



# DELAWARE VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## **Summer 2007 Garden Tour and Hosta Auction**

### **Saturday, July 14, 12:30 p.m.**

#### **at the home and garden of Terry Oates**

**15 Dudie Drive, Newtown Square, PA 19073**  
**610-353-0217**

12:30 p.m. GARDEN TOUR

2 p.m. HOSTA AUCTION. Details on insert

3:30 p.m. (approximately) POTLUCK SUPPER

**DIRECTIONS** Dudie Drive is off PA Rt 252 (S Newtown Street Rd), about 0.4 miles south of Newtown Square, the intersection of Rt 252 with PA Rt 3. Dudie is one block long; #15 is the last house on the right. Park on either side of the street, or around the corner on Mary Jane Lane. (Mary Jane Ln will return you to Rt 252.)

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**Bring Friends. Bring Hostas. Bring Chairs. Bring Food.**

**Details inside.**



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## From the editor:

Welcome again to the DVHS Newsletter! The close spacing of meetings this summer means for quick turnaround between issues this time. I'm looking forward to a little rest before our Fall issue. But save the date for the meeting—November 10—and expect a Newsletter a few weeks before.

Many of you, I hope, received an email reminder notice of our last meeting. While we don't intend to make email communication a mainstay of our activities, it certainly is a handy way to receive a reminder along with any pertinent updates about the meeting or other events (for example, you would have known in advance that the Pollock garden would be open after the meeting at Krautzell's). We would love to receive email addresses for each of you. Many of the email addresses we have on file are no longer active; it's certainly easier to change email than residence.

And so, if you did *not* receive any email reminders from me prior to the last meeting, please take a moment to email our VP of Membership, Rebecca Boylan, at raboylan@comcast.net to update your address. We will maintain our mailing list in confidence, and strive to send out any communications in a manner that protects your email address from others' eyes.

Once again, I'm asking your assistance in troubleshooting the electronic version of this newsletter. Visit our website, [www.dvhosta.org](http://www.dvhosta.org), and navigate to the Newsletter section. I should have this new edition uploaded by the time you receive the print copy. Download and try to open it, and email me with your report of success or failure along with brief information about your computer and operating system, and whether or not you routinely are successful in reading PDFs. (I'll add an easy email link to me on that web page.)

I'm happy to start a "favorite hosta photo" series with a submission from our treasurer, Christel Badey. If you have a favorite hosta photo, please email it to me for possible inclusion in the newsletter. It would be especially nice to feature hostas with a local connection. Provide a brief description telling why you like this hosta or this particular picture, to give it a personal touch. We can also use these pictures to create a catalog at our website, [www.dvhosta.org](http://www.dvhosta.org). Be sure to visit often to watch for updates.

— *David Teager*



## Private Hosta Gardens of the Delaware Valley

Revisit the AHS 2006 Convention Tour Gardens in the comfort of your own home. This unique DVD includes not only the seven gardens on tour, but two of the optional gardens as well. Features sumptuous photos of the gardens and their hostas at their spring peak choreographed to Classical Music. The built-in DVD menu allows you to select individual gardens or view all of them in sequence. Exceptional quality in picture and sound, breathtaking!

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## DVHS Display Garden installed at Awbury Arboretum

by Eli Cohen

The longest-running planning process for a DVHS Hosta Display Garden came to an end in June with the installation of the garden at the Awbury Arboretum in the Germantown section of Philadelphia.

The 55-acre arboretum is located in East Germantown, on both sides of Washington Lane between Chew Avenue and Ardleigh Street. The property has been established as open space since 1916. The Francis Cope House located on the grounds was built in 1860. It was the home of Henry Cope, a Quaker shipping merchant who purchased the property in 1852.

Awbury's grounds were laid out in the English landscape garden tradition with the help and advice of William Saunders who designed the National Cemetery at Gettysburg and the Capitol Grounds in Washington, DC. The property offers wide vistas in a man-made hilly terrain replete with a pond, magnificent trees, and a "secret garden"—not the DVHS installation!

The site was selected for a number of reasons. First and foremost, Awbury is an extraordinary property in the middle of an urban center. It has a long tradition of horticulture and respect for the joys, pleasures and satisfactions of great landscaping for the Victorian Home. And finally, it was selected because of its commitment to maintain, care for, and when needed or deemed desirable to augment the plantings.

The DVHS garden was designed by Walter Cullerton working with an advisory group from Awbury. The plant material and installation was provided by Mike DiStefano, Jr. The display garden plan blends two somewhat disparate "traditions." In keeping with nature of the Francis Cope House, it contains elements of a formal Victorian Garden, while at the same time, given its edge of woods location, it includes those appropriate to a traditional woodland garden.

As one might anticipate, it includes hostas ranging from species *H. nigrescens* to relatively recent cultivars such as 'Lady Isobel Barnett', 'Spilt Milk', and 'Abba Dabba Do'. Unlike previous DVHS display gardens, the

Society provided a number of companion plants and shrubs such as ferns, heuchera, kerria, taxus and oakleaf hydrangea.

The garden was located in accordance with DVHS criteria to be convenient to water supply, and sufficiently prominent and convenient to visitors and celebrants attending social functions for which Awbury is often utilized.

Very special thanks are due to Walter Cullerton for working through several iterations of the plan that resulted in its ultimate design; to Mike DiStefano, Jr., for his patience, close attention to overseeing the installation and promise to "watch over" the garden; and to the volunteers from Awbury who not only worked on the plan but also helped with the ground preparation and the plantings.



The Francis Cope House, headquarters of the Awbury Arboretum

The installation of the display garden will be formally celebrated in the near future by Awbury and DVHS. When we have a firm date, we will advise the members through the newsletter and/or email.

For those who wish to visit the garden, we suggest that you contact Awbury at 215-849-2455 or [www.awbury.org](http://www.awbury.org) to be certain when the garden is

available. Keep in mind that this is a new garden with many juvenile plants striving to grow up. And when you go, be sure that you take time to stroll through the 55-acre property, a real and as yet unfound jewel within the city. The driveway entrance, and access to the Cope House, is off Chew Avenue between Washington Lane and Haines Street.

For more information about DVHS display gardens, visit <http://dvhosta.org/display.htm> ➤

[Editor's note: the Awbury Arboretum is one of over 40 large and small gardens detailed in the new publication by Temple University Press: *A Guide to the Great Gardens of the Philadelphia Region*, by Adam Levine. This book makes a great "glove box" book for your car. It's worth seeking out at your local bookstores, or buy on-line for \$21.95 at [www.temple.edu/tempress](http://www.temple.edu/tempress).]

## Hostas on the Internets, Part 3

A continuing series on iGardening  
by David Teager

In my last column, I talked about communication in the hosta world by email. But, as we all know, a picture is worth a thousand words. (Anyone who's read the brief description of a hosta provided by its registration information would surely agree!) And if one picture is good, how about over 12,000 photos? Of hostas! Surely this is hosta heaven for those of us who love hostas. And surely I can only be speaking of The Hosta Library, [www.hostalibrary.org](http://www.hostalibrary.org).

In only eight years, the Hosta Library has compiled pictures and information on over 4800 varieties of hostas. It has also started to become a clearing-house for all sorts of hosta information, from reading about Hosta Virus X to serving as the portal for the First Look hybridizers/developers competition. The entire operation is managed by Bob Axmear, a hosta lover in Waukon, Iowa. I quote Bob, from the website, on a brief history of the library.

Back on February 27, 1999, Carol Brashear and I were discussing the need for something like the library to help people actually see what different hostas looked like that people bought, especially over the internet. Up to that time when a person asked for a catalog from a retailer they got this many paged, inkjet printed, black and white catalog, line after line of descriptions and prices. I suppose it would work if someone actually took the time to read it; I never did.

Anyway at 1:30 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> (I wrote it down, I do this for all websites) I was still working on something and decided to create the framework for the site. It actually still is about the same as it is now, good or bad. As I had very few decent photos, it was lucky Carol did. In the weeks and months to come she dug out photos and scanned photos, and her photos were the basis for the library. It took awhile for others to send many; some were skeptical at first. Others sent some but Carol sent the bulk to get it started. Although with the different contests, others might send more photos at times, Carol's are still the most cutting edge of all. Just now I was looking to see if I could remember others who have helped by clicking through the library pages but just so many are Carol's.

There have been other main photo contributors over the years. Viktoria Serafin, Kathie Sisson, Danny Van Ee Haute, Jamie Freer, Karen Butner, Kent Terpening, others that I can't remember right now. Hundreds more.

I know hostas come and go almost with the blink of an eye, I think they are sure getting better with the years. Can't wait to see what they and the library look like in ten or twenty years.

One of the beauties of the Hosta Library is that anyone can contribute who has something to contribute. It's another way to get a Google hit on your name, too, if Bob accepts your picture (all are credited, and you can search the site for individual submitters). A potential downfall of that is that of course there may be a few errors; not surprising with over 12,000 entries. It is the Wikipedia of hosta pictures. By and large, though, the library is an extremely accurate record of what hostas look like *in people's gardens*. As the quality of submissions (using, now, digital cameras) improves, the quality of the library improves. Bob has also instituted some gentle competitions, to ensure completeness of the library (seeking, for example, pictures of *all* AHS registered hostas, and seeking photographs of all hostas in flower as well).

Is it successful? In May last year (a busy buying month, naturally), the hosta library had over 2300 page hits per day on average. Perhaps that's no YouTube, but it sounds like quite a lot to me.

If you have any "Hostas on the Internets" stories or information to pass on, I'm happy to hear from you. ♡



### My Favorite Hosta



**Christel Badey** (DVHS Treasurer) says:

**My favorite hosta** has always been 'Sagae' [formerly known as *H. fluctuans* 'Variegated']. This hosta has such an elegant appearance and truly stands out. The vase-shaped growth habit and large size, combined with the beautiful blue color with a wavy cream margin, make this hosta catch your eye instantly.

Pictured in the Badey garden. C. Badey photo

Submit your favorite hosta to [dsteager@earthlink.net](mailto:dsteager@earthlink.net).

## President's Message

As usual, summer is passing too quickly. Our June meeting was a great success. Mike Krautzel's garden was beautiful with a nice selection of hostas and an unusually large collection of Japanese maples—all growing wonderfully. To encourage a large turn-out for this meeting, we opened it, free of charge, to members of the local Hardy Plant Society. Quite a few took us up on this offer and a number even decided to join DVHS. Part of the incentive was the opportunity to see an unusual garden and to purchase some of the wonderful Japanese maples made available by Topiary Gardens. Diane Smith of Topiary Gardens brought down from New York a large number of maples for sale, leaving at 3 a.m. that morning in order to be at Michael's for our meeting. Most of these maples were quickly scooped up by those in attendance. Our thanks to Diane for providing us with this unique opportunity to acquire some very different plant material.

The sale of the maples was then followed by our usual auction of hostas furnished by members. To this, John Greener of Greener Nursery contributed about a dozen beautifully grown hostas. Many thanks to John for his generous contribution. And a special thanks to Walter Cullerton also for managing the auction in fine style. Walter is the chairperson for Auctions within DVHS.

As Eva Jones—past President of DVHS—jokingly noted when we forgot to start off the auction with the raffle (as usual), the new DVHS leaders are still getting their act together. However, I think all would agree that we have a great leadership team assembled. I am particularly impressed with the efforts of our two new Vice Presidents of Membership and Promotion. This is a new post for DVHS, and Rebecca and Mary are doing a terrific job of defining this role and managing the issues concerning our members. In the meantime, David has moved our newsletter to a whole new plane of excellence.

It was great fun to see those of you who were able to make it to our June meeting. I hope to see even more of you in attendance at our July meeting, where we will have another wonderful garden to peruse, more opportunities to augment our hosta collections and a chance to enjoy the company of other fine gardeners.

— Wayne Guymon



### Did you attend the AHS Convention in Indianapolis?

The Newsletter Editor would love to hear about it from you! Contact [dsteager@earthlink.net](mailto:dsteager@earthlink.net).

**Don't forget: Join the AHS!**  
[www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org)

## On Hostas: Views and Overviews #2

Warren I. Pollock, Wilmington, Delaware

*This is the second installment of a new column by DVHS's founder and first president. Warren solicits your hosta observations and concerns, and perhaps the column should include Q&As and FAQs. Contact the editor, or Warren at [giboshiwip@aol.com](mailto:giboshiwip@aol.com), with your comments and questions.*

### Dave Chopko's 'Ocean Isle'

Quite a few Delaware Valley Hosta Society members have been responsible for highly noteworthy hostas. I'll cite Alex Summers of Bridgeville, Delaware, the principal founder of The American Hosta Society, who introduced the old favorite 'August Moon'; Mildred Seaver, now living in Wilmington, Delaware, whose superb 'Spilt Milk' is a Top-10 classic; her son Charlie Seaver of Hockessin, Delaware, whose 'Deep Blue Sea' is one of the best big, deep-blue-leaved hostas; the late Pauline Banyai of Michigan whose outstanding 'Gold Standard' is another Top-10 classic; her son Bruce Banyai, formerly of Hockessin, Delaware, who introduced 'Twist of Lime', a cutie; Arthur Wrede of Joppa, Maryland, whose 'Designer Genes' was the acclaimed gift plant at last year's American Hosta Society National Convention; and Ali Pollock, Wilmington, Delaware, who named and registered 'Grand Tiara', one of the best in the popular "tiara" series.

Now we can proudly add David Chopko of Boonton, New Jersey, a long-time DVHS member who has served as Tri-State Hosta Society's president. In 2006 Dave registered 'Ocean Isle', a sport of 'El Dorado', and this year Bob Solberg's Green Hill Farm in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, introduced it. (Wondering about the price? It's \$40.)

If you're not familiar with 'El Dorado', that's not surprising. It's an unregistered hybrid from Mildred Seaver, found in just a few collectors' gardens. Its leaves are described as a "wonderful glowing gold color with staying power." The plant is said to get medium-large, 30 x 24 inches at maturity.

'Ocean Isle' has variegated leaves. They are long, thin-pointed and wavy, colored blue-green with a wide, bright gold margin. The leaf center becomes a shiny, rich green color by mid-summer. The registration gives leaf size as 12 3/4 inches long by 10 3/4 inches wide, with margin width of 1 1/2 to 3 inches. The mound height is 20 inches and spread, 45 inches.

I saw Dave's clump a few years ago and it's truly an impressive hosta. Bob Solberg says it becomes better with age—which I guess means you have to wait maybe five or so years to appreciate its full glory.

In 2004 Dave entered 'Ocean Isle' in the FIRST LOOK competition and it won Best Sport Award.

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By the way, if you also wondered about the cultivar's name, it's the Chopkos' favorite North Carolina beach. They have a home in Ocean Isle Beach, not far from the South Carolina state line and Myrtle Beach.

(I also need to add that DVHS's Bill Meyer of Willingboro, New Jersey, is introducing several hostas via Walters Gardens in Zeeland, Michigan, the large wholesale perennial grower. Expect to start seeing them in the general nursery trade in 2009 and 2010, maybe sooner.)

### Two Newer Hostas

My busman's holiday is visiting Delaware Valley nurseries and garden centers and seeing what hostas are available. All in all the selection this spring was very good. I've singled out two newer ones that perhaps many DVHS members don't know.

**'Silver Bay':** The history of this hosta goes back to the 2000 AHS convention in Minneapolis. On tour was Don Dean's garden. When attendees came off the buses at his home, Don grabbed everyone he knew and guided them to where he was trialing his own seedlings. The hybrid of 'Blue Moon' (pod parent unknown) he wanted everyone to see – and judge – was 'Silver Bay'.

"I've been trying to get Tony Avent [Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, North Carolina] to introduce this blue-leaved one," he said. "I haven't been successful yet. What do you think of it?"

I recall saying, "I like it. I like it a lot. It gets my vote. Push Tony to offer it. I'll buy it." Other observers who were around me liked it also, saying they too would purchase it.

Don Dean had registered 'Silver Bay' the year before. Leaf size is given as 7 inches long by 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> inches wide; leaf color, as blue-green with a glaucous bloom on top; and clump size, as 34 inches across and 13 inches high.

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6 'Silver Bay' in the author's garden.' D. Teager photo

## Members' Corner

WE need YOU! The following are a list of committees/chairs that need help with just a few volunteer hours annually. EASY and FUN!

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**Display Garden:** Eli Cohen, Chair, 610-869-7157

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**Raffle:** Barbara Tiffany, Chair, 215-297-0550

The Delaware Valley Hosta Society has been growing and would like to welcome the following new members who have joined our group since March:

Jack Greener, West Chester, PA

Marge & Fred Hegner, Wilmington, DE

Dennis Houseman, Jr., Glen Mills, PA

Judy Penney, Swarthmore, PA

B.J. & Kent Prizer, Collegeville, PA

Teresa Sarmina & Mark Tratenberg, Philadelphia, PA

Barbara Shaw, Narberth, PA

Barbara Verrastro, Moscow, PA

Donald & Janice Walton, Bear, DE

Marcha & Bill Witt, Bedminster, PA

If you know someone who is interested in joining the DVHS but doesn't have an application, direct them to our website ([www.dvhosta.org](http://www.dvhosta.org)) or have them call either Mary Tilger or Rebecca Boylan for more information.

We are also interested in distributing our applications to garden centers, gardening clubs, and plant sales, so if you would like any copies, please contact us.

We're both happy to be taking on our new roles with this new committee. As this is a new committee, we've been busy organizing and prioritizing. One of our main goals is getting the word out to all those hosta lovers out there that the Delaware Valley Hosta Society exists. If you have a nursery, are a member of a garden club, or participate in a plant sale, please let one of us know so we can send you a stack of membership applications.

The other item that we've been dealing with is the standardization of membership. People join DVHS throughout the year, and it's become an accounting nightmare for the treasurer trying to figure out when everyone's membership fees are due. To make it simple, current members' renewal fees are due by the March meeting; any back dues also need to be paid in order to remain current. As a courtesy, any new member who joins at the November meeting will have his/her membership start in the following year.

– Rebecca Boylan & Mary Tilger

**Views and Overviews**, continued from p. 6

Don's description does not give this hosta its sufficient due. Leaf color is a handsome, powdery silvery blue, a most eye-appealing color that's unlike the leaves of, say, 'Halcyon' or 'Blue Moon' or Charlie Seaver's 'Deep Blue Sea' or any other blue-leafed hosta that comes to my mind. Some call the color "dusty blue" and "dusty silver;" I've also heard "moonlight silver" (no doubt in reference to the lyric "By the light of the..."). And the bluishness lasts a long time; often there is some evidence long after Labor Day.

Don Dean's efforts paid off. A couple years later Tony's nursery exclusively introduced 'Silver Bay'. And, yes, I did purchase it; in fact I bought two plants. It has now been extensively tissue-culture propagated and is widely available in the trade.

DVHS members who visited our (my wife Ali's and my) garden after the June 16 meeting saw the two plants in a long bed along the driveway. The larger clump measures 41 inches across, 16 1/2 inches high; the other clump is 4 inches less in width, 2 inches less in height. (So much for accuracy of registration sizes!) The site receives direct sun most of the day – and the clumps love it. (I try to keep the soil consistently moist.)

I suspect 'Silver Bay' is still available locally but you'll have to shop around to find it.

**'Liberty':** It too was first exhibited at the 2000 AHS convention, and became the I-want-this hosta at the event.

'Sagae' with leaves having a dominantly wide, intensely yellow margin. A large clump is a showstopper. It will knock your socks off in early season and looks magnificent the rest of the season too, even though the yellow's vividness fades somewhat.



A stunning leaf of 'Liberty.' D. Teager photo

Although other wide-bordered sports of 'Sagae' have been introduced, 'Liberty' remains my favorite. Several big clumps are in our garden. Many

of the tour gardens at last year's hosta convention featured it: Conny Parsons' garden had a huge clump; Eve Thyrum had three in a triangular arrangement and Barbara Tiffany had it in a special color theme grouping.

If you don't have 'Liberty', buy it—although Delaware Valley nurseries may be sold out now. 'Ivory Coast' is very similar to (if not the same cultivar as) 'Liberty'. It has recently been extensively propagated and should be in local nurseries next year. 'Majesty', a 'Liberty' look-alike marketed by a Dutch wholesaler, might also be locally available next year.

**Fungus Among Us**

It's summertime... and fungus is among us. If leaves of your hostas pull away easily from the crowns when tugged, most likely it's caused by an infectious fungal problem commonly called (Southern) stem blight.

A highly effective, preventative and curative fungicide for this disease is tebuconazole. It is in "Bayer Advanced™ All-In-One Rose & Flower Care" and "Bayer Advanced™ Disease Control for Roses, Flowers & Shrubs." Both are sold in easily identified blue bottles and are widely available.

"All-in-One" contains 0.80% tebuconazole plus an excellent insecticide (imidacloprid) and fertilizer (9% N, 14% P and 9% K). "Disease Control" contains only the fungicide, 2.9%.

Before applying these products, you need to trash all infected leaves in a tightly tied plastic bag and disinfect crowns and surrounding soil with 10% bleach solution. As a preventative, plan to apply the fungicide for several years, starting in the springtime. ♡

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Cut off and mail in, or bring to the meeting.\*

**Delaware Valley Hosta Society  
Membership and Renewal Form**

Dues (family membership) are \$10 per year.

Mail to: Rebecca Boylan, DVHS Membership  
1200 Farmington Ave.  
Pottstown, PA 19464

Please use this form also to update your records for address and email, or to offer your garden for a potential meeting or tour.

Thanks!

\*To ensure payment is received in time for the meeting, mail by July 9.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you consider opening your garden for a membership tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in the nursery trade? \_\_\_\_\_

# Calendar of Events 2007

[www.dvhosta.org](http://www.dvhosta.org)

**Saturday, March 24** DVHS Meeting and location sponsored by the Scott Arboretum

Morning walking tour of Scott arboretum

Hosta Plant Sale and great Hospitality

Guest Speaker, Wayne Guymon on "DESIGNING WITH HOSTAS"

Location: Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

**Wednesday, June 13** Hardy Plant Society, Shade Special Interest Group, visit to Andalusia, Bucks County, PA. [www.hardyplant.org](http://www.hardyplant.org)

**Saturday June 16** DVHS Tour of Michael Krautzel's Garden in Boothwyn, PA

Potluck and Plant Auction. SPECIAL SALES of Japanese Maples from Topiary Gardens, NY [www.topiary-gardens.com](http://www.topiary-gardens.com)

**June 20-23** AHS National Convention in Indianapolis. [www.hosta2007.org](http://www.hosta2007.org)

**Sat-Sun, June 30-July 1** First Look 2007 exhibition, competition, and garden tours in Hartford, Conn. [www.hostalibrary.org/firstlook](http://www.hostalibrary.org/firstlook)

**Sat-Sun, July 7-8** TriState Hosta Society Hosta Show and vendor sales in Morristown, NJ [www.tristatehosta.org](http://www.tristatehosta.org)

**Saturday, July 14** DVHS Tour of Terry Oates' Garden in Newtown Square, PA

Potluck Supper and Plant Auction

**Saturday, August 25** Hardy Plant Society, Fall Gardeners' Market Sale, Frazer, PA [www.hardyplant.org](http://www.hardyplant.org)

**Saturday, November 10** DVHS Fall meeting, location TBA. Guest Speaker, Roberta Chopko, "THE FERNTASTIC HOSTA COMPANION"

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## DO YOU OWE DVHS 2007 DUES?

Please check your mailing label. If you see 06, you owe dues for 07. You must be a current (07) member to purchase hostas at plant sales. The dues pay for the publication of this newsletter. If you want to continue hearing from us, use the convenient form on page 7 inside.

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# DVHS Garden Tour, July 14, 2007

## Terry and Melanie Oates

Terry's garden is the antithesis of most of the gardens on the national convention tour last year. The lot is less than one-third acre, with very little landscaping other than the "zoo." When Terry and Melanie inherited her parents' 1950's Cape Cod about five and a half years ago, he moved about 100 each daylilies and hostas from north New Jersey into any available spot in the yard, where most remain, with lots more daylilies added than hostas due to limited suitable shade. The hosta zoo is about 200 cultivars, but most are single clumps, fenced off (from dogs and deer), labeled, and somewhat underfed and under-watered by zoo management. Terry may finally get a drip irrigation system installed this summer, and has started planting some hostas in "planting bags" to fight tree root competition. And since the daylily zoo will be in almost peak bloom, Terry hopes a few more hosta lovers may become hemerocallis lovers too.



One of the cages in the hosta "zoo" in the Oates garden. Photo by Terry Oates.

### POTLUCK SUPPER

Last name starts A-G, bring a dessert

Last name starts H-P, bring a salad or side dish

Last name starts R-Z, bring a main dish

or bring what's yummy to you!

# DVHS Summer 2007

## Garden Tour and Hosta Auction

### Saturday, July 14, 12:30 p.m.

at the home and garden of Melanie and Terry Oates  
15 Dudie Drive, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, 19073  
610-353-0217

12:30 p.m. GARDEN TOUR

2 p.m. HOSTA AUCTION. See below

3:30 p.m. (approximately) POTLUCK SUPPER

**DIRECTIONS:** Dudie Drive is off PA Rt 252 (S Newtown Street Rd), about 0.4 miles south of Newtown Square, the intersection of Rt 252 with PA Rt 3. Dudie is one block long; #15 is the last house on the right. Park on either side of the street, or around the corner on Mary Jane Lane. (Mary Jane Ln will return you to Rt 252.)

Easiest route from North/East: Take I-476 S (the "Blue Route") to Rt 3 West. Proceed about 3.0 miles to Rt 252 South (turn left). Proceed about 0.4 miles to Dudie Dr (past Gentile's Produce), on the right.

Easiest route from Philly or South/West: Take I-476 N to US Rt 1 S (really west). Proceed about 1 mile to Rt 252 North (exit right). Proceed about 3 miles to Dudie Dr (past Alberto's) on the left.

From West Chester you can take Rt 3 East to Newtown Square, about 9 miles from Rt 202. From Rt 30 (e.g. Exton) take Rt 202 North to Rt 252 South through Paoli, about 7 miles. From Rt 1 (Kennett Square and points west), you can take Rt 252 North (N Providence Rd) from the Rt 1 Media By-pass; see directions above from South/West.

### Hosta Auction information

A significant source of DVHS's income is from sale of hostas at our regular auctions (held at spring and summer meetings). As we all know, hostas multiply happily, and many of us have a regular need to dig and divide our plants. What to do with the extras? Bring them to a DVHS auction! Whether it's an old standby, something new to the trade, or a rare and unusual treat, we can always find someone to buy it. Of course many of our members are on the lookout for the unusual, so be generous with your special plants. As they say, dig early and often! Our volunteer auctioneers will do their best to describe the plants, making the event very educational as well as fun.

For tips on how to pot up your hostas, see the Spring 2007 issues (V16.2) of the newsletter.

Most importantly, do your very best to provide a proper name for the plant, clearly legible, on some sort of tag or label. Our auctioneers may be smart, but they're not wizards. (but if you have a plant you can't identify, you could bring it along to see if someone can ID it before the auction.) It's also requested that you put your name on the back of the label, in case the auctioneers (or purchasers) have any questions. Bring a comfy chair sit back, and **bid!** Also, **bring friends!** You do not need to be a member to buy plants at auction.