

Hosta Horizons

Newsletter of the

Russ O'Hara Hosta Society

April 2022

Meeting

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Iowa Arboretum

Noon (Potluck) - 4pm



Access the ROHS website at
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.

Welcome To All,

The weather continues to tease us with many changes from very cold to record high temperatures as well as rain, ice, snow, and damaging forms of winds. Spring is coming on Sunday. Let's hope the weather proves "Spring has Sprung".

Some of our members and friends have experienced the damaging winds. Invite them to take a break and come with you for lunch. This is a simple way to support them and may be very needed as well as appreciated.

The Hosta Spring Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th at the Iowa Arboretum, Noon to 4 pm. Noon -12:45 (setup/arrival of members/guests); 1 pm Lunch with meeting to follow. Last meeting it was suggested that we move our meetings around to different locations. Everyone seemed okay with enjoying other locations. Bring your suggestions so that we can schedule ahead and have meetings on the calendar.

A Reminder: Summer Events you may want to register to attend.

ROHS local tour and auction discussed at meeting for date and area

AHS National Convention: June 9 – 11, 2022

Web site: www.hostavision2022.com

Minneapolis Marriott NW

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55428

MRHS Convention: July 14-16. 2022

Doubletree By Hilton

3003 Corporate West Drive

Lisle, Illinois "Hosta Chicago Style"

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The ROHS new Brochure and business card will be available for viewing at our meeting. Thanks to Dorothy Lewis for her creative design of both items so our members have tools to use in promoting an organization that one should join.

Look forward to visiting with everyone again. Bring some suggestions for speakers and topics for programs at future meetings. This is an organization for everyone to enjoy: eating good food, having fun, gaining Hosta knowledge, sharing these experiences with others and everyone is needed to communicate and participate for OUR organization to grow.

Come and enjoy a potluck lunch on April 10 th at the Iowa Arboretum. Bring a member or friend.

Peggy Moody, President

ROHS Fall Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2021

Business Meeting

Gathering at the Iowa Arboretum , President Peggy Moody called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Officers Reports

Secretary – Minutes of the July, 2021 meeting were published in the newsletter and on the website. Approved as printed by President Peggy Moody with the correction of American Hosta Society Convention to be held June 6 -10, 2023 instead of June 6 - 11, 2023.

Treasurer – David Dettmann reported a current balance of \$7,409.88.

Expenses include — \$250.00 contribution to Iowa Arboretum, \$250.00 Ted Davidson scholarship, After additional expenses balance will be approximately \$6,900.00 Two year membership extension on behalf of Covid Helen Kopitzke made a motion for audit of Treasurer's report, seconded by Nancy Wells. All ayes.

Old Business

We still need a Vice President and nomination and election of all officers. Committee for summer garden tour and another committee for auction needed. Hospitality to set up lunch for auction and garden tour function. Don Draper suggested June 26 for tour and auction.

New Business

President Moody communicated with Josh Spece about ROHS website. He is to update list of officers and change in membership dues. He added himself as web master and also AHS web master. Former President Marlys Anderson set up ROHS face book with 910 likes and 907 follow and face book account is still active and a good place to post meeting and other functions.

List of Russ O'Harra hostas to be e-mailed to senders

Dorothy Lewis gave a report on the updated brochure and on business cards.

Donald Lewis and Don Draper reported on 2023 AHS convention. Gary Garles made a motion to approve 2023 Hosta Convention information, seconded by Rob Berwick. Ayes have it.

Treasurer Dettmann stated Katie and Mary O'Harra are active members. Eileen O'Harra in Texas has not had membership update since 2015. Joan O'Harra lives in the O'Harra house and keeps up with improvements of her Dad's collection and legacy of his garden. David Dettmann mad a motion that Joan O'Harra should have a lifetime membership because of her dedication to her Dad's legacy, seconded by David Moody. Ayes have it.

Next meeting on April 10, 2022, possibly at the Wallace Center (Country Life Center) in Orient.

Speaker TBD

Speaker was Tyler Johnson, Iowa Arboretum Curator of Collections and Grounds. He presented an update on the Iowa Arboretum since the derecho and provide a vision of gardens to be added and/or updated. Tyler spoke to us during lunch with much information and detail.

President Moody adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Marilyn P. Gliem

Secretary

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ROHS MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND RENEWAL REPORT

The ROHS membership records have been reconciled, more or less successfully, to reflect the current status. Multiple factors have been involved in developing this membership status report. For the past seven years, we have not been sending direct renewal reminders and membership status statements to members on our list, and relied on placement of a membership year placed on the member name in the newsletter mailings. There are currently seven surviving and active Charter Members since the organization was developed in 1993:

(Skip Hitchcock, Tom & Deanna Jones, Tom Kenney, Helen Kopitzke, Don & Dorothy Lewis, Sue Slater, Donna Yeast).

We have members on the list who were granted memberships by their kind support as a garden tour host (each granted one year of complimentary membership), with hopes that they would become active continuing members. While the complimentary membership hasn't been very successful in growing our active membership, we plan to continue this recognition and reward process in appreciation for the hard work, time, and expense in being a garden host. We have granted compensatory membership credit for the past two years of Covid-19 inactivity, and essentially everybody on the membership list was considered to be "paid thru" 2021 in order to start with a clean slate. The use of the two years of compensatory membership Covid-19 means members who maintained paid memberships will have status as follows: Those who have paid up to 2020 will be considered paid members thru 2022, those paid thru 2021 will be considered paid members thru 2023, those paid thru 2022 will be considered paid members thru 2024, and so on. If a member joined in 2021, then the membership period is as usual as the Covid-19 credit does not apply, and if joining in 2020, then a one year Covid-19 credit was applied.

THANK YOU! to the members who have been continuing active paid members. We know that there are some members who are not able to attend ROHS functions, but want to provide support to ROHS and maintain communication with the membership. We are excited to note NEW MEMBERS since January 2021 by providing that designation in front of their names, and THANK those who have joined or sponsored a new member. The following are the current active paid members in alphabetical order with the current "paid thru" date (which includes any applicable Covid-19 credit) in parentheses:

Carl & Joann Barnes (2023), Diana Bedwell (2023), Jean Belzer (2024), Janine Bennett (2026), Ron & Ann Borwck (2025), Ann Davidson (2024), David & Betsy Dettmann (2023), Connie Dingeman (2022), Don & Dee Draper (2024), Robert & Heidi Folkstestad (2024), Gary Garles & Nancy Wells (2024), Frank & Ellen Glasgow (2026), **NEW MEMBER** Jill Henson (2024), Ellen O'Harra Hill (2026), Skip Hitchcock (2024), Gary & Kathy Hoard (2024), Donna Johnson (2023), Tom & Deanna Jones (2023), Kris & Tom Jurik (2023), Tom Kenney (2024), Helen Kopitzke (2024), Annie & Bob Kroll (2025), Bob & Carol Leslie (2022), Don & Dorothy Lewis (2024), **NEW MEMBER** Nola Luebbert (2022), Anne Lynam (2024), Donna Miller (2022), Peggy & David Moody (2022), Kathy & Steve Moser (2023), Mary O'Harra (2026), Ken Outzen & Dean Koob (2027), **NEW MEMBER** Shelby Paisley (2022), John Schmacker (2022), Cindy Schnoebelen (2024), Curt & Cindy Schultz (2024), Roderick Simmons (2022), Sue Slater (2023), Lisa Swanson (2026), Arlene Sweet (2024), Diane Sweet (2022), **NEW MEMBER** Sherry Swihart (2022), Cathi Turner (2024), Gwendolyn Vogeler (2023), Carl & Robin Vos (2022), and Donna Yeast (2022).

We WELCOME the new members, and THANK those 45 folks for being paid current members of ROHS!

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If your name is NOT on the above list, please consider renewal/reactivation of your ROHS membership! Membership cost is only \$10 for one year or \$25 for three years for self and all members of the same household. Please send membership renewal, reactivation, or joining for the first time to David Dettmann, ROHS Treasurer, 122 Bluegill Ct., Pella, IA 50219-7513 OR bring to the ROH spring membership meeting at the Iowa Arboretum on Sunday April 10. If sending membership, please use the membership application from the www.ROHS.org site or provide full name, address, phone number, phone number(s), e-mail address, and desired process (e-mail or USPS) delivery of the ROHS Hosta Horizons newsletter. If your name is NOT on the above list of current paid members, and you do not renew/rejoin, then your name will be dropped off the membership list as of April 17, 2022, and this will be your last newsletter.

PLEASE help us grow the ROHS membership by sharing the information about ROHS, bringing a potential new member to a meeting or summer garden tour/auction event, or directly sponsoring (or gifting) a membership.

If you happen to speak to or attend some garden-type function, please promote ROHS and the friendship plant of 'Hosta.' I recently spoke to the Knoxville Federated Garden Club, and encouraged involvement with ROHS, MRHS, and AHS; we got one new member.

Thank you, THANK you, THANK YOU for your support of ROHS!

Submitted by

David Dettmann, Treasurer/Membership

In Memory:

Sherrie Davis, Pleasant Hill and ROHS member since 2008 passed on November 4, 2021. Memorials to the John Stoddard Cancer Center.

Reminder about changes to Member Dues

\$10.00 yearly or \$25.00 for three years