



# 2017 FALL HOSTA FORUM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

Plus Pizza & Program, Friday night – 9/15/17  
Edinboro University – 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA

The Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania and Western New York Hosta Society are happy to present the **TWENTIETH** Annual Fall Hosta Forum. All of the Forum activities take place at the Frank G. Pogue Student Center at Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA. It has exceeded our expectations and with the small inconvenience of having to move between hotel and venue, for those who stay, we are thrilled with the arrangements.

In this new venue, everything takes place in one enormous room – talks, vending and auctions. Some people have complained about the temperature – which is not within our control SO, we suggest that you bring jackets and sweaters that you can pile on if it's cooler than you would like.

Furthermore, we have worked out a deal with the Edinboro COMFORT SUITES, 1007 Market Place Drive, Edinboro, PA 16412, (814 969-7000) to hold a block of rooms for us @ \$119/night plus taxes. We will host a Hospitality Room there on Friday night for those who stay. **We suggest you book ASAP if you plan on staying.** We will be funding hospitality with a raffled “basket ‘o cheer”.

This year's theme is based on why we love hostas and their shady friends to begin with.... Because they are groovy, you are groovy and like, wow. They make our hearts sing, we feel the vibe and we want to, like, hug a tree or something.... So this Forum is all:

## PEACE, LOVE, PLANTS

**So... for those who don't remember (or have never been), here are the details**

Enclosed is the brochure and registration form that should be returned immediately (and certainly no later than September 1st). The groovy fee for the day is \$65 – but if you donate an auction item worth \$20 or more (or items... remember, this benefits the Societies and helps to keep prices down), then the registration fee is only \$55! This fabulous deal includes 4 righteous programs, lunch, access to lots of excellent vendors and a chance to score at the auction. **NOTICE THAT WE PUSHED BACK THE STARTING TIME A TAD TO ALLOW FOLKS TO TRAVEL IN THAT MORNING IF THEY SO DESIRE.**



*“all you need is love”*



However, since so many people do come in Friday night and stay, we have added a Friday night element along with a light, pizza and salad, dinner. **THIS WILL ALSO OCCUR AT THE UNIVERSITY.** We will then host a Hospitality Room at the Comfort Inn for those who have booked in there.

And don't forget the “wheelers and dealers”! We will have the usual high-quality blend of vendors with our usual array of exciting plant and garden items. This year we expect the usual suspects – Eagle Bay Hostas, DJ's Greenhouse – plus **Garden Vision, Mill Fleurs** and anyone else we can scoop up.

For those who attend the Friday night vendor preview, you will be receiving a \$5 voucher – redeemable at our vendors, just for being you. Make a weekend of it and get your reservations in today – space is limited! **NOTE: If you plan on Friday night, make your reservations NOW! The Comfort is holding our room block only till AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>, or until they sell out... whichever happens first!**

**And finally....** If you say you're bringing an auction item, two requests.... We're asking you to make it something **worthy** of an auction, and we're counting on you to **honor your word** (and to tell us in advance). We've experienced a few glitches so if you show up empty handed when we counted on you, we will ask you to ante up.....

*Maybe money can't 'buy you love', but it sure can get you some SWEET plants*