

Wisconsin Hosta Society 2025 Schedule of Events

All meetings, with social time from 6:00 to 6:30pm, are held at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave, Madison, WI. A short business meeting is held from 6:30pm to 7:00pm. Presentations begin at about 7:00pm.

1. March meeting ~ Wednesday, March 5, 2025 ~ 6:00 to 8:00pm
 - ❖ Speakers: Andrea and Justin Geske of Uniquely Hostas
 - ❖ Topic: What's New in the World of Hostas for 2025!
2. April meeting ~ Wednesday, April 2, 2025 ~ 6:00 to 8:00pm
 - ❖ Speakers: Mike and Kelly Giese of the Hosta Stop Gardens, LLC in Plover, WI.
 - ❖ Topic: Our Hosta Story. The Giese's will discuss how and when they became interested in growing hostas, and how the 'Hosta Stop' has changed and grown over the years. They will also discuss their own Hosta Stop introduction, 'H. Awe Snap.'
3. Annual Leaf Show Competition & Ice Cream Social
 - ❖ Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025 ~ 1:30 to 4:00 PM
 - ❖ Hosted by: Dawn and Bob Geske
4. Bus trip to the 'Hosta Stop' gardens in Plover, WI.
 - ❖ Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:00am - 5:00pm
 - ❖ Description: The Hosta Stop is a garden center, greenhouse and gift shop featuring hostas and other perennial companion plants. Our excursion includes a tour of their display gardens, an opportunity to buy hostas, daylilies and companion plants and a chance to purchase garden-related gifts in their gift shop. This will be a great trip!
5. Annual Family Picnic & Auction
 - ❖ Date: Sunday, July 27, 2025 ~ 12:30 to 3:30 PM
 - ❖ Hosted by: Pat Graves, Roscoe IL
 - ❖ Come and enjoy a beautiful garden, good food, great company and the best hosta auction around!
6. September meeting ~ Wednesday, September 3, 2025 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 PM
 - ❖ Speaker: Erin Presley, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
 - ❖ Topic: Recycling Garden Debris: Functional and Funky Ways to Conserve Organic Matter for a Healthier Garden.
7. October meeting ~ Wednesday, October 1, 2025 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 PM
 - ❖ Speaker #1: Kevin Box of KB Sharpening Service
 - ❖ Topic: Kevin will give a brief presentation on Maintaining Lawn and Garden Tools and will collect member's tools for sharpening. They will be returned the following week.
 - ❖ Speaker #2: Phil Timm, WHS President
 - ❖ Topic: Phil will give a presentation on "Stumpery," which is an intentional arrangement of woody material like old stumps and tree trunks, designed to create habitats for hostas and other shade-loving plants.
8. Harvest Party
 - ❖ Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025 ~ 1:00 to 4:00 PM
 - ❖ Kickback Cafe, Oregon, WI. Food, drinks and prizes will be provided!