



Spring 2011

Hosta Meeting and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 30, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Tredyfferin Public Library
582 Upper Gulph Rd., Wayne, PA, 19087

Conny Parsons and Warren Pollock, Speakers

“What’s an ‘AHS Mini’ hosta?”

“Trough Wanna-bees” and more

10:30 DVHS Board Meeting and Set-up (Brown bag lunch)

1:00 Gathering for Hosta Hospitality (Dessert/munchies)

1:30 Business Meeting and Feature Presentations

3:00 Plant Sale — over 160 hostas!

Please bring a treat to share. Beverages will be provided.

Directions to April 30 Meeting

The Tredyfferin Public Library is off the Main Line (Route 30), not far from Waterloo Gardens (Devon). This is the same location as our meeting last fall.

From Philadelphia: Take I-76 or the PA Turnpike West to King of Prussia/Valley Forge. Take Route 202 South to the Paoli exit (Route 252), about 3.5 miles. Follow Route 252 South to W Conestoga Rd, about 1.5 miles. Turn Left at W Conestoga Rd. Go 0.5 miles to the fork (on the left) with Upper Gulph Rd. The Library is on your right, about 0.9 miles after turning from Route 252, just after you cross Old Eagle School Rd.

Or take I-476 South (or North) to Rt. 30 and use the directions “from the South” below.

From the West or Southwest: Take I-76 East to King of Prussia/Valley Forge, then follow directions above. Or, take Route 202 North (e.g. from Rt 1) to the Paoli exit. Follow signs to Route 252 South, and follow Route 252 South as in directions above.

From the South: Take I-95 North to I-476 North to Rt. 30 (Villanova/St. Davids) West. Take Rt 30 (E Lancaster Ave.) 2.5 miles to Old Eagle School Rd. Turn Right, and go 0.7 miles to Upper Gulph Rd. Turn Right, and the library will be on your right.



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President's Message

Memories of winter have mellowed as the first snowdrops and crocus appeared and the flowers of hellebores and daffodils unfolded. I hope you were able to visit David Culp's garden on April 2nd for an early spring treat.

Winters are a time when I catch up on reading. This year's non-fiction book has been Michael and Kathy Shadrack's *The Book of Little Hostas*. If you were one of the more than 65 members who attended the fall meeting, you had a chance to meet both Kathy and Mike and purchase (via mail) this special little book. Mike is a gifted and humorous speaker who entertained and informed everyone who attended.

I am very excited about our spring meeting. Warren Pollock and I are presenting a follow-up on the definition, care and trough planting of Mini and Small Hostas at the spring meeting; it is a very good thing that I have read that *Little Hosta* book cover to cover. We are very fortunate that lifetime DVHS member Dr. Warren Pollock is willing to share his knowledge. Presentations will be fairly short with a little entertainment and a few surprises in between, followed by questions and answers.

We are trying some different approaches to plant picks and sales this spring. The plants were picked for their aesthetics, substance and distinction and ordered from Q&Z Nursery in Rochelle, IL, last fall. The plant sale is later than usual so the hosta leaves will be fully flushed out. There are newer *and* older cultivars that are hard to find and most are only available through mail order. Our prices for these choice plants—in 4"–6" containers—are \$10, \$15 and \$20. Please bring plastic bags or smaller boxes/baskets to contain your hostas. The plant sale will be held after the program.

The funds from our plant sales and auctions go toward rental facilities, guest speakers, all our printed materials, and educational events like hosta shows, outreach programs, and display beds.

Mary Tilger has cordially volunteered to open her garden in June for a tour, auction and potluck. DVHS relies on members to bring in plants for the auction. Since spring is a great time to divide hostas, we are hoping you can save some plants for the BIG JUNE AUCTION. Mary, along with Rebecca Boylan, will also have some of their handcrafted troughs for sale, with many troughs displayed to showcase hostas and friends.

If you have never attended an American Hostas Society National Convention, now is your chance! It is an easy drive to attend this exciting event in the New England area, Marlborough, MA. Visit www.hosta2011.org for more information. **First Look 11** will also thrill conventioners with a container displays of sports and seedlings of hostas never seen before. There will also be a large hosta show where attendees can enter cut leaves and containers. Add to this garden tours, speakers, hosta-tality, classes and judges clinics, lots of plant vending and great garden friends. It is not often that an AHS convention is held in Region One, to which DVHS belongs.

If you are a member of the American Hosta Society and have not had a chance to look at the online Journal, please do so. See Warren's column for a nice discussion. DVHS members Bill Meyer and Carol Brashear were major contributors that made this e-magazine so successful. If you are not a member of AHS, now is a great time to join or renew.

Plans are still being made for the July picnic with TriState Hosta Society at Russell Gardens. Please note that Mary and Rebecca will be holding a trough workshop in the morning at Russell's. Look for more information about this event and our Fall event at Tyler Arboretum in future newsletters.

We will truly miss the DVHS Members and Friends who have left us over this winter and spring; see our tributes inside. It really is the hosta friends that are remembered longest and foremost.

— Conny Parsons

On Hostas: Views and Overviews, part 15

Warren I. Pollock, Glen Mills, Pennsylvania

Our continuing column by DVHS's founder and first president. Contact Warren at giboshiwip@aol.com with your comments and questions.

The American Hosta Society: What's New? Plenty!

A lot occurred with the AHS last year that puts a whole new light on how it communicates—and perhaps even networks—with its members.

The major event was the AHS's premier membership journal, *The Hosta Journal*, went *partially* digital.

Instead of three superb printed journals, each some 82 pages and mailed to members, the AHS printed just two superb journals in 2010, a Spring and a Summer issue. Instead of a third printed journal, though, it published a superb *online* Fall/Convention issue. The AHS will continue this policy hereafter, it seems.

Founded in 1968, the AHS initially printed one *AHS Bulletin* yearly. Photos were black and white, and text was “hand-typed.” Over the years quality improved considerably. In 1986 the name was changed to *The Hosta Journal*, beginning twice-yearly publication. *THJ* was now professionally typeset and laid out, and contained color photos, first only on the covers and then copiously inside as well.

Let me quickly interject here that the first biannual *THJ*, the Spring 1986 issue, featured a photograph on the front cover of DVHS's Mildred Seaver, holding leaves of one of her hybrids that had won a coveted award. This was the first time someone's portrait was on the front cover of an AHS publication. Previously these covers were, and since then have been, of hosta leaves or gardens, except for a 2009 issue memorializing Alex Summers, the AHS's principal founder, first president and first journal editor. Sadly, we report that this March Mildred Seaver, at age 98, passed away.

In 2002 the AHS started printing three journals annually. The increase in issues was based on the need for a specific post-convention issue in the fall, plus more pages for more articles and especially more photographs. The number of hostas being introduced and propagated yearly was increasing almost exponentially. But I would also mention that a third issue was added as a distinct inducement for recruiting prospective, as well as retaining existing, members: the bang for members' bucks (dues) was significantly boosted.

In addition, members receive a fourth printed journal yearly: the Registration issue. The 2009 R issue is 70 pages; the 2010 R issue, nearly 50 pages. As well members receive a biennial membership directory; the 2009–2010 one is 50 pages. Plus, for many years a newsletter of local societies' forthcoming activities was mailed out early in the year.

What is the cost of printing and distributing all this information? To help you understand the AHS's financial situation, I am markedly rounding off and approximating dollars and membership numbers. Also all members are considered U.S. residents Please keep this in mind as the math will not have an accountant's accuracy. My intent is just to give you a simplified overview, as I understand the situation.

First, some membership numbers: Peak AHS membership was in year 2004. That year there were about 3300 members. Membership then decreased each year (except for last year). In year 2009 membership was only 2500. That's an 800-member decline from 2004: about a 25% decrease.

Next, the publication costs to provide for this membership: Printing and delivery of three *THJs* and other publications yearly costs the AHS about \$80–90K. Thus, each *THJ* issue costs about \$25–30K.

For several years now, annual individual membership dues have been \$30. (Family membership dues are \$34.) However the AHS also has life members, who pay a lump sum once (so the AHS may invest the money) and from then on have full benefits, receiving all publications for their lifetimes. The number of life members has been nearly the same throughout the 2000s: about 400, leaving 2100 members in 2009 who paid annual dues. So income from annual members in 2009 was only about \$60K.

The first life members paid only \$200. They even received a gift hosta, which I recall was ‘Golden Sculpture’, an outstanding cultivar, rare and expensive at the time. For years life membership in AHS was one of the best investments in any horticultural/gardening society. Not unexpectedly, over the years the cost of becoming a life member increased; it is now \$900 (with domestic mailing). The important point here is that interest on the invested money does not cover the cost of three printed journals, a printed AHS Registry journal and other printed matter received by lifers yearly.

So it's the annual members who principally are paying the society's bills, not the lifers. A loss of some 800 annual members is a loss to AHS of about \$25K. And that's about the cost of a printed journal issue!

Fortunately the AHS has other income sources, and each is critical to the society's existence. Auctions at the national conventions can generate about \$20K annually. And all those wonderful vendors at conventions donate a percentage of their net sales to the national society, providing another \$10K.

Additionally, the AHS has an exciting online auction in January each year, during which competitive collectors bid via e-mail on hostas for which only exciting photographs and hyped descriptions from plant donors are provided. The 2010 online auction added about \$10K to the AHS's assets.

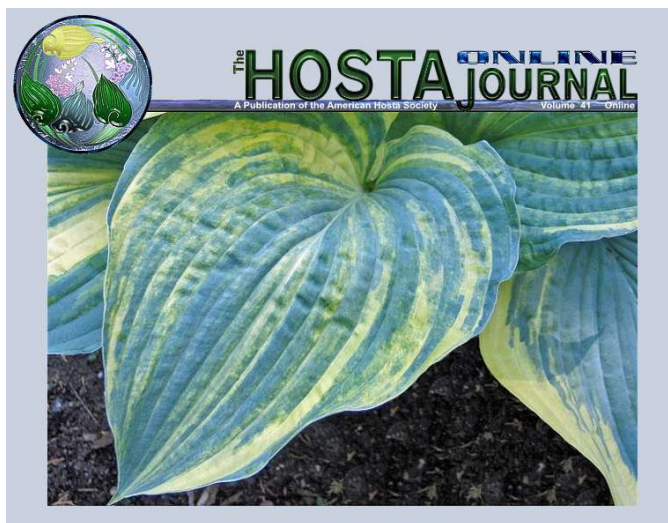
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In mid-2010, after a thorough assessment, the AHS Board of Directors projected there would be a significant budget shortfall in the current year (and likely in following years) if a third *THJ* were printed; immediate action was required. Accordingly, the third *THJ* was realigned as an online journal published in the fall, *produced at essentially no cost using volunteer efforts*.

A seven-person editorial staff was assembled with DVHS's Bill Meyer and Carol Brashear undertaking the formidable responsibility of composing the publication digitally. And in November 2010 *The Hosta Online Journal* was launched.

And what a superb online journal it is. Wow! Certainly it has exceeded many folks' expectations. If completely printed out on your home computer printer, it would be some 225 pages: that's almost three times the size of a printed *THJ*!



The *OLJ* has more than 20 original articles, detailing topical subjects like standout and hot hostas, mini hostas, handling poorly rooted divisions, building a permanent raised bed, fall slug control and side-by-side comparisons of *H. 'El Niño'* vs. *H. 'First Frost'*. Included are write-ups of 2010 Winter Scientific, Hosta College, Midwest Regional, Dixie Regional and **First Look** meetings, as well as comprehensive coverage of the 2010 AHS National Convention in Minnesota. All with pictures, pictures galore.

"In online publishing," Bill Meyer explains, "there are no page restrictions limiting number of articles and their lengths. And there's no limit on number of helpful photos that can be included."

What's the catch? Well, an online publication requires access to a computer. You must have internet access. And you must be an AHS member to view *OLJ*.

The online journal is on the AHS Web site, www.hosta.org. Anyone can access this site, which, by the way, recently had a wonderful makeover: easy to move around in and easy to find items. And it's kept up to date with news items. If you're not familiar with

this highly informative web site, I strongly recommend you take a look.

The catch is that only AHS members can click on "*The Hosta Online Journal*" because a member-only password, which is changed annually, is required.

So, technically, you have to be an AHS member to enjoy *OLJ*, have computer access and have interest enough to peruse and read items, some quite lengthy, on a computer screen. And this assumes you've remembered the AHS member password (which I admit I've forgotten a couple of times).

Of course, not every AHS member has suitable computer access. And perhaps even more critical, not every AHS member wants to read a comprehensive journal online. So these members, whether annual or lifers, are getting less bang for their bucks.

Last January I took a very non-scientific survey of 24 AHS members (none in the nursery trade) by e-mail (so I knew they had internet access). I'd classify them as representing the rank and file of AHS's membership. The results are interesting.

Five said they "did not know" of an AHS online journal. This might indicate that some 20% of AHS's total membership is not aware or "sufficiently aware" of *OLJ*. Although the AHS's president announced the online publication in a printed journal message and a special announcement was mailed out in early January, it might be inferred the notifications were not adequate.

Of the 19 who knew of *OLJ*, all said they had skimmed some of the contents and thought the publication was excellent, well in tune with needs of today's gardeners. But only 15 of the 19 had read two or more articles; all, however, added they planned to read more of them.

For a better assessment, maybe I should have waited longer after *OLJ*'s launching. Regardless, I think the online journal needs more vigorous and extensive marketing, both to AHS members and prospective new members.

The intent of this column is for all DVHS members to be aware of this superb online journal. If you're an AHS member not familiar with *OLJ*, and/or you forgot the password, contact me at giboshiwip@aol.com. I'll reply with the entrance code. *OLJ* is an important part of your AHS membership, and I want you to get maximum value and be satisfied as a national member.

If you're not an AHS member and are interested in viewing *OLJ*, I have a way of "lending" you a copy for your assessment. Just e-mail me your request. Frankly I want to entice you to be an AHS member...and I think *OLJ* will do it.

By the way, I understand the AHS also has plans to issue a quarterly newsletter. Yes, it will be online published by volunteers. Still more bang for your AHS membership bucks. 🍷

April 30, 2011

Hosta Meeting and Plant Sale

The Delaware Valley Hosta Society kicks off another active year with our Spring Meeting and Plant Sale. Our featured speakers need no introduction. Lifetime DVHS member—and long-time contributor to both *The Hosta Journal* (the publication of the American Hosta Society) and our own *Newsletter*—Dr. Warren Pollock will give a presentation titled “What’s an AHS Mini Hosta?” Our current President, Conny Parsons, will waltz us through a musical collage of different trough-like miniature garden containers.

The third presentation should be an interesting treat. Take a deep breath before the title: *BME Holy Grail Quest: “The Search for H. ‘Blue Mouse Ears’ Meeting the New AHS Mini Size Criteria by the Grand Wizard and Others.”* It is a picture-narrative serial, somewhat in a “Monty Python” style, originated by DVHS’s Bill Meyer and Carol Brashear for FIRST LOOK’s 2011 Online Auction held last February. A new short episode appeared each day during the two-week auction. Bill and Carol have compiled the episodes into a visual-oral computer production, with accompanying music, especially for this DVHS meeting. “BME Quest” is clever and entertaining, spoofing some hosta folks and, of course, hosta BME (pronounced BeMe). Guess who’s depicted as the Grand Wizard?

Following the presentations, it’s time to shop! Conny Parsons and the Board selected and purchased the hostas last fall, and Conny is tending them so that they should be well flushed out by the day of the sale. See the sale insert for detailed descriptions. There may be some extra-special plants (especially more minis) available as well.

Here are the rules for the day:

- Please bring a small plastic lined box, basket or bag to put your purchases in.
- Pick a number from the hosta bucket at the membership table (entrance door).
- Plant sales will run on a lottery rotation (based on your lucky number), giving everyone a chance to pick two plants with each rotation. Near the end, hostas left will be up for grabs.
- Check out will be at the membership table at the end of the meeting. Bring your hostas to the table. Each hosta will have a color tag to indicate a price of \$10, \$15 or \$20.

\$10 hostas (tried and true, but maybe new to you): Katie Q, Pineapple Upsidedown Cake, Blue Hawaii, Wylde Green Cream, Lakeside Old Smokey, Little Treasure, and Lakeside Downsized.

\$15 hostas (hard to find and rich in character): Emerald Ruff Cut, London Fog, Pineapple Punch.

\$20 hostas (collector plants, generally mail-order only): Scarlet Ribbons, Marilyn Monroe, American Gothic, Daddy Boomer, Triple Ripple.

New Members’ Corner

We welcome the following new members who have joined our group since our last Newsletter:

Jenny Rose Carey
Ambler, PA

Susan Gisser
Wynnewood, PA

Diane Olesik
Philadelphia, PA

If you know someone who is interested in joining the DVHS but you don’t have an application handy, direct them to our website (www.delvalhosta.org) or have them call Rebecca Boylan for more information.

Hosta-tality for April 30th

Chris Dambro requests:

Please bring some treats for our meeting. Beverages will be provided. Come early if you can help set up.

Step right up!

The following is a list of committees/chairs, who are always looking for a few volunteers. EASY and FUN!

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Plant Sales: position open

Auction: position open

Display Gardens: Marilyn Romanesco, Chair, 302-765-3581

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

Raffle: Mary Tilger, Chair, 610-454-7372

JOIN THE AHS!

The AHS wants you to be a member so you can:

- Read their fabulous journal!
- Win big prizes at Hosta Shows!
- Be a Hosta Judge!
- Come to the National Conventions!

Visit www.hosta.org where you can join on-line.

6 Hosta Trough Companions

By Rebecca Boylan

Growing hostas in containers is a great solution for people who have run out of room in the shade garden, are collecting fickle plants, or want their collection closer to the house. But placing a few mini or small hostas in a pot looks just like that—a few hostas in a pot. You can really make your plants come alive by choosing a few complementary perennial companions, the correct container, and an accessory or two to highlight your hostas.

I choose to grow most of my mini hostas in hypertufa troughs. It didn't start out that way, but as I began collecting more finicky cultivars (such as 'Pandora's Box'), I found that the plants grew much better in a contained, manageable environment. The troughs also protect the plants from voles and my Cairn terriers, and can be pampered more. When I find a mini or small hosta in the ground that isn't faring well, it gets moved to a "rescue" trough until the roots become established.

Trough planting has been discussed in a previous newsletter, but the basics involve covering the bottom of the trough with wire screening for drainage and using a mix of 1 part poultry grit to 2 parts soilless mix. Fill the trough to the top with the mix and place your plants. Plant to the top of the trough, adjusting the root ball and adding more mix as needed. Water well and add more mix if low spots develop.

You could make a lovely eight-inch round trough with three minis, a piece of bark and a few stones. Top dress the container with some moss from the woods and it will look like it's been growing for years. This won't work in a larger trough, as now you're working on a landscape in miniature. Plants are needed for groundcover and to add a contrast to the hostas. Plants chosen also must require the same growing needs as hostas.

A good trough groundcover should be present in the trough for at least three seasons. It may become a bit overzealous, but that's why we have plant auctions. *Veronica repens* 'Sunshine' is chartreuse-colored creeping speedwell with tiny leaves that winds its way nicely around the base of small hostas in a medium to large trough. It hangs over the edge of the trough and can be transplanted with ease.

Ranunculus yakusimanus performs all the duties of a hosta trough groundcover and then some. It creeps throughout the trough with silver-veined, little green leaves and blooms continuously with tiny yellow, buttercup flowers. Just don't plant this ranunculus with any slow-growing hostas as it will overtake the plants quickly. Every two years I need to replant these troughs to keep this plant under control, but it's worth it.

Little companions for little plants are hard to find, but there are some tiny coralbells out there that out-cute our cute little hostas. *Heuchera* 'Petite Pearl Fairy' has

lobed, bronzed leaves dappled with silver. The clump reaches 3-4" high and is topped by numerous wands of light pink flowers in the spring. *Heuchera rubescens* 'Troy Boy' makes an even smaller mound of green leaves topped by pale pink flowers tipped with green. Brightening up the container with a shot of gold and white splashes on small leaves, *Heuchera sanguinea* 'Cherry Splash' tops out at 2-4" and has wands of cherry-red flowers.

Little sedges contrast well with hostas and add airiness to troughs, especially when in bloom. Clumps can be broken apart and planted as rivers or streams within the trough and supplemented with pebbles or a miniature bamboo fence to complete the look. *Carex berggrenii* has 2" long reddish-brown foliage that contrasts well with yellow and chartreuse. *Carex caryophylla* 'Beatlemania' is a 6" weeping green sedge edged in gold, perfect for the edge of a medium to large trough. Sedge-like *Acorus gramineus* 'Minimus Aureus' (dwarf golden sweet flag) is only a few inches high and can also be teased apart and planted in undulating streams. Match this sweet flag with variegated hostas to pick up the yellows and golds.

Sometimes there's one trough companion that can take away all the attention from the hostas, but *Thalictrum kiusianum* (dwarf meadow rue) is worth the show. This little rue forms a 2" mat of feathery leaves and sends out courteous rhizomes throughout the planting. All season long, light pink blossoms pop up to make everyone happy. Plant it as an understory for dwarf hostas in a trough and your plants will shine. It divides easily and can be shared with other troughs and gardening friends.



Height in a form other than hostas is always needed, and epimediums are a wonderful contrast. Many have evergreen foliage, and leaf shape and color also vary; this color may change as the season progresses as color can be dark early in the season, then lighten, and then darken again. Limit your selections to the clumping varieties as the runners will quickly overtake the troughs. Some cultivars which remain under 5" include *E. diphyllum* 'Nanum', *E. grandiflorum* 'Nanum' (pictured), and *E. sempervirens* 'Rose Dwarf'. For taller clumps, consider *E. grandiflorum* var. *higoense* 'Confetti' with speckled and flecked leaflets of dark purple and thin, tapered, white, spider-like flowers, or *E. x 'Domino'* with panicles of creamy white and grape flowers against elongated leaflets speckled in various shades of maroon.

There are many more perennials that can be added to hosta troughs: dwarf astilbes, dwarf goatsbeard (*Aruncus aethusifolius*), dwarf lady's mantle (*Alchemilla alpina*), ferns, and many other dwarf versions of our favorite shade perennials. Don't forget to add the finishing touches: rocks, lichen-covered branches, moss, miniature houses, and other accessories take the trough from planter to scene. Once you get started with one hosta trough, you'll become a fan too. 🍷

On the passing of two of our own

by David Teager

Mildred Seaver

(The following is reprinted, with minor modification, from the obituary published in the Wilmington News Journal. I could offer no finer tribute.)

Mildred R. Seaver, the “Queen of Hostas,” passed away on March 7, 2011, at age 98. She attributed her longevity to gardening, blueberries, and her many friends.

Mildred was a renowned hosta hybridizing pioneer who created and named about 90 new hosta varieties. She received much recognition for her contributions to the American Hosta Society (AHS) including the Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Award, the Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award (first recipient), and the New England Hosta Society Lifetime Achievement Award (first recipient). Mildred also had the honor of being the only living person to ever appear on the cover of *The Hosta Journal*.

She was a lover of nature, plants, flowers, cats, butterflies and moths, color, art, and people. Mildred was creative, unorthodox, irreverent, artistic, outspoken, incorrigible, flamboyant, funny, and eager to help people whether they wanted help or not. She was famous for sitting with new AHS members and sharing stories, pictures, gardening tips, and other “show and tell” and for interjecting humorous banter into the lecture, auction, or conversation at hand even if unsolicited.

She was nicknamed the “Queen of Hostas” because of her enthusiastic spirit and her infectious excitement over hostas. She will be remembered by her friends for her quick wit and marvelous sense of humor, her giving nature, and her special hostas.

Mildred is survived by her twins Charles R. Seaver and his wife Carolyn of Hockessin, DE, and Muriel S. Brown and her husband Kenneth of Naples, FL, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Mildred famously referred to her children as “her best hybrids.”

A memorial service and celebration of her life was held on Saturday March 19th in Wilmington, DE. Memorial donations may be made to the American Hosta Society.

Harry Clifton Russell

On January 9, 2011, the Delaware Valley Hosta Society lost a good friend when Clif Russell succumbed to melanoma at age 79.

Clif was born on his family’s farm in Churchville, Pennsylvania. This same farm later became Russell Gardens, which has hosted events for many gardening groups including a memorable cookout for the American Hosta Society’s national convention in 2006.

Gardening, however, was not Clif’s primary passion in life. He graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University, and followed this with additional studies in vocational nursing and missionary dentistry. He used these skills traveling among the Indian tribes of Peru. During this time he met Norma Alger, who became his wife; together they raised a family and brought their Gospel teaching and medical skills to the indigenous people, while absorbing the native culture and learning about the native plant and animal life.

After more than 20 years in Peru, Clif and his family returned to Churchville, where he and his brother Alfred converted the family farm from a livestock and vegetable operation to one specializing in propagation of perennials. Clif became as knowledgeable about perennials as he had been about the Amazon jungle, says his son, Alan, and in 1994 was honored at the annual symposium of the Perennial Plant Association for his contribution to the industry.

Clif transferred ownership of the business to his children, but stayed involved until the end of his life. We are grateful for his support of the Delaware Valley Hosta Society. In addition to his wife and son Alan, Clif is survived by sons H. Clifton Jr., Jay, Philip, and Kent; six brothers; and five grandchildren.



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

Delaware Valley Hosta Society Membership and Renewal Form

Dues (household 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 e-mail**, or to offer your garden for a potential meeting or tour. Thanks!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Would you consider opening your garden for a members’
tour? _____

Are you in the nursery trade? _____

Calendar of Events 2011

www.delvalhosta.org

Saturday, March 19: Hardy Plant Society:
March Into Spring. Visit www.hardyplant.org

Saturday, March 26: Tri-State Hosta Society plant
sale at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ

Saturday, April 2: DVHS Event (Hellebores) at
Brandywine Cottage, Downingtown, PA

Saturday, April 30: DVHS Spring Meeting,
Tredyfferin Public Library, Wayne, PA
Hosta plant sale and great hospitality
Presentations by Warren Pollock and Conny Parsons

Saturday, June 11: DVHS Tour of Mary Tilger's
garden, Colledgeville, PA. Potluck and plant auction

**June 22–26: AHS National Convention and
First Look 2011** in Marlborough, Massachusetts.
www.hosta.org or www.hosta2011.org

Saturday, August 6: DVHS Barbecue with Tri-State
Hosta Society at Russell Gardens Wholesale in
Churchville, PA, with plant auction

Saturday, November 5: DVHS Fall Meeting
Tyler Arboretum, Media, PA
Guest Speaker Pandora Young from Longwood
Gardens: "Pierce's Woods—Using Native Plants in
a Shade Garden." Presentation and arboretum walk.

IT'S DUES TIME

Please check your mailing label. If you see a number less than 11, you owe DVHS dues for 2011. Current members' renewal fees are due by the April meeting; any back dues also need to be paid in order to remain current. **You must be a current member to purchase hostas at the special sales, and to receive the Newsletter by mail.** The dues pay for the publication of this newsletter and maintenance of the website, as well as for other society activities. If you want to continue hearing from us, send in your 2011 membership fee today!

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

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