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Winter 2007 Meeting and Hosta Sale

Guest Speaker, Wayne Guymon

Saturday, March 24, 1 p.m.

Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College

Lang Performing Arts Center, 500 College Avenue

Swarthmore, PA 19081

Sponsored by the Scott Arboretum and DVHS

10 a.m. – Noon (Approx.) EARLY SPRING WALKING TOUR AT SCOTT ARBORETUM

Andrew Bunting, Curator of the Scott Arboretum, will lead a walking tour through Scott Arboretum highlighting the early spring flowers: winter hazels, bulbs, mahonia and early cherries and magnolias. Meet in the lobby of the Lang Performing Arts Center in Swarthmore College at 10 a.m. Bring a brown bag lunch for after the tour.

1 p.m. HOSTA SALE (tickets available at 12:30 p.m.) Details inside

2 p.m. WAYNE GUYMON, GUEST SPEAKER, "DESIGNING WITH HOSTAS"

Followed by short meeting with election of DVHS officers and Hostatality!

DIRECTIONS: From I-476 (Blue Route), take Exit 3, Follow signs to Swarthmore on Baltimore Pike. In less than a mile, turn right on Rt. 320 South. Then follow Rt. 320 as it turns right at the first light. Turn right at the next light onto College Ave.

Follow Scott Arboretum Event signs to parking. Follow signs from the parking area (Dupont Visitor Parking Lot) to Lang Performing Arts Center (Auditorium). Visit www.swarthmore.edu/visitordash for details and a campus map.

BAKERS NEEDED

for Hostatality, March Winter Meeting

Please contact Chris Dambro, 610-388-7743, if you can provide cake, cookies, munchies or other treats.



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From the editor:

Welcome to the latest DVHS Newsletter. Conny Parsons, having done a superb job at editing the newsletter for a number of years, has passed the task to me. Expect some gradual changes, but for now I'm still learning and adjusting.

One change you'll see is that we plan to upload the newsletter, as a PDF (Adobe Portable Document Format) to our website, www.dvhosta.org. For now, we will still mail the newsletter to our members, but will consider the option of email distribution for those who might prefer the "greener" approach. The pdf files will, of course, be able to contain color pics. To wit, I have included color thumbnails of the hostas you will be able to purchase at the upcoming winter meeting. I'll also make a particular point, as editor, to make sure that we include web links wherever possible.

Which leads me to my next topic, something that may become a regular feature: **Hostas on the Internets**. Yes, I know that "internet" is more correct, but the internet is becoming such a vast space, that it really seems there is more than one of them. One for information (think Google, Wikipedia, and cnn.com), one for interaction (MySpace and Blogspot), one for entertainment (YouTube and iTunes), and, perhaps most importantly, one for shopping!

I have spent a great deal of time in the "interaction" portion of the internet for hostas. Maybe eight years ago, I tripped across www.gardenweb.com. This granddaddy of garden forums has literally hundreds of forum topics, of which hostas is only one. It's status as the #1 Google hit for "garden forums" means that it attracts lots of newbies, but also has a stable of regulars. The parade of newbies there led a number of participants, a few years back, to create a Hosta FAQ site at hostafaq.westside.com. You'll see me there a few times as author, as "Tigger" (my usual online "handle").

We'll talk more later about particular information sites like the AHS website (www.hosta.org) and the Hosta Library (www.hostalibrary.org; is there anyone who doesn't know that?), but if you really want a fix for hosta information and interaction, the forums are the way to go. These days I reside at the forums supported by Hallson Gardens, a nursery and hosta grower (yes, they do excellent mail order, but there's no hard sell) in Michigan. These really are a friendly bunch of folks. The easiest way there is www.hosta.biz. You can talk about hostas, other shade plants, sunny perennials, garden design, or just shoot the breeze, without the overwhelming feeling of GardenWeb, or the flooded inbox that comes from the email robins (more on those the next time). This time of year, folks are proudly showing off pics of their newborn hosta seedlings while waiting for spring. Very popular are the seasonal Secret Hosta Trades, where you send off a few division of a hosta or hostas to another designated forum member, and receive different hostas from a different member. One year I received the 'Little Hobber' pictured on p. 6. Hostas are indeed the friendship plant!

In future issues we'll also talk about shopping. Please email me if you have information or stories you'd like to contribute to this theme.

— David Teager

Winter 2007

Meeting and Guest Speaker, Wayne Guymon

Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.

Lang Performing Arts Center

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Designing with Hostas

Using photos from the gardens featured on last year's National Hosta Convention tour, Wayne Guymon will use techniques garnered from his days as a PhD in Semiotics to explain why certain combinations of plants are more effective than others. For those not already familiar with Semiotics, put simply, it is the study of how meaning is created within a particular text, for example, a word, a sentence, a poem or even a garden. Sounds like it might be complicated? It isn't. It should be fun and highly interactive. In the end, you will hopefully walk away with an understanding of a few simple rules for articulating why all sorts of different things work really well in the garden design wise and why others do not. While the general principles discussed apply to all aspects of garden design, the focus will be on the effective use of hostas in the garden.

If you don't particularly care much about garden aesthetics, not to worry, there will be some great photos of fellow members' gardens for your enjoyment. For those who attended the 2006 National Hosta Convention, this will give you a chance to relive the excitement of the garden tours; for those who were not able to attend, this will provide the opportunity to get to know some of the truly great private hosta gardens located here in the Delaware Valley. Hopefully, the owners of each garden will be in attendance and able to share their personal insights about what they have done to give their gardens high visual impact. As many of you already know, each of these gardens is superb in its own distinct way.



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!

Individual copies: \$15.00 ppd
Make checks payable to DVHS and mail to:

W. Guymon
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Chadds Ford, Pa 19317

All profits from sales go to DVHS

Lyme Disease Alert

Neither Snow, Sleet, Rain nor Hail Will Stop a Tick Attack!

Contrary to popular belief, ticks can still be active in cold weather, even when there is snow covering the ground. In January there were approximately 300 new cases of Lyme disease reported to the CDC. Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware topped the list, accounting for over 2/3 of the total number of reported cases.

Maine, Michigan, Montana, Vermont and New Hampshire, all known for their winter weather extremes, have reported new cases of Lyme disease this year. Residents of Connecticut, New Jersey, and Virginia also have tested positive for Lyme disease since the New Year arrived.

The United States Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, MD reported ticks carrying Lyme and other diseases are still active in Maryland in January and February, even when there is a 70% snow cover and air temperatures are below freezing.

Spirochetes, the organisms responsible for causing Lyme disease, have managed to survive for at least 20 million years through extremely harsh conditions. Evidence of their existence has been found fossilized in the intestinal tissue of insects preserved in amber. It is highly unlikely a cold winter will make a noticeable dent in these hardy stealth pathogens.

Outdoor workers, skiers, hunters, and winter enthusiasts should not let down their guard simply because summer is over. Prevention measures, tick checks, proper tick removal and immediate treatment continue to be the best methods to avoid the long-term consequences of chronic Lyme disease.

Homeowners should be aware that ticks could hitch a ride indoors on firewood, especially if it has been stacked outside in the vicinity of deer, mice and other rodents. Ticks have been found on at least 7 different species of trees in Maryland's woodlands, with some of the smallest ticks found on more than 45 percent of the tree trunks. Ticks are often found in hardwood habitats like oak and mixed forests, but mice, the ticks preferred host, can be found nesting under fallen logs, in hardwood or pine forests, and in houses and barns.

Once inside your home, shed or vehicle, ticks can survive for months in carpets, walls, wooden floors or in tiny crevices before requiring their next blood meal. One female tick can produce 2,000 or more offspring, causing an infestation that can be difficult to eradicate.

Elevated temperatures and/or immersion in hot water containing chemicals, fails to kill many ticks. Researchers at the Department of Agriculture placed ticks in automatic washers and dryers to determine if they would survive a typical wash cycle. At the time of their removal from the washer, the ticks had been affected by the hot water, but 65% were still alive 20-24 hours later. A large percentage was able to survive several hot water washes in which two detergents were used. All ticks were eventually killed in the hot dryer cycle, but only after a full hour of spinning at extremely hot temperatures. The researchers concluded that clothing washed and dried using the normal procedures should not be considered to be free of living ticks.

Blood bank experiments, using Lyme infected blood, were performed to determine if spirochetes would be killed using the current preparation and storage methods. The American Red Cross reported spirochetes were shown to survive when processing or storage temperatures ranged from zero to 75 F degrees, with some spirochetes surviving for at least 45 days in adverse conditions. They concluded they cannot exclude the possibility of transmission of Lyme disease through blood transfusion.

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Deer ticks in various stages of engorgement. The sizes range from a poppy seed to an apple seed.

President's Message

Delaware Valley Hosta Society has been up and running for 25 years! Many hosta legends and novices alike have been a part of our growing community. We now have two national conventions to our credit; lots of public display gardens and countless private gardens, all contributing to the awareness of hosta, keeping our mission alive and well! We often are getting so much enjoyment from these activities that we forget about all the other benefits of gardening, like helping the environment and relieving stress. Make sure that you have shared all of this good stuff with your friends and bring them along with you to our wonderful meetings.

The first meeting of the year will be held at Swarthmore College, sponsored by Scott Arboretum. They offer a public tour that you may like to take in the morning before we start. You can read the meeting insert for these and all other details for the meeting. But remember to get your lunch in here on your own one way or the other. We are suggesting that you "brown bag" it if you take the tour. The plant sale will be next. Jay Stanton has put together a nice selection of "new to the market" hostas that I know you will want! You will have ten varieties to choose from but only ten of each for sale. Don't miss it! Our speaker will be our very own, Wayne Guymon. His presentation is entitled "Designing with Hostas." Wayne has a passion for plants and a talented eye for putting them together in a garden. He is also a skilled photographer and computer wiz so I know that he will have us all ready to dig whether the ground is thawed or not! This is a line-up sure to quench your winter gardening thirst!

The garden tours arranged for this year are both new to our list of places visited. That always makes for an exciting day. In the middle of June we'll gather together in Michael Krautzel's garden. Among the many delightful features that he has constructed are 100 Japanese Maples and lots of under-planted hostas. [Ed. note: Michaels' favorite vendor for acer will be bringing potted trees for sale.]

Terry and Melanie Oates are inviting us in for July's tour. A long-time DVHS member, he does have lotsa hostas but he also has more than 300 cultivars of daylilies, which will be prominent during this time. Terry is recently retired and ready to show off all the work he has been getting to do!

For November we have another special treat planned. Long-time DVHS member and President of Tri-State Hosta Society, Roberta Chopko, will deliver the presentation that she created in honor of the 2006 AHS convention! I am very pleased that she has agreed to share this program with us since most of us were not able to attend it at the convention because we were busy hosting. As usual look to your newsletter for all the particulars.

Please do your best to attend the important meeting on March 24. You'll note that there is a list of nominees for officers on DVHS's executive board that each member should see, inside this newsletter. After reading it please contact Conny Parsons with any further nominations. And if you are an active member who would like to become involved in the club's decisions, please consider joining the board yourself or working on a committee. Every little bit helps! We have moved the board meeting to after the presentation, so, if you are intrigued, by the things we do join us.

As always, thank you for all you do on behalf of our wonderful society!

— *Eva Jones*

Lyme disease, continued

Lyme disease support group leaders report the winter months can be the busiest time of the year. Patients who were not properly diagnosed in the summer and those whose antibiotic treatment was stopped too soon, causing a relapse, often come looking for more accurate information and a doctor trained in the complexities of Lyme and tick borne diseases. A record-breaking number of requests for help were noted this past January, especially from people who have been bitten since the holidays.

It appears bad weather, a time span of 20 million years, extreme heat, below freezing temperatures, lengthy storage in blood banks, the intact human immune system, and even short-term antibiotics won't stop the progression or spread of Lyme disease. With approximately 230,000 new cases occurring annually in the United States, Lyme disease continues to be a national health crisis.

For more information, contact Lucy Barnes at 410-758-3996. 🍀



Hosta Sale!

At left is 'Clear Fork River Valley,' a seriously bumpy introduction from Van Wade, which will be offered for sale at the March meeting. See the insert for details.

Photo by Kent Terpening

Vole Deterrent

This recipe comes from New England Hosta Society member Shirley Davis of R&S Hostas in Brooklyn (near Danielson), CT. She has used it for several years with good results, and is reprinted from the NEHS Hosta News.

Castor Oil Recipe. It is: 4 ounces of Castor Oil, 1 cup of a cheap dishwashing liquid, and 1/2 cup of human urine. Put it all into a large jar, shake the devil out of it to form a creamy emulsion, then place the whole thing into a hose end sprayer and dial up 1 TBSP. per gallon (I actually use the 4 tsp. measure as I figure a little extra won't hurt but don't want to waste it) and then drench the ground around my lilies and whatever hostas I want to protect. I can't stress how important it is to do this at least four times a year as once just won't cut it. I do my final drench in October after I have put everything to bed for the winter. I leave the emulsion in the sprayer all the time so it is easy to attach it and spray without any preparations. It also holds well over the winter, so just mark the sprayer Castor Oil and keep it handy. So far, my lilies are still thriving, and the hosta I have sprayed when I see any sign of vole damage are still living. We do have voles for I have seen signs of them, but we do not have a major infestation so far. Remember, at least four times a year, spring, summer and fall. Drench the ground until you can smell the soap aroma and see the sudsiness forming. It will leach into the ground gradually and the rains will pull it down also, but you want the stuff to go to a depth of a foot or so, that is the reason for the multiple spray times. The voles don't like to get the Castor Oil on their fur and so move to another spot. I can't guarantee that you will never suffer any losses at all, but it sure will diminish the losses by quite a bit. ♡

2007 Programs and Elections

DVHS has been without a Vice President - Program Director for over a year. Because the programs and locations need to be set up in advance, I have temporarily stepped up to the plate to set up the 2007 calendar. You can read details of this year's events in Eva's message.

One of our necessary annual events is the election of officers. To that end, the nominating committee would like to submit the following nominees:

President: Wayne Guymon

Vice President of Events: Conny Parsons

Treasurer: Christel Badey

Secretary: nominations needed

Election of Officers will take place directly after the program. Several proposed changes to the DVHS bylaws will also need to be approved by the membership.

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

Newsletter: David Teager, Chair, 610-485-4149

Membership and Promotion (proposed second Vice President): **Rebecca Boylan 610-327-8217** and **Mary Tilger 610-454-7372**

Webmaster: John Ferraina, Chair 856-589-1084

Plant Sales: Jay Stanton, Chair, 717-566-3415

Auction: Walter Cullerton, Chair, 610-623-0102

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

Hospitality: Chris Dambro, Chair, 610-388-7743

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

— *Conny Parsons*



'Little Hobber' from Kent Terpening (D. Teager)

Fertilizing Your Hostas

Tips from Warren Pollock's Presentation at DVHS November Meeting

At our November 2006 meeting, internationally known hosta expert Dr. Warren I. Pollock of Wilmington shared with us some of his experiences growing hostas.

Hostas, he emphasized, are heavy feeders and respond well to fertilizers—especially the slow-release kinds—*applied very early in spring as the tips just appear*. They should be watered in well so the water-soluble nitrogen (ammoniacal) content is available to the plants when they need nitrogen most: when they are actively making new leaves.

He discussed the properties of the following slow-release granular products:

Scotts® (Lawn) Starter Fertilizer: 20-27-5. Lasts about two months. *Apply at half amount recommended on the package.*

Miracle-Gro® Shake and Feed: 10-10-10. Lasts up to two-three months. Apply at full strength.

Dynamite Plant Food™ (sold as Nutricote™ to nursery trade): 18-6-8. Difficult to find in the North; available at some Home Depot stores and garden centers in the South. (**Osmocote®**, another slow-release granular fertilizer, is a substitute, but note that as much as 65% of its nitrogen can be released in a single heavy watering.)

Warren said he likes **Roots®** and **M-Roots** (which contains Mycorrhiza spores, www.rootsinc.com) when planting bare-root and repotting container-growing hostas. These granular products encourage new root

formation. Their nitrogen content is only a few percent, so the above slow-release fertilizers need to be applied along with them.

He noted that often people make the mistake of putting fertilizer only in the middle of the crown. In general hosta roots grow outward, radially, from the crown and their feeding tips can extend to the clump's perimeter and beyond. Consequently, apply fertilizers to an area somewhat larger than you think the clump's leaves will extent.

Hostas also benefit from **Epsom salt** in early spring. Its magnesium helps green-up green leaves and darken "blackish" leaves (like 'Lakeside Black Satin' and 'Lakeside Coalminer'). Add a pinch to a gallon of water and apply a couple times in early season to the leaves and soil. **Dynamite** fertilizer contains magnesium, 1.2%.

For bigger leaves, try applying a foliar fertilizer directly to the leaves as they are unfurling and making new growth. Pre-wet the soil well to ensure the hosta has enough in-ground moisture. Spray a soluble fertilizer, such as **Miracle-Gro** or **Peters®**, *diluted to 1/4-1/2 of recommended strength*, every 7-14 days until mid-summer. ♣

Warren's Organic Tonic
 To one gallon water add:
 • Kelp (sea weed): 1 tablespoon liquid
 • SuperThrive® (vitamins and hormones): 5 drops
 • HB-101™ (extract of cedar/pine): 5 drops (Expensive; contact Warren for source)
 Pre-water soil, sprinkle ground and leaves once a week from early April through June.

 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: Mike Ewald, treasurer
 49 Marlton Rd.
 Woodstown, NJ 08098

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 March 14.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Would you consider opening your garden for a membership tour? _____

for nursery trade? _____

Calendar of Events 2007

www.dvhosta.org

March 4–11 Philadelphia Flower Show

Saturday, March 17 Hardy Plant Society, March Into Spring, A Symposium for Gardeners, The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
www.hardyplant.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

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

June 20-23 AHS National Convention in Indianapolis. www.hosta2007.org

Sat–Sun, June 30–July 1 First Look 2007 exhibition, competition, and garden tours in Hartford, Conn.
www.hostalibrary.org/firstlook

Sat–Sun, July 7–8 TriState Hosta Society Hosta Show and vendor sales in Morristown, NJ
www.tristatehosta.org

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

Potluck and Plant Auction.

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

For details on DVHS events, see the President's message on p. 5.

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 inside and mail to:

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DVHS Winter Plant Sale

24 March, 2007

Plant sale rules

Plants have been purchased from Q&Z Nurseries in 4" pots, and have been held in growing conditions so that they should be somewhat flushed out. There are only 10 plants of each of the 10 cultivars. Members (current members only) will be given numbers at the registration desk after 12:30. At 1:00, members will be admitted into the sales room in groups based on number, to select a single plant at a time. As plants remain, the numbers will be recycled allowing for multiple purchases.

Cash or check only.

For color pictures of these hostas, see www.qandznursery.com (the source for the pictures herein) or www.hostalibrary.org (which doesn't have pics of all of these).



'Clear Fork River Valley' \$15.00

Van Wade introduction that ranks as one of the best for intense corrugation and dark green foliage color; great slug resistance. 26" high by 51" wide. Leaves 14" long by 11" wide; dark green; heavily corrugated; thick substance. Very pale lavender flowers from late June into July on 32" scapes.

'Ginrei' \$25.00

Unusual *H. montana* sport with a mottled green and white margin; found near Mt. Fuji in Japan by the Watanabe family. 20" high by 50" wide. Leaves 12" long by 6" wide; medium green with a mottled, green and white margin; slightly corrugated; good substance. Very pale lavender flowers on 50" scapes in July.



'Harriette Ward' \$25.00

Brilliant gold foliage of excellent substance; becomes a large-sized mound useful as a specimen or background plant in the shaded garden; registered with the AHS by M. & M. Levy in 2000. 30" high by 60" wide. Leaves 14" long by 10" wide; bright gold; good substance. Very pale lavender flowers from mid-June into early July on 30" scapes.

'Lakeside Cupcake' \$25.00

Outstanding Mary Chastain introduction (1998 AHS registration), notable for its creamy-centered foliage and excellent growth rate. Small, at 6" high by 18" wide. Leaves 5" long by 5" wide; wide, dark green margin surrounds a creamy yellow to white center; cupped; good substance. Whitish flowers in July.



'Linda Sue' \$25.00

Thick-leaved sport of 'Frances Williams' from Van Wade with much wider, gold margins; incredibly thick substance ranks near the top for this characteristic; exhibits tetraploid characteristics. 20" high by 50" wide. Leaves 13" long by 10" wide; blue green-centered with a wide, gold margin; heavily corrugated; very thick substance. Near-white flowers from mid-June into early July on 35" scapes.



'Lollapalooza' \$25.00

Impressive Ed Elslager 'Galaxy' seedling (1998 AHS registration); wavy leaf margins change from yellow to creamy white during the growing season. 18" high by 33" wide. Leaves 11" long by 9" wide; dark green center with a 1.5" wide, bright yellow to creamy white margin; good substance. Whitish flowers in July.

'Nightlife' \$15.00

Cross of 'Invincible' x *H. sieboldiana* 'Elegans' (2004 AHS registration, M. Zilis) that combines the best of both parents, i.e., thick substance, fragrant flowers, and bluish green foliage color; good grower. 18" high by 40" wide. Leaves 8" long by 6" wide; bluish green to dark green; slightly corrugated; good substance. Fragrant, pale purple flowers from early to late July on 30" scapes.



'Smooth Sailing' \$25.00

Outstanding Ed Elslager hybrid of 'Fascination' x 'Daybreak' (2002 AHS registration); large mound of deeply veined, gold-centered foliage that has the look of a *H. montana*. 24" high by 45" wide. Leaves 13" long by 7" wide; gold-centered, green-margined; deeply veined; slightly wavy. Lavender flowers from early to late July on 36" scapes.

'Stargate' \$25.00

Streaked sport of 'Flower Power' found by Van Wade in his vast collection; like its mother plant, becomes a large, semi-upright mound of foliage and produces fragrant pale lavender flowers in mid-summer on tall scapes. 24" high by 50" wide. Leaves: 12" long by 9" wide; green with yellow and lighter green streaks and mottled areas; good substance; smooth texture.



'Sugar and Spice' \$15.00

Creamy white-margined sport of 'Invincible' developed at Q&Z (2003 AHS registration); outstanding for its variegation, fragrant flowers, and good growth rate. 20" high by 48" wide. Leaves: 8" long by 6" wide; green-centered with a 1/2" wide, gold to creamy white margin; shiny; average substance. Fragrant, pale lavender flowers on 30" scapes in August.

Hosta Finder 2007 is now available!

The hosta finder contains price and availability for over 3200 cultivars of hostas. To order send a check for \$17 (for one) or \$28 (for two) to:

Steve Greene
36 Elaine Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Visit www.hosta.net/finderform.htm for details, or email SHGreene@aol.com.