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April 2025 Presidents Message

What's in a name?

A keen hosta grower who produces an attractive seedling or who finds an interesting sport can pretty much call it what they like. But if they want to obey the various rules put in place about giving plants names then there are

well posted road signs to follow. Naming the new plant 'Everest' after a favorite grandchild will make the family happy for a while, but if you and Everest seek more than ephemeral fame there are rules that must be adhered to.

Naming your plant without jumping through the hoops means that your contribution to horticulture is 'not registered'. Every species, family of plants has an International Cultivar Registration Authority. That authority for the genus Hosta has been allotted to the American Hosta Society who have in turn delegated it to Gayle Hartley Alley. Gayle runs a very efficient and informative ship that can be found at https://hostaregistrar.org. The rules for registering hostas, which are the same for all plants, can be found at https://

americanhostasociety.org/hosta-registration/.

By registering a hosta you are claiming the name. No one else can register a hosta with that name (sadly it does not prevent a rogue naming a seedling with the same name and not registering it). The primary purpose of registration is to limit confusion among hosta cultivars by establishing a permanent record in a central location.

So, how does an originator decide what to name their hosta?

Sometimes it is a description of the plant, a feature of the plant, the color or the shape of the leaves. H.'Silver Lance', H. 'Feather Boa', H.Stiletto' are examples. Don't expect H.'Cathedral Windows' to be very ecclesiastical.

Most often hostas are named for people or places. There are rules. A hosta name cannot be longer than 30 characters, not counting spaces. The longest hosta name at the moment is H. 'Academy Brobdingnaian Viridity'. And you thought writing H.'Silver Thread and Golden Needles' on a plant label was bad enough. There are currently no hostas with names of 30 characters.

So as not to cause confusion, a hosta name cannot include the name of another species or variety of plant. I don't know how our own Ransom Lydell got H. 'Yucca Ducka Do' through the vetting process but we all know he is a very special guy.

There are some very odd names out there. One I recall that would have passed the registration process but which is currently unregistered is H.'Old Cardboard Boxes'. I suspect that the breeder is not expecting anyone to steal the name. (There is a daylily called Hem 'Not Named After My Wife Linda'.)

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Some hosta names include at the beginning, the well and this has led to some wonderful erotic name of the nursery that introduced it. The most plant collections. famous perhaps is Mary Chastain's 'Lakeside'. Mary produced 150 very individual and sometimes unique, registered hostas. If you don't have H. 'Lakeside Paisley Print' in your collection, you have the whole summer ahead to find it. There are many other nursery names in hosta names. Abigua, Rosedale, Academy, Sea, American. It is often thought that if you have one excellent plant growing in your garden that comes from a particular nursery or breeder, it is likely that the others in the stable will also give you good value.

This is particularly so when hosta dynasties are properly named. By a dynasty I mean a group of plants that have all sported from the same original hosta or relatives of it. The obvious group is the 'Mouse Ears' dynasty. Others include 'Striptease', 'Tiara', and 'Pineapple Poll'.

One would think that if one plant in the dynasty can be grown well in your location, the others will also do well because, essentially, they are the same plant. Sadly, this is not so. Some of the 'Mice' are very difficult to grow and will often lose their variegation. H.'Amber Tiara' is not a good grower. Most of the 67 first, second and third generation sports of H. 'Striptease' grow

Another quirk of the hosta naming process is that the first name a variety is given takes precedence. For a long while we grew a lovely large hosta called H. 'Fluctuans Variegated', only to discover that way back it had been named H. 'Sagae', so that is how it is listed today. Similarly, H.'On Stage' is now listed as H.'Choko Nishiki' because that is what it was originally called.

So, if you are lucky enough to find a beautiful and vigorous hosta sport in your garden or should one of your seedlings mature into a uniquely shaped and strikingly variegated plant, please spend a while thinking up a clever name

of under 30 characters, and then register it with the American Hosta Society. The name you have chosen will live way longer than any of us and in turn your name will be in the hosta records forever.

Take care and enjoy

Mike



Editors note: To view some hosta families, along with numerous other sorted lists of hostas by variety go to Hostalibrary.org and click on "Rawson's Lists"

Hosta Lists

Don't say that spring has come until you can put your foot on nine daisies.

(or nine mice hostas—but please do not actually step on them)

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April Meeting

Sunday, April 27th

East Aurora Senior Center

101 King St., East Aurora 14052

Doors open 1:30 pm for socializing

Pick Up Green Hill Hostas if ordered

Meeting commences at 2 pm

Short Business Meeting

The B Movie

The AHS Benedict Award Hostas

The Main Event

Ferns In The Hosta Garden

Kristi Schmitt

Beverages and refreshments

Door Prizes Fond farewells

Henry's Garden's will be open to pick up your BM-6 soil if you ordered, or in the days after

Directions: From I-90 - 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. The Senior Center will be on your right at the junction with King Street Park behind,

NOT IN THE PLAZA



If you are bringing treats, please have them on the treat tables by 1:45 so that everyone has time to enjoy them.

The WNYHS Gear Store will be open at the April meeting Gardening gloves - small, medium, large \$4 per pair

Kincaid Plant Markers

8" 25 for \$33, 10 for \$16

10" 25 for \$34, 10 for \$17

12" 25 for \$36, 10 for \$18

15" 25 for \$38, 10 for \$19

17" 25 for \$40, 10 for \$20

Hosta Price Guide 2022 \$10

Hosta Adventure

(various past seasons)\$1

April Meeting

For the April meeting we need the following -

Yummies for your Tummies

Volunteers to bring desserts/refreshments We like to keep coffee and water available at our meetings along with cookies and more.

If you are able to bring something to add to the hosta-tality table, please call JUDY JOHNSON – the hostess with the mostest at 716-649-2764 or email at wjohnson21088@verizon.net

Make sure you come along - and bring a friend.

Remember, finger foods only, and please remember to put your name on your containers.

Wear Your Name Tag!



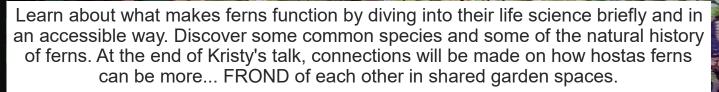
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April 27, 2025 'Main Event' Ferns in the Hosta Garden

By Kristy Schmitt



Kristy Schmitt is not a stranger to the plant world. While currently Programs Manager at the Buffalo Museum of Science, Kristy spent a decade prior working at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens educating visitors of all ages. She is also a past president of PlantWNY, our local nursery and landscaping trade association, continues to serve on the education committee, is involved with Plantasia, and is a CNLP. She is also a mom of two plant-loving little girls: Linden and Rowan.



April 27,2025 meeting 'B movie' Benedict Garden Performance Award By Sue Sickels

Ralph (Herb) Benedict (1913-2004) and his wife Dorothy were instrumental in introducing hostas as a landscape genus. Hosta "Dorothy Benedict" was the result of thousands of self-crosses of "Frances Williams", the most com-

mon variegated hosta of his time. Herb tried to convince ordinary gardeners that they could breed hostas.

In 2003, the Benedict Garden Performance Awards Plan was established to recognize hostas with exceptional garden performance across various regions. Although changes to the award have been made over the years, the most significant change is that all members of the AHS are eligible to vote for the winners of these awards. To be eligible for this award, the hosta must be registered at least three years prior to the nomination for this award and is usually

nominated by the hybridizer.

I have decided to make a new garden on my property this year to honor the winners of the Benedict Garden Performance Award. For the April meeting, I will show the progress I have made in this garden and the plants I hope to include this year.

Hosta 'Halcyon' Agnieszka Kwiecień, Nova, CC BY-SA 4.0 https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

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WE NEED YOU and YOU and YOU!!!

If you are reading this Newsletter, you are part of the WNY Hosta Society!

Did you know we have over 290 members?

Approximately, 40-65 members attend our meetings. Some of our popular events include hosta sales, garden tours, hosta teas, and a picnic.

Recently a hosta flash was sent asking for members to volunteer for endeavors during the year that make these fun activities happen.

How many volunteers signed up????

SEVEN!!!!

Come on Folks...WE NEED MORE Volunteers, We need YOU! The more we have, the less you will be called! Volunteer and support the WNY Hosta Society...You may make a new friend or just have a good time!!!!

Please call Pat Gurney (volunteer coordinator) 716 861- 6113 or send her an email at gpdchestnut@aol.com She's waiting to hear from you...make her day!!!

The Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania and Western New York Hosta Society Present the 2025 Fall Hosta Forum

PIRATES..... ARRRRR



Saturday, September 20th, 2025

9 am till 4:30 pm

PennWest Edinboro University - Edinboro, PA

Four Speakers, Vendors, Lunch, Live and Silent Auction

THEME: PIRACES

Bonus Friday night preview & speaker



Find us on Facebook **Details at**: www.wnyhosta.com

Speakers

Doug Beilstein I'm Seeing Red, Are You?

Kevin Kelly
Fall-Planted Spring-Blooming Bulbs
Growing Native Ferns

Laura Robles
Hosta Breeding, Production and
New Hosta Varieties at Walters Gardens

REGISTRATION

Karen Schmidt (724) 679-3818 hostaforum@gmail.com "Tulips (Hostas) provide as pleasant a way to bankrupt yourself as any other, and are so much better for your liver than alcohol" - Anna Pavord The Seasonal Gardener Creative Planting

Combinations

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WNYHS Calendar 2025

April 27th Spring Meeting,

East Aurora Senior Center

May 18th Visit to PA Gardens

Rhododendron Time

Hoop House Sale & June 7th

Hosta Tea At Sue Sickels

June 19 - 21 **AHS Convention Peoria IL**

June 26 Thursday Wine & Whirlaway

Murray's Hosta Farm

June 28 -29 Garden Art Sale & Plant Society Avenue

> **Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens**

July 6th Hosta Tea, Gene and Val Szeluga

July 11-12 Hosta Tailgate Cincinnati. OH

August 2nd **Annual Public Sale** Lake Erie Italian Club

Members' Picnic,

August 17th Eagle Bay Gardens

September 19th - 20th Hosta Forum

Edinboro, PA

October 4th **November 1st** **Hosta breakfast Hosta Breakfast**

November 9th

AGM and Members

or 16th Meeting

East Aurora Senior Center

December 6th Hosta Breakfast

Directors Meetings

Are held monthly except for December

May 27

June 24

July 22

August 26

September 23

October 28

November 25

Some additional Garden Dates in WNY



June

BUFFALO NIAGARA

Gardens Buffalo Niagara

Garden-centric community change—Beautifying and showing off Buffalo-Niagara

BECOME A MEMBER!



- Receive The Hosta Journal, mailed to you
- Gain access to members-only online materials
- Participate in exciting events and auctions Further your love of hostas and gardening

HOSTA.org

Members receive three issues per year of The Hosta Journal, which includes color photographs of hostas, reports on national conventions, scientific information concerning current research pertaining to hostas, and advertisements of interest to hosta families. Membership checks should be made out to "AHS," and mailed to: Barry Ankney, AHS Membership Secretary 1104 Oxford Ct Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 Dues for one year are \$30 for an individual and \$34 for a family. For more information, visit the AHS website: http://www.americanhostasociety.org

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Spring Openings we can't wait for:

Murray's Hosta Farm

4735 Transit Rd Orchard Park 14127 Around May 5 or 6



Eagle Bay Gardens

2912 Rt 5 Sheridan 14048 Around May 5 or 6



Henry's Gardens

7884 Sisson Hwy Hamburg Now OPEN



Western New York Hosta Society members,

This is your newsletter. Please direct any feedback to the newsletter editor— Jill Rohring e-mail: **Jillrohring@gmail.com** We welcome comments, ideas for articles, photos, important dates, or announcements.

Thank You! Next newsletter—Late July

"The best way to garden is to put on a wide brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig."

----- - David Hobson

Western New Yok Hosta Society Mike Shadrack, President 1187 Orchard Park Road, Apt 236 West Seneca NY 14224

H8staman@aol.com

April 27 Members Meeting May 18 PA Rhododendron trip

We're on the web wnyhosta.com

The extended E-Mail version of the WNYHS newsletter continues on the following pages





The 2025 AHS convention is sold out, but we can look forward to the 2026 AHS convention, in Dublin, Ohio, which is near Columbus. Save the Date.



Annual Public Plant Sale

WNY Hosta Society, Buffalo Area Daylily Society
& WNY Iris Society



Saturday, August 2nd, 2025

10 am till 2 pm

***NEW LOCATION ***

The Lake Erie Italian Club 3200 South Park Ave - Buffalo, NY 14218 (less than a mile from the Botanical Gardens)

Bargains Galorei Note: <u>Cash & Check Only</u>



A splendid time is guaranteed for all

Www.wnyiris.com www.wnyhosta.com

Don't Miss -

- 100's of hostas, Iris and Daylilies
- Every color, size type
- From \$5
- Come early for best selection
- Handicap accessible
- Ample free parking



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Partners in Shade

This one is an experiment for me, as the tubers are going into the ground this week!

Incarvillea delavayi

Commonly known as Flowering Fern, Hardy Gloxinea, and Chinese Trumpet Flowers. Their beauty has stared at me several years from the booths at Plantasia, I succumbed to it's charm this year

> and bought a total of 17 tubers. What made me buy them, what makes anyone buy a plant? We think it will look good in our gardens.

There hardiness zone is 4—8, so my 7a garden will be perfect.

They are clump forming, and spread out to about 2 feet, so my purchase will be enough for about 60 square feet. According to my research, they like shade, but appreciate 4—6 hours of lightly filtered sunlight. The plant grows a significant basal rosette, with sturdy flowering stems reaching 18—24 inches.

They are native to the southeastern mountain regions of China, they may have been a hosta 'shady companion' all along! Flower-

> ing Ferns are a pollinators delight, with tubular flowers that draw the nectar hunters in throughout late spring and early summer. And while I strive to add natives to my garden as much as reasonable, these are known to be respectful in their spreading. Progress report in the next newsletter.

> > Jill Rohring





Incarvillea

The

photos

got me

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GLRHS HOSTA TAILGATE CINCINNATI 2025

Hosted by the Hosta Society of Greater Cincinnati July 11-12, 2025

gchostas.org





Venue for the meal and auction: Lebanon Community Methodist Church 122 E Silver St Lebanon OH 45036 Free meal Friday at 6 pm Auction 6:45 - 9 pm

Registration for the free meal and free garden tours will end on July 3, 2025 Menu: Mozzarella rigatoni, garden salad with creamy parmesan dressing, green beans, garlic breadstick, a variety of desserts, lemonade, iced tea and bottled water THE AUCTION begins at about 6:45 pm

- · You must register for the free meal and free garden tours
- Please plan on bringing a donation of a plant or garden item to the auction



Point your camera at the QR code to access registration

https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-great-lakes-regional-hosta-society-tailgate

- We have 7 gardens for Friday, from 9-5
- There are 11 gardens for Saturday, from 9-dusk
- The gardens vary in size, style and content: Hostas galore in some-other perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees in others
- · About half of the gardens will have vendors
- Gardens are grouped geographically—Some are open both days, some are not Direct any questions to Pat Thompson triciakayt343@gmail.com

 Hope to see you in Cincinnati in July!

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HOSTA COLLEGE REPORT

Our first time attending 'Hosta College', it was enjoyable and informative. The registration was well organized, with our name tags including the classes we registered for and the room numbers they were in. Some time in the vendors room and a check of what was going to be available in the basket raffle and silent auction and it was time for the live auction. Over 80 hostas and the bidding was lively, with many of the plants reaching well over \$100, way above my budget, bit fun to watch.









The silent auction had at least 40 items to bid on. From hostas, companion plants, garden décor, books and more.



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The vendor room had at least 7 dealers tempting us with trees, hostas (of course), garden goodies and décor, a huge variety of shady companions and native plants, and even some lovely bonsai trees. Most amazing was the quality of the plants which had obviously



been grown under lights in greenhouse conditions. It was so wonderful to see that degree of greenery in March, especially when this spring has been sooo slow to arrive.

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Some more views of the vendors room









Bob Solberg had an assortment of hostas to sell in addition to having several class sessions. Got an advance look at many of the club sale hostas that we will be receiving at the meeting on the 27th.



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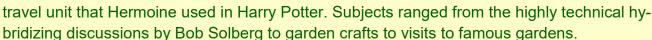
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HOSTA COLLEGE REPORT

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The primary reason for Hosta College is education. This year there were about 50 classes divided into 6 blocks of time. When you register you choose

The most difficult part of Hosta College (other than the 6 and a half hour drive each way) was choosing the classes that I wanted to attend. How I wished that I had the time



It also included refreshments Friday evening and Saturday morning. A delicious lunch was

also included, along with an optional dinner meal. The conclusion of the dinner meal included a presentation on 'Owls of Ohio'. I counted 10 members of the Western New York Hosta Society attended, but of course that was by my sight memory of members that I recognize. I highly recommend more should attend in the future.

Jill Rohring, newsletter editor and Steve Smith





Rhododendrons another look at the Genus





Waiting for results of the basket raffle'

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THE WEST SENECA DEER CULL.

(Update from the February Newsletter)

You may recall that in the last newsletter we mentioned that West Seneca Town Board intended authorizing a deer cull during the winter. I spoke with town supervisor Gary Dickson who was confident that permits would be obtained and that the deer cull would go ahead.

Well go ahead it did, a little later than expected, but it was very successful.

The Deer Control Program took place in council owned property and private property with the consent of the owner. Rick Richert was named West Seneca's Deer control program coordinator and he has been a one-man operation since late January. The operation was fully coordinated with the West Seneca Police Department.

A total of 71 deer have been taken by the program. In addition, many are taken in road traffic accidents. Police Chief Brian Cosgrove says that "A lot of times (the deer) are injured, necessitating (police) to put them down." About 100 deer each year are euthanized by police. Many other deer are killed outright in motor traffic accidents.

Aside from thinning the herd, the resulting deer meat has been put to good use. Of the 71 deer taken the vast majority have been taken to the 'Buck and Doe' shop and each deer produces on average about 30 pounds of meat. Gary Dickson says "(the meat) is mostly given to the Western New York Food Pantry which estimates that each pound is about four meals for their clients. So that adds up to over 7,000 meals the program has donated to feed the hungry".

Among the problems caused by deer are collisions with vehicles, feces in residential properties, spread of disease and ticks and damage to the landscaping and the environment.

Gary Dickson says that he receives lots of calls from private home owners asking for deer to be culled on their properties, but they have to be large areas than can accommodate the DEC requirements for distance from homes.



Rumor has it that other town councils, including East Aurora and Hamburg are investigating the possibility of conducting their own local deer culls. We hostaphiles could no doubt do some useful lobbying.



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TO DIVIDE OR NOT DIVIDE ... SHOULD I DIVIDE MY HOSTAS NOW??

Prepared by Dave Jennings, Master Gardener Volunteer for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County and Cofounder & Communications Chair for the Upstate New York Hosta Society



Look at the size of these clumps

This time of year, we get lots of questions on dividing well established clumps of Hostas. Most people feel a Hosta never really needs to be divided if it's growing well where it is. They just like to sit back and enjoy it getting bigger and more beautiful each year. However, if you need to move some (for whatever reason) or just want to share them with friends, it won't be long before our Hostas will be poking their pips out the ground and be ready to be dug and divided if they aren't ready to do so yet. Most years the best time for this in our area is in mid-April but with all the warmer than average temperatures we had in mid-March you should plan to do it a little earlier this year in the warmer parts of our region.



I like to divide down to 3-4 pips



Pips at their perfect size to be dug and divided

It's time now to go out to your garden as your Hostas are breaking dormancy and sending up new shoots and decide which of your favorite clumps you want to divide.

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Rinse off soil for easier division

The entire clump can be dug and cut in half as the new pips are emerging so you can put the first half of the clump back in your garden to grow on. You can then divide the other half up to put in pots to share with all your friends and family or plant in other areas in your garden with partial shade. Gifted plants (and even sometimes in plants bought at Garden Centers or Nurseries) can contain invasives unknowingly in the soil. Therefore, I suggest you rinse all the soil off the clump you are dividing to help eliminate any pests that may be present (especially any invasives such as jumping worms or noxious weeds) to help prevent them from being spread to areas that are not yet infested.

I like to just use a heavy duty medium sized knife with a serrated edge to cut the clump apart into smaller pieces with 3-4 shoots per new division. Be sure to sterilize your knife as you move from one clump to the next to help eliminate the possibility of spreading HVX Virus. You can cut them all the way down to single shoots if you so desire but it takes them several years longer to reach a good size that way. Be sure to provide adequate water to the new divisions for the entire growing season after replanting.



My best serrated knife for dividing



Single divisions ready to plant



Recently potted Hostas with 3-4 pips per 1 GL pot

Plants too advanced to divide well

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The Daffodil & Hosta Society
Of Western Pennsylvania
and
The Western New York
Hosta Society

Proudly Present.....

The 27th Joint
Fall Hosta Forum
Saturday,
September 20, 2025



PIRACES.. ARRERR

Frank G. Pogue Student Center
PennWest University
219 Meadville Street
Edinboro, PA 16444

We want to make this **FALL HOSTA FORUM DYNAMITE**.... And you can help
by not only showing your support by
your presence.... But also by your **PRESENTS!**

Bring a **choice hosta** (or some other green treasure) – value of **\$20** or more – to place in our **AUCTION** – and take \$10 off your registration fee.

Hostas to be donated should be

DIVIDED AND POTTED (SEE SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS) NO LATER THAN 8/1 FOR MAXIMUM SEX-APPEAL

Or garden art or companion plant... you get the drift. This is a great way to keep interest up, cost down and to help you to add something special to your own "hosta herd"



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2025 REGISTRATION FALL HOSTA FORUM PIRACES... ARRERE

Saturday, September 20th 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Complete and return with check payable to; FALL HOSTA FORUM

Karen Schmidt, Registrar Fall Hosta Forum 111 N. Benbrook Road Butler, PA 16001 (karensmg@aol.com)



REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9/10/25

Name #1 (list additional persons below)	Address
City/State	ziρ
Area code/phone number	e-mail
Name #2	
Enclosed please find \$fo	orregistrations (Friday too, add \$25 pp)
NOTE: US CASH OR CHECK ONLY - PAYABLE TO FALL HOSTA FORUM	
Check here if you are bringing	an item (INTRIGUING hosta or other interesting item) valued at - AND PLEASE, WE <u>DO COUNT</u> ON YOU!)
	ESS you bring an item as above then \$65 per person
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Potting Day at the Hoop House

April 12 started dreary, damp, chilly, and foggy at the West Falls home of the Western New York Hosta Society's Hoop House.

If you didn't know, we have a hoop house (an unheated greenhouse) located on the property of Sue Sickels. It is here that we grow on the hundreds of hostas that are purchased as baby plants. These many hostas are potted into larger pots, cared for by Sue and a cast of volunteers, and then they are sold, both at our private, members only sale (June 7th this year), and then to the public at our public sale (August 2nd this year). Proceeds of the sale help fund our exciting meeting speakers, some of whom come long distances to speak to us.

9 members volunteered that Saturday morning to plant hundreds of baby hostas into larger pots, complete with tags. We planted until the BM-6 soil ran out, by then we were all very conscious of the weather conditions as well. Less than two hours after starting we were back in our warm cars to return to our own gardens, which at least in Wilson were warm and sunny.



Members at the potting tables, cardboard boxes were full of the baby plants when we started.





Pat Gurney doing her best to keep the potting line filled with soil. The hoop house is behind her.



The hoop house when we were about half done.

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ENDINGTHOUGHTS

Believe it or not—Our first Hosta Tea is about 6 weeks away! While there you will

be able to buy some of our wonderful hostas at the Members Only Sale.

Did you know that The Western New York Hosta Society is the largest local hosta society in the US and Canada?

Our Member's Only Sale and the Public sale in August provide the funding so that we can have fabulous speakers at our meetings.

This is the fourth extended version of 'Hosta La Vista' the newsletter of the WNYHS.

This newsletter will get much





better as we get more interest and submissions of your announcements, writings, articles, and photos. Please send anything that you think may be of interest to Jill Rohring - newsletter editor email— Jillrohring@gmail.com