

Growing Together Growing Together

Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania

DECEMBER 2017

Oh well...It was inevitable—snow—is the time of the year & we all know is coming...And I know I sound like a broken record but the reality is that I can't believe there are only 2 more weeks & the year is gone! 2018 is like it can't wait to be here; out of the way—ready or not I'm coming in...

As always at the end of the year we tend to look back at what we did during the year which in my opinion, it was a successful year for the club. We accomplished all our schedule activities—some more successful than others but in general all good. (See Jim K. recap below)

Our last activity—not schedule—was this past Saturday, Dec 9, 2017 when we potted hundreds of daffodils. We now have 272 pots with daffodils inside the hoop house. We had 12 volunteers that brave the cold during a crisp morning with beautiful skies. And we worked fast as we were done by 12 Noon! Thanks to Gary & Susan, Steve & Bonnie, Jim & Margie, Robin, Bobbi, Lorraine, David, Mike & Matt—Great team work!

And as the year comes to an end so does my tenure as President. I have & are still learning about daffodils & hostas & being president—I don't think you can ever finish learning. It has been a privilege to be the Pres to the group for 5 years now. It had it's good & bad moments as with anything in life but for sure none would have been possible without the super group of people we have in the Steering Committee. They made all those shows & activities happen. They are always looking for better things for the club & go for it...So I have more than a BIG THANK YOU for all their support.

This will be my last newsletter as Pres. Megan Danik has volunteer to finish my tenure. We will have elections next year—sorry for the confusion at the banquet, my bad. So think if you would like to be part of the SC, trust me is the best way to be part of our club. Chuck O wil once again lead the Nominating Committee. So send your nominations to him: cvoaeo@zoominternet.net Hey, I am hereby nominating Megan—already!—for President.

I'll keep the Newsletter Editor & Hosta College rep—which BTW we need another representative as Lorraine retire. Pleeeease think about it all expenses are paid for either by HC or DHSWP.

Wishing you & your loved ones a Blessed Christmas & a happy, healthy New Year, Always, Alicia

Steering Committee

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From Jim Kalka

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As we move toward the upcoming holidays and the end of the year, it is a good time to both look back at the past year and forward to the New Year. 2017 started with the annual friends' lunch, the Soup luncheon at Phipps and, of course, the usual general and steering committee meetings.

The annual Daffodil and Hosta Shows were a success followed up with an excellent bus trip, picnic and banquet, plus several members only sales at the hoop house. The hoop house has provided us with wonderful plants, both daffodils and hostas, these plants have also sold very well at several different venues due to Chuck and Gary's efforts. Normally the banquet marks the end of the year; however this year we finished with an emergency replacement of the hoops house cover and spent a beautifully mild December day potting up the remaining Daffodil bulbs for next year's sales.

Two surveys were put out this year. Karen took the time to put out a survey to find out what interests and events the membership wants to pursue or add to the schedule. Sandy sent out a popularity poll to see what the membership's favorite Hostas are; this will also be a guideline as to what plants to order for future sales. The response was very low, but it is never to late to send your response even though the schedule for next year is done. Remember, this is everybody's club, your input is the driver the steering committee needs to keep the club active and successful.

Thanks to Alicia's diligence and dedication next year's schedule is set and once again we will have a full year of shows, meetings and social events. Something new for this year; John Powell is working with the Steering Committee toward adding a photography section to the Daffodil and Hosta shows. The specifics are still being worked out so come to the March 3rd meeting for John's presentation on Garden Photography for details. The show chairs already have started the process of recruiting their co-chairs and inviting judges. Gary has the Hostas for the picnic auction and this year's gift Hosta will be World Cup. Once again, we will be depending on our dedicated volunteers to help with events, so look at the at the attached 2018 schedule and mark your calendars for another year of great gardens, plants and friends.

Have a happy and safe holiday!





Members voted Karen Schmidt as our newest 2017 Service Award winner. Karen joined DHSWP out of her interest/love of hostas but throughout the years she has become a super volunteer; first as the Membership Chair, now as the Speaker & Trip Coordinator, & Registrar for Fall Forum.

She was given the award at our annual banquet on October 28, 2017. Congratulations Karen!

We also presented Claire McConaha & Clarence Rauch with the AHS President's Wall of Honor in the AHS website.

Both awards—one local, one national—are presented to those volunteers who have gone beyond "the call of duty" & are always ready to serve the club.



The DHSWP would like to thank the volunteers who came out to work at the hoop house on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2007. They replaced the plastic on the hoop house and trimmed the leaves off the hostas and placed them, in alphabetical order, inside the hoop house for the winter.

(L-R) Susan Gahagan, Gary Gahagan, Bonnie Plato, Keith Portka, Alicia Pérez, Margie Kalka, Jim Kalka, Gary Ball and Robin Kamin. Not in the photo are Steve Plato (taking photo) Dave Amrhein and John & Kate Powell. Hoop House mascot is Aerys, who as you may have notice was inspecting the crew!

JUST A REMINDER

We have been knocking at your door & nobody answer! And we really, really would like to know or have your opinion.

So pleeease, take a few minutes & let us know which are you favorite Hostas & which activities you like or not, and which ones you would like the club to do.

You'll find the forms later in the newsletter...
But you can send us the info without the form!
Just let us know your opinion.

Ay Caramba! Where are you?

A SNEAK PREVIEW FOR 2018!

New Hostas The Club Will Be Selling

- H. Enchiladas
- H. Inspire Greatness
- H. Jason & Katie
- H, Lipstick Blonde
- H. Red Bull
- H. Waukon Glass
- H. Climax
- H. Atom Smasher
- H. Arc de Triomphe
- H. Country Mouse
- H. 1st and Ten
- H. Sugar Plum
- H. World Cup (2018 HOTY)
- H. Deliverance
- H. Dinner Mint
- **2018 Auction Hostas**
 - H. Almost
 - H. Amalia
 - H. Armani
 - H. Blueberry Cobbler
 - H. Blushing Blue
 - H. Celtic Bouquet
 - H. Crinkled Leather
 - H. Crocodile Rock
 - H. Evening Blush
 - H. Purple Flash
 - H. Hot Kiss
 - H. Hyuga Urajiro
 - H. Lakeside Prophecy Fulfilled

- H. Ebony Towers
- H. Funny Mouse
- H. Lucky Mouse
- H. Paradise Island
- H. Parisian Silk
- H. Pinani Island Surf
- H. Ripple Effect
- H. Sapphire Pillows
- H. Blueberry Waffles
- H. Cracker Crumbs
- H. First Blush
- H. Waterslide
- H. Wheee!
- H. Lakeside Paisley Print (2019 HOTY)
- H. Monkey Business
- H. Mouse Trap
- H. Naked Lady
- H. Night at the Opera
- H. Obscene Gesture
- H. Ruffled Pole Mouse
- H. Silver Threads and Golden Needles
- H. The King
- H. The Sweetest Thing
- H. Tokyo Smog
- H. Totally Twisted
- H. Unruly Child





Also new next year the club will be selling 2 non-hosta plants. They will be Godzilla Giant Japanese Painted Fern and Rome In Red Hellebore part of the Honeymoon Series.

DHSWP 2018 SCHEDULE						
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS Northland Library ¹ on Saturday, Mar 24, May 12 & Nov 17 at 1:00 PM						
Saturday, January 6	12:00 Noon	12th Annual Friend's Winter Luncheon, Sarafino's				
Saturday, February 3	12:00 Noon	Annual Soup Luncheon at Phipps Garden Center in Shadyside				
Saturday, March 3	12:00 Noon	ANNUAL Meeting, Pizza & Salad Social, Church across from Library ² with John Powell on Garden Photography				
Fri - Sat, Mar 16 - 17		Hosta College, Piqua, OH				
MARCH 24	1:00 PM	STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING				
Thu – Sun, April 5 – 8		ADS National Daffodil Convention, Nashville, TN				
Saturday, April 14	1:00 PM	Daffodil Grooming Clinic, Church across the Library				
Saturday, April 28		Daffodil Show , joint with the Penn State Master Gardener's Symposium & Marketplace. Ice Rink at Shady Side Academy, Fox Chapel				
Sunday, May 6		Hosta Grooming Clinic with Jim Kalka, joint with Rock Garden Society Show & sale at Soergels				
MAY 12	1:00 PM	STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING				
Fri - Sat, May 18 - 19		Indiana Garden Club May Mart, Hosta Sale				
Saturday, June 2		Hosta Show & Sales at Soergels. Sales start at 10 AM, Show opens to the public around 1:30 PM (after judging)				
Sat - Sun, June 16 - 17		Whispering Pines Hosta Sale				
Thur - Sat, June 20 - 23		AHS National Hosta Convention, Philadelphia, PA				
Saturday, July 21	11:00 AM	Picnic & Hosta Auction at DJ's Greenhouse				
Saturday, August 4	1:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Northland Library with Mark Brady on Japanese Maples				
Saturday, August 18		Garden in the Parks Field Day				
Saturday, Sept 1	1:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Northland Library With Doug Beilstein on Hostas				
Fri - Sat, Sept 14 - 15		Fall Hosta & Garden Forum, Edinboro PA				
Saturday October 6	1:30 PM	Regular Meeting Northland Library with Bob Solberg on Hostas				
Saturday, November 3	12:00 Noon	End of Season Luncheon, with Gordon Vujevic on Bulbs				
NOVEMBER 17	1:00 PM	STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING				
DECEMBER 1	Pending	Christmas Gathering to introduce the Club to the South Hills. Bridgeville Library ³				

Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15237, 412-366-8100
 St John Lutheran Church of Highland, 311 Cumberland Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15237
 Bridgeville Public Library, 505 McMillan St, Bridgeville PA 15017, 412-221-3737

DHSWP 2017 HOSTALARITY POLL

Rank in order of most like (1.) to least favorite.

Favorite Hostas 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

	Favorite Minis
1.	
2	
3.	
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PLEASE VOTE TODAY!

RETURN TO SANDY ELLENBERGER BY:

E-MAIL: sandyle@zoominternet.net

Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western PA Survey - Fall 2017

Your Name:

		Currently	Interested in	Not	
		Participate	Future	Interested	
Interest (please pick one):					Friends luncheon
	Daffodil only				Soup luncheon, joint meeting with PIDS
	75% daffodil and 25% hosta				Regular meetings with speakers
	50% daffodil and 50% hosta				Daffodil grooming clinic
	25% daffodil and 75% hosta				Daffodil show volunteer
	Hosta only				Daffodil show participate
					National Daffodil Convention
Regular meetings:					Daffodil bagging for sale
	Speakers				Purchase daffodils from club
	Workshop				Hosta grooming clinic
	Social only				Hosta judging
	Do not attend meetings				Hosta show volunteer
					Hosta show participate
Bus trip:	Bus trip: Yes interested				Hosta College attendance
					Hosta College tailgate
Not interested, skip the rest					Fall Hosta Forum attendance
					National Hosta Conference
Please mark all that would apply to	Please mark all that would apply to you:				Hosta potting for sale
	Day trip, week day				Hosta sales volunteer (Hosta show, Whispering Pine, Hoop house, etc.)
	Day trip, Saturday or Sunday only				Purchase hostas from club
	Friday/Saturday trip				Open your garden for other members to visit
	Saturday/Sunday trip				Visit other member's gardens
					Picnic
					Garden in Parks - display table for DHSWP
					Banquet
Comments	s:				