

2024 FALL HOSTA FORUM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Plus Friday preview night – 9/20/24

Edinboro University – 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA

The Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania and Western New York Hosta Society are happy to present the **TWENTY SIXTH** Fall Hosta Forum. All of the Forum activities take place at the Frank G. Pogue Student Center at Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA. This site has exceeded our expectations and despite the small inconvenience of having to move between hotel and venue, for those who stay, we are thrilled with the arrangements.

Everything takes place in one enormous room – talks, vending and auctions. Some people have complained about the temperature – which is not within our control SO, we suggest that you bring jackets and sweaters that you can pile on if it's cooler than you would like – **or BONUS, we'll be selling FHF travel blankets!**

We have worked out a deal with the Edinboro COMFORT SUITES, 1007 Market Place Drive, Edinboro, PA 16412, (814 969-7000 – select #2) to hold a block of rooms for us @ **\$114/night plus taxes**. We will host a Hospitality Room there on Friday night for those who have registered. **We suggest you book ASAP if you plan on staying.** We will again be funding hospitality with raffled “baskets 'o cheer”.

This year's theme is all about dance hall gals, riding and roping and good guys chasing bad guys and then playing poker at the saloon.

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So... for those who don't remember (or this is your first rodeo), here are the details

Enclosed is the brochure and registration form that should be returned before 8/1/24 (and certainly no later than September 1st). The bodacious fee for the day is \$75 – but when you donate a high-falutin' auction item **worth \$20 or more** (or items... remember, this benefits the Societies and helps to keep prices down), then the registration fee is only \$65! This fabulous deal includes 4 talks, lunch, access to lots of excellent vendors, and a chance to score at the auction.

So saddle up, grab your hat and let's giddyap

However, since so many people do come in Friday night and stay, we have added a Friday night element along with a light meal and a short talk by Dennis James (topic TBA). **THIS IS A RESERVATIONS ONLY EVENT** – our costs are fixed and so we charge a modest fee in order to recoup some of those costs. **THIS WILL ALSO OCCUR AT THE UNIVERSITY.** We will then host a free Hospitality Room at the Comfort Suites in Edinboro.

And don't forget the “wheelers and dealers”! We will have the usual high-quality blend of vendors with our usual array of exciting plant and garden items. This year we expect the usual suspects – Eagle Bay Hostas, DJ's Greenhouse, Marilyn's minis plus anyone else we can round up

For those who attend the Friday night vendor preview, you will be receiving a \$5 voucher – redeemable at our vendors, just for being you. Make a weekend of it and get your reservations in today – space is limited! **NOTE: If you plan on Friday night, make your reservations NOW!**

And finally If you say you're bringing an auction item, two requests.... We're asking you to make it something **worthy of an auction**, and we're counting on you to **honor your word** (and to tell us in advance). We've experienced a few glitches so if you show up empty handed when we counted on you, we will ask you to ante up...(special instructions on donations when you register).