

# Hosta Horizons

Newsletter of the

*Russ O'Harra Hosta Society*

March 2018

Next meeting:

April 8th 2018

Location: Iowa Arboretum Madrid, Iowa

Time: 12pm-4pm

## Agenda

Noon-12:30 pot luck, set up and social time

12:30 pm Pot Luck (bring a dish to share).

1:15 pm speaker Mark Schneider,  
Director of the Iowa Arboretum, the 50th  
anniversary of the Arboretum and the  
Arboretum Master Plan.

Business Meeting: Secretary, Treasurer and  
President reports.

New business: Discussion and planning for the  
2018 Summer Garden Tour/Auction, 25th  
Anniversary of ROHS.



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.

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## 2018 ROHS Summer Garden Tour/Auction

Ideas are not fully developed, but a concept for a Shade and sun garden tour plus Van Wyk Recovery Auction Part 2. Dates and location (Knoxville area) are being explored. Hopefully details will be arranged and confirmed in time to be shared at the spring meeting.

## 2018 is the 25th Anniversary of the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society!

We would like to celebrate this milestone with a meaningful and fun experience. Remembering our heritage, charter founders, historical events, members and the genus hosta and it's status as the friendship plant.

ROHS President Janann Abels and Treasurer David Dettmann met for some preliminary brainstorming of possibilities and are continuing to do research for the anniversary. As the hosta "Radio Waves" (introduced by ROHS member Greg Johnson) would say, "Stay tuned!"

2018 Midwest Regional Hosta Society "Hosta's Play in Peoria" will be held July 12-14 in Peoria, IL.

The MRHS event includes 2 full days of self-driven tours of wonderful gardens, plant auction, 2 banquets, hosta show, judges clinic, and an optional excursion & BBQ to Hornbaker Gardens.

### Convention speakers:

Glenn Herold "Hostas thru the Ages"

Jack Barta "What works for Me"

Josh Speece "Miniature hostas"

Rob Mortko "New Plants Coming to Market"

Tom Micheletti "An Overview of Hosta Species"

### Registration:

Cost is \$165/person for the full experience.

Registrations paid by May 31 will be entered into a drawing for 2 free (reimbursed) registrations.

Please see the website ([www.Midwesthostasociety.org](http://www.Midwesthostasociety.org)) for registration forms, garden tours, hotel, schedule, and other details.

2018 American Hosta Society "50th Anniversary" Summer Gala Convention will be held June 20-23 in the Philadelphia area, near the location of the first AHS convention held in 1968.

This historical celebration is hosted by the Delaware Hosta Society, and highlights Philadelphia's status as "America's Garden Capital."

The centerpiece of the event is the fabulous Longwood Gardens with its Main Fountain Garden and Shady Hillside Garden.

Which will be available to convention goers as a supplemental 5 hour tour/show.  
Not to be missed is the 9:30pm "Fountain show" with music, lights, lasers and lots of "wows!"

The convention features 2 days of bussed tours of 7 amazing private gardens (check out the website pictures of the gardens!), international speakers, vendors galore, hosta show, judges clinics, 2 auction's, a 50th birthday party and a 50th anniversary party, and optional garden tours.

Registration is \$315 thru May 1st, and \$35 more if registering after May 1st;  
Longwood Garden supplement is \$38/person.

There are optional tours of Philadelphia, and the event location is in the King of Prussia/Valley Forge Double Tree Hotel (located near 1 of the largest malls in the US). See the AHS convention website ([www.ahs2018philly.org](http://www.ahs2018philly.org)) for full details, registration forms, schedule, etc.

ROHS Fall Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2017

#### **Business Meeting**

Gathering at the Iowa Arboretum Hughes Education Center, President Janann Abels called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Discussion was held for ideas to recruit new members with the possibility of having a raffle in the spring for new members or members who bring in new members.

President Janann introduced her friend and our speaker, John Pearson, who did a presentation on the Ledges Lichen Trail and Lichens of North America.

#### **Officers Reports**

**Secretary** – Minutes of the spring meeting were available at this meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Ken Outzen and seconded by Jean Belzer All ayes.

**Treasurer** – David Dettmann reported a balance of \$7,857.39 (April balance). Current balance of \$12,048.36.

Expenses include \$220.00 for web hosting and domain name

\$100.00 to Iowa Arboretum

\$45.48 newsletter expense and 63.17 + \$71.57

Sponsor artistic award at American Hosta Society

\$60.00 to commission a potterer to create a vase

\$250.00 scholarship

\$75.00 organizational membership to Iowa Arboretum

\$1,007.72 tour and auction expense (supplies, harvesting plants, promotional advertizing

\$4,780.00 income from plant sale and membership renewals of income.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Marilyn Gliem and seconded by Helen Kopetzki. All ayes.

#### **Old Business**

Still need a Vice President – PLEASE VOLUNTEER AS VP – whose function is to organize the summer tour and auction and to step in for the President if necessary.

#### **New Business**

2018 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ROHS

Charter members were listed and thanked for organizing ROHS

Committee for anniversary celebration are Ken Outzen, David Dettmann, Ron Humeston, Jerri \_\_\_\_\_ and Sheila Kenny.

Ron Humeston entertained the idea of a function at the Botanical Center to honor the charter members.

Discussion was held to attempt to complete the Russ O'Harra hosta collection

David Dettmann spoke of Midwest Hosta Region will have no more winter meeting, now fall get together.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 8, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m..

Marilyn P. Gliem

Secretary