

Made in the Shade

The Newsletter of the West Michigan Hosta Society
Spring 2021

We extend a friendly welcome to all new club members!

2021 Calendar of Events

February 18 (Thursday) - WMHS Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm

We will vote for officers at this meeting: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members at Large. Contact Don Rawson if you have a nomination to submit.

March 18 (Thursday) - WMHS Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm

March 20 (Saturday) - Hosta College will be held as a virtual event.

MHS Workday at Hidden Lake Gardens - TBD

WMHS Potluck & Plant Auction - TBD

July 15 - 17 (Thursday - Saturday) - AHS National Convention (Virtual)

August Meeting - Garden Tour TBD

Fall Harvest Potluck - TBD

Don't miss our February 18th meeting!



**Laura Robles,
Regional Product Manager**

Laura will give an exciting Zoom presentation in which she will highlight the newest hostas and shade plants at Walters Gardens, Inc.

AHS Popularity Poll

2019 Popularity Poll from *The Hosta Journal*, Fall 2020, Volume 51, Number 2

1. 'June'
2. 'Liberty'
3. 'Lakeside Paisley Print'
4. 'Sagae'
5. 'Sum and Substance'
6. 'Rainbow's End'
7. 'Victory'
8. 'Wheee!'
9. 'Paradigm'
10. 'Autumn Frost'
11. 'Earth Angel'
12. 'Niagara Falls'
13. 'Halcyon'
14. 'Key West'
15. 'Love Pat'
16. 'On Stage'
17. 'Brother Stefan'
18. 'First Frost'
19. 'Paul's Glory'
20. 'Blue Angel'



AHS Mini Hosta Popularity Poll

1. 'Mini Skirt'
2. 'Blue Mouse Ears'
3. 'Cracker Crumbs'
4. 'Pandora's Box'
5. 'Frosted Mouse Ears'



Free Notebook and Club Plant



Hosta 'Gabriel's Wing'

A free notebook and club plant are available to all WMHS members.
To receive yours, contact Don Rawson at donrawson1@gmail.com or (616) 805-6519.

If your membership expires this year, pay your dues to Kay Anderson, 10338 Rich St. Pvt, West Olive, MI 49460. Dues are just \$10.00 per family every 2 years!

ALL MEMBERSHIPS HELD BEFORE JULY 2020 HAVE BEEN EXTENDED ONE YEAR (due to the limitation of club activities because of COVID). THOSE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED AT THE MAST GREENHOUSE TOUR AND AFTER WILL HAVE MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRING ON DEC. 31, 2022.



Hostaffinity

Join us for a Zoom tour of the
gardens featured during the
2019 AHS National Convention
in Green Bay, Wisconsin!
Thursday, March 18th at 7:00pm

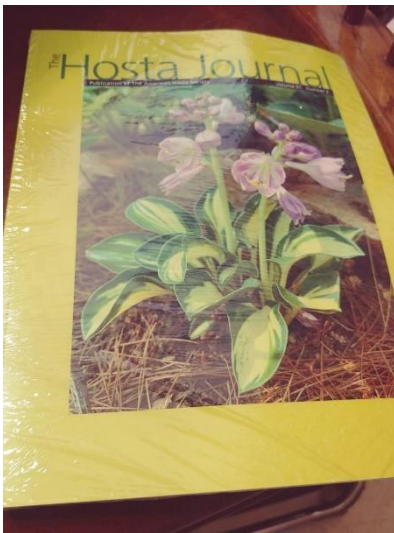


How to Use Zoom

1. As a member of the WMHS, you will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting a few days beforehand.
 2. At least 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time, click on the link to join the meeting, then click “Launch Meeting”. Make sure your Zoom location is quiet and without distractions. Remember that all participants will see you, so please dress appropriately!
 3. Turn your computer camera on by clicking on the video camera icon at the bottom left-hand corner of your screen. At that point, you should see yourself on your computer monitor. Make sure your audio is turn on (icon in lower left corner) and your volume is turned up.
 4. If you need help, call the meeting host.
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Are you a member of The American Hosta Society?

To join, go to www.hosta.org
and click the “Membership” tab.



**Members receive two printed
copies of *The Hosta Journal* and
one *Online Hosta Journal* per year!**

Officers of the West Michigan Hosta Society



President - Don Rawson

Vice President - Noah Schwartz

Secretary - Julie Deppe

Treasurer - Kay Anderson

Member at Large - Ginny Pearce

Member at Large - Dean Deppe

Website: www.wmhostasociety.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WMiHS

The West Michigan Hosta Society in Action 2020

Our February Membership Meeting was held at Frederik Meijer Gardens on February 20th. Our Treasurer, Kay Anderson, gave a presentation on the beautiful gardens of New Zealand.

We held a workday at local gardens on Saturday, May 9th. Thank you to all who volunteered!

We toured the colorful trials gardens at Mast Young Plants on Thursday, August 20th.

2021 AHS National Convention, July 15-17th

Our Steering Committee has been looking over all the various activities that are normally held during a national convention and we have some exciting alternatives in mind for a *Virtual Convention*.

- > We have ten amazing tour gardens lined up throughout the West Michigan area which will be featured in professional pre-recorded videos.**
- > We have interesting speakers and educational workshops scheduled.**
- > We will be hosting a Hosta Leaf Photo Show in which attendees can submit photographs.**
- > The Ed Elslager Hybridizing Group will host a seedling competition.**
- > The three Judges Clinics will be held via Zoom.**
- > A Hosta Roundtable will involve a Q&A with a panel of experienced gardeners and hybridizers.**
- > An Awards Ceremony will be created by The American Hosta Society.**
- > An online auction, as well as vending, will allow registrants to purchase hostas and gardening items. And more!**

Photos from *The Hosta Journal*, Volume 51, Number 2



H. 'Sweet Innocence' in the Anderson Garden



H. 'Goodness Gracious' in the Rawson Garden



Golden Japanese Forest Grass in the Schwartz Garden



H. 'Hollywood Lights' in the Maitner Garden



H. 'Rainbow's End' in the Schwartz Garden



H. 'Big Blue' in the Sinke Garden