

Hosta Horizons

Newsletter of the

Russ O'Hara Hosta Society

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The Russ O'Hara Hosta Society is an educational society open to all those interested in the genus Hosta. It's 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.

Summer Garden Tour and Auction

June 26, 2022

Ames Area gardens tours

Start time 8am End time 11am

Iowa Arboretum

Last stop, Lunch, & Plant Auction

Lunch: 12 pm start

ROHS is once again hosting a summer garden tour and auction after a two-year hiatus. The Tour will feature three gardens in the Ames area and one at the Iowa Arboretum. The Ames gardens will be open from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Once again, the concluding highlight of the ROHS Summer Tour will be a hosta and companion plant auction. Members are encouraged to select plants that can be divided or potted and donated to our major fund-raiser of the year. We ask that donors divide or pot plants as far in advance of the tour as possible so plants can be rooted and established in their containers.

Donated plants will be accepted and collected at the final tour stop, the Iowa Arboretum. Donor name and plant name/variety information will be collected at the drop-off point. Label stakes and markers will be available to identify plants not already marked. Donated plants will be on display through lunch and auctioned immediately following lunch.

The lunch will be provided by Whatcha Smokin BBQ & Brew restaurant in Luther, Iowa. Great food.

Come and enjoy a great event

Garden # 1

Kris and Tom Jurik live north of Ames on a sloping acreage overlooking the South Skunk River. An extensive collection of hostas is distributed in multiple terraced gardens. There are also many herbaceous and woody peonies, bearded and Siberian irises, several types of lilies, daylilies, hellebores, and various companion plants. Prairie and woodland areas lead to the riverfront. (Note: the August 2020 derecho destroyed several large trees, so the shade conditions have changed somewhat.)

Garden # 2

Cindy and Dyke Hicks have a mature garden situated in a wooded area near McFarland Park. It features more than 100 varieties of medium to extra large hostas and other shade-loving perennials. As you stroll the paths, you will see several hard-to-find specimens, such as Dorothy Benedict and Gunther’s Prize, as well as many common hostas. Artwork, birdhouses, and colorful annuals are used throughout the yard to add color and interest. People who are unsteady will need a cane or walking stick in this garden.

Garden # 3

Kenn Outzen and Dean Koob's garden has gone through many changes the last 21 years. Ponds added then filled in, small shrubs being planted then cut down as they became too large. But the one thing that has not changed is our collection of hostas that continues to grow to approximately 1000 varieties, that along with the small collection of conifers and unusual shrubs fill our small corner lot In Jewell. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Last stop:

Iowa Arboretum

The Iowa Arboretum will be the last stop on the summer tour. There are many areas at the Arboretum where hostas are displayed. The Iowa Hybridizer’s display is located immediately north of the Hughes Education Center. Numerous hostas are displayed under the trees near the Beckwith Pavilion. The Schutt Garden north of the Cafferty Building has been completely refurbished with new hardscapes and numerous new hostas. The Kroeze Tea House area includes a new perennial garden containing many perennials and many new hostas. The shade garden area along the east side of the main campus also has many hostas in a woodland setting. Russ O’Harra hybridized hostas can be seen in several of the hosta displays.

Whatcha Smokin BBQ & Brew

Luther, Iowa

RSVP by June 15th (send note to bdd5097@yahoo.com with meal count)

Name: _____

Choice of pulled pork or turkey and 2 sides

Vegetarian opt. Sweet Potato Burnt Ends

Cost \$15 x _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Send to: David Dettmann, 122 Blue Gill Ct, Pella, IA 50219

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Auction info:

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A special group of plants in the auction will be hostas recovered from the Russ O’Harra Pocket Garden at the 7th Street Principal Building in downtown Des Moines. The Pocket Garden was established in a space outside the 7th Street door following the death of Russ O’Harra and in honor of Roseann O’Harra, who worked in the building. The garden space was revived and rededicated in 2011 by Eve Vanden Broek. The plants were rescued ahead of the building demolition in 2021.



O’Harra garden in 2009

Directions to ROHS Tour Gardens.

The three tour gardens in Ames/Jewell will be open from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. After visiting these gardens proceed to the Iowa Arboretum. Look for the ROHS sign that will be located at each garden entrance.

All three Ames/Jewell are located a short distance from Highway 69 that goes north from Ames. Those coming from the south can take I35 to the Ames 13th street exit and go west to Grand Avenue (Highway 69). Those coming from the east or west will want to take Highway 30 and then take the Highway 69 exit. Those coming from the north will be on Highway 69.

Ken Outzen and Dean Koob
548 East Lane,
Jewell, Iowa

Take Highway 69 to get to Jewell whether coming from north or south. In Jewell, Highway 69 is called Main Street. Look for 330 th Street or Highway 175 and turn onto it. Go one block east to East Lane and Ken and Dean's place will be on the SE corner of the intersection.

Kris and Tom Jurik
5658 195th Street
Ames, IA

The Jurik's garden is a short distance from Highway 69 whether coming from the north or south. Take Arrasmith Trail east from Highway 69. The entrance to Arrasmith trail is opposite the entrance to Ada Hayden Lake. Go east on Arrasmith Trail until you come to 195 th Street. Turn right onto 195 th Street and go south one block where you will come to Jurik's Garden on the left.

Dyke and Cindy Hicks
2427 Waterford Drive
Ames, IA

The Hicks' Garden is also a short distance from Highway 69. Take West Riverside Road east to get to the Hicks' garden. West Riverside Road is the first road that goes east from Highway 69 on the north side of Ames. Ada Hayden Lake will be across from the 69-West Riverside intersection. Go east on West Riverside Road until you come to Dayton Avenue where you will turn left. Go north on Dayton Avenue until you get to Tullamore Lane. Turn right onto Tullamore Lane, go one block east and turn left onto Waterford Lane. The Hicks' garden will be on the right.

The Iowa Arboretum
1875 Peach Avenue
Madrid, IA

From Ames, get on Highway 30 west toward Boone, Take Highway 17 south to Luther. Then turn right onto E57. Go west several miles until you come to Peach Ave that goes south to The Iowa Arboretum (turn left). At the Arboretum there are many areas that contain new hosta and other perennial plantings. Make sure to see the Iowa Hybridizer collection on the north side of the Hughes Education Center, The Kroeze Tea Garden. and the area north of the Cafferty building which is where the Schutt Garden was located. This area has been completely revamped with new hardscaping and many cultivars new to the Arboretum.

Reminder about changes to Member Dues
\$10.00 yearly or \$25.00 for three years