

Hosta Horizons

newsletter of the

Russ O'Harra Hosta Society

April 2016

President's Message

Greetings to everyone. I hope this newsletter is finding its way into your hands the first week of March. We have an action-packed year ahead. I want to alert you to upcoming events. First, the American Hosta Society Convention is June 15-18 in St. Louis, MO. The theme is "Gateway To The Gardens". Check the newsletter for information to link to the convention website. On June 26 we have our summer tour scheduled, and a summary is in this edition. The Midwest Regional Society is hosting its convention July 7-9 in Champaign, IL. It is a bonus to have everything so close this year. Our upcoming April 10th Spring meeting is going to be at the Iowa Arboretum. We will get the opportunity to view the recent work done on the Pergola that we helped to finance. This is such a splendid facility, I am always happy to visit any time of the year. Please remember we want to stock this area with O'Harra plants, if you have any to offer. Importantly, we are currently short a newsletter editor, and secretary, for the society. I have covered these jobs as a result of the circumstances, but I am definitely looking for help in these areas. We have a summer tour newsletter to produce, and a fall newsletter, and I would greatly appreciate anyone in the club pitching in and helping. Also, taking careful notes and re-creating them at the meetings is not time consuming, but it is a valuable service. Please consider helping out the next two meetings, and then maybe getting elected to the position at the fall meeting. We will be having the next elections for all normal officer positions this coming fall.

With the 61 degree thermometer reading the past two days comes a sense that our gardening time is coming soon. After a short vacation south, I am heading into my normal Spring landscaping crush at work. As I mature (or as my coworkers say, 'gettin' older there, pops') I long for Spring in a deep way that includes the old bones, arthritic joints, and a certain satisfaction that comes from knowing nature will rise to the occasion again.

Let's get together in April and get excited about the new season.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time! Please check the number in parenthesis on the address label of your paper newsletter or after your name in the address line of your email address. If the number is (15) or (*15*), then it's time to renew your membership!

Membership costs are \$12 for one year or \$30 for three years - individual or family.

Members who do not renew after receiving the Spring newsletter or at the Spring meeting will **NOT** receive the Summer newsletter.

Consider giving a membership to a gardening friend or family member. New members receive a Gift Card for \$12 which is redeemable in 2015 at any of the nine businesses owned by ROHS members who support the New Member Program. **THANK YOU!**

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Mission Statement:

The Russ O'Hara Hosta Society is an educational society open to all those interested in the genus Hosta. It's purpose is the promote the growing and enjoyment of hostas including their use in landscape design and the cultivation and development of new cultivars. The goals of the Society shall be in keeping with those of the American Hosta Society.

Access the ROHS website at
www.rohs.org

Summer Tour

The ROHS 2016 Summer Tour will be held Sunday, June 26.

So far, we have three stops arranged. One will be the small, eclectic but marvelous garden of Dean Koob and Ken Outzen in Jewell, three contiguous gardens at one stop in Humboldt and the terrific acreage of Traci Seltz's Granny T's Garden just outside Badger where we will have lunch and the hosta and plant auction.

There may be a fourth stop added, if that can be set up. Please mark the date on your calendar and start planning which of your hostas you can divide and bring to the auction. Remember, this is our one and only club fund raiser for the year.

Dates to Remember:

March 18-19 Piqua, OH
Hosta College

June 2-4 Madison, AL
Dixie Regional

June 15-18 St. Louis, MO
AHS National Convention

June 26
Summer Tour

July 7-9 Champaign, IL
Midwest Regional Convention

Sept. 16-17 Edinboro, PA
AHS National Convention

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First Look



ROHS on Facebook

Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life.

As of October 2nd, the ROHS Facebook page has 474 "likes" up from 345 on April 1st. There are many beautiful hosta and garden photos that may be viewed on the page. Most new followers are outside of Iowa and many are from Europe..

The ROHS Facebook page is accessible through the Facebook homepage or by the link on the homepage of the ROHS website.

<https://www.facebook.com>

<http://www.rohs.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Russ-OHarra-Hosta-Society/241087079260617>

Minutes of the ROHS Fall Meeting

10.11.15

Call To Order

Greetings To All. Vice President is absent. Secretary is absent, Nancy Wells filling in for this meeting. Reldon Ramsey abruptly resigned as Newsletter editor.

Minutes of last meeting. Discussed, approved (Ron) and seconded. No changes made.

Treasurers Report. Dave stated current balance of \$9507.24. Liability insurance need to pay \$266.00. \$2000.00 going to Iowa Arboretum for Pergola Project. \$250.00 for scholarship, \$220 for web hosting, \$159.81 misc. Income includes \$543 memberships and renewals, \$11.15 interest, \$484 summer tour, \$2130 Auction. 16 people donated plant material. 21 buyers. Motion made and seconded to accept.

Josh Spece gave an excellent presentation entitled "It Ain't Easy Being Green".

New Business

2016 Summer Tour. Scott and Tracy Salts will host lunch and auction. Other gardens in Webster City area. More details coming form Scott in Spring.

2017 Summer Tour possible location- Fairfield area, Julie Johnston expressed interest.

Discussion of newsletter editor position. We need the templates for letter. Facebook page logins and administrator information. Acquire and update the email list.

Next meeting April 10, 2016. Locations mentioned by members: Marshalltown community facility, Henry Wallace Center, Polk County Extension, Story County MacFarland Conservation Center, Adel Benton Arboretum facility.

A call for members to suggest a speaker for the Spring meeting. Nothing listed on the page.

July 7-9, 2016 Champaign, IL MRHS.

June 15-18, 2016 AHS St. Louis, MO.

June 26, Summer Tour ROHS.

The Iowa Arboretum is looking for donations of all Russ O'Harra introductions.

Door prizes distributed. Big thank you to the hostesses for the food and refreshments.

Meeting Adjourned 2:24 PM.



ROHS Spring Meeting

Iowa Arboretum, Sunday April 10, Noon - 4pm

Building is open at noon. Potluck dinner will be at 12:30 pm. The main dish and beverages will be provided. Please bring your favorite salad, side or dessert dish for sharing. Also bring your eating utensils, plates, etc with you.

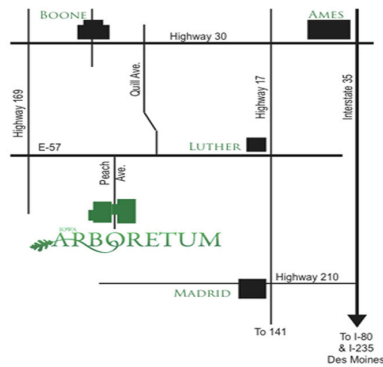
DIRECTIONS:

The Iowa Arboretum is located between Boone and Madrid in rural Boone County. We are easily accessible by paved roads. Many GPS systems tend to take you on gravel road short cuts so we suggest the following directions.

From the South: Option 1: Take I-35 north to Highway 210 (Slater/Maxwell Exit). Go west on Hwy 210 (12.6 miles) to Madrid. Turn right and head north to Luther (6 miles). Turn left and head west on E-57(2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue (1.9 miles). Option 2: Take 80/35 to Highway 141. Follow this north (10.3 miles) to Highway 17 and travel through Madrid to Luther (15.6 miles). Turn left and head west on E-57 (2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue.(1.9 miles)

From the North and East: Take I-35 south to Highway 30 (Ames). Go west on Hwy 30 (13.1 miles) to Highway 17 Exit. Turn left to go south to Luther (4.8 miles). Turn right and head west on E-57 (2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue (1.9 miles).

From the West: Take Highway 30 through Boone. Turn right and go south on either Quill Road (4.9) or Highway 17 (4.8 miles). Take a right on E-57 and head west (from Quill – 1.2 miles and from E-57 – 2.4 miles). Watch for Iowa Arboretum/4-H camp sign and turn left at Peach Avenue (1.9 miles)



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