

Hosta Horizons

newsletter of the
Russ O'Harra Hosta Society

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time! Please check the number in parenthesis on the address label of your paper newsletter or after your name in the address line of your email address. If the number is (15) or (*15*), then it's time to renew your membership!

Membership costs are \$12 for one year or \$30 for three years - Individual or Family.

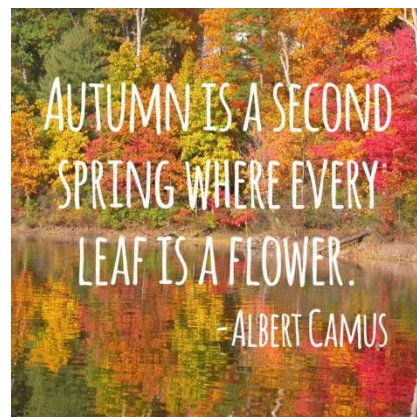
Members who do not renew after receiving the Spring newsletter or at the Spring meeting will **NOT** receive the Summer newsletter.

Consider giving a membership to a gardening friend or family member. New members receive a Gift Card for \$12 which is redeemable in 2015 at any of the nine businesses owned by ROHS members who support the New Member Program.

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Thank You!



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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Russ O'Harra 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 and the cultivation and development of new cultivars. The goals of the Society shall be in keeping with those of the American Hosta Society.

Access the ROHS website at

www.rohs.org

Count the garden by the flowers, never by the
leaves that fall. Count your life with smiles
and not the tears that roll.



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Dates to Remember

Sunday, October 11 – Noon to 4 PM

ROHS Fall Meeting

Neal Smith Prairie Life Center, rural Prairie City

Speaker: **Josh Spece**

“It’s Not Easy...Being Green”

Green hostas are the most underappreciated class of hostas, yet they play a vital role in the garden. Learn how to use green hostas to compliment the rest of your hostas. We'll also see some green hostas that are anything but plain!



ROHS on Facebook

Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life.

As of October 2nd, the ROHS Facebook page has 474 'Likes' - up from 345 on April 1st. I will again readily admit that I have been remiss in my duties of posting pictures to the page. In spite of that, new likes have kept a steady pace most weeks. Less is more... There are many beautiful hosta and garden photos that may be viewed on the page. Most new followers are outside of Iowa and many are from Europe.

The ROHS Facebook page is accessible through the Facebook homepage or by the link on the homepage of the ROHS website.

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

<http://www.rohs.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Russ-OHarra-Hosta-Society/241087079260617>

ROHS Spring Meeting Minutes
Neal Smith Prairie Learning Center
April 12, 2015

Business Meeting:

Gathering at the Neil Smith Prairie Learning Center, President Gary Garles called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Officers Reports:

Secretary Minutes of the fall meeting were published in the spring newsletter and on the website.

Don Lewis noted a correction in the minutes, as his title is Dr. Donald Lewis, Entomologist, rather than Ophthalmologist.

Motion to approve the minutes as published, subject to noted correction, was made by Marilyn Gliem and seconded by Julie Johnston. All ayes.

Treasurer David Dettmann reported a current balance of \$7,391.61.

The ROHS checking account has been at Bankers Trust and they have been charging the account a monthly fee of \$12.00 plus tax. Eve is employed at Bankers Trust, however, we were allowed no benefit from that status. The account has been changed to Community First Credit Union and the account is interest bearing with no maintenance fees. A Document of Resolution was presented and properly signed so that David is allowed to sign checks and continue acting as Treasurer of ROHS.

The annual liability insurance has been paid, however, from the above noted balance there will be garden tour printing expenses, donation to Neil Smith Prairie Learning Center for spring meeting, Ted Davidson scholarship, and Iowa Arboretum organizational membership dues.

There were a few membership dues received at this meeting and added to the account balance will be all funds generated from auction after garden tours on June 14, 2015.

Motion to accept and approve Treasurer's report was made by Herman Kopitzke and seconded by Deke Gliem. All ayes.

Old Business:

Joe McNally, Iowa Arboretum Horticulturist, was present at our meeting and spoke of the Hosta bed project. What is expected, what is needed and required. He left sign-up sheets for members to donate Hosta and physical time on the project.

New Business:

Thank you to Lisa Swanson and Donna Miller, Hospitality Co-Chairs. Scott Thieben spoke of the summer garden tours which will be held on June 14, 2015, with the following gardens for touring: Don & Dee Draper near Ames, Lincoln View Farms, Claudia Levin near Boone, and the Iowa Arboretum where lunch will be served and the auction will take place.

AHS National convention will be in Raleigh, NC, June 18-20, 2015. Midwest Regional Hosta convention will be at Dubuque, IA, July 9-11, 2015.

ROHS next meeting will be October 11, 2015, at the Neil Smith Prairie Learning Center. Eve Vanden Broek mentioned she was approached that if our club members would consider doing volunteer work at the Neil Smith Wildlife Refuge there would be no charge for the meeting room. Discussion proceeded and it was overall agreed with our membership being so vastly located throughout the state, it would probably be an impossible task.

Discussion was held on the possibility of other meeting places and specifics on any and all possibilities are to be brought forward and discussed at our fall meeting.

Ellen Glasgow mentioned the Indianola Garden Club is looking for a speaker on shade gardening for the last week of February.

Discussion was held on a donation for the new pergola at the Iowa Arboretum, which would be of benefit to Hosta gardens to include the Russ O'Harra Hostas. Ellen Glasgow made a motion for ROHS to cover the cost up to \$2,000.00 of materials for the pergola, seconded by David Moody. Motion carried.

Speaker:

Dr. Donald Lewis, ISU Entomologist, captured our attentions with an interesting and enthralling presentation entitled "Slugs, Cutworms and Nematodes ... Oh My!" Who knew this subject could be so interesting and what great humor in Dr. Lewis' presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn P. Gliem, Secretary



ROHS Fall Meeting

Neal Smith Prairie Learning Center

<http://www.tallgrass.org/>

9981 Pacific Street
Prairie City, IA 50228
(515) 994-3400

Noon – 4 PM

The building opens at Noon, and the potluck dinner will begin at 12:45 PM. Our speaker is ROHS member, Josh Spece of In the Country Garden & Gifts, Independence.

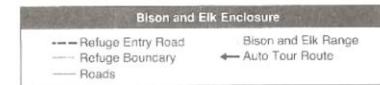
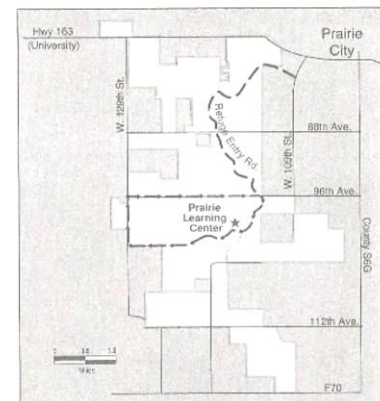
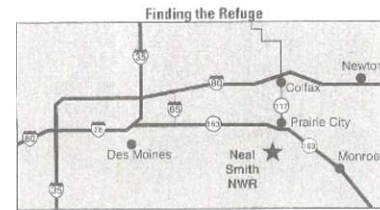
Dinner is potluck with a main dish and beverages provided.

Directions

Just 25 minutes east of Des Moines, Neal Smith NWR is 9 miles south of Interstate 80.

If traveling from downtown Des Moines, take Hwy 163 to exit 18, follow the signs along the new paved 4.5-mile entrance road.

If traveling on Interstate 80, take the Colfax/Prairie City exit. Turn south onto Hwy 117 and travel 7 miles to Prairie City. Continue through Prairie City across the Hwy 163 bridge to the refuge entry road.



Watch carefully for the current detour routing off of Hwy 163 due to road construction inside the refuge!

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