

Hosta Horizons

Newsletter of the

Russ O'Harra Hosta Society

Sunday April 16, 2023

Spring Hosta Meeting

Leonard Good Community Center

114 SW 8th Street Ogden, Iowa 50212

11:30am set up (Tables and Chairs) eat at 12:30 pm



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. 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.

Hello everyone,

Spring is coming sooner than later. I hope the plants are not as confused by the weather temperatures as the winter coat.

Our meeting date was moved due to Easter and Good Friday. We will be meeting at the Leonard Good Community Center 114 SW 8th St Ogden, Iowa 50212 on April 16th. Hwy 30 has a divide just west before the Ogden and South 169 exit. Take the north turn at break in divide (from west turn left or from east turn right) and the center is a modern brown building on the right. We will be meeting in the upper level so use front door. I will open the building about 11 am because chairs and tables need to be setup. Any strong individuals to assist would be welcome.

Following the business meeting, the program will be Convention based. The topics covered will be Flower Show; Garden Tours; AHS Auction; ROHS Silent Auction; Volunteer opportunities; Registrations. Each topic will be short specific information with questions/answers. Small group meetings may be held after program for convention areas of participation.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Hosta Convention. There are opportunities for a variety of ways, time frames, and with or without registration. The program should help you decided where and how you might help be apart. The ROHS garden tours are in the planning stages. The weekend after the Convention seems good since gardens are tour ready. The results will be discussed at the meeting but the possibilities are not a sure thing at present.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Ask questions or make suggestions.

Peggy Moody (515)576-6021 Email: pmmoody@mchsi.com

ROHS Fall Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2022

Business Meeting

Gathering at Leonard Good Community Center in Ogden, President Peggy Moody called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Officers Reports

Secretary – Minutes of the April 10, 2022, meeting were published in the newsletter and on the website. Motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Lisa Swanson and seconded by David Moody. All ayes.

Treasurer – David Dettmann passed out a treasurer's report (not for publication).

Expected expenses through end of year:

Ted Davidson Scholarship \$250 Liability insurance \$267 Web Hosting \$220

Newsletter – Anne Lynam gave a newsletter report

Tom Jurik gave a presentation of American Hosta Society National Convention in Ames on June 7 - 10, 2023 at Gateway Hotel and Conference Center

President Peggy Moody suspended meeting at 1:53 p.m. for speaker Dan Boelman who spoke of "Poison Ivy Management and Eradication", poison oak and sumac prevention and treatment. IowaPoisonIvy.com 515-418-7963 and ItchFree@zarfel.com 800-4014002

President Moody reconvened meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Old Business

Election of officers with following slate:

Peggy Moody, President

Jill Henson, Vice President

David Dettmann, Treasurer

Gary Garles, Secretary

Anne Lynam, Newsletter Editor

Donna Miller and Lisa Swanson, Hospitality Co-Chairs

Motion to accept slate of officers was made by Marilyn Gliem and seconded by Jean Belzer. All ayes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CURRENTLY ELECTED OFFICERS!!

New Business

David Moody notified Club of Hosta dig on October 20, 2022, from 3:30 to 5:00 and contact Missy at Wright County Extension Office.

Speaker wanted of ROHS and hybridizing on February 4, 2023, in Minnesota. It was suggested that Reldon Ramsey would be good for this project.

Donald Lewis spoke of convention treasurer's report.

Discussion was held of live auction funds to AHS and silent auction funds to ROHS for convention.

Iowa Arboretum has repaired Hosta garden and added water feature. Peggy Moody was at the function and spoke of details.

Next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2023, at (not specified).

President Moody adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Marilyn P. Gliem

Secretary

Gary Garles is bringing 3 hosta plants for door prizes for the Spring 2023 meeting.

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AHS SILENT AUCTION

The 2023 American Hosta Society Convention in Ames will have a Silent Auction event. The silent auction is a process for a local sponsoring organization to get some revenue. The big live auction provides major funding for the AHS and is always a centerpiece of excitement and energy. Much quieter, and on a much smaller scale, the Silent Auction still generates a lot of interest and competitive bidding. I volunteered to chair the Silent Auction. There will be a table or two of donated items each with a bidding sheet, and the bidding process will have a starting and ending point. At the closing point, the highest current bid is the winner of that item, and then the winners come to get their prize and pay. Bidders put in their registration number and the cell phone number, so there are two ways to contact the winners who do not immediately come to process out their bid.

WE NEED DONATIONS OF ITEMS! Past silent auctions have had a variety of items including hosta and other plants (but try not to rival the live auction) (which for us could feature some ROHS plants?), books, clothing, garden art, gift certificates, plant markers, hvx test strips, etc. Betsy and I currently have donated a garden art piece (metal angel), a novelty garden sign, a plant-based drinking tumbler, a collection of Betsy's homemade rubber-stamped greeting cards, and 1 or 2 bags of Central Iowa organic worm casting fertilizer. Any appropriate donations would be greatly appreciated! All proceeds from the Silent Auction go to ROHS.

You can contact me at 641-230-1611 cell

or e-mail bdd5097@yahoo.com.

Thanks! David Dettmann



Remember that the American Hosta Society National Convention on June 7-10, 2023 is rapidly approaching. Set-up begins June 6.

The event opens Wednesday, 7, and runs through Saturday, June 10th. Convention site is the Gateway Hotel & Convention Center in Ames, with garden tours both in the Ames and Des Moines areas.

Those registered for this event will hear fantastic speakers from Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, North Carolina, and Iowa and will have a chance to tour 13 gardens.

Even if you cannot register for the entire event, consider entering the hosta leaf/design show (which is open to the public).

There will also be multiple vendors selling hostas and other goodies. The leaf show opens to the public on Thursday, June 8. The vendor area will also be open on several days. The hosta auction takes place Friday evening, and it is open to the public.

To register for the convention, see www.hostaconvention.org. The convention still needs volunteers to help during the convention; if you have interest in that, please contact Nancy Wells njw003@gmail.com

Remember that later this summer, the Midwest Regional Hosta Society will host a convention on July 13-16, in the Rochester, MN area. They will also have speakers, a tour, and leaf and seedling shows. I'm looking forward to this as well!

Kris Jurik