



**Newsletter of
the North Coast
Hosta Society
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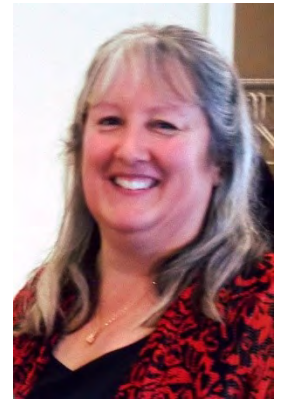
2020 CALENDAR

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



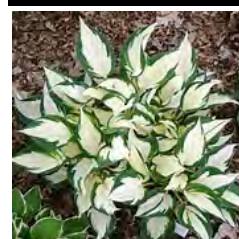
Hello NCHS Members and
Hosta friends,

Just a couple short months and springtime weather will soon return. The early spring bloomers seem very eager to display their beauty; I'm very eager to see it!

Hosta College registration has begun. Go to ihostohio.org to register and schedule your classes. For those who are not familiar with Hosta College, it is a two-day event of classes or crafts that are garden related. There are vendors of all kinds of good quality garden related items and plants, of course. It is a great weekend to meet other garden loving friends. Check out the website; classes fill quickly.

February's meeting will be on the 29th at the Parma library on Powers Blvd. at 11:00 a.m. This will be our chili, salad and bread themed meeting. Sue Gold and I will be presenting a PowerPoint talk on Hosta. I hope to see you there.

- Barb



H. 'Fire and Ice'



H. Pocketful of Sunshine

Gift
plants at
Hosta
College

Hosta Per Wikipedia

NOUN

an eastern Asian plant cultivated in the West for its shade-tolerant foliage and loose clusters of tubular mauve or white flowers. Also called [plantain lily](#).

HOSTA: THE FRIENDSHIP PLANT

Barb Rauckhorst and Sue Gold will provide a PowerPoint presentation on EVERYTHING HOSTA .

From history to cultivation to diseases to propagation, this program should have something of interest for everyone from newbies to long-time enthusiasts.

Membership Renewal Time

Annual dues will remain at just \$10 a year per household. Please make your check out to the North Coast Hosta Society (or NCHS) and hand to Treasurer, Jim Spuhler, at the February meeting, or mail it to him directly. There is a form with the mailing address on Page 5 or on our website.

Membership has its privileges (see page 5), but it also has responsibilities. We want YOU to be active and to be proud of being part of NCHS. Please consider:

- ◆ Attend each meeting or event.
- ◆ Bring a friend with you.
- ◆ Enroll a new member.
- ◆ Volunteer to help.
- ◆ Get involved with a committee.
- ◆ Offer your garden or landscaping for a garden tour.
- ◆ Contribute photos of your garden, plant or plant collection.
- ◆ Write an article for the newsletter, no matter how short.
- ◆ Share your personal gardening and plant experiences.
- ◆ Submit questions for discussion or ideas for programs for our meeting.



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/glhc

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

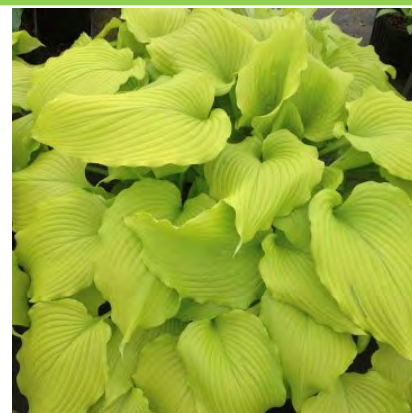
Edinboro University of PA



**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
- 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

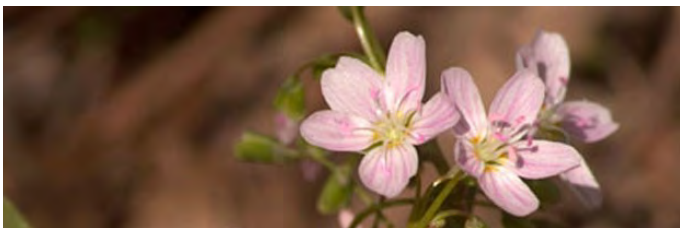
Hosta of
the Year
2020
'Dancing
Queen'



'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.

SPRING WILDFLOWERS

Last issue I highlighted some of the spring bulbs and perennials that we enjoy in our gardens. Because the property we have was heavily wooded and we cleared just enough to grow the hostas in pots, we are able to enjoy many of the spring ephemerals and other native and not-so-native wildflowers. With the help of The Ohio State University, here are a few.



One of Ohio's prettiest spring ephemerals, **spring beauty** (*Claytonia virginica*) begins blooming in late March and is dormant by June. The delicate pink or white five-petaled flowers of the spring beauty are only about a half-inch in width, but they can be seen carpeting the floor of rich woods throughout the state. Its flowers, which only open in sunlight, are often found flourishing amid the forest floor's brown, leaf-litter. Native Americans often ate the spring beauty's small, starchy tubers. Its carpet of pink and white blooms is a common sight at many state nature preserves

(These beauties carpet several areas of our yard.)



Large white trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*), also known as great white trillium, blooms in April. Large white trillium was dubbed the official Ohio wildflower in 1987. The plant is most commonly found growing in the understory of rich deciduous upland temperate forests. When this trillium blooms the petals start out white and slowly turn pink as they age. Trilliums are long lived plants; large white trillium can live for 25 years and it may take more than 3 years before the flowers are ready to bloom. This spectacular plant can be found in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

(Trillium are probably my favorite here in NE Ohio. We have the red {sometimes called Wake Robin} and a yellow leaf form that I bought at a sale at the Holden Arboretum. Seller said he didn't have any Trillium, so I said, "I will take one of these and one of those".) Plants were legal.



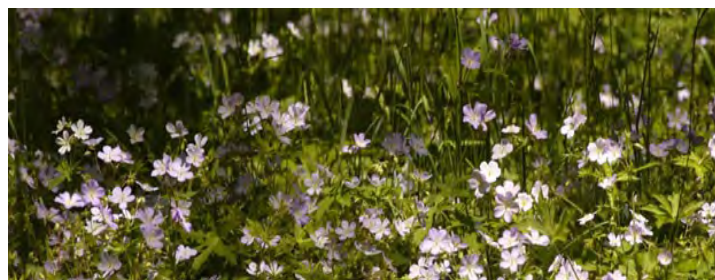
Virginia Blue Bells. This unique wildflower has interesting blue trumpet-shaped flowers. Before the bell-shaped flowers unfurl, a small cluster of pink buds form, eventually turning into the recognizable flower. This is a large wildflower, reaching up to 2 feet in height with large light green leaves. Floodplain and mesic woodlands are both ideal environments for this plant. The flowers develop quickly so the best time to see it would be during spring-time as soon as frost isn't a threat. Native Americans used this plant to treat whooping cough, tuberculosis, and the root was used to treat venereal diseases.

(One that I planted in my yard, They are easy to grow and do not disappoint.)



This common spring ephemeral heralds the end of winter across Ohio's forests and woodlands. The golden blossoms of **yellow trout-lily** (*Erythronium americanum*) flourish in early April. Although you'll find thousands of plants carpeting the ground, only a few flower each year. Its leaves range from mottled to occasionally all green. The trout-lily's bulbs are often deep in the ground and produce many off-shoots. This six to 10 inch tall plant is also called dog's-tooth violet, although it is not a true violet.

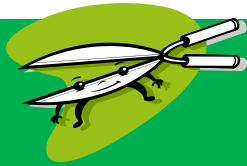
(This little guy has appeared and disappeared in my yard. I don't know how it gets there, but I can't seem to get it to stay.)



One of Ohio's late spring woodland wildflowers, **wild geranium** (*Geranium maculatum*) blooms from April until June. It grows best in rich woodland soil. Geranium is derived from an old Greek name, geranos (crane), referring to the similarity of the fruit to a crane's bill. The deeply cleft leaves are rather distinctive. A hearty wildflower, wild geraniums have large rhizomes, or underground stems, to sustain them. Native Americans dug up the rhizomes, and after drying them, ground them up to slow blood flow from wounds and cure sore throats. It has a pinkish flower.

Unlike the zonal, annual geraniums that belong to the **Pelargonium** genus, cranesbills are true geraniums that thrive in U.S.

(These grow almost like weeds at times.)



GARDEN GOSSIP:

BY CINDY HUGHES

In this issue I have repeated the page of information regarding upcoming hosta events. Mark your calendars.

During the dreary days of January and February - even though we are just now experiencing winter here close to the lake- Ed has seen the wonderful pictures of hostas on the AHS Facebook page and buying hostas on line and dreaming of spring. There are so many gorgeous plants, but too little space and not enough funds, (LOL)

We are sad to advise that long time member, Judy Paquet, passed away on April 16, 2019. Also, member Barbara Pollack passed away October 5, 2019. On behalf of all members, we extend our sincere sympathy to their families. A \$100 Scholarship will be awarded in remembrance of each to a first time Hosta College Attendee at the April meeting.

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 _____

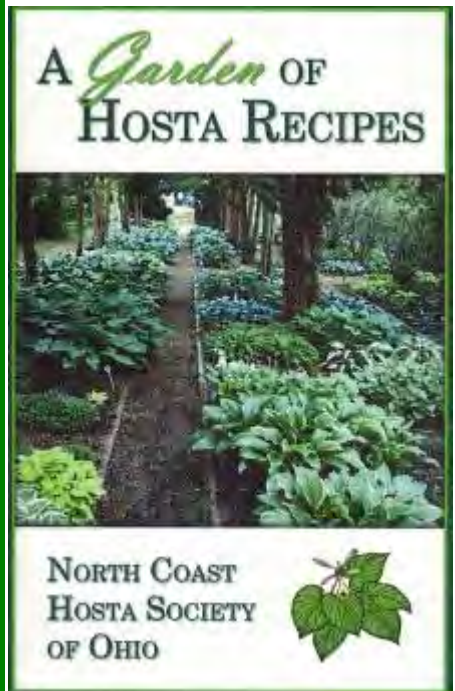
E-MAIL _____

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



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



INVITE A FRIEND

Can't wait for spring? Watch for the Ohio wildflowers that remind us it is here. "Rue anemone is another common spring wildflower. While its petals are typically white, they can also show tinges of pinks and purples. Look for this spring wildflower in woodlands across Ohio."

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