

Hosta la Vista

May '22

Until we meet again



President's Message

A short sharp "mini" newsletter this month in order to tell everyone about the big up-coming Hosta activity in May.

The main event will be the Hoop House Opening and Members' Only sale on May 21st. The sale this year will have much added interest and be a little more complicated than usual. In addition to the opportunity to view the huge stock of hostas that our Society has accumulated, and which are being expertly nurtured and encouraged to grow by Sue Sickels, ***there will be the opportunity to buy a few.***

At the same time those members who ordered hostas from In the Country Garden and Gifts will be able to pick up their pre-paid orders and those that expressed a wish to purchase new plants from Bob Solberg's special Hosta Society List will be able to buy their choices (and we do have some extras).

Carol Abendschein has promised to have the shop open so gardening gloves, plant labels and other items will be on sale and there will be an opportunity to pay or update your subscription.

There will be some light refreshment available too.

Parking at the sale. When attending the hoop house please follow the 'One way' signs from Falls Road and park as directed on the grass by the lake. In case of rain, the alternate date is Saturday May 28th

Photographs for the Western New York Hosta Society 2023 Wall Calendar. Now is the time to start thinking about taking a wonderful photograph that will grace out 2023 Wall Calendar. The calendar has to be ready in time for the Fall Hosta Forum on September 17th so there is little time at the end of the season to solicit good pictures.



Remember, that the best time to photograph a plant is on a dull day at the peak of its growing season and not in a rush after it has been bitten by a slug and the color has begun to fade. All photographs submitted need to be in the landscape format. Photographs will need to be sent or given to Dave Whittemore by the end of July in good time for the complicated production process.

Our 'Members' Garden Directory 2022'. Those members who have yet to collect their Garden Directory may do so at the Hoop House opening.

Don't forget. Friday June 3rd, 5.30 until 8pm "Wine and Whirlaway" at Murray's Hosta Farm, 4735 Transit Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127 (and remember that you have a discount coupon in your Members' Directory).

Merci - gracias
THANKS!

The Society is very grateful to Barbara and Martin at Henrys Gardens for facilitating the distribution of the potting soil that the Society ordered. Our records show that all the BM6 potting soil, that was ordered by Society members, has been distributed, however, we find that we have two bales left over. If you are the member who has not yet collected your potting soil please contact H8staman@aol.com so that we can arrange collection or delivery



The 2023 WALL CALENDAR

The WNY Hosta Society calendar has been a great success! Members take photos in their gardens, an independent committee selects the best of those submitted, Dave Whittemore puts the calendar together and we sell them to you (and we do sell out).

Of course, we are going to want to get going on the 2023 calendar - We need to step up the pace. We would like the finished product available for sale at the 2022 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. Remember that they need to be in LANDSCAPE orientation, not portrait (that is, horizontal, not vertical) in order to be considered. Have some fun with it.... How about a nice arrangement of hosta leaves and/or flowers? How about a hosta with a slug? Be creative.

The photos 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. His email is: dawhit48@verizon.net



The Members' Gardens Directory

(AKA The Open Garden Book)

The 2023 Members' Garden Directory is printed and ready for distribution - *one per household, please.*

This book is the result of hard work **LAST YEAR** by telephoning every single member during the winter months, plus Kathy Shadrack who spent hours transcribing it all and putting it together, Mike Shadrack proofing and organizing it all and Pat Gurney arranging for the printing. We again have advertisers in the book and we are grateful for their contribution - we hope you pay them a visit too.



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Your Directory 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 offer their gardens in the book
by visiting a few of them
this summer.***

***And of course...
support our advertisers!***

HOOP HOUSE SALE

The hoop house is full to bursting with potted hostas. We offering our members a chance to purchase some of our bounty at a **May Members' Only** sale.

This is also the date we will have the hostas pre-ordered and prepaid from In The Country Garden and Gifts For the record, these are the arrangements....

HOOP HOUSE SALE

The sale and plant pickup will occur promptly at 10 am. We will open the sale under the following rules: there has to be rules! Members **ONLY**. Six plants maximum per HOUSEHOLD. Real money, no hosta bucks, no credit cards. Checks are fine. The management reserves the right to withhold some of the hosta for future sales.

The six hostas do NOT include your prepaid In the Country order nor does it include the pre-ordered Solberg Hostas (see pg 5 for list of people who preordered)

Nametags... remember to wear your nametags - put it in the glovebox RIGHT NOW (let me know if you don't have one yet)

THE "DEETS"

Hoop House is located at the property of Eric and Sue Sickels, 8655 Falls Road, West Falls

Saturday, May 21 - 10 am until noon***

*****(see page 4 for important rain date information)***

A one way entrance and exit traffic scheme will be in operation. The driveway will be posted "no entry" and you are asked to enter the property west of the white-fenced paddocks and follow the direction signs behind the horse barn and in front of the lake. Please park on the grass as directed.

RAIN DATE: Saturday, May 28nd.



PRELIMINARY

2021 Calendar

Saturday, May 21	Hoop House <i>Dedication and Season Opener</i>
Saturday, June 3	Wine & Whirlaway - Season Opener - <i>Murray's Hosta Farm, Orchard Park</i>
June 8-11	AHS Convention - Minneapolis, MN
June 25 & 26	Garden Art Sale and Plant Society Avenue - Botanical Gardens
Saturday, June 28	Hosta Tea - <i>Connie Krueger Garden Amherst</i>
Saturday, July 9	Hosta Tea - <i>Hidden Gardens of Eden Marcia Sully Garden</i>
Saturday, August 6	TWILIGHT Hosta Tea - <i>Whittemore Garden, Hamburg</i>
Saturday, August 13	Public Hosta Sale Botanical Gardens
Sunday, August 28	Hosta Picnic Eagle Bay Hosta Garden
Saturday, September 17	Fall Hosta Forum, Edinboro, PA <i>SUPERHEROES</i>
Saturday, October 1	Hosta Breakfast Forestview, Depew
Saturday, November 5	Hosta Breakfast Forestview, Depew
Sunday, November 13	Hosta Annual Meeting East Aurora Senior Center
Saturday, December 4	Hosta Breakfast Forestview, Depew

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

IMPORTANT! **RAIN DATE INFO** **FOR HOOP HOUSE SALE**

Because we will be parking on the grass at the HOOP HOUSE, it is important that the ground not be saturated. SO.... There is a chance that we will need to move the event out a week. We don't want to make that decision too soon - SO WE WILL CALL IT ON MAY 19TH. If we have to change the date, we will do so by HOSTA FLASH - so DO watch your email on Thursday.

The alternate date is May 28TH.

We are on top of the situation and we apologize for having to even put the possibility out there, but we know you understand.

And, may we remind you - no matter which date we have the sale, WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

PLAY BALL!!



Baseball season may be just starting here in WNY, but what we REALLY care about is HOSTA/GARDEN season.

We have several commercial members and we urge you to visit when you can....

Murray's Hosta Farm (opening on May 8th)

4735 Transit Road, Orchard Park

Sat. 9am – 5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, then daily 9am to 5pm

(note: site of the WINE AND WHIRLAWAY on June 3RD)

Eagle Bay Hostas - (open on May 16) 2912 Main St., Sheridan

Hostas, rare trees and other interesting plants

Mon-Sat. 11am – 7pm, Sun. 2pm 5pm

(site of our HOSTA PICNIC) on August 28

Lockwoods Garden Center - (open) 4484 Clark St., Hamburg

Lots of gifts, plants and hostas <https://weknowplants.com/>

Henry's Greenhouse and Gardens—7884 Sisson Hwy., Eden

Open.... Gifts, stunning plants, hostas and garden art

Mon-Fri - 9 am to 6 pm, Sat & Sun 9am-5pm

Lasting Dreams Daylilies - 6425 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park

Open by appointment - best in July for thousands of daylilies

<http://www.lastingdreamsdaylilies.com/>

DIGGING TO SHARE

Many people divide their hostas in the spring before the leaves fully unfurl when you can see what you're doing and the plant is growing vigorously.

Because of the concern we now have about jumping worms, we ask that you use only soil-less potting mix when potting these hostas. There are many varieties on the market... and, of course, Lambert or BM6 are examples (also Promix, and various brands sold by your local nursery or box store).

Thank you!



Hosta Teas



A hosta tea really isn't a tea, it's just the name we've given to arranged garden visits. These are gardens that open to our members on a scheduled date with hours usually from 1 pm - 4 pm (except where noted). You may come any time during the open hours (wearing your nametag, of course) and enjoy a nice afternoon/evening.

We try to also suggest other places to visit while you're in that neighborhood. If restrictions change, this would include restaurants - but certainly other gardens, garden centers or interesting places to stop.

This year:

June 3 - Wine and Whirlaway (evening opener, Murrays)

June 28 - Connie Krueger, Amherst

July 9 - Marcia Sully, Eden

August 6 - TWILIGHT Tea - Whittemore's, Hamburg

DETAILS/GARDEN DESCRIPTIONS
AS WE GET CLOSER

People who ordered
SOLBERG plants
(pay at hoop house sale)



JUDY JOHNSON
KEITH JOHNSON
SONIA FALKOWSKI
BARB WHITEMORE
BZ
PAM ROSE
CAROLYN SCHAFFNER
VICKY BRUNNING
JOANNE TANNER
MEREDITH BARTEK
JILL ROHRING
PAT GURNEY
PAT COSTANZO
MARIANNE RICE
BETH KREUTZER
DOROTHY JULIUS
ANONYMOUS

People who ordered
IN THE COUNTRY GARDEN AND GIFTS
hosta - prepaid



First name	last name
Aniela	Baj
Marilyn	Barker
Meredith	Bartek
Pat	Boissonneault
Vicki	Bruning
Susan	Buckner
Don	Burkel
Peggy	Dzimian
Barbara	Evans
Sonia	Falkowski
Evadne	Giannini
Pat	Gurney
Carol	Hajnosz
Joan	Heim
Tara Ruth	Henderson
Judy	Johnson
Ginny	Kessler
Jessica	Klaich
	Kolbe-
Claudia	Hawthorne
Beth	Kreutzer
Connie	Krueger
Barb	Lopez
Ran	Lydell
Sue & Jeff	McCreary
Jennifer	Murphy
Leslie	Murray
Margaret	Ostrander
Fred	Packer
Michele	Piasecki
Jill	Rohring
Pam	Rose
Karen	Schmidt
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Kathy	Shadrack
Sue	Sickels
Cindy	Sterner
Joanne	Tanner
Polly	Tobin
Dennis	Upton
Beverly	Wright

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Sue	Sickels
Cindy	Sterner
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Polly	Tobin
Dennis	Upton
Beverly	Wright

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We're on the web
WWW. Wnyhosta.com

Next:

Hoop House Sale— May 21st

Most of the pieces for this year's Fall Hosta Forum are in place. Our advice is 1) REGISTER NOW AND 2) BOOK YOUR ROOM (make sure you call the front desk at Edinboro - our code is: TT57P8) We are still working our details as conditions evolve so stay tuned.

We have two of the most highly-regarded hosta personalities in the world, plus two additional superhero speakers in great demand everywhere. Friday night is we will have a small program, plus light dinner and vendor preview.

So, get yourself ready for another SUPER Forum.

registration forms & information
will be on the website - or we can
mail so one if you ask....

2022 FALL HOSTA AND GARDEN FORUM

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

SUPERHEROES



Tammy Borden (hostas)

David Teager (hostas)

Dan Heims
Terra Nova Plants—OR

September 17th
Edinboro, PA

Paul Zammit
Toronto, CA

Details: www.wnyhosta.com