

Hosta la Vista



April '18

Until we meet again

President's Message

A corpulent English comedian once famously said that the only exercise he ever got was walking hospital corridors visiting his friends who had over done it. Recently I had a check-up with a cardiologist and, although he found my heart was in the right place, he told me that gardening was not exercise. What nonsense!

It has been proved time and time again that gardening is good for *you*, for the environment and for wildlife of all sorts. Even walking out into the yard with a morning coffee or an evening glass of wine is way better than laying on the couch. As soon as we start weeding, digging, planting, carrying, hauling and pushing we are giving ourselves a workout nearly as good as a visit to the gymnasium.

Of course, most of us try and do the minimum that we can get away with and if there is any opportunity to make the tasks easier we will take it. If there is a large area of grass to mow we probably have a sit-on mower. If there is a huge new flower bed to create, we are likely to use a rototiller and if there are large rocks to move or tree stumps to pull out we are likely to ask that hyperactive teenager up the road to lend a hand.

The manufacturers of garden tools and the like are also constantly trying to make our tasks easier. We are constantly encouraged to buy ergonomic shovels and spades with curved handles that put less strain on our backs. We are offered raised kneeling pads to soften the blow as we get down to weed with convenient handles to help us back up once we are done.

We can use weed whackers rather than the scythe to take down those thistles and nettles and a leaf blower rather than a rake to take leaves off the lawn in the fall. Maybe a water buffalo and plow is a step too far.

Yes, gardening is fun and good for us but as some of us age we need to be careful. Sandra L. Mason, Unit Educator, Horticulture/Environment University of Illinois Extension/Champaign County, urges us to 'Garden Smarter Not Harder'. She offers the following tips to have more fun and less fatigue when gardening:

- * Avoid doing the same task for more than 30 minutes. Take regular breaks to give your parts a rest. If necessary, set a timer. Actually sit in those fancy benches we buy and enjoy the view.
- Stretch before, during and after. Try yoga and improve your flexibility.
- * Remember what your mom told you- "Stand up straight!"



Maintain good posture at all times as you work.

- * Lift objects by bending at the knees not bending your back.
- Hold items close to your body. Picking up bags of potting soil and holding them away from the body to keep clothes clean is a cast-iron invitation to back trouble. Keep an old shirt or coat in your vehicle for those unplanned shopping occasions. Or make sure you always have your garden slave around to carry bags.

Avoid unnecessary twisting. Instead of shoveling soil or compost by digging and twisting to empty the shovel, move your feet instead. When raking, don't reach. Keep the center of gravity and movement close to your body. Move to the chore – Don't bring the chore to you.

Sometimes just finding the right tools makes gardening easier.

Purchase pruners that fit your hand. When pruner handles are expanded completely they shouldn't go past your first knuckle. Many brands such as Felco offer pruners for large to small hands and even pruners for lefties.

- * Check out the heavy duty gel knee pads available in the flooring section of lumber supply stores.
- * Use a hand truck or dolly to move heavy bags of soil, mulch or fertilizer.
- * Use a wheeled chair or "scoot seat" designed for garden use. If possible take it for a test drive. Some of them work better on concrete than they do in grass or mulch.
- * Use a cart with big wheels. Small wheels do not roll well in mulch or on uneven surfaces.
- * Reserve wheelbarrows for light-weight materials. Heavy items may shift in transit and cause you to twist your back.
- Enlist a garden buddy. Start an exchange program. Offer to work on their project this week and next week you both work on yours. It's amazing how much faster the work proceeds when you garden with a buddy.

Finally Sandra says, "Stay healthy. Remember as you get older your body's maintenance crew takes longer breaks". Luckily here in WNY we have a long dormant period when those gardening tasks are very few although sadly we will always have snow shoveling to keep us active. Which reminds me...The snow has gone, I need to get out there and exercise. .

Michael Shadrack
President.



Your New Hostas

If you ordered hostas from Naylor Creek last December, they will be available for distribution at our April meeting. They will arrive bare root. So, what to do. Perhaps these tips will help the newer hostaphiles!

Plant your bare root hostas as soon as possible. Given Western New York weather, it might be better to pot them and leave them potted until all danger of frost has passed before putting them in the ground.

Soak the roots in tepid water for a couple of hours before planting. Use a rich soil mix that will drain well (ProMix or BM1 is a good choice). Dampen it before using it. You can form a small cone in your pot and spread the roots over it. Back-fill with your soil mix firmly, but not hard enough to damage the roots. Add water to prevent any air pockets near the roots. When you finish, the hosta crown should be level with the surface of the soil.

Water slowly but thoroughly. Do not water again until the soil becomes dry. One of the most frequent mistakes people make with newly planted bare root hostas is overwatering. Remember, some plants will emerge more quickly than others. Don't overwater the slower plants because you may cause them to rot.

If there is a threat of frost after potting or planting outdoors, protect new growth with an upside down bucket or pot or bring the newly planted pots into an unheated garage or shed.

Borrowed from the Mississippi Valley Hosta Society Newsletter

Hosta College

An unprecedented large number of WNYHS members were teachers at this year's **Hosta College**, held in Piqua, Ohio last month. Eleven of our members signed up for Hosta College and five of them gave classes

- Marcia Sully - Let's Talk Hosta - The big Picture
- Sue Sickles - Hosta TNTC - Chart and Labeling of a Hosta Collection
- Dorothy Julius - Tips Toes Through the Garden (twice)
- Margaret Corbin - Invasives and More
- Chas Wagner - Propagating Hostas.

Thank you all for flying the WNYHS flag, we are very proud of you.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITY!!!

The WNY Hosta Society has again been given a very generous opportunity to purchase potting soil at a very reasonable price. The potting soil is a little coarser than ProMix with better water retention. It comes in large, 3 cu ft compressed bales and we are able to purchase at about 1/3 less than retail.

Logistically, we will purchase the soil on your behalf and have it for pickup at our Smug Creek (8399 Zimmerman Rd., Hamburg) location. Cost will be somewhere around \$20 per bale.

We will have an order sign up at the meeting and the pick up will be the same day as the Hoop House opener (we are about 3 miles away from Lasting Dreams).

If you are not going to be at the meeting, please let us know **NO LATER THAN APRIL 22nd** how many bales you wish to purchase.

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The 2019 WALL CALENDAR

The WNY Hosta Society 2018 calendar was a great success! Members took photos in their yards, a committee selected the best of those submitted, Dave Whittemore put the calendar together and we almost completely sold out again.

Of course, we are going to repeat the process for 2019 - and we hope for many years to come. But this year, we need to step up the pace. We would like the finished product available for sale at the 2018 Fall Hosta Forum in September. We would also would like to have even MORE hosta pictures to select from to be included and we will need them earlier.

So please get out and about with your cameras this summer and take some interesting pictures of hostas and hosta gardens. They will need to be sent or given to Dave Whittemore by the end of July so that there is plenty of time for the complicated production process.



The next meeting
of the WNY Hosta Society is the

Spring Meeting

Sunday, April 22nd —1:30-4:00

East Aurora Senior Center
101 King Street—East Aurora 14052

(Route 400 to Maple exit—right. Maple to the end, left onto Main, then second right—S. Grove—past the Roycroft to the stop sign, then left on Oakwood. Senior Center will be on your right next to the fire hall.... Park behind—**NOT IN PLAZA**).

Doors open at 1:00
Program commences at 2 pm

★ PROGRAM ★
**Garden Photos:
Grow Your Know-How**
JIM CHARLIER

B-Movie

Barb Evans
Surviving Lyme Disease

Member and Master Gardener Barbara Evans will share her recent experiences of this disease, point out how much of the information on the internet is misleading and guide listeners on how to avoid the disease, the signs and the symptoms to watch out for and the very best way to deal with a bad situation

Short business meeting
& review of 2018 calendar

Plus

Door prizes
drag and brag
hostality
Fun and Frolic

Spring
is almost here



OUR SPEAKER
JIM CHARLIER



We are delighted to welcome the long-time, award-winning advertising art director who will offer tips and techniques to up your own garden photo skills—and how to best share your photos online or in publications.

Jim is greatly respected for bringing the Gardens of Garden Walk Buffalo and then the Open Gardens of Gardens Buffalo Niagara to a much wider audience across the country and beyond. He has the knack of knowing where to stand in a garden and the angle at which to point his camera to compose the perfect shot. We are confident that Jim will tell us how this can be done.

His garden photography has appeared in *Fine Gardening*, *Horticulture*, *Great Backyard Gardens*, *Backyard Solutions*, and *Real Gardens* magazines; and the books *The Garden Bible*, *Garden Tourism*, *Garden Up!*, *Edible Spots and Pots*, *Cultivating Garden Style*; and many other magazines, books, websites, and newspapers. He's also designed and produced the book, *Garden Walk Buffalo*.

He is currently working on a gardening book *Unforgettable Gardens*, co-authored with garden writer/columnist Sally Cunningham to be published by St. Lynn's Press of Pittsburgh, PA.

Jim is a well-traveled garden tourism advocate/consultant, having been a seven-term past president of Garden Walk Buffalo, America's largest garden tour. Jim has written a gardening blog, *The Art of Gardening*, since 2008, covering his garden travels, the great gardens of Buffalo Niagara, and his own garden successes and failures.

Jim is Vice President of the non-profit group, Gardens Buffalo Niagara, which organizes and promotes 20+ regional garden tours, a garden art sale, garden-themed bus tours, Tours of Open Gardens (70+ gardens open on Thursdays and Fridays in July), in addition to Garden Walk Buffalo.

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NAYLOR CREEK HOSTAS

Remember that we will have your pre-paid Naylor Creek hostas at this meeting for pickup. If you are unable to attend the meeting, PLEASE LET US KNOW and other arrangements will need to be made.

Hoop House Sale

Hoop House Sale – Hurry while stocks last

Thanks to some shrewd planning by the Board, and sheer hard work by our crackerjack team of hosta wranglers, the hoop house is full to bursting with potted hostas.

We feel that we may even have too many and so we are holding a ...

Hoop House Sale

Saturday, May 19th
9am to 12 noon only

Lasting Dreams Daylily Farm
6425 Abbott Road, Orchard Park

The notion behind these sales is to give our members first dibs on the exciting (and CHEAP) hostas we are growing for our public sale in August.

The rules, there has to be rules! Members **ONLY**. Six plants maximum per member. Real money, no hosta bucks. The management reserves the right to withhold some of the hosta for future sales.

Hurry while stocks last

Please note.

Park carefully and quietly in the road.

Nametags... remember your nametags

HOSTA FLASH

We communicate most frequently by FLASH and FACEBOOK now, so make sure to keep your email address updated, and check FACEBOOK and the website often....

PRELIMINARY 2018 Calendar

*We've spent some time looking at the calendar already... all these dates are subject to change, but it's going to be a **BUSY** year!!*

Sunday, April 22	Members' Meeting Naylor Creek hosta pick-up East Aurora Senior Center
Saturday, May 19	Hoop House Season Opener
Saturday, June 2	Hosta Tea - Hajnosz Garden
June 9 and 10	Hosta Show - Botanical Gardens
June 20 thru 23	AHS Hosta Convention Philadelphia, PA
June 30 & July 1	Garden Art Sale Botanical Gardens
July 13 & 14	Tailgate; Columbus, Ohio
Saturday, July 21	Hosta Tea - Twilight Tea Whittemore Garden
Sunday, August 5	Hosta Picnic Eagle Bay Hosta Garden
Saturday, August 25	Public Hosta Sale
Saturday, September 1	Hosta Tea - TBA
Saturday, September 15	Fall Hosta Forum, Edinboro, PA Fun, Fun, Fun
Saturday, October 6	Hosta Breakfast Forestview, Depew
Saturday, November 3	Hosta Breakfast Forestview, Depew
Sunday, November 11	Hosta Annual Meeting East Aurora Senior Center

And don't forget **OPEN GARDENS**, the **BUFFALO GARDEN FESTIVAL** and all the other green activities that occur during our too short season... we'll try to keep you up to date (especially with e-mail blasts)

On a personal note....

I was both extremely surprised and delighted at the February meeting when Board members Dianne Giordano and Sue Sickels stepped up to inform members present that I had been given the Alex J Summers Award by the AHS at their National Convention in Indianapolis last June. I was then proclaimed a "Hosta Laureate" and presented with an amazing certificate that has since been framed and adorns our study wall.

Until then, being given the Alex J Summers award by the AHS was the highlight of my Hosta life. Recipients are given a beautiful wall mounted plaque and are asked to make an acceptance speech and name a 'distinguished merit hosta'. I also received a life membership of the American Hosta Society.

Thank you Western New York Hosta Society, thank you *Hosta*. The speech I gave has been printed in the Hosta Journal, but for those of you who are not members of the AHS, I would like to repeat it here one last time. I promise never to mention it again.

Mike Shadrack,
Hostaman

2017 Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Award

I have been up all night trying to make this humble.

I owe pretty much everything to *Hosta*. My lovely wife Kathy, living in the U.S., the lifestyle that has given me. Scores and scores of lovely people. Thank you hostas. Thank you AHS.

Thank you too for giving me the opportunity to think back over the past 25 years or so and allowing me to share those thoughts with you this evening.

I am the second Brit. The previous British winner of the Alex Summers was Diana Grenfell and I am extremely honored to be up there with that lovely lady.

It is often said that we join for the plants but we stay for the people. I stayed for the gossip.

Hosta people are the most wonderful people out there.

The first time I ever visited Ann and Roger Bowden at their hosta nursery in Devon I pretty much forced myself on them at an inconvenient time. I ended up sharing their evening curry and staying the night in the spare room. These are the sort of people you meet in the hosta world.

The first time I was introduced to the then *Journal* Editor, Kevin Walek, it was the briefest of meetings.

We said hello and shook hands. The next time we met he was waiting for me at the airport and drove me to his home to stay for a few days before the D.C. Convention. These are the sort of people that inhabit the hosta world.

My first ever trip to the U.S. was for the Atlanta Convention in 1994. It would seem odd now but at Atlanta there were no vendors at the hotel. I arrived with a wish list from my English hosta friends. I went home with two hostas. But my real reason for visiting Atlanta was to ask George Schmid to sign my copy of *The Genus Hosta*. To my delight he graciously did just that. He is still wearing that Atlanta convention tee shirt.

It is a strange fact that the first time I met my dear English friend Tim 'Keep Smilin' Saville was at that '94 Convention. There he was taking pictures of *Hosta* using a camera mounted on a tripod. A very important lesson for which I will be eternally grateful.

On the Atlanta trip I also meet two lovely ladies, Marcia Niswonger and Sandy Wilkins, who subsequently introduced me to Hosta College, still the most wonderful event on the hosta calendar. The pattern became two annual trips to the U.S. It soon became three trips as Kevin Walek introduced me to Hosta in Focus. The headline speaker was Diana Grenfell. Yes, I traveled to Washington, D.C. to hear my fellow Brit give a talk I had heard before. Crazy I know, but I also took with me some of the photographs that Tim had shown me how to take and that led to the collaboration with Diana and Timber Press that changed my life a little. I will be forever grateful to Diana Grenfell.

Hosta College actually changed my life totally. I had been a London cop for 32 years and had just retired. I then became a London tour guide.

Then one Friday evening at Hosta College I gave a talk about the Chelsea Flower Show and gave out fliers for my embryo tour company. Plantswoman Kathy Guest was in the audience. Sad to say I didn't meet her that time, but a few months later she wrote and asked me to take a group of people from the Buffalo Botanical Gardens, where she was a board member, to the Chelsea Flower Show and to visit English gardens. A year later she helped me organize a second trip for that group and the rest, as they say, is history. Early on Kathy confused me. She told me she had a Buffalo ranch. Wow, I bought myself a General Custer hat, grew a mustache and everything only to discover that she meant a single story house. Too late, I was hooked. We married in 2003 and I became an alien.

We did lots of garden tours taking Americans to see English gardens and flower shows. We had fun. Kathy's idea was to reverse the tours. The tour that became known as the Ring of Eire. We have taken American people to gardens and hostas in England, France, Holland and Belgium. We have taken English and Dutch folks to hosta gardens in America and Canada.

Since Atlanta I have been lucky enough to have only missed one AHS national convention and along the way I have met so many wonderful people. On one occasion early on I traveled from the airport in the shuttle bus with Olga Petryszyn. Olga Petryszyn! I was smitten. On arrival at the hotel, I hugged more people than I knew in England.

Men in the Shadrack family have always died way too young. Some in wartime but mostly just died. For a long while I expected to go early and in my mid fifties I began to turn the gas down. But in a short time I met, independently, three men who told me how foolish I was being and who, by example, showed me how to get off my butt and do stuff.

Van Wade, Jim Wilkins, Ran Lydell.

Van, God bless him, told me that I had to work hard, not waste time, get out there, get it done and be generous and kind along the way. Jim Wilkins told me that if you set your mind, you can do what you want to do even though it may seem difficult. He also cured my flaking scalp but that is another story.

Ran Lydell told me that you need projects and new ideas to keep you active. Ran and I now both have enough projects to last us a decade or two more.

Actually I am doing rather well on that front these days. Which is lucky. I can recall in the early '90s Bob Solberg telling me that there would be a red hosta in my lifetime. Bob, you need to hurry. But they might be "almost" there.

I began my intimate connection with The American Hosta Society when Kevin Walek asked me to chair a new Strategic Planning Committee. We did very well for a few years, asked many searching questions and provided a few important answers. In my view the best thing we did was to re-invent the AHS newsletter that was mailed, hard copy to every member.

A couple of years later Larry Tucker trapped me between the fireplace and a sofa in Connie Linder's living room and asked me to be VP Publications. There was no way out. After serving my time with the erudite, persuasive and sometimes pedantic *Journal* Editor Bob Olson and the infinitely talented Janet Mills, I was moved on to VP Awards and Honors for a few years. Being part of this organization is amazing. Together we did some really good things, survived some very turbulent storms and enjoyed many mutual highs.

Volunteer to be part of the organization of this great Society. The rewards for a little time and effort are massive and you will always treasure the friends you make, learn so much and have fun.

During our time together Kathy and I have created an interesting garden on a wonderful piece of property in the hills south of Buffalo, now known as Smug Creek gardens, and together we wrote the *Book of Little Hostas* for Timber Press.

A little about the city of Buffalo. Most of you will think of it as a rust belt city under 6 feet of snow for half the year. It really is not like that and I have grown to love it.

In Buffalo gardening is huge. It is the lead city in the U.S. for gardening tourism. We have the largest and most successful garden walk in the U.S. with over 400 gardens open for a weekend in July. There are 17 other suburban local garden walks during the summer and in addition 70 or more private gardens are open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays in July. Other green activities occur in a month long gardening festival. We regard gardening as the opposite of blight. Encouraging people to garden, to beautify their property improves not only their lives but raises the image of the community in which they live.

Buffalo also has a parks system designed by Frederick Law Olmsted that is slowly being returned to exactly the way he designed it.

And we have a wonderful hosta society. On the firm foundation laid by Carolyn Schaffner we run a very successful hosta club. One that has increased its membership substantially over the last decade and continues to add new members pretty much monthly. We work very hard at it. Our club is based on two premises: personal contact and giving away stuff.

Yes, we have hosta meetings, hosta newsletters, hosta shows, a hosta website and hosta sales but we also have hosta breakfasts, hosta teas, hosta calendars, hosta picnics, hosta bucks, hosta flashes, hosta forums and hosta open gardens.

The most important thing is the realization that yes, you can find all

the information you want and need on the Internet but nothing can replace personal contact and being together as a group. We talk to people, we devise many and various ways where people come together, talk together and socialize.

I have so enjoyed my time as a member of The American Hosta Society. Highlights, there have been a few....

At Hosta College yelling out "rubbish" while Doug Beilstein was talking at the banquet (actually I've done that lots of times when he has been talking).

Taking Barbara and Robert Tiffany and Warren and Ali Pollock to Holland to meet Marco Fransen and all the tulips. Lovely people all. The first time I was aware of Warren Pollock was in the garden of Alex Summers at Honeysong Farm. Warren was surrounded by a group of acolytes, teaching them how to correctly pronounce the name Abiqua or is it Abiqua, I never really knew. Several years later, Warren's grandson, Michael, was studying in London and Warren instructed me to take him out and show him my city. You can't say "No," so I drove downtown to pick him up. As I approached the enormous student hostel I realized that I had no idea what Michael Pollock looked like. I need not have worried. As I entered the foyer I found Michael standing on a chair instructing a large group of students how to pronounce London street names.

With Marcia Sully and Mark and Katie Zilis visiting Pete Ruh and presenting him with the AHS Lifetime Achievement Award.

Walking through The Savill Garden in England with Jim Wilkins. He was then the President of the AHS and I was the chairman of the British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society. In the distance we spotted a strange hosta and walked up to it. We didn't know what it was. Jim said "I don't know what it is." I said, "I don't know either." A little old lady walking past with her little old dog shouted, "It's a hosta" and contemptuously walked on.

At 3:00 in the morning picking the lock of the hotel room housing the hosta show so that C.H. Falstad and I could take photographs undisturbed.

Being present at Hosta College when an emotional Herb Benedict and Dorothy asked us to christen *Hosta* the "Friendship Plant."

Taking Van and Shirley Wade, Dick and Jane Ward, Harold and Kathy McDonell, Marcia Sully, Dianne Giordano, Marco Fransen and many others to visit Prince Charles' garden in England. Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, the future King of England is a hostophile.

An English plant, 'June', won the first Benedict Medal. We were able to reunite the staff of Neo Plants who produced it, including the young lady who discovered *H. 'June'*, and her mother June, and to present her with the medal. It was a wonderful day.

I have always tried to be an ambassador for everything British. If it wasn't for the Brits you would not have the Tardianas, golf and the iPhone. Shame on you if you don't have a Dyson vacuum cleaner. I have also tried to be an ambassador for The American Hosta Society. Kathy and I spread the word at every opportunity.

The hosta plants are important. Hostas are beautiful. We joined for the plants. There are many good reasons why the hosta is America's biggest selling perennial plant.

There are many excellent hybridisers too, producing a wonderful variety of new and improved plants. Many of them are in this room and we thank you for the constant stream of good stuff you produce that we must have in our gardens. The hybridiser to whom I was closest and really admired was Bob Kuk. Bob died way too young but not before he had

produced many garden-worthy hostas. Bob's methods were different to most, pollinating cut blooms lined up in vases of sugar water on the kitchen table and planting the resulting seeds in near dark conditions, but didn't he produce some good hostas. *H.* 'Queen Josephine', named for his mother. *H.* 'Emerald Necklace' named for the parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Bob registered 59 plants including 'Rock and Roll'.

Bill Haley and the Americans gave the Brits Rock and Roll. John Bond and the Brits gave America 'Great Expectations'. Fitting that Bob Kuk should combine them to produce my Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Hosta 'Mike Shadrack'.



The Open Garden Book

The 2018 Open Garden Book will be distributed at the April Members' meeting.

This book is the result of hard work by Marcia Sully who telephoned every member (sometimes more than once) during the winter months, Kathy Shadrack who spent hours transcribing it all and putting it together and Mike Shadrack proofed and organized it all. We have MANY more advertisers in the book this year and we are grateful for their contribution.

Your Open Garden Book gives you details of the members' gardens that you can visit throughout the summer - not only hosta members, but also daylily and iris members too. It is up to you to contact the garden owner by phone or e-mail to arrange your visit.

Remember too that every time you visit a member's garden and get your book signed *you qualify for a ticket in the prize draw that takes place in November.* Draw tickets mean PRIZES.

Please support those who enter their gardens in the book by visiting a few of them this summer.

OPEN SHOP

There is so much stuff that we will be offering and giving away at the April meeting that you may just need a shopping cart.

Naylor Creek Hostas. Those of you who ordered hostas from our friends at Naylor Creek will be able to pick them up at the meeting.

Atlas gardening gloves. These excellent gardening gloves, in various sizes and colors, will be available at an amazing discounted price.

The 2018 Open Garden Book. Our Open Garden book will be available free to members who remember to wear their name tags.

Potting soil. You will be invited to order potting soil at a reduced price for collection from Smug Creek Gardens on Hoop House Opening Day – May 19th.

Hosta Adventure. You will be able to purchase the new AHS Hosta Adventure booklet.

Kincaid Labels. These excellent stainless steel plant labels will be available at a discount price.

Marking Pens. For those of you not using the Kincaid labels, excellent marking pens will be available.

Nemakil. We will have some Nemakil available for the treatment of foliar nematodes and Sue Sickels will be available to give expert advice.

Remember to wear your name tags!



APRIL MEETING

We need the following for the April meeting:

Volunteers to bring desserts/refreshments -

Please call: Judy (649-2764)

YOU....

Make sure you come—
and bring a friend!

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Next meeting: April 22nd

Spring Meeting

All the pieces for this year's Fall Hosta Forum are in place. Our advice is 1) REGISTER NOW AND 2) BOOK YOUR ROOM. We sold out last year and we expect we will sell out again.... And we truly hate to see the sad faces of the masses who were denied....

We have two of the most highly-regarded hosta personalities in the world, plus two additional speakers in great demand everywhere. Plus our Friday night has evolved - based on your survey responses we are changing to a vendor preview with pizza and salad and a \$5 voucher for the vendors... at a greatly reduced price.. All this and plants, plants, plants.

We hope YOU will surf your way to Edinboro for this this fabulous event.

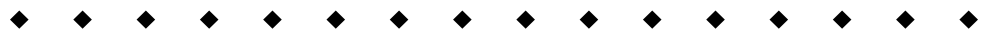


2018 FALL HOSTA AND GARDEN FORUM

Sponsored by: Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western PA and Western NY Hosta Society

FUN, FUN, FUN

We will have
registration forms & information
at the meeting



Glen Herold

All the way from Wisconsin

Mike Shadrack

Smug Creek Gardens

Chris Law

Iseli Conifer Nursery

Cindy Tibbetts

Hummingbird Clematis Farm

September 15th

Edinboro, PA

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