



Growing Together Growing Together

Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania

SPRING 2023

Welcome to Spring 2023

Time to start thinking about Spring and Summer 2023. Spring cleanup and planning this year's garden are on the list. Once again DHSWP will be hosting a Cut leaf show along with the club's other events.

There are two different schools of thought on Garden clean up; do it in the fall or wait till spring. Cleaning up in the fall removing leaf litter and spent foliage eliminates shelter for a number of organisms both beneficial and what we consider garden pests. While I did my normal fall clean up (clean but not too clean) I was unable to maintain this condition over the winter. Accumulations of leaves that were blown in by the wind, and add to this the bizarre winter weather, I expect an increased population of various organisms. I am already having a very active tick population to deal with. So please be careful as you start your spring gardening chores.

On the subject of pests, now is the time to establish your game plan for deer and rabbits. It is time to get out and see if the deer have established paths through your property and see if it is possible to disrupt their regular habits. If you have not already done so it is worthwhile to apply Milorganite to your beds and lawn as an initial deterrent. As your plantings break ground, they are nice tender food for both deer and rabbits. Think about encircling your Hostas with wire fencing; this helps protect them from both the deer and rabbits. It is never too soon to start spraying with either commercial or home brewed repellents. The thing to remember is the deer will become accustomed to whatever you are using so it may become necessary to switch products on occasion. These are the methods I have used, there are many more methods available online. Some suggestions will be useful and some not.

A few of us are having problems with foliar nematodes making our Hostas look horrible at the end of the season. A product the AHS has spent money to research and develop is NEMA STOP. It is an organic product (cinnamon, clove, and thyme oil) that works on contact with the nematode. Contact is the key word; plants need to be drenched with the final mix (2 tsp per gal) in the spring when the Hostas break ground; then used as a foliar spray as the Hostas show symptoms. I used NEMA STOP for the first-time last spring and as a foliar spray last summer. While the results were not 100%, I saw a noticeable improvement and wished I had started years ago. I am anxious to see the results of last year's efforts and have every intention of using it again this year. If anyone is having a nematode problem and has questions or would like some assistance in using NEMA STOP feel free to contact me.

While these are not the only problems we can have with our Hostas, I feel this is the time of year to address what we can do in the spring.

Looking forward to a great growing season and beautiful gardens.

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State of the Union

**Join us in
our annual
meeting
and Doug
Beilstein**

**St John's Lutheran
Church, 311
Cumberland rd.
Pittsburgh, Pa 15237**

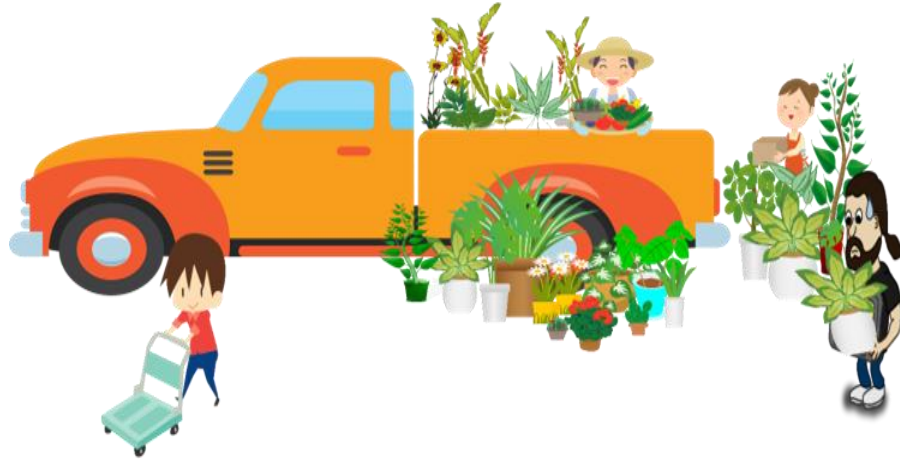


March 25th, 1-4pm downstairs



Topic: The Race for Red - Petioles, Flowers and the Blush !
This course will review the history of red petioles and flowers and show their current status, plus who's working on them. Blushing in hosta will be examined with the latest results shown. Bio: Doug has spent over 25 years hybridizing hosta. One of his cultivars, H. World Cup was recognized as Hosta of the Year in 2018. He feels he is on the right track now working with tetraploids and the reds. Doug was AHS President between 2011 and 2013. Doug has participated in Hosta Roundtables at the AHS national conventions.

SHOPPING CAR POOL TRIP: INDIANA COUNTY FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2023



We will visit 9 nurseries and eat at a nice restaurant in Rural Valley. We will start off at Sheetz, 13510 US-422, Kittanning at 8:30 a.m. (There is a parking lot next to Sheetz where ride-sharers can leave their vehicle). We will follow each other so no one gets lost and we enjoy the experience together. If you prefer, you can meet us at our first stop at Gary Ball's home where he will give us a tour of his garden where he has many different types of beautiful daffodils, weather permitting. We will meet there at 9:30 a.m. We can stay at each place at our leisure. Looking forward to spending the day with you! Contact Susan Gahagan Let me know if you are going and if you will meet us at Sheetz's or Gary Ball's.

GARY BALL'S HOUSE and his many daffodils. Gary is a DHSWP member.
2927 Clarksburg Rd., Clarksburg PA

PIKE'S PEAK NURSERY 8289 US-422, Penn Run
<https://www.pikespeaknurseries.net/>

FAUGHT'S GARDEN CENTER 50 Airport Road, Indiana
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057794314342&sk=about>

TWOLICK'S VALLEY NURSERY 3200 Airport Road, Indiana
<https://www.facebook.com/twolickvalleynursery>

BURKETT'S NURSERY 233 PA-110, Indiana

MUSSER FORESTS 1880 Old Rte. 119 Hwy. N, Indiana
Tree grower of quality seedlings and transplants (musserforests.com)

Next, we will visit four different **Amish greenhouses**. They have a little bit of everything annuals, vegetables, hanging baskets, ferns, perennials, container arrangements, potting soil, etc!

RESTAURANT
<https://www.facebook.com/CharleysPlaceRuralValley>

See information on the restaurant at the end of newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH A DAY TRIP TO ERIE, PA IS PLANNED

- **Scotland Yard Garden Center – Edinboro, PA**
<https://www.scotlandyardsgreenhouse.com/>
- **Creekside Botanical Gardens – Fairview, PA**
Open by appointment only, private tour
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Creekside-Botanical-Gardens/100057314116138/>
- **Private Gardens**
- **Potratz Floral Shop – Erie, PA** <http://www.potratz.com/>
- **Stan's Garden Center – West – Erie, PA**
<https://www.stansgardencenter.com/>
- **Dinner at the end of day**

Details will be sent by email prior to trip.
Please let me know if you are interested in going.
Karen Schmidt: karensmq@aol.com

DHSWP DAY TRIP JUNE 2, 2023 (FRIDAY)

For those carpooling meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Giant Eagle parking lot behind Wendy's on Route 19 (easier to get on the turnpike that way), otherwise we will meet you at the first stop (Kridler's Gardens) at 9:00 a.m. (Remember your EZPass)

We will take a lunch break after Petitti's, I am allowing 45 minutes. I will be stopping at Raising Cane (fried chicken tenders only) which is about 1/4 mile from Petitti's, there is a grocery store Fresh Thyme Market in the same parking lot. If you do not like chicken, then you can go in there and get something (they have hot soup and pizza) or go to another fast food nearby and will all meet up at Rohr's afterwards.

Please let me know if you are going.
If you are interested in carpooling, let me know if you need a ride or can offer a seat in your car.
Karen Schmidt karensmq@aol.com 724-679-3818

Kridler's Gardens (annuals, perennials, shrubs, HOSTAS)
4809 Homeworth Road, Homeworth, OH <https://kridlergardens.com/Nursery>

Dehoff Greenhouse (annuals, perennials, shrubs, water plants)
3517 Beechwood Ave., Alliance, OH <http://dehoffs.com>

Petitti Garden Center (annuals, perennials, shrubs, gift shop)
5656 Dressler Road, NW, North Canton, OH <https://www.petittigardencenter.com/locations/canton>

Lunch Break

Rohr's Nursery (annuals, perennials, shrubs, water plants, gift shop)
7211 Portage Street NW, Massillon, OH <https://rohrsnursery.com>

Dayton Nurseries (annuals, perennials, shrubs)
3459 S Cleveland Massillon Road, Norton, OH <http://www.daytonnursery.com>

DIVISION 1 – HORTICULTURAL – CUT LEAF SHOW

Preplanning Your Hosta Show Exhibit

‘GETTING A HEAD START’

1. Stroll through your garden and select those eye-popping plants that are sure to give you some great leaf specimens.
2. Protect leaves from falling debris and critter damage by covering them with light weight netting.
3. Eliminate the chance of frost damage by covering with frost cloth or sheets.
4. Broadcast slug bait early in the spring to prevent slug and snail damage.

SELECTING YOUR SPECIMENS: ‘Pick of the Litter’

1. Select mature leaves located on the outside perimeter of the clump.
2. Cut the stem close to the base at a 45° angle.
 - a. This allows for maximum water absorption which is critical to the vigor of the leaf.
3. Avoid leaves that have holes, blemishes, tears and evidence of critter damage.

PREPARING YOUR SPECIMENS: ‘Cleaning up Your Act’

1. Pick leaves several days before the show.
 - a. Place them in a cool water bath to preserve their rigidity.
2. Begin the grooming process at home.
 - a. See techniques for grooming in the show booklet. A final inspection before staging them in the appropriate test tube or vase.
3. Save time – label leaves and fill out exhibit tags. Enter leaf size (LxW) on show card.
 - a. See Classification Lists for help.

JUDGING YOUR SPECIMENS: ‘Here Comes the Judge’ and they will be looking for the following...

1. Form – Form and shape are true to the variety.
2. Color and Pattern – Typical to variety.
Symmetry must be uniform.
3. Size – Leaf meets qualifications as found in classification list.
4. Texture – Surface quality such as ribbed or silken gleam.
5. Conditioning and Grooming – Wilting, flabbiness, disease, insect holes, and dirt are faults.
Cleanliness is good grooming.
6. Substance – Applies to firmness and rigidity of leaf and stem.
7. Labeling – Exhibit should be correctly labeled. Add leaf’s dimensions.

MOST COMMON FAULTS: ‘Ouch! How Did I Miss That?’

1. Conditioning/Grooming – dirty leaves, holes are evident. Remove dirt from puckers and deep veins.
2. Size – avoid immature leaves.
3. Color and Pattern – lacks symmetry
4. Substance – leaf lacks firmness, droops.
5. Form – Avoid misshapen leaves due to critter/weather damage.

NOTE – Help will be available for grooming leaves during prep time. This can be a learning and fun activity.
Novices – First time exhibitors indicate by displaying blue dot on entry card.

See you at the DHSWP Hosta Show on June 17, Chuck O.

DHSWP 2021 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!

WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE HOSTA?

*We would loooved it if you would let us know
which hostas you like the most in your garden & why!
Photos would be greatly appreciated too!*

Email responses to cvoaeo@zoominternet.net
or mail to Chuck Olescyski, Box 14, Mars, PA 16046.
You may also bring your survey to any DHSWP sponsored meeting!

2023 DIXIE REGIONAL HOSTA MEETING
“CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE”
CARY, NC MAY 4-7, 2023

It will not be long before spring is here and the hostas are jumping out of the ground. This year the Dixie Regional will try to take advantage of the excitement of early May to have our annual meeting. It will be hosted by Bob Solberg, Regional Director and Beth Barnes, Regional Treasurer centered in Cary, NC. The dates are May 4-7 at the Comfort Suites Regency Park, 350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518.

The meeting will have a new and fun format. It will be a “Choose Your Own Adventure”. Attendees will choose from a too long list of world class botanical gardens, excellent nurseries, and local gardens to visit in their own vehicles on Friday and Saturday. Of course, we suggest carpooling, so you make new hosta friends or catch up with old ones. Suggested lists will be provided for both days, emailed to all registrants before they arrive so they can start to plot their adventure ahead of the meeting.

There will be hospitality at the hotel on Thursday and Friday nights with an educational presentation Friday night after dinner on your own. Saturday night we will have our Annual Meeting, pizza party, and fun auction after we return from touring.

Some of the attractions include the J. C Raulston Arboretum, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, WRAL Azalea Gardens, and the NC Farmers Market. Plant Delights will be open that weekend as well as Green Hill Farm on Saturday as well as many, many local nurseries. There will also be some private gardens to visit featuring hostas and a variety of gardening styles. Check the schedule for suggested days to visit each of these.

Registration is easy and very affordable, just \$35.00. Please copy and mail the registration form to Beth Barnes with your check. You can register for the hotel online at this link:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8> or call the Hotel (919) 852-4318 and mention the Group is the Dixie Regional Hosta Society and the code is SW24E8. The rate is \$124.00 for King or Double Room plus State and local tax.

We hope we can be part of your hosta adventure this spring and you will choose to come and see us in May. Questions? Contact Bob Solberg, HostaBob@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE
2023 FALL HOSTA FORUM
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2023

SPEAKERS:

BOB SOLBERG – HOSTA BASICS

TAMMY BORDON – HOSTA GARDEN DESIGN

MICHAEL VAUGHN – WOODLAND SHADE PLANTS

CHRIS BAKER – COLEUS

DHSWP 2023 SCHEDULE

When	What	Where	Website
March 17-18	Hosta College		Hosta College
March 25	State of the Union	St John's Church	
April 28, Friday	Shopping trip & Gary Ball garden	Indiana, PA	
April 29-30	Joe Hamm's Daffodil Show	99 Maple Rd. Hopewell	
May 22	Hoop House Sale		
May 24, Wednesday	Trip to Erie, PA	Private gardens & Garden centers	
June 2, Friday	Shopping trip to Akron, OH		
June 7-10	AHS National Hosta Convention	Ames, Iowa	http://hostaconvention.org/
June 17	Hosta Show	Soergels	Soergels
August 3, Thursday	Nature Walk	North Park Meadows	
August 6, Sunday	Picnic	Dj's	DJ's Greenhouse
August 25, Friday	Ernst Conservation Seed Co tour		
September 15-16	Fall Hosta Forum		Fall Hosta Forum
October 7	General Meeting		
November 4	End of Season Banquet	Luciano's	
December 7, Thursday	Christmas Breakfast	Eat N Park, Wexford	

Fields of Hosta Dreams AHS National Convention June 7–10, 2023 | Ames, Iowa

What can you expect at the nation's largest hosta convention?

- A First Inning welcome reception with better-than ballpark hospitality, including live music and a light dinner
- Bases-loaded garden tours
- Out-of-the-park educational sessions
- Home Run AHS sanctioned Hosta Show
- Batter-up Hosta auction
- Big League 'Hostatality' social events
- Vendors! And we don't mean peanuts

The Story Behind Our Theme

Iowa is home to the famed baseball ballpark that was built in a cornfield and featured in the 1989 film, *Field of Dreams*. It still stands today, near Dyersville in eastern Iowa, and has become a tourist destination for many. Our theme is a nod to this attraction, but also recognizes the efforts of our gardeners who dream of the ultimate hosta garden. We hope you enjoy your time in our community during the convention!



AHS
2023
FIELDS OF
HOSTA
DREAMS
AMES, IOWA

Join Us!

American Hosta Society
National Convention

June 7–10 | Ames, Iowa
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center

LEARN MORE

Charley's Place 114 W Main St, Rural Valley

Charley's Place has the reputation for being one of the top restaurants in the area. An Italian restaurant that offers the best in Italian and American cuisine. The menu ranges from a wide variety of our famous pizzas, pastas, salads, sandwiches, and more. Charley's place also offers a fully stocked bar equipped to serve premium cocktails, wine, and beer. A 20% gratuity is added for groups of 8 or more.

CHARLEY'S PLACE (724) 783-6381

"Pizza" Our Specialty

Made from Homemade Dough with *Tomato* or *White* (garlic) sauce

Small - 6 cut \$ 8.95 \$ 1.60 per topping

Large - 8 cut \$ 9.95 \$ 2.00 per topping

Toppings: Extra cheese * Pepperoni * Mushrooms * Green Peppers * Onions

Tomato * Sausage * Banana Peppers * Black Olives * Ham * Bacon * Pineapple *

Anchovies * Extra Thick

Salads

Toss salad \$ 6.00

Steak Salad \$ 14.75

Chicken Salad (made w/ Marinated chicken breast) \$ 14.75

Chef Salad (made with Ham and Cheese) \$ 13.50

House dressing: Homemade Italian

Other dressings: Thousand Island * French * Ranch * Sweet and Sour *

* Honey Mustard * Blue cheese * Balsamic Vinaigrette

Extra dressings \$ 0.50 each

Extra toppings \$ 1.00 each (Shredded cheese * Mushrooms * Anchovies)

Italian Dinners

Spaghetti (Tomato sauce w/ Meatball or Mushrooms) Reg. \$ 12.25 Mini \$ 10.50

Spaghetti (Tomato sauce w/ Hot Sausage or Chicken) \$ 14.50

Penna Pasta (Alfredo sauce) \$ 12.25

Penna Pasta (Alfredo sauce with Chicken) \$ 14.50

Ravioli (filled with meat) Reg. \$ 14.75 Mini \$ 12.25

Gnocchi (potato dumplings w/ tomato sauce) Reg. \$ 13.50 Mini \$ 11.50

Tortellini (filled w/ cheese w/ tomato sauce) Reg. \$ 13.50 Mini \$ 11.50

Lasagna (w/ tomato sauce) \$ 14.75

Italian Dinner include: Tossed Salad or Applesauce, Bread and butter

Additions - Meatballs - \$1.25 each * Shredded Cheese - \$1.00 each

Seafood Dinner

Fish (breaded cod) Reg. \$ 14.25 Mini \$ 12.50

Shrimp (large breaded shrimp) Reg. \$ 15.00 Mini \$ 13.50

Shrimp & Fish Combination \$ 15.00

Seafood Dinners include: Tossed Salad or applesauce, French Fries or Side Spaghetti, Bread & Butter

Sandwiches

Hamburger \$ 6.00

Cheeseburger \$ 6.50

Pizza burger \$ 6.50

Grilled Chicken Parmesan \$ 7.00

Breaded Chicken \$ 7.00

Fish \$ 6.50

Subs

Steak and Cheese \$ 8.75

Jumbo Fish \$ 8.75

Hot Sausage (onion & green peppers) \$ 8.75

Italian Sub (hot or cold) \$ 8.25

Meatball sub with cheese \$ 8.25

Additions - \$ 0.50 each

Cheese * Mushrooms * Green peppers * Banana peppers

Appetizers

French Fries Small \$ 4.00 Large \$ 5.50

Add - Gravy or Cheese \$1.00

Breaded Mushrooms \$ 6.25

Breaded Cauliflower \$ 6.25

Beer Battered Onion Rings \$ 6.25

Breaded cheese sticks w/ sauce \$ 6.25

Hot Pepper Cheese Balls \$ 6.25

Breaded Zucchini Plank \$ 6.25

Bread sticks w/sauce \$ 5.50

Chicken tenders \$ 8.00

Chicken tenders w/ French fries \$ 10.00

Clams strips \$ 8.00

Clams strips w/ French fries \$ 10.00

Wing Dings 1/2 doz. \$ 8.00 1doz. \$14.00

Dipping Sauces - *Ranch *Blue Cheese *Honey Mustard

*BBQ *Red Hot *Mild Buffalo* \$0.50 each

NOVEMBER '22

LAST WORD



Mail-order Lament

My caution goes numb when the catalogs come.
No way will it end for the good.
Cold winter without, but the spring pages shout.
"You better buy more than you should."

Some flowers, some seed: I just check what I need.
The total? Five hundred and ten!
A terrible blow. So back I must go.
The list must be pruned and then...

It's still way too high. I almost can cry.
The visions of glory are fading.
Cross out and erase. A perennial case.
Of not enough cash. How degrading.

The list now is brief after pain and much grief.
The numbers, though, still wreck my budget.
Much more must be cut. I economize, but
The truth... well, I'm going to fudge it.

For I cannot say no to the flowers that glow
On the page and then after, the garden.
So what if I blunder? The balance goes under.
I'll look to the bank for a pardon.

All shame be to them if their view is so grim
That money they count more than beauty.
As for me, I must grow every flower I know.
For that, I believe, is my duty.

—John C. Streed, *Excelsior, MN*

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