



**Newsletter of
the North Coast
Hosta Society
Volume 3 Issue 6**



2020 CALENDAR

January	No Meeting
February 29 11:00 AM Saturday	<i>Parma Public Library Chili, Salad, and Bread Power Point on Hostas</i>
March 20 & 21 Friday & Saturday	No Meeting GLR HOSTA COLLEGE, PIQUA, OHIO
April 25 Saturday	Location TBA, probably a library <i>Soup & Salad</i> Speaker to be determined
May 30 Saturday	NCHS PLANT AUCTION <i>Club House at Pine Lakes</i>
June 27 Saturday	NCHS GARDEN TOURS* Volunteers for open gardens needed Meeting & Picnic at a public Garden*
June 10-13	AHS Convention - Brooklyn Park, MN
July 25 Saturday	Hosta Swap and Picnic Hosts needed
August 22 Saturday	Craft - Cast stepping stones <i>Emerald Forest Nursery Picnic and bon-fire</i>
September 18 & 19	Fall Hosta Forum - Edinboro, PA
October 26 Saturday	Annual Meeting <i>Pot Luck Club House at Pine Lakes</i>
November	No Meeting
December	No Meeting

*Alternate Activity

President's letter

Barb Rauckhorst,
President NCHS



Happy Holidays to all my Hosta friends. I have a feeling they are going to come and go even more quickly this year.

With the relatively mild ending to our fall season, maybe we can hope the winter will fly by also. There will be no complaints from me if this is as bad as it gets!

A 24 hour bug of some kind kept me from attending our annual Jon Soucek, Bob Kuk memorial meeting and costume party. Thank you to all who helped fill in for me. The pictures showed some really creative thinking. Hopefully even more members will participate in wearing costumes next time.

Thank you to David and Mary Bibby for the hours of work they put into the making of the Hosta Tailgating DVD. Everyone I talked to really enjoyed it. I hope all the members got a copy. If you did not get one and want one, see the info from Jim Spuhler on page 4. The club ordered extra. This is a very nice memory of our fantastic Tailgate weekend!

Our next meeting will be February 29 (Yes, there is a February 29 in 2020!) at 11am at the Cuyahoga County Public Library on Powers Road in Parma. Sue Gold and I will give a power point on Hostas. We hope to see you there full of spring fever!



Barb Rauckhorst

It Was a Great Hosta Year for NCHS

The 2019 Great Lakes Region Hosta Tailgate event was the focus for the year. Under the leadership of Diane Morris and her committee, everything was done professionally and we all had fun doing it. The cap to the year was the tailgate movie David Bibby presented at the Annual Meeting in September. For pictures of our events, please check out our website. Mary Bibby has put a lot of effort into posting pictures and making it interesting.

Rather than post more pictures, I just want to thank all the members who did their part to make the tailgate, the auction and the swap successful.

Had to put in one picture to show we also eat very well!



And we look forward to a Great 2020

Please refer to the calendar on the first page and “save the dates”. The Board has tried go choose activities that members enjoy the most, that enrich our hosta knowledge, add to our collections and have a good time with hosta friends.



To make all of these things happen, we need members to step up and take on a job or two. Everyone pitched in so wonderfully for the tailgate. I hope we can do it this year with volunteers to handle the auction - this involves several steps which can be done as a team effort. Let Jim Spuhler know if you, and some friends, would like to take this over.

We also need several members, in one geographical area, to offer their gardens for the garden tour/picnic. The pressure is off now that the tailgate is behind us LOL.

And, of course, we need someone to host the swap. It would be great if we could get these nailed down by the time of the February meeting. Contact Barb or Mike if you are willing to pitch in.

If you have any suggestions for a speaker or program that you would like for April, let Mike know.

Other 2020 News in the Hosta World

**Great Lakes Region Hosta Society
Proudly Presents**

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 out website for details:

www.ihostohio.org/portal/gllhc

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

Upper Valley Career Center
8811 Career Drive, Piqua, Ohio



**Are you ready for the
Fall Hosta Forum?**



Watch for more info in January and follow them on the Fall Forum Facebook Page.....

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Edinboro University of PA



American Hosta Society

National Convention

June 10 - 13, 2020

Minneapolis Marriott NW

www.HostaVision2020.com

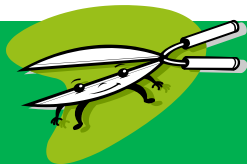
- June 11, 12 and 13th, 2020 formal convention dates:
- Seven Meals Include(Breakfast (F/Sat), Lunch (Th/ Fr/Sat) & Dinner (Th/Sat)
- Six Educational speakers (Thursday and Saturday afternoons, 3 each day)
- Garden Tours (Fri & Sat morning) – Op-in to ride a bus or drive on your own
- Hosta Show (Wed/Thursday entries, Judging Thursday, Open Show Thursday-Saturday)
- Judges Clinics – Clinic 1: Wed. 1-5 pm, Clinic 2: Th. 9 -11 am, Clinic 3: Fri. 7-8 pm
- Hospitality (Wed/Th/Fri/Sat) – evening start time varies, ends daily at 11pm
- AHS Auction (Friday) – 1:30 – 5:30 pm
- Vending (Th/Fr/Sat) – times vary
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June 10 add on optional tour to SE MN/Rochester. Limited to 100. Cost \$50/person and includes a breakfast and box lunch. Bus leaves hotel at 7 am **SHARP** and anticipated to return about 5:30 pm. Tour includes a

**Hosta of the
Year 2020
'Dancing
Queen'**



'Dancing Queen' emerges bright yellow and remains yellow all season long. The large leaves have a prominent pie crust edge, adding even more pizzazz to this colorful hosta. In mid to late summer, the foliage lightens to soft yellow and the clump is topped with pale lavender flowers



GARDEN GOSSIP:

BY CINDY HUGHES

Jim Spuhler advises: **We have 1 DVD @\$5.00, 4 Blue Ray @ \$10.00 and 4 USB @ \$10.00. A couple of members have yet to pick up their items. Dues are due as of January 1, 2020 @ \$10.00 per Calendar year for anyone who has not yet paid.**

We were pleased to welcome several new and enthusiastic members this year. We hope to see you at many functions in 2020

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Club Co-Op Supplies

As in previous years, we are again offering our members Co-Op items. We have the following items available:

Liquid Fence

Plant Markers

Garden Gloves in small, medium, large and XL

Please call Carl Schmid at 330-264-8815 to pre-order these items to be brought to the next meeting. No individual deliveries.

Membership in NCHS gives the following benefits:

- * Members Only prices on Club "special purchase hosta".
- * Member prices on Plant Markers, deer repellent, etc.
- * Preferential registration and reduced registration fee for Hosta College
- * The club provides meat and beverages at all of our "Potluck" picnics and meetings.
- * The opportunity to learn and share information about hosta culture.
- * Developing friendships with other people who love hostas .

And Much, much more!

2020 North Coast Hosta Society Membership

Family Membership \$10.00 for one year - Calendar year Jan 1 - Dec 31

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ ()Renewal ()New ()1 year ()2 year

Please list names as you wish on your card: _____

Please send your check made payable to: NORTH COAST HOSTA SOCIETY

Attn: Jim Spuhler

13586 Bridgecreek Circle

Strongsville, OH 44136

NOTE: this form is also available on our website

A Garden OF HOSTA RECIPES



NORTH COAST
HOSTA SOCIETY
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Looking forward to Spring? Did you plant something this Fall to surprise you?

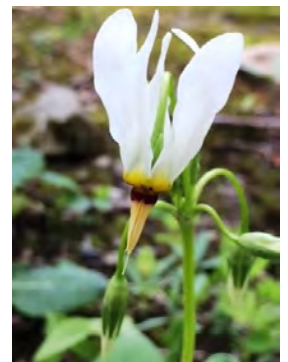
Ed planted 70 daffodil bulbs throughout the garden. At least that's one plant the deer will leave alone.

He also planted about three dozen tulips which he will spray with Liquid Fence as soon as they start to show. Species tulips seem to be more "resistant". He was at Bluestone in Madison at least once a week in October!



In addition to the larger bulbs, we planted crocus, dwarf iris and fritillaria.

There are snow drops and a few nice wild-flowers to round out the show.



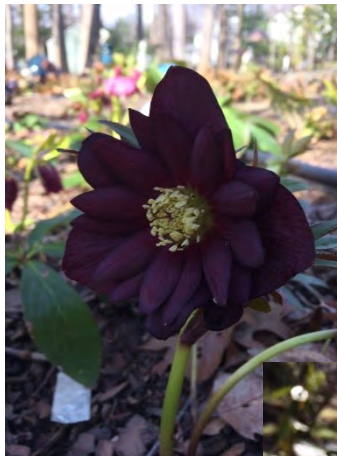
And before these are the helleborus.....



Many of us think of the older varieties of helleborus that bloomed early (Christmas and Lenten) and hung their heads under the foliage. Today there are many more varieties in spectacular shades of purple-black, plum, burgundy, lime-green and shell-pink.

New varieties, such as Pink Frost, have upward facing blossoms. They come in series such as the Wedding Party Series which are all double flowered selections of notable vigor with showy displays of richly colored blossoms. So far we have: Maid of Honor, Best Man, Blushing Bridesmaid, Dark and Handsome, Flower Girl, Confetti Cake and True Love...and are starting on the Honeymoon Series! This series are Single-Flowered but showy rich-colored blossoms.

Ed and I have another addiction!



Check out our Website (northcoasthostasociety.weebly.com)
and Facebook page (North Coast Hosta Society).

INVITE A FRIEND



Just pretend these are hosta leaves.

Happy New Year Everyone

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