know that this is a mask-required event. The Garden Expo website (wigardenexpo.com/) states *“Garden & Landscape Expo will be a masked event. All attendees will be required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety requirement.”*

WHS 2021 HARVEST PARTY

Way back in November we gathered at the Kickback Café in Oregon to celebrate the close of another gardening season with friends, food and door prizes (thanks to Marla and Deb for door prize duty). Everyone was happy to be able to celebrate in person again!



MORE HARVEST PARTY...



2021 WHS FINANCIAL REPORT

\$ 8,708.81	Beginning Balance December 31, 2020 Checking
\$ 1,090.00	Income Membership Dues-38 Renewal, 14 New
\$.00	Income Garden Expo Hostas at Expo-cancelled COVID
\$.00	Income Garden Expo Hostas after Expo-cancelled COVID
\$ 20.00	Income from Donations
\$ 305.00	Income from Hosta Sales at Leaf Show from Phil Timm
\$ 1,827.00	Income from Picnic Auction Hostas
\$ 3,242.00	Total Income
(.00)	Expenses Garden Expo Hostas
(240.00)	Expenses Garden Expo Booths-2022
(25.74)	Expenses Misc. Office/Filing Fees/Postage
(414.15)	Expenses Website, Domain Fees
(293.00)	Expenses Insurance
(187.76)	Expenses Meetings/Food at Olbrich Botanical Gardens
(57.11)	Expenses Leaf Show
(583.68)	Expenses Picnic Panera Food Boxes
(150.00)	Expenses Hostas for Picnic Auction-Flower Factory
(556.39)	Expenses Harvest Party Food/Prizes
(2,507.83)	Total Expenses
\$ 9,442.98	Ending Balance Dec 31, 2021 Bank Statement Checking
\$ 5.00	Ending Balance Dec 31, 2021 Bank Statement Savings
\$ 9,447.98	Ending Balance December 31, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Robinson, Treasurer

MEMBER NEWS

Hello All,

Deb Hayes here with a couple of quick notes. My role as Vice President on the Hosta Board is over. I wanted to take this opportunity to Thank You all for the past 4 years of support. I've thoroughly enjoyed myself and want to encourage others to give something new and different a try. Remember we always hear "Change Is Good". The other members of our board were always ready with helpful suggestions, spot on advice, a ready smile and willingness to help. I also appreciate and thank Jane Zemlicka for volunteering to serve our members as the new Vice President.

My other information is to share some past history of WHS in our newsletters. As you may remember we celebrated 30 years as a garden club in 2021. After reviewing past newsletters I'll share some interesting facts and highlights that were presented at the October 2021 WHS Olbrich meeting. Hope you enjoy the blast from the past.

Editor's note: Congratulations to Deb on being appointed "WHS Historian" by the WHS Board.

Hi WHS Members!

My love of gardening started when I was a little girl. I grew up in Madison, and my dad would take me to the C&P Garden Center on Cottage Grove Road to buy sun-loving annuals. I planted them among the roses my mom grew, and most of the time they did just fine. My love of hostas didn't start until I had a house of my own in McFarland. A co-worker gave me a large clump of the old green and white hosta to plant along the north side of my garage. She told me that they "Love the shade, and you can't kill them!" A couple years later, my sister shared some of her H. "Gold Standard" with me and I was hooked!

I currently have about 150 different varieties of hosta planted throughout my yard. Most are labeled with names so that when I'm asked to identify them, I'll know what they are! I also grow many companion plants and other shade-loving shrubs and perennials. At this point, I am very selective in the new hostas I buy only because I'm running out of garden space. But I'm interested in planting more hosta in pots, so I guess I'm in the market for some new hosta after all!

I have found the members of the Wisconsin Hosta Society to be friendly and kind. I've learned a lot as a member, and look forward to being vice president of this wonderful organization!

Jane Zemlicka

“BLAST FROM THE PAST”

BY DEB HAYES

WHS formed as a garden club in 1991 with a total of 8 members. We've had a total of 10 presidents, many for numerous terms. Following is a list of people that have served as WHS presidents, many for numerous terms.

In the beginning there was Terry Roby, Clare Stapleton Concord, John Cannon, Heidi Carven and Irwin Johnson. In recent years Ed Schultz, Doug Post, Jeff Miller, Phil Timm and Sandy O'Malley led WHS in hosta adventures.



NEW MEMBERS SINCE MARCH '21

Michael & Pam Carr (Cherry Valley, IL)

Kathy Fox (Milwaukee, WI)

Lisa Jirsa (Madison, WI)

Grace Moone (Milwaukee, WI)

Diane Sachs (Elm Grove, WI)

Laurie Schroeder (Stevens Point, WI)

Karen Zimmerman (Verona, WI)

Lynn Felle (Racine, WI)

Andrea & Justin Geske (Milton, WI)

Christopher Krueger

Martha Muller (Sun Prairie, WI)

Sandra Schoenmann (Whitewater, WI)

Stephen Spengler

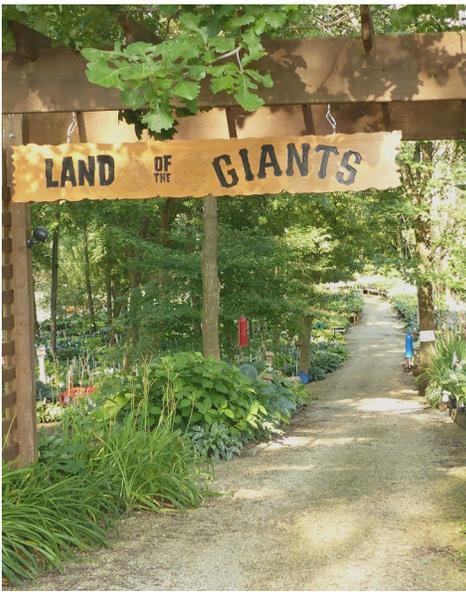
WELCOME!

GOODBYE JEFF

Jeffrey Allen Miller lost his battle with cancer on November 7, 2021. Jeff was a big part of the WHS and will be missed. He was president for two years, a board member for several years, a speaker for several meetings and one of our biggest supporters.

The number of hostas donated by Jeff to the WHS for the auctions and door prizes has to be in the hundreds. Jeff opened up his garden for the picnic, leaf shows and a club favorite...the bonfires. Jeff was very fond of the WHS and the WHS was very fond of him. He had a heart of gold and will be missed. There will never be anyone like Jeff, and we are thankful for the time that we had with him. — Phil Timm

Editor's Note: Sadly, Jeff's wife Penny passed away 9 days later. We offer our sincere condolences to their family for the loss of these two bright spirits. One hopes they are together somewhere, some place...gardening together again.



FRIENDS OF WHS

We'll be using this space in the newsletters to recognize those individuals who generously donate to the club. As a small token of appreciation the following motion was passed last fall at the Sept 9 WHS Board meeting:

“Individuals or businesses who have donated hostas, goods, or services will be granted a one year complimentary membership and recognition in the newsletter for the coming year.”

Below are the people who have received a complimentary 2022 memberships for their 2021 donations. Thank you!

Bob & Dawn Geske
Peggy Lemon
Owen & Sue Pervis

Andrea & Justin Geske
Nancy Nedvek
Phil Timm

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE HOSTA WORLD



LISLE, ILLINOIS - "HOSTAS CHICAGO STYLE"
July 14-16, 2022



Save the date for the
2023 MRHS Convention.
Rochester, MN
July 13-15, 2023

WHS ON FACEBOOK

Have you joined our online WHS Facebook group yet?

Here's a direct link—check it out and make sure you click the “JOIN” button. Then post a favorite photo of your gardens to say “HI!”

Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3062990573782080/>

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“There is something infinitely healing about the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after night and Spring after Winter.” —Rachel Carson