

# Hosta HORIZONS

newsletter of the  
*Russ O'Harra Hosta Society*  
Celebrating 20 Years in 2013

April 2013

## Membership Renewal

Please check the number/year after your name on your email address. If the number is (\*12\*), please renew your membership ASAP by mail or at the ROHS Spring Meeting.

Send payments to:

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Only members who have paid their membership dues will receive the summer newsletter.

## Contact Information

A recent email sent to ROHS members revealed several email addresses that were no longer active. Communications from ROHS between newsletters is via email. Please update your email addresses and any other contact information that has changed since last year.

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**Thank You!**

## President's Message

*"Gardening Grows the Spirit"*

**We're ALL Ready for Spring!**

*There is a lot of excitement happening for the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society in 2013!*



Rob Mortko is coming to our Spring meeting to teach us all about "Tissue Culture for Dummies". We did not have anyone step forward to host our spring meeting so we are planning to meet at the Newton Arboretum on April 14, 2013. If you would like to do the table decorations or donate door prizes, please let me know.

*I was so disappointed to miss our 2012 Fall meeting. Not only did I miss Bob Solberg, but I was not able to present the AHS "President's Wall" Awards. I had been looking forward to that for such a long time, and I actually had not spilled the beans and ruined the surprise. So, congratulations to our very deserving ROHS members, Gary Hoard and Audra Wilson. The award is ongoing and can be awarded to two people in each club annually. If you would like to nominate a deserving ROHS member, please get in touch with me or another board member.*

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### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Russ O'Harra Hosta Society is an educational society open to all those interested in the genus *Hosta*. Its purpose is to 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.

*For bees, the flower is the fountain of life;  
For flowers, the bee is the messenger of love.*

-[Kahlil Gibran](#), poet

Access the ROHS website at [www.rohs.org](http://www.rohs.org)

## Mary Dunbar

Word has been received of the sudden passing from a stroke of former ROHS member, Mary Dunbar, on March 5, 2013.



In a phone conversation with Marlys Anderson, Audra Wilson said that Mary and her husband, Bill, were dedicated ROHS members for many years. Mary served as ROHS Historian for a long period of time. She took the job very seriously, taking pictures and keeping records in albums. Mary was a huge help when ROHS hosted the 2004 AHS National Convention in Des Moines, and she was an asset to our hosta society.

We send our condolences to the Dunbar family.

<http://www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Mary-Dunbar/Des-Moines/1185890>



## President's Message:

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The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden will have groundbreaking for its redesign this spring. Mel Visser is working with planners, and one of these days a display garden of all of Russ O'Harra hostas will become reality at the GDMBG.

Eve has been planning our 2013 Summer Tour with Ricky & Teresa Innis of Newburg (near Grinnell) hosting the event. The date is June 30<sup>th</sup> so mark it on your calendar now. June is the busiest month of the year for this gardener, and I suspect for the majority of all of you folks, too.

*2013 is the 20 year anniversary of ROHS. Our Anniversary Committee has been working diligently to host a gala celebration for us. I'm pretty excited about it. Hopefully, by our spring meeting, details will be set, and we can all plan to attend the festivities on July 21st. Thank you to Bruce & Trudy Van Wyk, Frank & Ellen Glasgow, Carl & Robin Vos, & Reldon Ramsey for serving on this committee.*

Two other summer events to mark on your calendar are the AHS National Hosta Convention in Milwaukee, WI, June 13-15, and the Midwest Regional Hosta Convention in Lisle, IL (suburban Chicago), July 11-13. Hosta conventions are always, well, fun!!! I am hoping to attend both 2013 conventions.

**"Escape to Milwaukee"**

<http://www.2013ahsconvention.com/>

**"Hostamania"**

<http://mrhs2013.org/>

Marilyn & Deke Gliem will host our 2013 Fall meeting at the Iowa Arboretum. We have not locked in a speaker for that meeting. **If you would like to speak to our group or know of a good speaker or entertainer please let a board member know right away.**

That just about covers what's up for ROHS in 2013.

I'd like to call your attention to *The Online Journal* (OLJ) published by the AHS on its website on

Thanksgiving Day 2012. It is tip-top in Hosta News and many other informative articles.

*I'd like to you to note the article "Standout Hostas of 2012" by our friend and new member, Josh Spece. Also an article by ROHS member, Trudy Van Wyk, gives nice coverage of the "Winter Scientific 2012" meeting. And Reldon Ramsey's "AHS Best Newsletter Article" originally published in the April 2011 issue of "Hosta Horizons" is featured in this issue of the OLJ. Another article of interest by Don Dean, "Where Are Plant Societies Heading" is really good food for thought for our local clubs.*

If you folks are not members of the AHS, I again urge you to join up. Membership gives access to the Members Only section of the AHS website where the OLJ can be found, and two beautiful paper editions of *The Hosta Journal* annually.

*How often are you asked, "What's your favorite hosta?" My hosta friends will tell you, they (hostas) are all my favorites. It's an ongoing joke I guess. Plants given to me by friends are often my favorites, like H. 'Ann Kulpa' given to me by my friend, Connie Dingeman. It is truly a standout specimen plant. I think it really is my favorite right now.*



**Hosta is the Friendship Plant**

*"Gardening Grows the Spirit"*

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Marvelous Marlys



# 2012 Spring Meeting

## Questionnaire Results

ROHS Vice President, Eve Vanden Broek, presented club members with 6 questions at the 2012 Spring Meeting. Here are the responses from the 36 questionnaires that were returned.

Would you be ok with a non-hosta garden being part of the tour?

Yes	30
No	3
No Response	3

Would you prefer 3 or 4 gardens on the Summer Tour?

3 Gardens	6
4 Gardens	22
Neutral	3
No Response	5

Meeting Location: Do you prefer to meet in different or same locations?

Different	20
Same	1
Neutral	2
No Response	13

Are you familiar with the New Member Program?

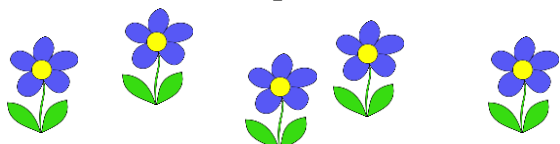
Yes	29
No	4
No Response	3

Would you recommend ROHS membership to your hosta friends?

Yes	34
No	0
No Response	2

Would you prefer a box lunch or a catered lunch for the Summer Tour?

Box Lunch	9
Catered	18
Neutral	4
No Response	5



## 2013 Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 14 - Noon to 5 PM

**ROHS Spring Meeting**

Newton Arboretum, Newton, IA

Speaker: **Rob Mortko**



Sunday, June 2

**Dubuque Hosta Festival**

Dubuque Arboretum, Dubuque, IA

June 13 - 15

**AHS National Convention**

Milwaukee, WI <http://www.2013ahsconvention.com/>

Sunday, June 30 - 8 AM to 4 PM

**ROHS Summer Tour and Auction**

Grinnell area

July 11 - 13

**Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention**

Lisle, IL <http://mrhs2013.org/>

Sunday, July 21 - Noon to 5 PM

**ROHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Iowa Arboretum, rural Madrid

Sunday, October 13 - Noon to 5 PM

**ROHS Fall Meeting**

Iowa Arboretum, rural Madrid

### ROHS Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting will be Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Newton Arboretum from Noon to 5 PM. The potluck lunch will start at 12:30 PM. A main dish and drinks will be provided. Speaker, **Rob Mortko**, will share his experiences of starting a tissue culture lab in his home in his talk, "**Tissue Culture for Dummies - Like Me**". The business meeting will follow.

The Newton Arboretum is located at **3000 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Newton, IA 50208**. Take **Exit 168** off **I-80** and go **north** on **Iowa Speedway Drive**. Continue on **East 31<sup>st</sup> St N**. Turn **left** on **N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E** and take the first **right**. The arboretum is on the **right**.

**Newton Arboretum website:**

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

**Newton Arboretum on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/newtonarboretum>



### BADITC Fundraising Update

A pre-Valentine's Day sale of 'Cake Balls' held in Cedar Rapids brought in over \$7000. This helped push the total to the milestone of \$100,000.



Then a few days later, the final two donations added to the First Look online auction were for the benefit of Building A Dream In The Country. Jeff Miller, owner of Land of the Giants Hosta Farm, donated a large, showy yellow, "Giantland Believe in a Dream", and then Don Dean contributed another of his signature blues that he christened "Country Dreaming".

The winning bid for each was \$500 and First Look organizers matched each for a total of \$2000. Winning bidder of "Giantland Believe in a Dream" was Marlys Anderson and Linda Port had the high bid for "Country Dreaming".

Both hostas will be put into tissue culture and all profits from the sales of each will go to BADITC.

Fundraising efforts continue: BADITC will sell papercrete angels for Mother's Day gifts. This follows the very successful papercrete snowmen available at Christmas. Both were created by Linda Cunningham.



A Facebook update on March 13<sup>th</sup> showed another healthy boost and brought the total to \$107,000. Three fourths of the \$200,000 goal is needed before groundbreaking will begin.

Recently, I announced that I will be hosting an online auction to benefit BADITC on the Hosta Library website. The auction will begin in mid-May and conclude the first weekend in June. Anyone wishing to participate in the

auction in any way is welcome to contact me for more information or to donate a plant or other items.

Thank You, Reldon Ramsey

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## The Hosta Guy



Rob Mortko aka "The Hosta Guy" and his wife, Sheri, began their Olathe, KS gardens on a 3/4 acre shaded woodland lot in 1985. Their gardens have been featured on Kansas City area garden tours, on local television, and in a local home and garden magazine.

Rob's interest in hosta grew and in 2000 he started his retail hosta business, Made in the Shade. He has several hosta introductions – *H.* 'Heart and Soul' and 'Stitch in Time'. Rob started his tissue culture lab in the basement of their home in 2010 as a retirement 'hobby'. Rob currently serves as Vice President, Genus *Hosta* of the American Hosta Society, and he is involved with the *Hosta Virus X* studies being done at the University of Minnesota and the recently announced Foliar Nematode Research Program at Ohio State University.

Rob will have hostas for sale at the Spring meeting. If anyone would like to pre-order specific plants, email him to place an order.

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Made in the Shade Gardens  
<http://www.hostaguy.com/index.html>



*H.* 'Stitch in Time' PP#18,061  
(Mortko, 2004)

## 2013 AHS Convention Escape To Wisconsin

The 2013 AHS Convention is coming to Milwaukee, WI, June 13-15. There has never been an AHS convention in Milwaukee before, and the gardeners are excited to have us visit their area and their gardens.



### Things To Do In Milwaukee

There are many local cultural things to do in Milwaukee either before or after the convention. The Mitchell Park Horticultural Domes, Boerner Botanical Gardens, The Harley Davidson Museum, Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, The Milwaukee Art Museum, Miller Brewery Tours, Jelly Belly Candy Factory Tours, The Pabst Mansion, The Milwaukee County Zoo and many more. Visit the "[Links](#)" and "[Things To Do](#)" pages for more details and information on what Milwaukee has to offer.

### Tour Gardens

In addition to all of the cultural activities, we also have ten wonderful personal gardens to tour. See the "[Tour Gardens](#)" page for a preview.

### Schedule

As previously noted this convention will follow an abbreviated schedule from previous conventions, but rest assured this convention will have all of the events expected from a national convention. We begin on the evening of **Thursday June 13** with the opening of vending, leaf show prep, and hostatality. **Friday June 14** will have the leaf show, vending, garden tours, speakers, auction plants received, silent auctions, awards banquet, and hostatality. **Saturday June 15** vending continues, as do garden tours, AHS business meeting luncheon, live auction, awards banquet, future convention meeting, and hostatality. See the "[Schedule](#)" page for a full schedule.

### Registration

The cost for this convention extravaganza is \$139 per person. In order to be able to offer this reasonably low cost, we will drive and carpool to the gardens. Attendees will be encouraged to carpool to gardens as parking is limited. Written directions and maps will be provided. Attendees flying in to Milwaukee and have not made prior arrangements with fellow attendees to carpool will be accommodated and every effort will be made to pair up attendees needing rides with attendees that have rides to offer. As the hosta has been called the friendship plant, we are confident that there will not be any problem accommodating all attendees. See the "[Registration](#)" page to make your convention reservation.

### Hotel

The Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel is the host site. In addition to superb accommodations, they have offered us a room rate of \$105 per night which includes a hot buffet breakfast. To make reservations call 1-800-325-3535 or 1-262-364-1100. The hotel also has a free shuttle service from Milwaukee's Mitchell Airport. **Book rooms early! There is an automobile race in Milwaukee that same weekend and hotel rooms will be at a premium!** Visit the "[Hotel](#)" page to see what this fine hotel has to offer.

### Auction

If you would like to make an auction donation and are unable to bring it with you to the convention, see the "[Contacts](#)" page for further information.

## MRHS Convention 2013

**HOSTAMANIA  
IS SPREADING  
THROUGHOUT THE  
MIDWEST!**



Local hosta societies throughout the Midwest are being asked to identify members afflicted with the malady called **HOSTAMANIA!** The Northern Illinois Hosta Society has developed intensive treatment options that will be available only to those who come to the Midwest Regional Hosta Society convention in Lisle, IL, July 11 – 13, 2013. **HOSTAMANIA** is the unstoppable second stage of hostaholicism, which was most thoughtfully addressed at the 2012 MRHS Convention by the Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeastern Minnesota.

### Symptoms of HOSTAMANIA include:

- \* Persistent feelings that one possesses an inadequate number of hostas
- \* A shortage of exceptional hosta gardens to visit in the sufferers' hometowns
- \* Limited opportunity to learn even more about hostas and other plants
- \* Not enough occasions to interact with other hosta lovers

### Among the therapies offered at the convention:

- \* Ten vendors of the latest hosta varieties, companion plants, and more
- \* Hosta auction and leaf show
- \* A tour of ten beautiful, private gardens that feature countless hostas
- \* Opportunities to visit renowned public gardens
- \* Seminars led by popular, knowledgeable speakers
- \* Lots of fellow HOSTAMANIACS who are crazy about hostas

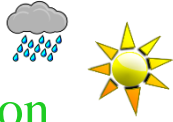
Nutrition issues will be the focus of two dinners at the headquarters treatment facility, the Lisle/Naperville Hilton (HMHQ). Many excellent restaurants are nearby for other meals.

The cost of addressing the **HOSTAMANIA** disorder is quite reasonable: a fee of \$119 covers all remedies mentioned above. Accommodations at the Lisle/Naperville Hilton cost only \$96 per night plus tax; full breakfast, pool, workout room, and parking are included.

([www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NAPH/IHF-CMRH-20130711/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NAPH/IHF-CMRH-20130711/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG))

Additional information at [www.mrhs2013.org](http://www.mrhs2013.org) will be updated regularly.

# ROHS Summer Garden Tour & Auction



By Eve Vanden Broek

The calendar tells me it is spring. I have moved the clocks ahead one hour. The seed catalogs have been plugging my mailbox for weeks and flocks of robins dot my lawn like Christmas ornaments daily. Why oh why then isn't Mother Nature cooperating with the temperature? Did she have a spat with Old Man Winter, and he won out? Is she simply restoring moisture to the soil by way of snow storms weekly? All I know is that last year we were spoiled with a very early spring; we suffered though record level heat, and then ended the year in a severe drought. So, if a cooler spring means even a slightly cooler summer this year, I'll complain no more.

Fortunately, we held the 2012 Summer Tour just as spring had ended, or we may not have had such a wonderful turnout. Because July is too risky a month temperature-wise, **the 2013 Summer Tour will take place on Sunday, June 30**. Once again, I have consulted The Old Farmer's Almanac, and it states that we can expect thunderstorms followed by sunny and warm weather. I think the hosta and garden hosts alike can be happy with that prediction. My crystal ball foretells the same.

ROHS members, Rick and Teresa Innis, have secured five unique gardens for us to visit this year, including their own piece of *Hosta Heaven in Iowa*. We'll begin our tour in the town of Laurel with the father/son garden of Jim and Charlie Atcher. Laurel is located roughly 20 miles north of I-80 between Newton and Grinnell. Jim tells me you can't miss their garden at the corner of Church Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. They have a lot of garden art and a hosta or two in between. We'll then head south to Grinnell to the gardens of Jody Allen. She has some wonderful display gardens and will have hosta and daylilies for sale, if you're tempted. Next, we'll travel a few short miles east out of town to the extensive gardens of Pat Rutherford. Be prepared to be dazzled as you meander to and fro. Our fourth garden is located back in town at the home of Echo Jansen. I understand that between all the colors of the annuals and perennials, you'll find plenty of hosta to grab your attention. And finally, we'll end up in the metropolis of Newburg where Rick and Teresa will tell us what hosta gardening is all about.

This is also where we'll enjoy lunch prepared by Teresa's sister Vicki, and later find out who can outbid one another at the annual hosta and plant auction. From start to finish (tour gardens only) - you'll travel roughly 45 miles. I hope you have been persuaded as these gardens are sure to inspire you!

We know there are many great garden tours in Iowa throughout the spring and summer, but we think ours is one of the best. Our members graciously open their own gardens and search hard to find others that will appeal to us all. Look for directions and details of each garden in the June edition of *Hosta Horizons*. Don't delay. **Mark your calendar for June 30 today!**



## ROHS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Date: Sunday, July 21

Time: Noon – 5 PM

Location: Iowa Arboretum,  
Rural Madrid

*Mark the date on your calendars and plan to join us in a celebration marking the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society.*

*A catered meal will be served at One PM followed by entertainment.*

*Gifts commemorating the occasion will be given to members.*

*Invitations will be sent at a later date.*

*Please RSVP promptly.*

*Thank You*

### Planning Committee

Bruce & Trudy Van Wyk

Frank & Ellen Glasgow

Carl & Robin Vos

Reldon Ramsey

## The AHS President's Wall Award

# Gary Hoard

Gary Hoard is always available when the club calls on him. He is quietly steadfast in his service to ROHS. Gary served as ROHS treasurer for 6 years. He assumed the role long held by Max Olson after Max died just prior to the 2004 AHS National Convention in Des Moines, IA, which our group hosted. The job was dumped in his lap without prior warning. It was challenging for Gary to organize Max's bookkeeping systems. Our treasurer is also the membership list keeper. Gary stepped right up, never missing a meeting, and always doing the extra things that makes meetings flow well. He also donated many door prizes and instituted name tags at meetings in an effort to make newer members feel comfortable.

Gary also led the membership drive efforts and helped us explore ways to retain members. Gary is always supportive, suggesting ways for ROHS to improve itself and for our members to enjoy our meetings more and just plain have some fun. Gary is a quiet man who is never obtrusive or out of line in any manner. He is truly respected by all ROHS members, and we depend on him to always fulfill his duties to our organization whatever they may be at the moment. Gary always shows up when the works needs to be done, too.

Gary began growing hosta seedlings in 2005 as a fun hobby. He has generously shared many of his plants with several of our members. He hasn't been able to devote as much time to his hobbies the past couple of years due to his increasing real life workload with Pioneer Seed Company.

Gary and his wife, Kathy are in business selling hostas, daylilies, a few ferns, and other shade garden perennial plants at the Farmer's Markets in the Des Moines area. They also sell cut flowers in season and hot pepper plants in mid-summer, then switch over to photos and photo cards in the fall. The couple has a shared enthusiasm for photography. Gary has been taking pictures since he was 5 years old when he got a new Brownie camera for his birthday. His interest in photography came from his dad who was a Naval Photographer in WWII and was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack by Japan.

When asked, "What is your favorite hosta?" Gary replies, "Just about anything streaked...also like red petioles, so *H. 'One Man's Treasure'* (if planted high enough to see the red petioles) is still a favorite."

Gary Hoard is held in highest respect by members of ROHS.



Vice President, Eve Vanden Broek, presents Gary Hoard with his President's Wall award at the 2012 ROHS Fall Meeting.

### About the AHS President's Wall Award

The AHS President's Wall was proposed in 2011 to honor hosta club members around the country who are the backbones of their clubs – always willing to do what is needed for the good of their clubs. Membership in the American Hosta Society is not a requirement for a local club member to be nominated for the award.

The ROHS Executive board approved the nominations of Gary Hoard and Audra Wilson in early 2012, and ROHS President, Marlys Anderson, wrote nomination letters and submitted them to Mike Shadrack, AHS Vice President Awards & Honors. Names for the first President's Wall were announced at the AHS National Convention last June in Nashville, TN. The President's Wall may be viewed at [www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org).



Bob Solberg presents the AHS President's Wall Award to past ROHS President, Audra Wilson, in her home.



## The AHS President's Wall Award

# Audra Wilson

Russ O'Harra Hosta Society nominates Audra Wilson for the AHS President Wall Award. She is very deserving. She maintains a premiere hosta display garden which is always open to visitors. Her gardens have been included in National and Midwest Regional Hosta conventions; plus numerous local and area tour groups visit Audra's garden annually.

Many plants from "ground floor" hosta introducers and pioneers such as Herb Benedict, Russ O'Harra, Bob Kuk, Van Wade, Gunther Stark, etc. are featured in Audra's gardens. Many current hosta introducers count on Audra as a test garden/gardener. She holds the respect of everyone in the "Hosta World" due to her diligence, honesty, and generous nature. Audra is known for her kindness and for sharing "everything hosta" with anyone who is interested.

Audra served as President of the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society for two terms and has supported every other officer current, and past in that association. She has been the "backbone" of the organization. She was close, personal friends with Russ O'Harra. She passionately supports club projects. Audra also supports the regional and national hosta organizations. She gives endlessly of her knowledge, enthusiasm, and her plants. This past summer when the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society hosted the Midwest Regional Hosta Convention, Audra again opened her garden for tour. She also opened her gardens to the MRHS to "come dig" plants for donations to the plant auction held in conjunction with the convention.

The very first time I met Audra she was out transplanting hostas from one bed to another. She was a wisp of a figure, hair put up in pincurls, covered by a cotton scarf, down on her knees, digging fragrant earth with a hand trowel. She was so straightforward, her voice was captivating, and her handshake included "dirt". Audra didn't know me at all as I was a tag along with a mutual friend. That didn't deter her from giving me starts of several originator stock Russ O'Harra plant introductions. I believe she sent me home with eight plants, one of which was *H. 'Quilting Bee'* which was new on the market that year and selling for \$40.00. She also took her time to give us the grand tour and tell us stories, teaching us about so many hostas. Her gardens truly are a touch of *Hosta Heaven*. She told us how she got started in hostas and how much the friendships she formed through hostas mean to her.

Audra is active in the Ackworth Federated Garden Club of Iowa. She is dedicated to her church family. Audra's immediate family has her constant support and guidance. As you may know her husband, Fred, had a

debilitating stroke a couple of years ago. Life has forever changed for them. They have overcome many challenges and strive to make the best of each day together.

## AHS Online Auction Results

The 2013 AHS Online Auction held the last two weeks of January raised a total of \$9298.00. Donations included 60 hostas and 22 hosta seed/seed combinations. 17 other items ranged from a selection of jewelry from New Zealand to 2 boxes of *The Hosta Journal* to Don Rawson's "Hosta Lists" book and cash donations.

There was something for every degree of hosta addiction - rarities and streaked breeders, newly released introductions, and this year Originator Stock of plants widely available created several bidding wars.

### 5 Biggest Hosta Moneymakers

**\$1100 - *H. 'Rod Kuenster'***  
*donated by Jeff Miller*

**\$ 560 - *H. 'Motley Crew'***  
*donated by Rick Goodenough*

**\$455 - *H. 'Humpback Whale' OS***  
*donated by Ross Johnson*

**\$425 - *H. 'Fat Cheeks'***  
*donated by Ken Ziarek*

**\$300 - *H. 'Striptease' OS***  
*donated by Jack Barta*

Hosta Seed was a much larger category than in previous years. 22 donations generated over \$1000.

### 5 Biggest Hosta Seed Moneymakers

**\$100 - Don Dean seed combo #10**  
*donated by Don Dean*

**\$90 - Don Dean seed combo #9**  
*donated by Don Dean*

**\$72 - Don Dean seed combo #8**  
*donated by Don Dean*

**\$60 - 'Uberageous' x OP**  
*donated by Trudy Van Wyk*

**\$52 - Don Dean seed combo #11**  
*donated by Don Dean*



A leaf of *H. 'Rod Kuenster'* – the top money maker in the AHS auction.

Photo courtesy of Jeff Miller

# Winter Scientific

By Jeff and Marie White

The Winter Scientific Meeting was another *Hosta* first for us. Having attended National and Regional Conventions, we had wanted to experience the WSM for years. We had a fabulous time!

Meeting with *Hosta* friends old and new, is always a good time. We made sure that we arrived early enough on Friday so that we wouldn't be late for dinner reservations with approximately 16 other *Hostaholics* at Sullivan's Steak House. It's never too early to start talking *Hostas*.

WSM officially started on Saturday morning with Bob Solberg as our opening speaker. Bob spoke on 'What Makes a Great *Hosta*' followed by Glenn Herold discussing 'The Korean *Hostas* and their Contributions to the *Hosta* Garden'. The first Break-out sessions followed with more after lunch along with silent auctions for seeds and even plants. Marie couldn't help herself and came away with three packets of seeds and *H. 'Fingerprint'*, and even a pair of gardening gloves for a door prize at the end of the day.

During the breakout sessions, we started with a fascinating presentation of 'Tissue Culture for Dummies.....Like Me' from Rob Mortko. We then heard Olga Petryszyn giving advice on 'Moving a Mature Garden' with pictures of her own move. We don't have all of our gardens moved to our new home yet, and hope that we will not have half of the trials and tribulations that Olga did. There was also a session by Richard Hentscel on 'Garden Pests' that we didn't have time to attend.

Following the breakout sessions, Mark Zilis presented 'Hostas of Distinction, Part 12'. Jeff Miller finished the afternoon with a presentation of the 'Do's and Don'ts of Shade Gardening'.

The WSM was like a one day convention without the garden tours. We had a great time, learned a lot, and can't wait to go again!

**Jeff Miller, owner of Land of the Giants *Hosta* Farm, Milton, WI, shared his experiences and observations on *hosta* gardening and offered tips in his WSM talk.**

Many people refer to the '10 Foot Rule' or '20 Foot Rule' when they talk about "recognizability" of *hosta* cultivars, but when Jeff is evaluating *hostas*, particularly his seedlings, he uses the '50 Foot Rule'.

He likes to place blue *hostas* strategically in his garden to maximize their impact and better show off the other colors around them.

Always be aware of the mature size a clump will be for any *hosta* when planting it to avoid moving it in a few years.

Jeff has discovered that with sufficient water, *hostas* love being in the sun in northern states, and he urged people to try growing *hostas* in sunnier locations. Many of his *hostas* are in full sun most of the time.

## **Fertilizer**

In early spring when *hosta* pips are emerging, he spreads a 12-12-12 fertilizer on the ground.

## **Slugs**

At the same time, he spreads the first round of slug repellent. He uses various brands at intervals with the goal of breaking up their life cycle so there will be fewer eggs laid before they retreat in July and August.

## **Southern Blight**

Jeff discovered that his 2 little dogs stink badly after they rolled around on soil containing Southern Blight. He advised to dig up the plant, remove all of the soil, and wash it in a 10% bleach solution. Then remove all of the soil in the area where the plant was.

## **Foliar Nematodes**

He hasn't had many issues with foliar nematodes in his location as it seems to be more of a problem in southern gardens than in northern ones.

## **HVX**

He advised extreme caution regarding HVX as it can be spread very easily from plant to plant.

## **Voles**

Voles attacked a mature 6 foot clump of *H. 'Solar Flare'* one year in his garden, and it was reduced to the size of a TC the next year. Jeff tried several methods before he came up with a solution that worked for him. He uses quart jars and cuts an area no larger than a quarter out of the lid. He places a piece of the block form of Tomcat® vole poison in the jars and spreads the jars throughout the gardens. He tried using the pellet form, but the voles just carried them away.





# Eve's Bees


By Eve Vanden Broek


If you're reading this newsletter, we share a love of hosta. You're a gardener. You like to dig in the dirt, plant a seed or young plant, nurture it, and carefully watch it grow. When it thrives, you take pride in how well you have done. But you didn't do it alone. You had some help. Sure, the rain was beneficial and the sun warmed the soil, but quite often an insect known as *apis mellifera*, the honeybee, pollinated many of the flowers, vegetables, herbs and trees in your garden and helped make them flourish. Honeybees are my other passion, and they are in trouble.


Though beekeeping is experiencing resurgence, mainly due to the hobbyist, the number of honeybee colonies has been in decline since the mid-1940s. Since 2006, Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has been a major factor in the disappearance of bees, yet the loss of habitat, the introduction of non-native plant species, diseases and pesticide use are all contributors to the decline. **How can you help the honeybees?**

 **Avoid or limit the use of pesticides.** Those dandelions in early spring are often a major pollen source for honeybees. If you absolutely have to spray, use a liquid instead and spray at night when bees are not foraging. Never apply any pesticide directly on bees.

 **Create a diverse, bee-friendly habitat:** annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees, fruits and vegetables. The diversity should include plants that bloom from early spring through the end of fall - preferably locally native species.

 **Learn about beekeeping and honey production.** Classes are often provided for free or at a very low cost in January and February through your county extension office or local beekeeping club. Visit the honeybee exhibit at your county or state fair. Honeybees are more interesting than you can imagine; you will be amazed if not hooked.

 **If you find a swarm or natural hive of honeybees** (in a hollowed tree or inside the walls of house), contact a beekeeper to remove them.

 **Support your local beekeeper by purchasing their honey.** Raw (unfiltered, untreated) honey has antiseptic, antibiotic, antifungal and antimicrobial properties; it is a natural remedy for many ailments and is so good for you.









The next time you bite into an apple, eat a handful of almonds, serve cranberries at Thanksgiving, add cucumbers to your salad, enjoy a dollop of guacamole at your favorite Mexican restaurant, or cut up watermelon at your family's Fourth of July picnic, know that a honeybee helped to bring it to your table. **Isn't nature wonderful!**

## Honey-sweetened Thumbprint Cookies

- 2/3 cup raw honey
- 1/3 cup warm coconut oil
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- ¾ cup rolled oats
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon fine grain sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- Zest of one lemon



Your favorite jam or preserves – *Elderberry used for this recipe.*

-  Preheat oven to 350° with the rack in the top third of oven.
-  Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
-  In a large mixing bowl, pour the warm, melted coconut oil over the honey and whisk in the vanilla extract.
-  In a separate medium bowl, combine the flour, oats, cornstarch, sea salt, baking soda and lemon zest.
-  Add the flour mixture to the honey and stir until just combined. Let the dough sit for 2-3 minutes. Stir once or twice again – the dough should be quite stiff.
-  Roll the dough into balls, one level teaspoon at a time and place an inch apart on baking sheets. They will spread when baking.
-  Using a damp pinky finger, make a “well” in the top of each ball of dough. Fill each “well” to the top with 1/8 teaspoon of jam.
-  Bake 7-9 minutes or until the bottom and edges are just golden.

Resist the urge to over-bake as these cookies can dry out.

**Eve won 1st place with her Thumbprint Cookie recipe at the 100th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Honey Producers Association in November 2012, and 3rd place with Honey-Sweetened Peanut Butter Cookies with Chocolate Chunks.**

# New **AHS Nematode** Research Program

By Rob Mortko

This article also appears in the April issue of the AHS eNewsletter.

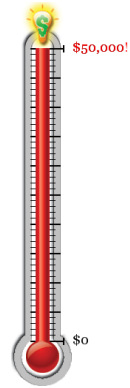
The American Hosta Society's proposed nematode research program was recently approved for a \$50,000 matching grant award by The Ohio State University. In all, over 50 grant applications were made to Ohio State's SEEDS competitive grant research program. Our grant application was not only approved and funded, but was ranked very highly by the Ohio State SEEDS research committee panel.

We can now kick off the research program just as soon as we fund our 50% share of the overall research cost. Since we announced the proposed research program on January 9th, the support has been nothing short of incredible. To date, we have raised **57%** of the nominal \$50,000 required for our share of the research. Thank you so much. And yet, we still have a ways to go so that we may benefit from the matching grant funds.

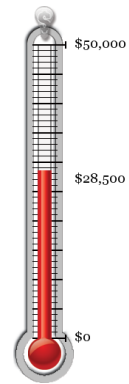
We intend to actively manage this project and have formed an advisory committee to oversee the research. The committee will make a final review of the research methodology before we kickoff the research. Then we will monitor the research progress in real time and make any midcourse corrections as need be. The team has been intentionally seeded with a mix of relevant scientific, horticultural and research skill sets. The advisory committee consists of: Tony Avent, Patrick Coleman, Mark Hanner, Don Rawson, Bob Solberg, and Mark Zilis.

One of the research items to be finalized is the list of chemicals to be tested. If you have a product or protocol that you have personally trialed (even with limited success), please let us know.

If you have yet to make a donation to this research, now is the time to act. We invite all local and regional hosta societies to consider a generous contribution to this project. At the same time, we don't want to underestimate the impact that individual contributions can make to this effort. As this is a two-year project, you may opt to make a one-time donation, or you may make a partial donation at this time and pledge additional funds for next year.



OSU Matching Funds



57% of AHS Funding Raised

You can find more information about this research program on the AHS website at:

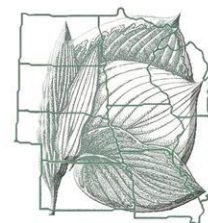
## [Foliar Nematode Research Program](#)



Hosta leaf showing signs of foliar nematode damage

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I thank you in advance for your support.

Hosta'ly, Rob [Contact Rob Mortko](#)



### Midwest Regional Hosta Society

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society represents Region 5 of the American Hosta Society that includes 9 states. Our mission is to promote education, research, development and enjoyment of Hosta.

Membership in the society is \$20.00 for 2 years, which includes two issues per year of the newsletter. This publication reports on events and information on Hostas in general.

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# 10 Favorite Hostas

Editor's Note: In my recent email, I asked club members to list their 10 favorite hostas and 5 favorite mini hostas, and I indicated that I would need 20 responses to have enough to compile favorites polls. Since only seven ROHS members responded, I've chosen to share their favorites and their comments. Thanks to those who did take the time to share their favorites on short notice! Reldon

## Trudy Van Wyk

*This is difficult as I don't pay much attention to named hostas anymore... I have 10 favorite seedlings! Favorites for what to look at for pollen and for pod parents...*

1. 'June'
2. 'Cranberry Wine'
3. 'Gone Fishin''
4. 'Ebb Tide'
5. 'Guardian Angel'
6. 'Liberty'
7. 'Sagae'
8. 'Lakeside Paisley Print'
9. 'Midnight at the Oasis'
10. 'Golden Meadows'

## Marlys Anderson

- #1 'Simply Sharon'
- #2 'Great Expectations'
- #3 'Ann Kulpa'
- #4 'Rascal'
- #5 'Leading Lady'
- #6 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
- #7 'Thunderbolt'
- #8 'Risky Business'
- #9 'Kiwi Full Monty'
- #10 'August Beauty'

## Janann Abels

- 1) 'Golden Meadows'
- 2) 'Golden Tiara'

*And then the next 12 all are tied for 3rd on my list. So I quit there. I can't list my top 10! Perhaps if you wanted me to list my top 25 favorites, or if you had me list my favorite greens, favorite blues, etc..... But I tried! And I spent way too long doing this, but you now have me even more excited for spring!*

- 'Blue Shadows'
- 'Emerald Ruff Cut'
- 'Mango Tango'
- 'Dark Shadows'
- 'Cathedral Windows'
- 'Deep Pockets'
- 'Guardian Angel'
- 'Clifford's Stingray'
- 'Radiant Edger'
- 'Praying Hands'
- 'Paul's Glory'
- 'Dream Weaver'

## Don Draper

1. *H. montana* 'Aureomarginata'
2. *H.* 'Potomac Pride'
3. *H.* 'Parhelion'
4. *H.* 'Abba Dabba Do'
5. *H.* 'Sagae'
6. *H.* 'Victory'
7. *H.* 'Liberty'
8. *H.* 'Ani Machi'
9. *H.* 'Topaz'
10. *H.* 'Moonlight Sonata'

## Eve Vanden Broek

1. 'Regal Splendor'
2. 'On Stage'
3. 'Topaz'
4. 'Striptease'
5. 'Praying Hands'
6. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
7. 'Apple Court'
8. 'Chartreuse Wiggles'
9. 'Rainforest Sunrise'
10. 'Krossa Regal'

## Ron Borwick

*Hi Reldon, Thanks for doing the poll, and all your great articles.*

1. 'Liberty'
2. 'Ivory Coast'
3. 'June'
4. 'Sagae'
5. 'Afternoon Delight'
6. 'Blue Angel'
7. 'Sum and Substance'
8. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
9. 'Miss Ruby'
10. 'Turtle Dove'

## Donna Johnson

1. 'June': Always excellent; wonderful color; almost glows in the dark.
2. 'Regal Splendor': Can't beat the vase-shaped form of this plant; excellent growth.
3. 'Striptease': Always looks good; unique coloration.
4. 'Allegan Fog': Unique color; nice form; excellent growth.
5. 'Inniswood': Consistently nice plant; great gold color, nice corrugation.
6. 'Paradigm': Impressive color and form.
7. 'Tongue Twister': Wonderful twisted leaf; plant looks great up to hard freeze.
8. 'Whirlwind': Unique twisted leaf form; great coloration that holds all season.
9. 'Marrakech': Very impressive in Spring; glows with bright yellow, wavy leaves.
10. 'Remember Me': Consistently nice; great color and nice form.

# 5 Favorite Mini Hostas

## Trudy Van Wyk

1. 'Pandora's Box'
2. 'Little Maddie'
3. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
4. 'Blue Mouse Ears' streaked
5. 'Dragon Tails'

## Marlys Anderson

- #1 'Pandora's Box'
- #2 'Mini Haha'
- #3 'Popo'
- #4 'Pearl Buttons'
- #5 'Thumbelina'

## Janann Abels

- 1) 'Faithful Heart'
- 2) 'Lakeside Scamp'
- 3) 'Green Mouse Ears'
- 4) 'Teaspoon'
- 5) 'Baby Bunting'

## Don Draper

- 1) *H.* 'Cameo'
- 2) *H.* 'Curly Fries'
- 3) *H.* 'Caesar Salad'
- 4) *H.* 'Cheatin Heart'
- 5) *H.* 'Frosted Mouse Ears'

## Eve Vanden Broek

1. 'Pandora's Box'
2. 'Cat's Eyes'
3. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
4. 'Cherish'
5. 'Teaspoon' (Is this considered a mini?)

## Donna Johnson

1. 'Cherish': Always does well; nice color.
2. 'Dixie Chickadee': Lovely little plant; great color.
3. 'Lakeside Baby Face': Probably not technically a mini; wonderful leaf and plant form; excellent growth.
4. 'Little Maddie': Won this last year; wonderful little plant.
5. 'Lakeside Missy Little': Excellent growth with nice form and color.

I was curious to see if 'Teaspoon', 'Lakeside Baby Face', and 'Curly Fries' are classified as minis for AHS Hosta Shows. Classifications are based on 'square inches' of leaves using the data provided by the registrant at the time the hosta was registered. As we know, many hostas exceed their registration sizes when they are fully mature.

<http://www.americanhostasociety.org/Judging.html>

'Curly Fries' (2008) 5.5" L x .75" W

Show classification: V-3. Section V – Miniature Leaved (<6")

'Lakeside Baby Face' (1997) 2.0" L x 1.5" W

Show classification: V-5b. Section V – Miniature Leaved (<6")

'Teaspoon' (1998) 3.25" L x 3.0" W

Show classification: IV-1. Section IV – Small Leaved (6" <30")

Which hosta are you most looking forward to seeing again this spring, and why you can't wait to see it!

## Janann Abels

*I can't pick one to be the most excited about seeing. I am just anxious to see if they all made it through the horrible drought.*

## Don Draper

*H. 'Cyclone': beautiful plant and seemingly somewhat difficult to get started.*

## Donna Johnson

*'Justine': new last year; did well despite weather; nice color; anxious to see how it does this year.*

*'Sagae' and 'Liberty': Have been waiting for years for these two to achieve glory. 'Sagae' is improving every year... 'Liberty' has a long ways to go, but I keep hoping....*

## Eve Vanden Broek

*Every spring I look forward to seeing 'On Stage' because it's the last hosta to wake up. It's the one I watch emerge and take shape. I know exactly where it is planted in my garden and take great care not to step on it when cleaning up the fall's leaf litter.*

## Ron Borwick

*I keep 'Miss Ruby' in a pot on my front porch so I can see it up close, and it really is a sharp hosta. And also 'Turtle Dove' when it blooms, I cannot wait to see.*

*I find I am putting more of my favorite hostas in pots so I can keep them closer to my patios and see them easier.*

A quick tally shows that 'June', 'Liberty', and 'Sagae' have an early lead as they appear on 3 of the 7 Favorite Hosta lists. 'Regal Splendor' is ranked highly on 2 ballots. 'Golden Meadows' and 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd' are also on 2 lists along with 'Striptease'. The appearance of 'Blue Angel', 'Krossa Regal', 'Sagae', 'Striptease', and 'Sum and Substance' and their sports on the lists show that variations of a form are popular in gardens. Sports like 'Liberty' and 'Regal Splendor' are often just as popular as their parents if not moreso.

In the Favorite Mini Hosta poll, 'Pandora's Box' is the clear leader, landing at #1 on 3 ballots. Another from the 'Baby Bunting' family of sports - 'Cherish' - is in second place while 'Cameo' - yet another in the family - is ranked #1 on one list. The only Top 5 list that didn't have one from this sporting family placed at #1 has 'Baby Bunting' at #5.

'Blue Mouse Ears' and its family of sports also figured prominently in the mix, and Trudy Van Wyk's 'Little Maddie' appeared on 2 lists. 'Teaspoon' - although technically not a mini - was also on 2 ballots.

## ROHS Fall Meeting Minutes

 Iowa Arboretum October 14, 2012 

### Welcome/Announcements/Thank You's

Eve Vanden Broek started our meeting at 1:25 PM after a very delicious potluck lunch. She gave introductions of new members and also of Iowa Arboretum's Director, Mark Schneider, and Project Manager, Joe McNally, and each spoke briefly.

### Speaker Extraordinaire

Bob Solberg presented "The Future of Hostas". Bob has over 30 years selling hostas, and has been awarded both the AHS Alex J. Summers Award and Eunice Fisher Hybridizer Award. He has introduced approximately 75 seedlings or sports.

He feels that tetraploid breeding will be the wave of future hostas looking to have more white center and twisted small and tall hostas. He is also working on a gold hosta with a red edge that will stay as the leaf matures.

Bob informed us that our plants may be a little stressed out next year, and he finds that using Miracle Gro® Tomato Food works really well to build up the carbon. If the plant looks stressed, you may want to dig it up immediately, dip in a bleach solution and treat it like dry rot, re-pot it, and then replant it in the Fall.

Bob gave a very informative speech and answered our groups' many questions.

### Executive Committee Reports

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Secretary's report was made by Herman Kopitzke and seconded by David Dettmann. The motion passed.

David Dettmann gave the Treasurers Report. We had various expenses totaling \$1,266 since our Spring Meeting. Proceeds from our summer auction were \$3,261 less expenses of \$238.85 leaving our donation to BADITC at \$3,022.15. We received an \$11.00 refund from Kincaid for plant markers purchased by ROHS members.

David also gave a rundown of our Summer Auction – there were 53 regular bidders, 100 plant items, and the top money maker - *H. 'Frost Giant'* streaked - sold for \$260. Julie Johnston was the overall top bidder.

ROHS members purchased Club Plants from Green Hill Farm for \$3,349.

Herman Kopitzke moved that we approve the Treasurer's Report and Reldon Ramsey seconded. The motion passed.

David Dettmann and Reldon Ramsey updated everyone on Memberships. We had 18 new members this year. Two new ones at this meeting were Josh and Sue Spece from Independence and Steve Bush from West Des Moines. Mary O'Harra renewed recently giving us 104 memberships.

### Committee Reports

Reldon gave the group an update on what the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been doing since the spring

meeting. We have committed to a gift plant - a Greg Johnson seedling, a commemorative pot, and a booklet with remembrances from Rosanne O'Harra and her girls and possibly others who knew Russ O'Harra.

### Unfinished Business

Eve informed the group that the Executive Committee submitted two names to be placed on the AHS President's Wall, and both were accepted. Today, we presented Gary Hoard with his award. Audra Wilson was not able to attend the meeting, but she graciously accepted her award a few days later. We are all grateful for everything both of these people have contributed to the hosta world and to our club.

Eve thought the Summer Tour was a success, and we were all grateful for the shade provided during the successful plant auction.

We discussed renewing our membership to the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, but with them undergoing management changes, it was decided as a group to collect more information before we could vote. Further discussion will take place at our Spring Meeting.

Our Operating Expense report will be presented at a later time.

### New Business

The following names were presented to the group for re-election for two-year terms:

Marlys Anderson – President

Eve Vanden Broek – Vice President

Ellen Glasgow – Secretary

David Dettmann – Treasurer

Reldon Ramsey – Newsletter and Membership

Linda Baer – Hospitality

Herman Kopitzke moved that the slate of candidates be approved. Kenn Outzen seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

Marlys was contacted by the Federated Garden Club of Iowa to see if our group wanted to help fund video equipment and possibly a new laptop for the Iowa Arboretum. At the Federated Garden Club's meeting, the motion was declined. Herman Kopitzke, who is on the Iowa Arboretum's board, was not aware of such a request, and therefore, we thought best for him to investigate their needs before making such a decision. He will report his findings at our Spring Meeting.

Reldon spoke on behalf of the Harshbarger Hosta Society which will be hosting the 2014 AHS Convention. Due to their lack of funds, Reldon would like to see the ROHS fund in part or in full the convention plant, estimating the cost to be about \$1,300. After discussion, a motion to approve the convention plant expense for the Harshbarger Hosta Society was made by Marilyn Gliem and seconded by Cindy Schnoebelen. The majority approved with three nays.

A reminder was given that the 2013 AHS Convention will be in Milwaukee, WI, June 13 – 15.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Submitted by Ellen Glasgow, ROHS Secretary**



# New Member Program

The **New Member Program** is gearing up for its third year. I've been printing the brochures which our vendors distribute to their customers. ROHS President, Marlys Anderson, has already received 250 brochures that will be in gift bags for the Knoxville Federated Garden Club's *Garden Gala* in mid-April.

If you would like brochures for a garden club meeting or event, garden/hosta friends, or if you know of a location where brochures can be placed, please contact me. I will have brochures available at the Spring Meeting, but if you want more than 25, please let me know the quantity you need a week before the meeting. [rohseditor@gmail.com](mailto:rohseditor@gmail.com)

This year nine vendors are supporting the **New Member Program**: Bedwell Gardens, Flying Frog Farms, Granny T's Garden, Holland Drive Gardens, In the Country Garden, Kat's Garden, Lincoln View Farm, Piney Ridge Greenhouse, and Skycrest Gardens. All are ROHS members. Please thank them - the program would not exist without their generous support.

Go to [www.rohs.org](http://www.rohs.org) to learn more about the **New Member Program**, and the participating Vendors who support the program.



*H. 'June'* leaf detail

Photo courtesy of Mike Groothius, Niles, MI



*H. 'Liberty'* leaf detail

Photo courtesy of Trudy Van Wyk

## New ROHS Members 2012

- Janann Abels Ogden
- Kelly Brouard Cedar Rapids
- Steve Bush West Des Moines
- Tammy Devore Webster City
- Jerrie Pegg Ogden
- Angie Dunbar Fairfield
- Janet Erb Boone
- Donna Johnson Story City
- Kris Jurik Ames (rejoined)
- Janella Kammin Boone
- Sheila Kenny Sioux Rapids
- Karie Lash Des Moines
- Carolyn Magnani Johnston
- Rita Minard Des Moines
- Kathy & Steve Moser Nevada
- Jerrie Pegg Ogden
- Davin Roberts & Susan Chapman Des Moines
- Janet Roberts Fairfield
- Josh & Sue Spece Independence
- Diane M. Sweet Des Moines
- Mary Jane Tyler Maxwell
- Ruth Walton Chelsea
- Eilleen Westrum Boone



**Thank You & Welcome!**

**Please check the YEAR (#) after your name in your email address. If it is (\*12\*) – please pay your dues. Thank You!**

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