



THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Dear Russ O'Harra Hosta Society Friends,

Thank you to each and every one of you for helping to make our ROHS summer tour and plant auction a huge success. When I speak of success I am not only thinking of the money that was raised by our plant auction. I am also speaking of you folks who so generously opened your hearts, your pocket books, your bill folds, and your gardens contributing to a wonderfully successful tour and plant auction. I truly cannot thank each and every one of you enough. Our board members worked diligently toward a successful event but without the support of our members it could not have become reality. So everyone, please pat yourselves on the back and feel good about what you contributed to the garden tours and the plant auction. Of course, our members that chose to open their gardens for touring really went the extra mile. Thank you, Kenn Outzen & Dean Koob, Greg & Sue Olson, Marilyn & Tom Kenney, Pam Maurer, Nancy & Robert Briggs. Anyone that has ever had our garden on tour know what it's like to wake up in the night in a cold sweat realizing "dandelions happen".

David Dettmann (ROHS treasurer) is still dealing with a few outstanding expenses and additional donations that were sent to ROHS for the "*Building A Dream In the Country*" project fund. We had donations from a couple other hosta societies and from individual members of the AHS. The final proceeds will be sent to the "Dream Team" officials via certified mail, or that is the plan at this time.

David's preliminary report tells us a rough tally from the auction (rough because he is sorting out what went for lunch, membership, and a few extra donations people added to their checks or cash). *Several of our members gave money even if they did not win any auction items.*

There were 100 total auction items, although it turned out to be 99 different bid items due to the combination of H 'Tick-tock' and H 'Forest Shadows'. And this number includes an item which was the blue pot trio of H 'Alan P. McConnell' donated by Reldon Ramsey.

David plans to write a summary of the auction event but regrets that "who donated which plants" did not get recorded. We are considering asking you folks to send us a list of what you donated to the auction. I made a list of what I donated and I also put my name on the plant stake and the outside of the pot. After that I threw the list away. This small omission

is far from the end of the world. If the omission never gets corrected, life will still go on. However, if you would like to send us a list of what you donated to the plant auction, please do. David's email: bdd5097@yahoo.com



As a side note, ***ROHS has gained several new members recently.*** This is exciting and very rewarding for our club. We gained 3 new members that attended as guest on June 24th since then and we had several new people sign up just before our summer event. And we have had some “old” members return to ROHS which we are elated about. Hopefully, our membership chairperson will write a full report for our fall “Hosta Horizons” newsletter.

Speaking of our newsletter, ***Reldon Ramsey our newsletter editor and chief has been honored by receiving the AHS (American Hosta Society) 2011 ‘Best Newsletter Article’*** for a piece he wrote for our ROHS newsletter, “The Hosta Makers” – Don Dean. He’s pretty excited!!! Congratulations Reldon, you so deserve the honor. Reldon not only writes, edits, and formats our entire newsletter but also prints it. Thus we are able to afford such a great publication. His expanded electronic editions are a plethora of info and fun. They are posted on our website <http://www.rohs.org> Make sure you check them out. And please feel free to contribute information, photos, and articles to our newsletter at any time.

I’m excited to be going to the ***Midwest Regional Hosta Convention in Rochester, MN July 12-14th*** with my lovely daughter, Robin Vos & my good friend, Connie Dingeman. We are hooking up with ROHS member, Julie Johnston at the convention. I suspect there will be other ROHS members attending as well. I know it will be a great time. I love Hosta Conventions. If you’ve never attended one, “try it, you’ll like it”. And ***the 2014 AHS national convention will be in our back yard, at Cedar Rapids, IA.*** “Be there or be square”. Do they still say that?

Again, thank you for attending and contributing the ROHS Summer Garden Tours & Plant Auction. I hope you all have a great rest of the summer.

“Gardening Grows the Spirit”

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Marvelous Marlys

“Host is the Friendship Plant”