



Growing Together Growing Together

Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania

SEPTEMBER/AUGUST 2017

This is it, the final stretch for the season!

Fall Hosta & Garden Forum is gone but you should know that we had a very nice crowd from our club. As always Karen & Claire did a superb job with registration, room, food & auctions—all very important to run the forum. Big THANK YOU!

We still have a couple of activities left:

- 1) The last **regular meeting for this year: Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Northland Library**. We will have Bonnie, Steve & Lenny talking about daffodils & bulbs & we will also have a bulb sale. You'll receive a listing later—Bonnie & Gary are working on it.

We need help bagging the daffodils: We will have a “bagging day” at the Hoop House on Tuesday, October 3rd. More details later in the newsletter.

- 2) Then is time for our **banquet Saturday, October 28 at 12 Noon at Luciano's**. Send me your reservations now. The form is in the newsletter.

And you may recall that we present the Service Pin Award at that time. So if you have not send me your nominations, you'll have until October 14 to send it in!

And we have a couple of surveys going on: **DHSWP 2017 HOSTALARITY POLL** from our Educational Chair, Sandy E. wants to know which are your favorite Hostas—including minis—which are the best in your garden.

And a **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** survey to help the Steering Committee better serve our members.

So please take a few moments to let us know the best Hostas in your garden, what would you like us to do/focus for next season AND send your reservation for the End of the Season Banquet!

So keep reading for more information, Alicia the Pres

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Service Pin Award: NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

In 2015 the Steering Committee decided to establish an award to recognize those members who have demonstrated exceptional volunteerism to the club. These are members who always turn up early, set the chairs, make the coffee, know where to find the keys, clean up, volunteer even when there is rain or snow & always welcome members—new & old—with a smile...

We are now accepting nominations for the award. The award will be presented at the banquet at the end of the season. Below are the recipients from 2015 & 2016.

2015 Honorees:

- Joan & Herbie Altman
- Jim & Sandy Ellenberger
- Bob Danik (posthumous)
- Lenny Lehman
- Lorraine Duffola
- Dennis James
- Clarence & Audrey Rauch

2016 Honorees:

- Susan & Gary Gahagan
- Jim Kalka
- Claire Mc Conaha.
- Chuck & Anne Olescyski
- Bonnie & Steve Plato
- C. Alicia Pérez



FALL HOSTA & GARDEN FORUM

From Karen Schmidt

The 20th annual Fall Hosta Forum was the best one yet! We had a record attendance of 73 on Friday night and 134 on Saturday. The speakers were exceptional, the vendors awesome and we also had good food and socializing.

Friday night we had pizza and salad and were able to do some shopping. Then there was a presentation on propagating hosta by using hydroponics. Afterward we had a get together at the hotel and was able to visit with others and enjoy some refreshments.

Saturday was jammed pack with great speaker presentations and more shopping. The live auction had over 100 hostas and one lucky NY member won the bid on Gunther's Prize for \$310. The silent auction had many items, plants and garden accessories and everyone got a free hosta 'Beach Boys'.

I want to thank the DHSWP and WNYHS FHF committee for all they do to make this a success.

END OF THE SEASON LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 28, 2017

12:00 Noon

Luciano's Brick Oven

161 Scharberry Lane

Mars PA 16046

724-687-0480

**The cost for the meal will be \$12.00 per person.
There will be a cash bar.**



The menu includes:

Soup or Salad, Bread, Coffee, Hot Tea or Iced Tea.

**Once you get to Luciano's you'll have a choice of Entrée:
Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, Chicken Salad or
Fettuccini Alfredo (with chicken or shrimp)**

We will have the elections at this luncheon, so please plan to come.

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Please, make reservations before October 20, Thanks:

Name (s) _____

Total Enclosed at \$12 per person _____

**Make check payable to
DHSWP
685 Harrogate Rd
Pittsburgh PA 15241**

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. _____
4. _____
5. _____



PLEASE VOTE TODAY!

RETURN TO SANDY ELLENBERGER EITHER BY:

E-MAIL: sandyle@zoominternet.net

OR AT THE NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 14TH.



WE ARE GETTING READY FOR 2018 YOUR OPINION COUNTS

So the committees can better plan for 2018, we would like to know your interest in activities and volunteer opportunities. Please fill out the survey and send it back to me at karensmg@aol.com or mail to:

Karen Schmidt
111 N Benbrook Rd
Butler PA 16001

This will be used to better meet the needs of the whole group. I would really appreciate to hear from all of you, please take a few minutes and complete the survey.

Please add under comments any topics you would like to hear or a new activity or a suggestion to better the group.

Please return to me by October 21 and be entered into a drawing, to be awarded at the end of season luncheon on October 28.

Thanks, Karen Schmidt

Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western PA Survey - Fall 2017

Your Name:

Interest (please pick one):

- Daffodil only
- 75% daffodil and 25% hosta
- 50% daffodil and 50% hosta
- 25% daffodil and 75% hosta
- Hosta only

Regular meetings:

- Speakers
- Workshop
- Social only
- Do not attend meetings

Bus trip:

- Yes interested
- Not interested, skip the rest

Please mark all that would apply to you:

- Day trip, week day
- Day trip, Saturday or Sunday only
- Friday/Saturday trip
- Saturday/Sunday trip

Currently Participate	Interested in Future	Not Interested	
			Friends luncheon
			Soup luncheon, joint meeting with PIDS
			Regular meetings with speakers
			Daffodil grooming clinic
			Daffodil show volunteer
			Daffodil show participate
			National Daffodil Convention
			Daffodil bagging for sale
			Purchase daffodils from club
			Hosta grooming clinic
			Hosta judging
			Hosta show volunteer
			Hosta show participate
			Hosta College attendance
			Hosta College tailgate
			Fall Hosta Forum attendance
			National Hosta Conference
			Hosta potting for sale
			Hosta sales volunteer (Hosta show, Whispering Pine, Hoop house, etc.)
			Purchase hostas from club
			Open your garden for other members to visit
			Visit other member's gardens
			Picnic
			Garden in Parks - display table for DHSWP
			Banquet

Comments: _____

