



**Newsletter of
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Hosta Society
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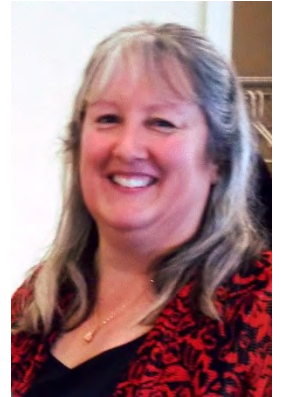
2020 CALENDAR

July 25 11:00 AM <i>Saturday</i>	Hosta Swap and Picnic Home of Dave & Beth Bowe See details Page 2
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 26th <i>Saturday</i>	Hosta Halloween Party <i>Pot Luck</i> <i>Come in Costume</i>
November	No Meeting
December	No Meeting



President's letter

Barb Rauckhorst



Hello Hosta Friends,

Summer is here full force! Our hostas will be needing some extra water during this dry, hot spell. Remember that a deep watering of an inch per week (twice a week may be better in this heat) is best, if possible, as opposed to a quick sprinkle each day.

Covid 19 has unfortunately affected many hosta events in a negative way. Hosta College was cancelled and the AHS Convention has been postponed. We were able to have a very successful auction on June 28 at Emerald Forest Nursery with social distancing, no food or drinks served and mostly everyone wearing a mask.

A very special thanks to Tom Rabung for hosting the auction and for his generous donation of plants. Thank you to Jim Spuhler for organizing the auction and to Diane Morris, Joyce Spuhler and Marilyn Ruff for running the check in process, cataloging the bids and collecting payments ... it gets quite hectic at this point!

Thank you to the auctioneers, Jim Spuhler, Mike Kovach and Dave Bowe. Their descriptions made the plants much more desirable and gave great little tidbits of information. Thank you all for the beautiful plants you donated.

Plans are in place for the HOSTA SWAP on July 25, with a rain date of July 26. See all the details on Page 2. Keep a very close watch on your e-mails as time gets closer. We are at the mercy of the weather and this nasty virus so plans could change at the last minute. Keep your fingers crossed! Stay safe everyone.

YANKEE SWAP AND PICNIC

Saturday, July 25 11:00am

Home of Dave and Beth Bowe

8033 Music St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

NOTE: PLEASE PARK ON COTHESTONE LANE,
JUST WEST OF THE BOWE PROPERTY.



Dig a hosta or two



Bring a chair



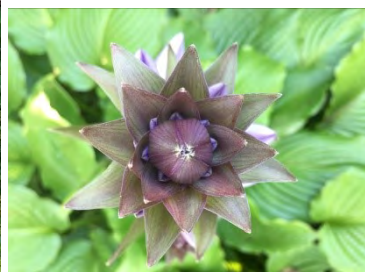
Keep it a Secret

We will practice social distancing and encourage you to wear a mask. As we successfully did at the auction, we will ask you to **bring your own food and beverage**. We want all to have a good time and feel safe joining your hosta friends for an afternoon of fun.

It is always a treat to see Dave and Beth's garden with some spectacular plants AND especially Dave's newest seedlings and introductions. Dave has been notified that he may have available for sale the tc plants of his second solo registration 'Bohemian Queen' by the time of the swap. .



'Bohemian Queen' is a cross of 'Manhattan' x 'Plantaginea' and has fragrant flowers.



NCHS held a successful Auction in spite of Covid-19 and Rain

The weather and the weather forecasters played havoc with our plans for the auction. While we had planned for Saturday, the threat of storms forced us to postpone to Sunday. Thankfully, Tom Rabung was able to accommodate the change. We did our best to get the word out and we apologize if you did not find out about the change until it was too late for you to change plans.

There were 32 people who attended the auction and enjoyed a warm, sunny afternoon. North Coast Hosta Society made \$1,405.00 on plant sales thanks to our generous donors. We received \$140.00 on sales of Co-op items and a copy of the Tailgate movie.



Barb Rauckhorst, Diane Morris and Joyce Spuhler check in bidders and plant donations.



Looks like some people were winners.



Auctioneers:

Dave Bowe — that's a big one Dave!

Mike Kovach, VP — somebody won their bid.



Let's have some fun...

Since we had to cancel our garden tours this year, I thought it might be fun to have a virtual garden tour with a twist. I think just about everyone now has a smart phone and can't resist taking pictures of a favorite hosta, a gorgeous blooming perennial or annual, an insect on a leaf, a beloved pet in the garden, you know what sparks your photo urges. Anyone who follows Joan Altman, Christine Pappas or Lori Roach on Facebook, knows what a variety of subjects we gardeners photograph.

I am making a plea for ALL members to send me some pictures so we can fill up a newsletter with the things that make us happy. This is a chance for many members who cannot attend meetings, or have missed out because of the virus this year, to get together in a different way! Along with your picture, please tell us about the subject and yourself. To get us started, Diane Morris has sent me a photo of her 'Jackmanii' Clematis.

Please send pictures in jpeg format. I really look forward to this project, **so send those pics!!**

Diane Morris: Check out my 'Jackmanii' Clematis. Some flowers have 4 petals, most 5, but I have found several with 6 petals, and I even found one with 7 all on the same plant. Weird. It would make a heck of a jigsaw puzzle.



Me: Finally getting a bloom on a Bergenia. The deer would always eat them before the flower survived!



Me: This little camping trailer became the home of a family of wrens. Four little guys fledged from there a few days ago and delighted us as they explored the yard, parents calling out the whole time. We are delighted to be entertained with their beautiful song while working on our hostas. (note how they like the door facing the fence so we can't





GARDEN GOSSIP:

BY CINDY HUGHES

The AHS Registrar website has recently been updated. Instead of going to the Hosta Library page and clicking on “Hosta Registration” you can access the website by going directly to **hostaregistrar.org**. It’s a great source for all kinds of information on specific hostas. They’ve added a hosta finder section. So, if you have a hosta in mind that you are looking for, you can find the different nurseries that offer it for sale and the price they are asking.

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

Handbook on Troughs

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 Co-Op supplies.
- * 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

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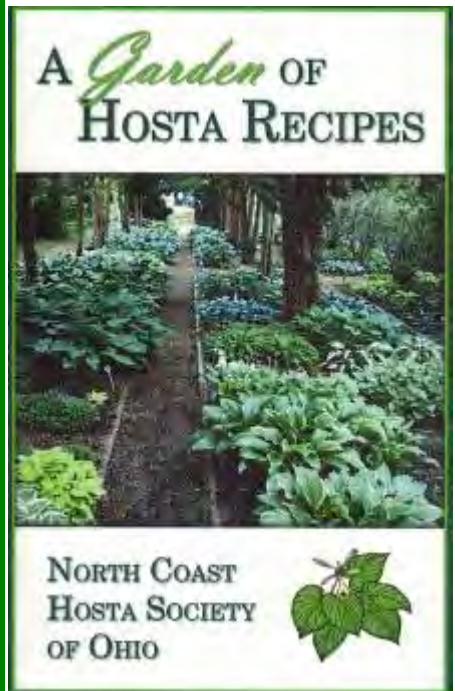
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ ()Renewal ()New ()1 year ()2 year

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



Invite Other Plant Lovers to Join the Club

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

INVITE A FRIEND



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