

# Hosta la Vista

Nov. '19

*Until we meet again*



## President's Message

### A New Era

**A**n important element of the Western New York Hosta Society has entered a New Era. I don't mean that we have all got new baseball caps or that we are completely captivated by the goings on at the recently re-named stadium down the road.



Our hoop house has found its fourth, and hopefully, final resting place. Earlier this year we received a nice letter from Anthony and Carol Haj that pointed out that our magnificent hoop house had been on their property at Lasting Dreams Daylilies for four years and that its presence did not fit their next five year business plan. The detailed letter gave us plenty of time to find a new home for our hostas and remove our property.

Later a second letter stated that if we did not want to go to the trouble of removing it Anthony would buy it from us. For us that was not an option. Not only is the growing of hostas for sale in our hoop house part of the WNYHS business plan but also the hoop house itself has pretty much achieved national historic landmark status.

We purchased the original hoop house from members Jim and Betty Schnellinger who ran a small part time nursery in Corfu. Sadly Jim passed away several years ago but Betty is still a member of the Society. Actually our hoop house was half of a 90 foot long professional set up that was one of several Jim owned. He helped us take it apart and showed us how it was put together. It was of a very heavy construction with thick iron hoops and anchors that were to prove way stronger than the cheap aluminum ones available today. In those early days we shared the running costs and the space with the Buffalo Area Daylily Society

Sally Cunningham gave our new hoop house its first home in East Aurora. We set a pattern of inviting members to come and help erect it. That was a pretty steep learning curve since none of us really knew what we were doing as the only experience we had for putting it up was how we took it down. We stayed at Sally's for a couple of years but access and the availability of water was always a problem and I got seriously annoyed at constantly being attacked by six aggressive roosters.

There was still a daylily connection and Pam Hoffman offered us space at her Mystic Meadows Daylily farm in Wales and we moved the hoop house a second time. Access here was much easier and water was less of a problem. Again members help put it up and we found the process much easier this time. By then we understood shade cloth and the white plastic winter covering better and we installed a thick gravel floor to deter weeds and gastropods. Our

then treasurer Dolores Galbo spent many hours there, often alone, caring for our hostas and annually preparing them for winter, overseen, by three charming miniature donkeys.

Sadly Pam eventually gave up her daylily business and hybridizing program and decided to move house. By then BADS had changed the way they organized their annual daylily sale and they no longer required space for potted plants. But, our daylily connection was still very strong and we were offered a home by Carol and Anthony at Lasting Dreams Daylilies. We moved the hoop house and its contents again.

This time we were offered semi-professional help in erecting it. Hosta spouse Randy Vogel had a great deal of experience in erecting even larger hoop houses and he came along armed with spirit levels, balls of twine, construction set squares and a tub of six inch nails. The plot was measured, squared, adjusted for undulations and slope and the siting of each of the hoops carefully measured and the nails banged into the earth to guide us exactly where to drive in the anchors.

I don't remember encountering or considering these problems the first two occasions we put it up. Maybe before it had simply not been level or even square. This time the structure was very impressive and very sturdy. Next, totally without our help, Randy constructed the two proper hoop shaped ends. The hoop house was now properly sealed against the elements and the larger critters and looked wonderful.

All went well. Our hostas grew and members enjoyed many a working party growing, dividing, re-potting and labeling our plants. Oscar and Amy Cross, of Hilltop Farm in southern Missouri, continued their generous annual donations of mature potted hostas and soon the hoop house was full, almost to the brim, with healthy well-grown plants.

We had some difficulties. Pedestrian and vehicular access was not always easy and water, both quantity and pressure, was sometimes a problem but generally our time there was a pleasant one.

Then we got the letter. The board spent a good deal of time trying to locate a new home. Several places were suggested and rejected and couple of people were asked to accommodate us but declined.

Sue Sickels and her husband Eric offered us space on their property in West Falls and we began the process of moving our plants, dismantling the hoop house and then moving it and all our property from Lasting Dreams to the new home. With the help of various groups of members, taking it apart was easy but moving the components was difficult. We struck lucky in that members Keith and Sally Johnson own a large trailer and we were introduced to a

### PRELIMINARY - 2020 Calendar

*We've spent some time looking at the calendar already... the meeting dates have not yet been set, but we thought you'd like a peek at what is already in place....*

Saturday, January 4th	Hosta breakfast, 10 am Forestview, Transit Rd., Depew
Saturday, February 1st	Hosta breakfast, 10 am Forestview, Transit Rd, Depew
Sunday, February 16st	Members' Meeting with speaker East Aurora Senior Center
Saturday, March 7th	Hosta breakfast, 10 am Forestview, Transit Rd, Depew
Saturday, March 21st	Hosta College - Piqua, Ohio
Saturday, April 4th	Hosta breakfast, 10 am - Forestview, Transit Rd, Depew
Sunday, April 26th	Members' Meeting with speaker and Naylor Creek hosta pick-up East Aurora Senior Center
Saturday, May 16	Hoop House Season Opener NEW LOCATION - Sickels' Farm
June 6th	Hosta Tea: TBD
June 09 thru 13	AHS Convention - Minnesota
June 20th	Hosta Experience - Botanical Gardens
June 27 & 28	Garden Art Sale & Plant Society Avenue - Botanical Gardens
Saturday, July 11	Hosta Tea: Upton Garden, Grand Island
Saturday, August 1	Hosta Tea:
Sunday, August 16th	Members' Picnic - Eagle Bay Hosta Garden
Saturday, August 22nd	Public Hosta Sale Botanical Gardens
Saturday, September 5th	Hosta Tea
Saturday, September 19th	Fall Hosta and Garden Forum - Edinboro, PA
Saturday, October 3rd	Hosta breakfast, 10 am - Forestview, Transit Rd., Depew
Saturday, November 7th	Hosta breakfast, 10 am - Forestview, Transit Rd., Depew
Sunday, November 15th	Annual Members' Meeting with speaker East Aurora Senior Center

**Mark your calendars:** NOTE: if we DON'T have you on our e-mail "Hosta Flash" list, please send your address to "irisborer@aol.com". Things tend to shift... and new opportunities arise, and this is the **best way** to be able to notify our membership **fast**

## 2019 & 2020 FALL HOSTA FORUM

The 2019 Fall Hosta Forum was a fabulous success - and we are still basking in the warm glow.

Our Planning Committee is set to meet on November 15th, when we will review comments, tweak what needs tweaking and begin planning for 2020.

We recommend that as SOON as you get the formal announcement, you book your room and send in your registration (block out **September 19th, 2020 now**) so you won't be disappointed. We may have a slight fee increase this year... our first in five years.

## ELECTIONS

Our November meeting is also the time of year when we elect our new Board. All of the officers are re-elected biennially, and were re-elected last year. Leslie Murray was appointed to fill the vacant seat we had and has been a very active and valuable Board member already. The positions up for re-election this year, therefore are three board seats.

The slate we will present for your vote at the meeting will be:

### Board Positions

Pat Gurney

Judy Johnson

Kathy Guest Shadrack

The next meeting  
of the WNY Hosta Society is the

## **FALL MEMBERS' MEETING**

**Sunday, November 10th**

Doors open 1:30

(come and socialize)

Meeting 2:00-4:00

East Aurora Senior Center

King Street at Oakwood, East Aurora



There are major road works in East Aurora.

**Oakwood Avenue is closed**

from Park Place to Olean Street.

Approach along Main Street. Turn onto Park Place, (there is a gas station on the corner.)

Cross Oakwood, turn left onto Prospect

Turn Right onto Sycamore then left onto Parsons

You can then turn left onto King Street.

Although it may say that King Street is closed, you can access the senior center

## **THE MAIN EVENT**

**Speaker: Jack Kowiak**

## **AMAZING BACKYARD PLANTS**

**B-Movie:**

**Business Meeting  
Seed Starting & giveaway**

### **MEETING**

Welcome

Annual Meeting & Elections

2020 Calendar of events

Open Garden Book Prize Draw

Refreshments

Fun and Laughter

### **Parking at the East Aurora Senior Center**

Parking is at a premium at the Center and there have been problems (mostly during the week). Please take note when attending our meeting. There is a large parking lot behind the building.



## **Hospitality**

We need **YOU** to help  
with hospitality for this meeting.

**Please contact**

**Sally Johnson**

716-537-9953 or

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***If you can bring something***

## **Amazing Backyard Plants**

Learn the remarkable stories of some everyday plants in your own backyard. Learn about the weed that helped the Allies win WWII, the bush that is responsible for us speaking English rather than French, and a dinosaur snack in your own backyard. You will be amazed in the ways these plants impacted both our history and lives today.



### ***Our speaker, Jack Kowiak:***

Jack Kowiak is a retired market research manager from Eastman Kodak who enjoys researching and presenting material that he finds interesting. Jack speaks on a variety of topics to numerous organizations in the Rochester area. In addition, he currently teaches classes at the Penfield Recreation Center. Jack's goal is to present programs that both educate and entertain.

## **The Open Garden Book Prize Draw**

The November meeting is traditionally the time for the Open Garden Book prize draw. Our Open Garden Book is published each year in April. It contains descriptions of members' gardens that are open to view by other members. (The book includes Iris and Daylily Gardens too). For security reasons addresses are not published and intending visitors need to contact the garden owner by telephone or email to arrange a visit.

Most members who visit a listed garden take the book with them and get the garden owner to sign it. This is because at the November meeting each signature gets a free draw ticket and (insert your own glowing adjective here) prizes can be won. Mike Sheehan is again in charge and if you present your duly-signed book to him, he will give you a ticket for each garden owner's signature you acquired.

*So, remember to bring your 2019  
Open Garden Book with you on  
Sunday.*



## Collecting Hosta Seeds and Growing Seedlings

Steven C. Chamberlain Manlius, New York

Growing hostas from seed can be very rewarding, especially if you do it indoors while the hostas outdoors are dormant. My way is certainly not the only way, but it works for me.

Although hosta seeds mature rather rapidly after fertilization, I prefer to wait an extra-long time before collecting them. I want to be certain they are ready, and I prefer to harvest seeds from dry pods, since juicy ones are harder to handle without damaging the seeds. I typically start harvesting the early bloomers in mid- to late September; here in Central New York, that's almost three months after they formed.

I bring the pods inside and let them dry in open air. As they dry, some open and some do not. To extract the seeds, I work on a table covered with a sheet of blank white paper.

Each pod will open into three parts and the seeds will either fall out or need to be teased out with a small pointed tool. I use the tiny pointed end of a seed pod for this purpose. I separate out the plump, black seeds and throw everything else away. The seeds I put into a plain, cheap, note-sized white envelope on which I've written the name of the parent or parents and the year. (Make sure you label the pods as you harvest them, too.) Hosta seeds will store this way at room temperature for months without losing viability. You don't need to cool them or freeze them or rough them up or anything. Just keep them cool and dry until you are ready to plant.

After trying all kinds of growing media, I prefer sterile, soilless potting mix, with fertilizer. Any brand will do. I use square plastic 3-inch pots that fit in a tray, to allow watering from below, and that will accept a clear, colorless lid with a couple inches of clearance, to keep the moisture in. I fill the pots to the top with the mix and then thoroughly water, which settles the mix and leaves a little room at the top. I then sprinkle the hosta seeds (usually too thickly) on the surface and finish by covering the seeds with a fine coating of the mix, achieved by forcing a bit of it through a tea strainer. The germination rate for fresh seeds is usually very high, so six to 10 seeds in a 3-inch square pot is enough. I put the pots under 24-hour fluorescent lights and, with a heating pad under the trays, keep the temperature between 75° and 80° F until the seeds germinate (typically within two weeks). Then I lower the temperature to a more comfortable 65° to 70° for the rest of the winter.

Until the seedlings are tall enough to start touching the clear plastic cover, I water them as needed from below, by pouring water into the tray. Once the seedlings touch the cover, I remove it. From then on, I water either from above or below, or both as the spirit moves me. About every other watering, I

add a bit of liquid fertilizer to the watering can, following the instructions on the concentrate. My sense is that too wet is better than too dry. Note that the pots need to be watered more frequently once the cover is removed.

When you plant the seeds is up to you. Sometimes I do it the day after Thanksgiving or during the Christmas-New Year's break. Sometimes I do it serially, as I harvest each batch of seeds. A late fall planting indoors often yields some blooming seedlings before the weather permits me to plant them outdoors. (Note that the absence of seed pods in these indoor seedlings doesn't necessarily mean the seedling is sterile; it is more likely to indicate an absence of pollinating insects.)

Usually I just grow the seedlings in their original pots until I'm ready to plant them in the garden. Sometimes I replant some special ones in separate pots. I've not done a controlled experiment on this, but my feeling is that separating them may give slightly bigger seedlings. But it's not much of a difference, unless the original sowing is so dense that the seedling petioles seem as thick as the grass in your lawn.

When I plant the seedlings in the garden, they usually go partially dormant. Many of the leaves wither, and new leaves emerge. I've been trying various approaches to prevent that. I suspect the problem is that my growing lights just aren't bright enough, and therefore the brighter daylight burns the leaves. The plants always eventually show a new flush of leaves after being transplanted, but I think they'd be happier if they could skip the dormancy step—I know I would be.

I'll close this edition of the Notebook with a comment on labeling. I've given up on getting good permanent labels for seedlings. I use cheap plastic labels and nominally waterproof pens, covering the writing with transparent tape. When I transplant the seedlings into the garden, I make new labels. I also sketch a map in my notebook of where the seedlings are planted, so when ultraviolet light and the cycle of freezing and thawing ruin the garden labels, I still know which is which.

*Steven C. Chamberlain Manlius, New York Copied from the AHS web site and previously published in the AHS Hosta Journal Vol. 38 No 2.*

## And the good news is.....

Steve Chamberlain has agreed to be our speaker at on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting when his subject will be "Growing Hostas from Seed" Steve is a renowned hybridizer responsible for the 'Academy' series of hostas and many others



## ONE RINGY DINGY TWO RINGY DINGYS

Heads up!!



Your phone will be ringing in the new year, with - maybe not Ernestine, but certainly our own Marcia Sully on the other end. The purpose? To determine whether you wish to participate in the **2020 MEMBERS' GARDENS DIRECTORY** (**NOTE THE**

**NEW NAME - the other one was causing confusion).**

Every year, Marcia takes on the task of calling *every single WNY Hosta member* to check the details of their listing (if they're already in the book) or to check whether a new member wants to be included. We do not publish addresses, only phone numbers and e-mail addresses (with your permission...sometimes that's an easier way to reach people). We have recruited helpers for her this year, Judy Johnson will also be calling and Chas Wagner will take on Pennsylvania.

The directory is very popular and a great way to see how your colleagues are growing hostas. So... Marcia, Judy and Chas will be calling. *One ringy dingy....*

Our website is fabulous  
make sure you check in  
frequently for the latest news

**Www.wnyhosta.com**

And join the conversation on **FACEBOOK**  
Western New York Hosta Society



## OPPORKNOCKITY TUNES

By popular demand (at least among hostaphiles) we are repeating an offer we have offered for the last NINE years, ....putting together a **group order** for Naylor Creek ([www.naylorcreek.com](http://www.naylorcreek.com)) hostas. Here's how it works... Naylor Creek offers an **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** for orders placed by 1/15 and totaling \$125 - a 10% discount and free shipping. We are extending that offer to our membership so that by joining our group order, by even ordering *one tiny hosta*, you will reap the benefit of the 10% and free shipping.

**SO.... Here are the rules** - please put together your order and bring it to the meeting - or otherwise get it to us **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15th**. We will place one order (and bill you when we get confirmation). **Please note - as soon as we place the order they charge our credit card. Please, please please pay us promptly!**

We will ask Naylor Creek for delivery in time for our April meeting. We're sure to exceed the \$125 minimum so get your orders in! What a deal! (If you don't have a computer, we will have **a few paper copies** at the meeting and at the next breakfast Otherwise <http://www.naylorcreek.com/>). You should ALSO know that Naylor Creek will be advertising individual hostas **heavily** on Facebook (ask to join 'Hosta Buyers Guide'),



and some are already sold out or in short supply. In the words of Yosemite Sam "Time's a-wastin'!"

***"No winter lasts forever  
No spring skips its turn"***

# HOOP HOUSE MOVE

BY Sue Sickels

Just for the record, I thought I would outline the steps necessary to move the hoop house.



SITE - PRE HOOP HOUSE

The short version involves just one easy step. Hire Jake. That's all it takes to move a 40' by 15' hoop house.

The long version saved us a lot of money due to the effort of numerous volunteers. It took several days of working in inclement weather but lots of satisfaction in the work we had accomplished.

The first step was to disassemble the hoop house and cart the parts to my house. Each of the two-foot posts which are anchored into the ground to hold the hoops was filled with clay and a large nail. The clay adhered to the post like concrete. It took an afternoon to go through all 30 posts using an electric drill with a spade bit, followed by a hose and then using a wooden pole to force the dirt out of the post. Mike and I did this in the rain knowing they had to be ready to use the next day.

We removed two ash trees that were likely to die and cause problems for the new hoop house.



We marked out the area for the new location and laid down landscape cloth, allowing for a five-foot border around the hoop house. After the posts were pounded into the ground, the wooden ends of the hoop house were installed. The hoops were installed and steadied by the ridge pole. It took a few attempts to get the hoops plumb and the ridge pole straight,

probably due to the free, yet amateur labor working on this task. Jake worked on putting landscape timbers around the hoop house, well as installing the baseboard to the hoops.



Now we were ready to have the gravel delivered. It came on a truck with a conveyor belt that through the #2 gravel over forty feet. After the doors were installed, the shade cloth was installed, followed by the white plastic for winter. I have spent two hours painting and only finished the front panel before the weather made it impossible to finish this winter. We now have 500 feet of professional hose with excellent water pressure and an endless and free source of water for our plants. I still need to move in the plants, but I hope to finish that this weekend. If we get more time this fall, we will install the plant benches and organize the hoop house.

*This summary involves days of effort by many volunteers. A great big thank you to all who gave of there time to move the hoop house to this new location. Sweat, mud and rain covered us all, but the smiles and heartfelt appreciation made this all worthwhile.*



## How I got interested in growing Hostas from seed.

Mike Sheehan

I guess it started some years ago when our Society member, George Donsky (now passed on), often spoke about hybridizing and shared seed from open pollinated hosta seeds with the members.

'Open pollinated' means the seeds come from plants you know only one of the parents; the pod parent. He had even registered a hosta called H. 'Lily Blue Eyes', named for his grand-daughter. It was a cross between H. 'Salute' and H. 'Azure Snow'. The plant was registered in 2007 and Anita and I did have it in our gardens at one time.

So my interest in seed began as a novice in the world of hostas. I must say however, I have not tried to "dab" pollen, as the pros call it. Some things I have since learned about starting and collecting seeds.

1. Hosta seedlings rarely resemble the parent plant
2. Most seedlings do not reproduce a variegated plant (about 1 in 100)
3. Blue hostas will produce some blue-green, some green and some gold
4. White-centered hostas may produce all white seedlings which cannot survive. They cannot produce chlorophyll.
5. Using seed collected through open pollination is an interesting gamble, since you don't know the pollen donor.
6. Not all hostas are fertile and produce viable seeds.

I have about 8 seedlings in the garage for the second year from H. 'Niagara Falls' which are all green, naturally, but show some promise of being big tall plants. Note, I hate discarding seedlings that show little promise, they are like my children. I have occasionally snuck some in obscure places in the gardens to hide them from Anita. She doesn't like to have unknown hostas around.

I have several wildly variegated (streaky) plants in the ground that hardly have two leaves alike, they are about 5 years old now. This type is said to be a good plant to harvest seed from and does have a higher potential for an interesting variegated offspring.

Two years ago I entered our leaf show at the Botanical Gardens with several leaves from OP hosta seedlings and took first place in that category. The leaves had to be similar in size, color etc. and it was a challenge to select them.

Who knows, I may be bitten by the bug and dab some pollen next year. That will be a whole new ball game for a future article. It is nice to think that someday, you might develop a brand new hosta and get it registered as George did.

*Having said all that about Hosta seeds, I will have some to share with members at the November meeting. There are probably some pods still on hostas you haven't cut down, so bring some along to exchange at our meeting.*



## HOSTA BREAKFASTS

For more than 5 years now the WNYHS has held **Hosta Breakfasts** on the **first Saturday of each month throughout the winter**. They have proven to be a wonderful way of meeting our hosta friends during the non-growing season. The first one of this season was no exception, with lots of chatter and laughter.

### THE FORESTVIEW RESTAURANT

4781 Transit Road - Depew, NY 14043  
656-8760

It is the people and the friendship that make our breakfast meetings so good, but another thing that helps is that attendees are asked to bring to the table something that they can pass around and talk about. It can be a plant, a seedling, a catalogue, a magazine, a book, a favorite garden tool, a new deer repellent... anything to get folks talking.



We usually have between 16 and 20 folks and the biggest turn out so far has been 34.

There is only one rule. If you intend going to the breakfasts you **must call** or email Mike Shadrack at 716 941-6167 or h8staman@aol.com, **before 5pm on the previous Friday** as he will have to book the places with the restaurant.

*So.....the dates are: December 7th, January 4th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th (then we adjourn until October).*

A **Hosta Flash** will be sent to all those members on our email list as a reminder a few days before each breakfast. So, no excuses. See you there.

**In FACT**, these have been so successful, a few years ago, we replaced the breakfasts with a monthly **HOSTA TEA** in a members' garden during the summer months. We are still working on finding gardens for 2020 - we have July lined up, but that's it (let us know if you're willing).



*Thank you!*





The Minnesota Hosta Society is delighted to be the host for the AHS 2020 convention. Our membership is excited to have you join us in fellowship and share our passion for gardening with hosta. Our theme, Hosta Vision 2020, reflects not only the year, but also the ever expanding use of hosta in the garden. Hostas continue to be America's number one perennial due to their versatility in the landscape. Plus they thrive in Minnesota's Zone 4 climate!

As part of this year's convention we have added a philanthropic element. We request you bring used eyeglasses for donation to Lions Clubs International. For 80 years, Lions clubs have collected old, unwanted eyeglasses for redistribution to the poor in developing countries.

We have lots of exciting things in store for you during your visit. Register now! <<https://hostavision2020.com/>>

**Andy Marlow, President**  
Minnesota and American Hosta Society

#### Convention Summary

- June 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 minimum of 6 lovely gardens. Shades of Green Hosta Society hosting.

**ED NOTE: We are already registered and we will drive.**  
**Great way to see cool gardens, get cool plants**  
**and meet cool people!**

## SEED EXCHANGE

We intend to have a hosta seed exchange during the meeting. Various members will be bringing packets of seeds that they will make available to folks who would like to try growing some hostas from seed during the winter.

While the process might not produce the next H. 'Niagara Falls' it can be a rewarding experience and something to do while our hostas are buried in snow.



## OUR FABULOUS HOSTA CALENDAR

*The Western New York Hosta Society's fourth calendar, for 2020, is printed - and gorgeous - and will be available for sale at the November meeting.*

Price is \$10.00 each - and they make great presents for the Christmas season (like to YOU). The calendar features photographs submitted by our members. Over sixty photos were submitted for consideration. Choosing the best of the best was a challenge because they were all really good!

We hope you are pleased with our selections and hope you will consider submitting your own photographs for our **2021 calendar**. Envelopes for mailing will also be available.

*Editor's note: This is a fabulous calendar - complete with our important WNY Hosta dates already noted...*

*We hope you are as thrilled as we are with the quality!*





# MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

## AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 11-13, 2020 / Minneapolis Marriott Northwest

7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55428

Make Own Reservations at (877) 303-1681 or (763) 536-8300 or use the link on the convention website: [www.HostaVision2020.com](http://www.HostaVision2020.com).

Daily Room Rate: \$134.00, plus state & local taxes (currently 10.275%)

<b>STANDARD REGISTRATION</b>	If received by <u>05/01/2020</u> .	<b>\$220.00/person</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<b>LATE REGISTRATION</b>	If received <u>after 05/01/2020</u> .	<b>\$240.00/person</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<b>GARDEN TOUR BUS</b>	Opt in & ride bus to Fri & Sat gardens.	<b>\$40.00/person</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If not select you are choosing to drive on your own.</i>
<b>SE MN/ROCHESTER TOUR</b>	On <u>6/10/2020</u> , 7am -5:30pm.	<b>\$50.00/person</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>Only 30 seats remain as of 10/1/2019.</i>
<b>REFUND POLICY:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% refund if written request received by 01 April 2020.</li> <li>• 50% refund if written request received by 01 May 2020.</li> <li>• No refunds will be made after 01 May 2020.</li> <li>• No refund for cancellation in attending the SE MN/Rochester tour if wait list alternate not available.</li> <li>• Send refund request to registrar listed on <a href="http://www.HostaVision2020.com">www.HostaVision2020.com</a>.</li> </ul>	

Retain hard copy for your registration record. If paying by check submit lower piece with payment to registrar.

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<b>FLYING TO MN?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES – Additional details will be sent to you when available. 75 Free roundtrip transfers from airport to convention hotel available "first come first serve" opportunity. Transportation service will need flight details.				
<b>HOSTA SHOW</b>	Please check if you wish to <input type="checkbox"/> Judge, <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk, and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Place entries in the Hosta Show. Hosta Show schedule details will be available online at <a href="http://www.HostaVision2020.com">www.HostaVision2020.com</a> in late 2019.				
<b>JUDGES CLINIC</b>	Please indicate if you will be attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic I <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic II <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic III <input type="checkbox"/> Check to receive the official handbook & binder at the clinic (\$10.00 fee payable at class time.)				
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local landscaper. Jake Jenco was an energetic, practical, experienced and knowledgeable young man who not only led us through the various processes but also provided his dump truck to move those huge hoops.

The site at Sue's was prepared properly. We put down weed matting and eventually a landscape timber surround filled with gravel and the hoop house was re-assembled. We had lots of help from a keen group of members under Jake's supervision. Because we were unable to save the originals, Jake built the professional looking hooped ends off site and he and Sue did most of the work putting everything back together. The worst job was getting the concrete hard mud out of the anchor tubes. This was complicated by the six inch nails imbedded in most of them. I shall never forget the sight of Sue smashing a rod through each of the tubes in the manner of an African Tribeswoman pounding maize.

The hoop house looks magnificent in its new home. Getting the last of our property from Lasting Dreams after heavy rain was not easy. The trailer got stuck and needed to be pulled off by the obliging Chris Haj with the tractor. By the time the members' work party finally got everything into the hoop house each item had been moved five times that day.

We are now in a very good place figuratively and geographically. We have ample water, easy access and the benefit of Sue's on site supervision. We can look forward to growing more hostas better and having a place where we can pass on skills and information to new hosta members. The move has come at a price. It has cost us in excess of \$3,000.00, plus many, many hosta bucks, but along the way we have learnt many skills, collected a few bruises, had lots of laughs and discovered Jake.

*Mike*



THE END!