

# Hosta Horizons



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[www.rohs.org](http://www.rohs.org)

The Russ O'Hara 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, the cultivation and development of new cultivars. The goals of the society shall be in keeping with those of the American Hosta Society.

Newsletter of the

*Russ O'Hara Hosta Society*

March 2017

## President's Message

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

~Winston Churchill

At the last regular meeting of the society, two positions of leadership were left vacant: President, and Vice-President. These opportunities are still open. I want to encourage everyone reading this to go to the meeting at the Iowa Arboretum on April 9th open to the possibility of accepting these roles for the next year and a half.

When I told Eve that I would take a turn at the job of being President, I really had no idea how I would accomplish the tasks at hand. It turned out that Robert's Rules of Order, and an excellent team of other volunteers, was all I needed. So if you are hesitating because you are unsure of the how-tos, please know there are plenty of folks available to help you out.

The Vice-President has an action-oriented role to play, being directly involved with the summer garden tour, our main fund-raising activity. Anyone who has ever been to a tour knows just how much fun they are, and how great it is to enjoy a leisurely day of hosta mania.

This all becomes possible by the generosity of the members. Please take the time before our Spring meeting to decide all the ways in which you can lend your support and talents to the society. We need officers and we need volunteers who can lend their gardens out for a day. I hope you are ready to take your turn in helping out.

Gary Garles, Past President

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Next meeting is April 9th, 2017 at the Arboretum.

Meeting begins with a potluck and social gathering at noon.

### Speaker

Leah Worth

Horticulture Project Manager  
Iowa Arboretum  
1875 Peach Ave.  
Madrid, IA 50156  
leah@iowaarboretum.org

She has recently been hired to move the Arboretum grounds work forward. I have asked her to the meeting to speak about her vision and projects for the Arboretum in the immediate future.

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### Robert Axmear

February 23, 1951 - January 17, 2017

<http://www.martinfunerals.com/home/obituary/4075223>

Bob is probably best known for his hostas. He belonged to the American Hosta Society and also started and built the Hosta Library online ([www.hostalibrary.org](http://www.hostalibrary.org)). He won numerous awards for his plants including: the 2010 American Hosta Society Distinguished Merit Award, the 2012 First Look Frances Williams Award, and various 1st place ribbons at Hosta conventions. Bob also loved photography and besides hostas, would photograph animals and nature. Some of his Hosta photos were featured in a 2004 calendar from Hostaholics Anonymous. He became quite computer literate and would make webpages for people. Bob enjoyed growing lilies and doing some general gardening, and raising tropical fish as well. He loved being with his family, especially his children, and loved his dog Max, who went everywhere with him.

ROHS Spring Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2016

**Business Meeting**

Gathering at the Iowa Arboretum Hughes Education Center, President Gary Garles called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

Thank you's to hosts Lisa and Donna and also to Ann for taking over the newsletter and doing a very fine job to all three of those ladies.

**Officers Reports**

**Secretary** – Minutes of the spring meeting were published in the spring newsletter and on the website. Motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Sue Slater and seconded by Jean Belzer. All ayes. We want to thank Herman Kopitzke for filling in at the Spring meeting.

**Treasurer** – David Dettmann reported a current balance of \$7,689.41.

\$526.89 newsletter expense – Reldon Ramsey had some renewal checks and some as old as 2014 and at this time all checks have cleared. Spring meeting expense \$139.84; web hosting \$220.00; domain name \$10.98; liability insurance \$267.00; Iowa Arboretum membership \$75.00; Artistic Society of American Hosta Association \$60.00; sponsor Ted Davidson scholarship \$250.00 – awarded \$750.00; auction food \$473.22 plus cooler \$23.99; auction income of \$1,565.00 and \$633.00 lunch and new memberships paid; \$114.00 membership renewal.

Discussion was held of new member recruitment with the possibility of continuing a \$12.00 certificate to any of our vendors. This is the decision of the vendors if needed to continue. Dave will check on this issue.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Herman Kopitzke and seconded by Nancy Briggs.

**Old Business**

None to report or discuss.

**New Business**

American Hosta Society convention is June 7-10, 2017 at Indianapolis; Midwest Regional Hosta Society convention is June 22-24, 2017 at Kansas City.

Russ O'Harra Hosta Society spring meeting will be April 9, 2017 and fall meeting will be October 8, 2017. Discussion was held for the spring meeting to be at the Newton Arboretum.

Memorial for Fred Wilson and attempt to acquire the Fred Wilson hosta.

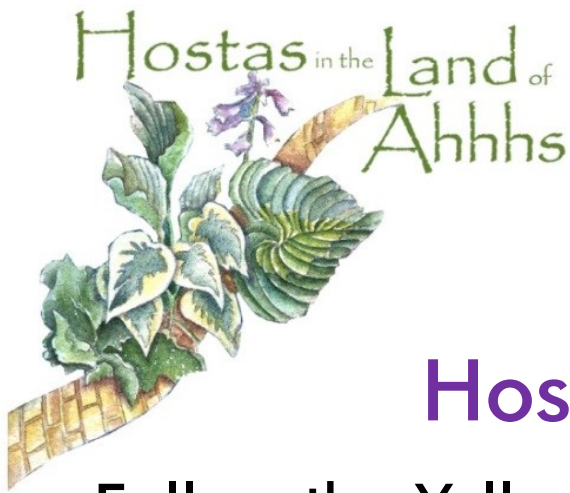
You can look for a variety of plants at [www.goplantgo.com](http://www.goplantgo.com)

Our club needs a President and Vice President. The officers remaining and myself as attempting the Secretary position once again was brought before the members present. A motion for the slate of officers was made by Donna Miller and seconded by Donna Yeast.

**Speaker**

Dr. Jo Anna Heberger presented "Using Native Plants in landscaping and in creating rain gardens". Most interesting and if anyone wants or needs to contact her, you can e-mail her at [jheberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jheberger@yahoo.com)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



June 22-24, 2017

Lenexa, Kansas

Members  
& Public  
Welcome!

# Midwest Regional Hosta Society Convention

## Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Kansas City

- 3 Fun Days of Activities
- 2 Host Cities : Topeka & Kansas City (Johnson County, KS)

### Your 3-Day Registration includes:

- **Educational Events:**  
**Thursday, June 22** – Two parallel tracks, six sessions featuring regional and local speakers; plus two highly acclaimed (and entertaining) dinner speakers (Thursday & Saturday).
- **One-in-a-Lifetime Garden Tours – 9 in All:**  
**Friday, June 23 – Topeka**  
Two exceptional private estate gardens, plus Topeka's historic Ward-Meade Park Botanical Garden located on the Oregon Trail.  
**Saturday, June 24 – Johnson Country, KS**  
Visit four can't-miss private gardens (one with a Japanese hosta taste-test), plus two prized demonstration gardens designed and maintained by the Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners (includes visit to the Overland Park Arboretum.)
- **Exclusive Sneak Peek:** Go behind the scenes in one of the Midwest's few hosta tissue culture labs. See "Hot Hostas of Tomorrow" before they go to market.
- **Free Convention Hosta:** Take home a free specimen of this year's exclusive 2017 Convention Hosta – not available anywhere else.
- **Hosta Leaf Show:** Back by popular demand! This American Hosta Society-accredited competition showcases hundreds of hosta leaf specimens, vying for Best of Show.
- **Other Must-Attend Convention Events:**  
**The Marketplace** where you can buy hard-to-find hostas, shade perennials, decorative hand painted concrete hosta leaves, fairy garden accessories and more.  
Also plan to attend the **Convention Auction** – always filled with surprises.  
And don't miss the opportunity to visit the area's many world-class **Nurseries** and **Garden Centers**.

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Questions? Call 913-715-7000

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Phone during convention: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if staying at host hotel

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Barb Schroeder, MRHS Treasurer  
1819 Coventry Drive,  
Champaign, IL 61822-5239

### 5. Make Your Hotel Reservations Online

[www.kansascitylenexacitycenter.place.hyatt.com](http://www.kansascitylenexacitycenter.place.hyatt.com)

**Or call:** Hyatt Place Kansas City/Lenexa City Center  
(913) 742-7777  
8741 Ryckert Street, Lenexa, Kansas, 66219.

**Note:** Use code **G-HOST** for the convention group rate. The group rate of \$129, plus tax, is available through May 22, 2017.

For questions, please email:

[info@2017KCHostaConvention.com](mailto:info@2017KCHostaConvention.com)

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Please check if you plan to \_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_ Clerk

### Auction

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### Judges Clinic

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Master Gardener  
Johnson County





## **“EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL IOWA GARDEN RENDEZVOUS”**

### **GARDEN RENDEZVOUS**

**Date:** Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** 9:00AM to 5:00PM

**Host:** Paula Flynn & the Iowa

**Arboretum:** 1875 Peach Ave

**Madrid, IOWA**

To Conifer Society members and other plant enthusiasts of Iowa and the surrounding area. It's time to make plans to attend the annual **IOWA GARDEN RENDEZVOUS**. The date is Sunday, June 11th, 2017. For those of you receiving this letter for the first time, this is an annual informal gathering. Many of us cannot always attend national or regional plant society meetings. This gives us a chance, at the local level, to meet each other, talk about plants, visit gardens, take pictures, see new plants, get ideas and just have an all around good time.

Wow! 18 years since we have been holding the Iowa rendezvous and the “Iowa Arboretum” hosted the second Rendezvous we ever held. You see they had the only quantity of conifers that I knew about in central Iowa at that time. Now we have many magnificent conifer gardens in central Iowa. Besides the Arboretum we will visit four other gardens; none of which we visited at that second Rendezvous. The four gardens are Constance & Greg Skinner whose garden was one of the main tour gardens for the ACS Central Region meeting in June 2011; it is outstanding! The garden of Cindy & Matthew Bailey, they have many conifers and a fantastic Rock Garden. Judi & Larry Greene have many conifers, rock garden plants, and a *Pinus aristata* (Bristle Cone Pine) you just have to see. Last but not least are Paula & Joe Flynn whose garden was also one of the main tour gardens for the ACS Central Region meeting. In addition to this there are three pictures of this garden in the new book “ROCK GARDENING” *Reimagining a Classic Style* by Joseph Tychonievich.

### **DON'T MISS THIS RENDEZVOUS!**

When you arrive at the arboretum you will receive your Rendezvous Souvenir Handout Folder. This will have maps to the gardens, name of the gardeners, directions to the gardens and the time the gardens will be open. Have a good time, drive carefully don't block a driveway and remember to thank the Gardeners. **We should also give a big thank you to the “Iowa Arboretum” as they are not charging us for the use of their facilities. However, remember donations are always accepted and appreciated.**

### **The schedule for the Rendezvous this year is:**

**9:00AM to 11:30AM**

Begin arriving at & tour the Iowa Arboretum. Get acquainted and receive your **Rendezvous Souvenir Handout Folder.** This will have maps and directions to the other gardens,

**11:30AM to 12:30 PM**

Lunch: Mark your choice on the registration. Remember the only cost to attend the Rendezvous is your lunch. If you don't have lunch there is no cost.

**12:30PM to 5:00PM**

Visit Gardens: You can stay at any of the gardens all day if you like or visit all the gardens whatever suits you're fancy. Who knows you may even learn something new about gardening. If you have questions about the Rendezvous contact Gary Whittenbaugh, 625 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW Oelwein, Iowa 50662, phone (319) 283-3050 or email franmara@mchsi.com.

**Please enter your email on the registration!** See you at the **GARDEN RENDEZVOUS**, Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017!

Coniferously yours,  
The RENDEZVOUS Committee

The Registration Form & Map to the Arboretum are on page two if received by E-mail or on reverse side if by regular mail.

### GARDEN RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION BY May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Mail to: Gary Whittenbaugh 625 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW Oelwein IA 50662

NAME (S): \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE CHOICES & ENTER NUMBER NEEDED BELOW**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. I will attend the garden rendezvous this year on **June 11th** YES NO

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ 2. How many will attend? Number \_\_\_\_\_ Bring your friends and relatives.

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Lunch? YES / NO Number: Meat \_\_\_\_\_ Veg. \_\_\_\_\_

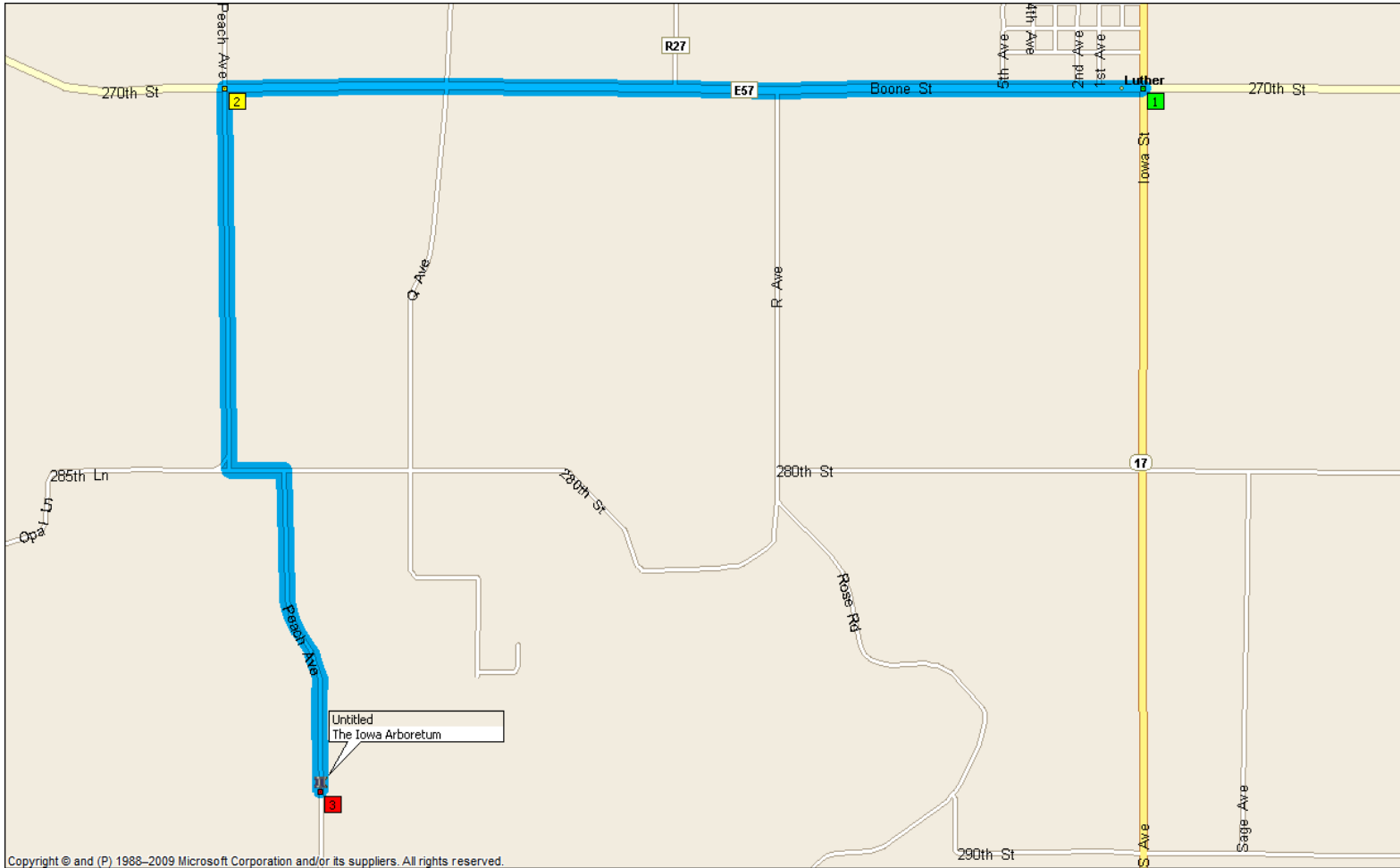
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Total \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please enclose check for lunch with registration: Make check out to Gary Whittenbaugh**

**So you don't forget, misplace or lose the Registration return it today!**  
**Thank You!**

#### Directions and Detail Map to the "Iowa Arboretum"

From Ames take US 30 Hwy west to Hwy 17 go south on Hwy 17 to Luther. In Luther turn right onto County Road E57 west. Turn South (Left) onto Peach Avenue and follow this to the "Iowa Arboretum" From Des Moines take Interstate 35/80 to Hwy 141 this is on a curve where Interstate 35/80 head south. Exit onto Hwy 141 north. Follow Hwy 141 to Hwy 17. Then take Hwy 17 to Luther. Turn left in Luther (west) onto County Road E57. Turn south (Left) onto Peach Avenue and follow this to the "Iowa Arboretum".



**PRINT THIS PAGE, CUT OFF AND MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TODAY!!!**





# Hosta Happenings

March 2017

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017**

**1:00 P.M.**

**Riverdale Fire Station  
(across from Arconda (formerly ALCOA))**

**PROGRAM: NANCY GRUBER  
CONTAINER GARDENING**

**2017 DUES ARE DUE!!!!**

MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Members of the MVHS met on February 12, 2017 at the Riverdale Fire Station and the meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Hamilton.

The Secretary Minutes were approved as published in the January Newsletter. Sally Stewart motioned and Joan Gentzkow seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sandra Jurgens gave her Financial Report. Don Musak moved and Joyce Archibald seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Carolyn informed members of upcoming hosta conventions. She also asked for a volunteer to take over the responsibility of ordering the Solberg hostas for the membership. Joan Gentzkow was gracious enough to volunteer for the job. Thank you Joan!

Sally Stewart informed the membership that Bob Axmear, who published the Hosta Library, recently passed away. For those who are unfamiliar with this web site, it has photos of many hostas and is a great reference. She also read an article reprinted from the Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society newsletter (this article immediately follows in this newsletter). President Carolyn also informed members the 2018 Hosta of the Year was "World Cup".

Those members who were not able to attend our February meeting missed out on some very good food, bingo and as always, good company.

Our next meeting will be held on March 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Riverdale Fire Station. Our speaker will be Nancy Gruber who will give a presentation on Container Gardening.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Mary Johannsen

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The following is a copy of an article that appeared in the Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society Northern Star newsletter and was written by J. D. Belanger.

“What’s in a name? Shakespear might think a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but Warren I. Pollock, a columnist for the American Hosta Society’s The Hosta Journal, think otherwise.

“He frequently dwells on what, to some, might appear at nitpicking. Not too long ago he was upset, perhaps justifiably, we don’t know, because a hosta with “Dr.” in the name contained — horrors! - a period, when there shouldn’t have been one. This is probably important to purists, but to us, it was more interesting to learn that abbreviations like Prof. and Rev. have periods, but others, such as Dr and St (Doctor and Saint) do not - in England, that is. And in AHS.

“His latest revelations is more pertinent. It involves television giant’s HGTV selling plants, including hostas. The problem is, they’re renaming well-known registered hostas, presumable to add some sales pizzazz. One is Bob Solberg’s ‘Orange Marmalade,’ which they call “Citrine Supreme(TM)”.” Another is “Blue Dew(TM”, registered as ‘First Frost.’ The list goes on. Just be aware that if you buy an HGTV Home, or Hosta Treasures(TM) hosta, youy might not be getting what you think you’re getting. You might already have it, under another name.”



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**K-STATE**  
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Johnson County



Just announced! Early bird bonus for everyone who registers for the Kansas City MRHS convention by APRIL 1st.

**Register by April 1st and receive a free copy of *Untangled - Straight Talk from Passionate Gardeners*** (\$19.50 value), a recently published book by our hosting Johnson County K-State and Extension Master Gardeners. *Untangled* is a spiral-bound, 106-page collection of gardenings tips, stories and secrets that will appeal to both novice and well-seasoned gardeners alike. Don't miss this chance to reserve your free copy.

Already registered? Not to worry, this offer is retroactive. Everyone who registers by APRIL 1st will have a book available for pickup at the convention check-in desk.

Not yet registered? Don't delay. Make your plans to follow the Yellow Brick Road to Hostas in the Land of Ahhhs!!!

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AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY CONVENTION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
JUNE 7-10, 2017

PLEASE GO TO THEIR WEB SITE "[www.indyhosta2017.com](http://www.indyhosta2017.com)" FOR ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CONVENTION. IT INCLUDES EVENTS AND A REGISTRATION FORM.

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2017 DUES ARE NOW DUE!!! DUES ARE STILL ONLY \$7 A YEAR!!!! IT REALLY IS A BARGAIN! BETTER STILL- SEND IN A CHECK FOR TWO YEARS!!!

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK, MADE OUT TO MVHS, TO TREASURER, SANDRA JURGEN, 1104 E. DOVER CT., DAVENPORT, IOWA 52803

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY - SOLBERG CLUB PLANTS  
2017 ORDER FORM**

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL PLANTS WILL ARRIVE BARE ROOT. Pick up date and place TBA later.  
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 1, 2017.

Send your form along with your check, made payable to MVHS, to:

Joan Gentzkow, 1910 E. 50th Ct., Davenport, Iowa 52807

Questions? Call Joan at 563-340-8460

**Large plants:**

'American Halo' - Very round blue leaves with a wide cream margin, from 'Elegans'

( ) \$9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'Tidewater' - New, intensely blue waxy long narrow leaves with lots of veins. Arching foliage.

( ) \$11 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Medium plants:**

'Evening Blush' - Blue wavy pointed leaves, purple petioles and fantastic purple flowers.

( ) \$13 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'Stan the Man' - New, rare, blue leaves with a bicolor cream margin with some puckering.

( ) \$11 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Small plants:**

'Bachelor Party' - Twisted, upright green leaves with a pure white margin.

( ) \$9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'Curly Fries' - Very narrow, highly rippled arching yellow leaves. Unique and very popular.

( ) \$9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mini plants:**

'Dragon Tails' - Bright yellow, narrow, highly ruffled upright leaves. Makes a feathery clump.

( ) \$9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'Minutini' - Blue-green spring foliage, a rapid growth rate, near appearance.

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TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to see a photo of the plants, you can either go to "hostahosta.com" or the Hosta Library.com.

Following are some amusing names for groupings of animals, from Larry Tucker of Mid-South Hosta Society:

A gaggle of geese  
A pride of lions  
A school of fish  
A murder of crows  
A skein of geese (in the air , not on the ground)  
An exaltation of larks  
A count of clients (but the correct name is: a bitch of clients)  
A brace of bucks (deer)  
A quarry of deer (a heap of dead deer killed in the hunt)  
A colony of ants  
An army of caterpillars  
A labor of moles  
A dray of squirrels  
A murmuration of starlings  
A paddling of ducks  
A bale of turtles  
A clowder of cats  
A piddle of puppies  
A swarm of bees  
A stand of flamingos  
A sprinkling of gardeners  
A doctrine of doctors  
An impatience of wives  
A laughter of hostlers (not hostaphiles, rather those who care for horses or service trucks)  
A drift of fishermen  
A babble of barbers  
A swish o hairdressers  
A skulk of thieves  
An eloquence of lawyers  
A rascal of boys  
A giggle of girls  
An indulgence of pets  
A persistence of parents  
A mutter of mothers-in-law  
A nerve of neighbors  
An eternity of repairs  
A blizzard of bills  
A twaddle of public speakers  
A slant of journalists  
An obsession of collectors  
A goggle of tourists  
A haggle of vendors  
A click of photographers  
A lurch of buses and a fifth of scots

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**Feb. 12 - MVHS Meeting**

**Mar. 18 - Great Lakes Hosta College**

**June 7-10 - AHS Convention, Indianapolis, IN**

**June 22-24 - MRHS Convention, Kansas City, KS**

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Other hosta and garden web sites

—AHS - <http://www.hosta.org>

—Midwest Regional Hosta Society -

<http://www.midwesthostasociety.org>

—Hosta Library - <http://www.hostalibrary.org>

—Hosta Forum - questions and answers -

<http://forums.gardenwe.com/forums/hosta/>

—Mini Hosta Forum -

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/minihosta>