

# Hosta Horizons

Newsletter of the

*Russ O'Hara Hosta Society*

Sunday Oct 13, 2024

11:30 – 4:00 pm

Wallace Centers of

Iowa 2773 290th Street

Orient, IA 50858



Access the ROHS website at  
[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.

**Rob owns Made in the Shade Tissue Culture laboratory , specializing in hosta discovery and propagation. He will share insights and details on new hosta cultivars in the lab that will be on the market in the next 1-2 years.**



## Fall Meeting, Agenda

Sunday, October 13, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM

11:30 AM	Arrive and set up	1:00 PM	Keynote Speaker
12:00 PM	Potluck lunch	2:30 PM	Business Meeting

Plates, utensils, cups and beverages provided  
Please bring a dish to share.

## Russ O'Harra Hosta Society

### Minutes of the April 14, 2024 Meeting at the Iowa Arboretum and Gardens

12 Noon, set up for Potluck lunch.

1:10 PM, Dr. Donald Lewis gave a presentation on Slugs, Cutworms, and Sowbugs in Iowa gardens.

1:37 PM, the business meeting commenced. David Dettmann, treasurer, started off by explaining the current situation with the current President Peggy Moody. She is stepping down due to a continuing issue with husband Dave's health. David opened the floor to nominees for President, and Vice-President. Dr. Donald Lewis volunteered to be the next President of the Society. Unanimous 'Yea' vote from the attendees of the meeting. Dr. Lewis continued the meeting. No Vice President nominee. David staying on as Treasurer, Gary Garles staying on as Secretary. Secretaries report from previous meeting accepted as printed in the newsletter. Treasury report was handed out to members as printed sheets. The report was explained line by line, and passed as written unanimously.

Membership: The Society currently has 45 active, dues paying members. The AHS has provided an updated list of AHS members, by zip code, in Iowa. Some consideration of contacting these people will be made.

Old Business: Individuals who received metal ROHS signs last year should lightly clean, and then paint with a clear coat of Krylon acrylic paint. This should be done yearly. The convention plant received from attending the national convention last year will be registered as soon as it blooms. Tom Jurik handling that task. Kris Jurik and Don Draper presented a check to the ROHS for \$4740.77, which is the leftover money made by the convention team after all expenses were paid. A draft proposal was handed out to the members concerning the creation of an AHS National Display garden at the Iowa Arboretum. Essentially, the Arboretum Hosta display gardens meet all criteria set up by the AHS except an official plaque from the AHS. A discussion ensued about the positives and negatives of proceeding. The Arboretum directors and staff are enthusiastic about the designation. A motion was made and seconded to take the proceeds from the national convention and give them to the Arboretum, expressly for the purpose of generating the proper paperwork and submitting it to the AHS, getting the designation of National Display garden, obtaining the plaque, and subsequent maintenance of the gardens there now. It passed by unanimous vote. A summer tour is being contemplated. The alternate gardens from last year's AHS tour were suggested as a starting point (Flynn, Glasgow, Wells, Altoona Enabling Gardens). More discussion later. The Des Moines Botanical Center is having a Horticultural Fair May 10-11. Vote to pursue this as an educational opportunity for the Society. An ad hoc committee of David Dettmann, Kris Jurik, Dorothy Lewis, and Lisa Swanson will set up volunteers for this show. Josh Spece has asked to step down as Webmaster. Tom Jurik may agree to take over if the site is driven by Wordpress.

Kassidy, Tom, Cindy, and Diana each won a drawing of the door prize, donated by Gary Garles, of Hosta 'Bob The Builder'. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

**RENEWALS:** Please bring payment to the Fall Meeting or mail to the Treasurer/Membership Chair, David Dettmann 122 Bluegill Ct., Pella, IA 50219-7513. Membership cost is \$10 for one year, or \$25 for three years.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING ACTIVE AND CURRENT MEMBERS OF ROHS!**

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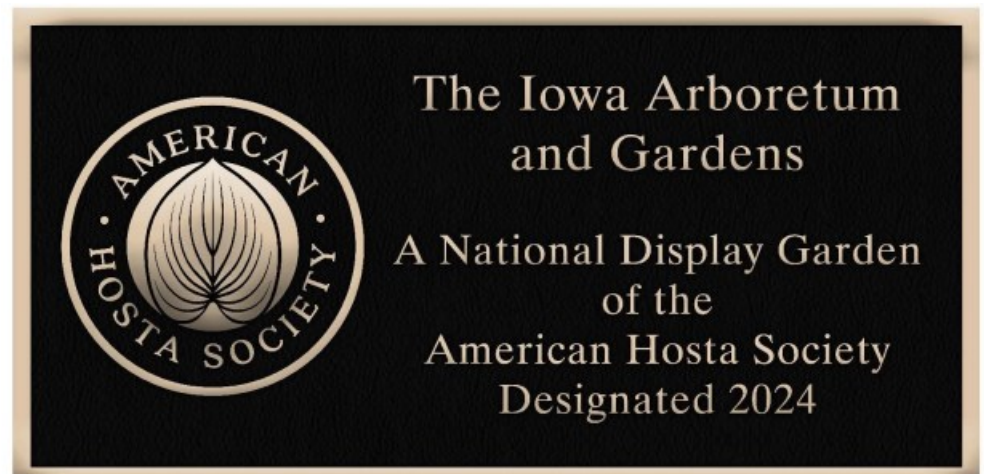
<https://wallace.org/wallace-farm/>

Set up for the potluck will start at 11:30. Bring a dish to share.

Iowa Arboretum & Gardens Designated as AHS National Display Garden  
The Board of Directors at the July, 2024 annual meeting of the American Hosta Society designated the Iowa Arboretum & Gardens as an AHS National Display Garden. The nomination for Display Garden status was submitted on behalf of the Russ O’Harra Hosta Society by the Society officers, following a donation from ROHS to expand and maintain the hosta collection. The Arboretum easily met or exceeded the American Hosta Society requirements for consideration as a display garden.

- o Public garden.
- o Over 250 Registered and Labeled Hosta Cultivars. The hosta collection began with Russ O’Harra selections procured by ROHS I in 1994. ROHS and Iowa Arboretum members have donated additional registered hostas to the collection.
- o Education Activities.
- o AHS Information Sharing.
- o Ongoing Maintenance Plan
- o Planned Permanent Care.

A plaque (pictured) recognizing attainment as a National Display Garden will be installed at the Arboretum and dedicated at the ROHS spring meet-





Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden's "Spring Garden Market" ROHS was represented with a booth at the "Spring Market Fair" on May 10 and 11, 2024. It was an enjoyable way to greet central Iowa gardeners and share information about hostas with the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society. Two new members joined ROHS at the Spring Garden Fair, 1 former member renewed, and 19 gardeners left their email address for more information.

