

HOSTA COLLEGE 2021
Q&A's for presenters

Hostas and Their Shady Friends – Bob Liames

Can you transplant a large hellebore? When is the best time?

Yes, you can transplant a large hellebore, but it will sulk for several years. Hellebores do not like to be moved. If you must transplant a large hellebore, dig as large a root ball as you can and water well once transplanted. I transplant small hellebores early spring or late fall. Large hellebores in September.

What is the drawback to wild trilliums?

Always buy trillium that are nursery-propagated and not wild collected. Collecting wild trillium depletes the native populations that are already losing habitat.

Source for *Delphineium tricorne*?

Gardens of the Blue Ridge in Georgia and Prairie Moon Nursery in Minnesota. I got mine several years ago at Aullwood Audubon Center's Native Plant sale near Dayton, Ohio.

Don't the lady slippers require a specific fungus in the ground to grow? Can that fungus be introduced? What are the best soil conditions for both to thrive?

Yes, lady slippers require mycorrhizal fungi to thrive, along with a loose acidic soil. I grow my lady slippers in pine needle duff (years of pine needles falling from the tree to the ground) under a limbed up white spruce tree. There are different mycorrhizal fungi that can be introduced to the soil. These fungi are present in my soil so I have not had to add any.

Are you planning a Garden Fair this September?

Yes, Bob's Garden Fair is Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at my house, 222 E. Wenger Rd., Englewood, Ohio. We hope to have all 18 vendors back this year. We will follow COVID guidelines. If you would like to be added to our email list, please send your name and email to gardenbob222@aol.com

What was name of Asian Jack-in-the pulpit that hadn't bloomed?

Arisaema Consanguineum

Name of Dogwood with red berries and white splash leaves?

Cornus kousa 'White Duster' or 'White Dusted.' It has been listed under both names. Dave Dannaher of Dannaher Nursery in Galena, Ohio currently has this plant for sale.

What Zone do you live in?

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Where do you get conifers?

Gee Farms in Stockbridge, Michigan; Dannaher Nursery in Galena, Ohio; Byron Baxter in New Richmond, Ohio; Conifer Kingdom in Oregon; Blue Horizon Nursery in Grand Junction, Michigan; Coldwater Pond Nursery in Phelps, New York; and American Conifer Society meetings. To join the ACS and get in on the fun, visit <https://conifersociety.org/>