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Spring 2009 Garden Tours, Potluck and Auction Saturday, May 30, 12:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Garden Tour and Lunch at Jim and Conny Parsons

11:00 Plant a trough demonstration!

1206 Holly Lane, Glen Mills, PA 19342 610-558-6196

Please bring a dish to share: snacks, side dishes, desserts.

Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

**1:00 p.m. Garden Tour and Auction at Tallwood
(the home of Elizabeth and Michael Drummond)**

4 Chowning Dr., Malvern, PA 19355 610-695-8955

Please bring lots of good plants and something to sit on.

Directions and garden descriptions inside

Both the Parsons' and the Drummond's "Tallwood" gardens were "tour gardens" for the 2006 AHS National Convention, hosted by DVHS. Plan your day: come to the Parsons' garden in the morning, stay for lunch, and then visit the Drummond's for more beautiful gardens and our first Auction for the year.



Don't cry over 'Spilt Milk' at Tallwood, although you may wish your clumps were as nice! W. Guymon



Conny makes you walk a fine line between these beautiful hosta displays. C. Parsons



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President's Message

In this, my first official President's Message, I would like to thank you — the members of DVHS — for supporting me in this new position or adventure. The DVHS was the first organization that I joined 18 years ago after moving to Philadelphia from Minneapolis. I left my then meager hosta collection in Wisconsin with my mother. Both of our collections have grown, thanks to the many plant sales and auctions that DVHS has sponsored over the years. The sharing of plants within members and beyond is one of the reasons why hosta is called the "Friendship Plant."

The DVHS is a wonderful organization and I only hope that I can continue in the direction that has kept us a viable organization for almost thirty years. It has been 41 years since the late Alex Summers, a lifetime member of DVHS and principal founder of The American Hosta Society, helped bring the first National Convention to Swarthmore, Pennsylvania in 1968. My mission is not in "change" but to follow and enhance the traditions set in motion from the start... to foster and promote knowledge and interest in *Hosta* through education and outreach.

I have enjoyed working on different projects throughout the years including the Newsletter, the 2006 National Convention and recently Events. The enjoyment has been far greater than the few volunteer hours spent. Please let me know if you would be interested in chairing the following: Plant Sales, and the 2010 Hosta Show. We also need a new Vice President of Events and a Secretary.

Horticulturist Marilyn Romenesko is our new Director for Display Gardens. The DVHS will benefit from her experience working for the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society, as a project manager where she oversees the new plantings and maintenance of public gardens in Philadelphia (Azalea Gardens, Logan Square in Penns Landing and the landscapes at the Art Museum). She has also been a feature writer in PHS's *Green Scene* magazine.

We have so many talented members who speak at garden clubs and other plant societies on a variety of topics. If you would like to be mentioned in a new speaker section of www.delvalhosta.org, please contact David Teager.

April's gardening has been one of extremes, many nights dipping below freezing, lots of rain and a brief heat wave. Even with coverage many hosta crowns in our garden have been damaged by frost. The heat wave forced many hosta leaves up, and then out into a soft flat cascade. On the upside, my neighbor's daughter and her friends want to take their Prom pictures for the second year in a row in our garden. My grandchildren visit often and have learned about spring *Helleborus*, *Petasites*' weird flowers, and the lacy *Epimedium* flowers. It has also been fun watching the hosta leaves unfurl after a long winter nap.

Jim and I are really looking forward to your visit May 30th. The trough planting demonstration is a follow-up to Warren Pollock's presentation "What's a Mini Hosta" and Rebecca Boylan's "Hypertufa Trough Class" at the Fall Hosta Fair. Please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor.

— Conny Parsons

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JOIN THE AHS!

The American Hosta Society is gearing up for another successful annual convention, this time in Michigan. Join the AHS today to find out more! Visit www.hosta.org where you may join on-line.

Membership Notes: In remembrance of Alex Summers

David Teager

The leadership of the Delaware Valley Hosta Society is deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of lifetime member Alex J. Summers, on Sunday, April 12, at age 95. Alex was one of the original founders of the American Hosta Society in 1968, and the first president and editor of its Bulletin (later called *The Hosta Journal*). At the time, Alex lived in Long Island, NY; later he moved his garden to Bridgeville, Delaware, to what became Honeysong Farm and one of the premiere hosta gardens on the east coast. Alex was also a founding member of the Delaware Valley Hosta Society and later the DelMarVa Hosta Society. When the American Hosta Society decided to award an individual for outstanding service at its annual convention, Alex was logically the first recipient, and the award still bears his name.

Alex does not leave a legacy as a great hybridizer of hostas, but will be remembered as a champion of the genus. His stature as a loveable curmudgeon was well-known; he was effusive with praise for good plants, and just as free with his words for ones he didn't like. A favorite story is associated with the hosta that bears his name: when presented with a sport of 'Gold Regal' with a faint green edge, the originator wanted to name it after Alex. "But," Alex protested, "that hosta's a dog. Don't name it after me." "Well," the originator replied, "what's your dog's name?" "Rascal," said Alex, and it was later registered as such. An undeniably more eye-catching sport of 'Gold Regal' discovered by another grower is the one we call 'Alex Summers.'

Alex requested that contributions in his memory may be made to the American Hosta Society, 11 Emerson Ave. East, West St. Paul, MN 55118. ♡



Hosta 'Honeysong', named for his farm in Delaware, was one of Alex Summers's own plants. D. Teager photo

On Hostas: Views and Overviews, part 8

Warren I. Pollock, Wilmington, Delaware

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

Fungus Among Us - Another Pesky Pest Problem

Stem blight, commonly called Southern stem blight and Southern blight, as well as many other names such as petiole rot, mustard seed fungus and sometimes just crown rot, is a common and troublesome fungal problem afflicting hostas.

Usually surprising to many gardeners is that this disease is not limited to southern states. I've seen badly affected clumps in the Mid-Atlantic, and there are numerous similar reports in New England, Midwest and Great Lakes states. Some ten years ago an outbreak of the blight occurred in Iowa, prompting a comprehensive study at Iowa State University and publication of an excellent resource bulletin. The researchers found the fungus not only thrived in Iowa's high summer temperatures but also survived its harsh winters.

The disease usually occurs in the summer months and is due to the fungus *Sclerotium rolfsii*. It lives in the soil and attacks the crown (the part of the plant at the soil line), causing yellowing, browning leaves and mushy, rotted crowns. If you can easily detach unhealthy-looking leaves from the crown at soil level, suspect the problem is due to *S. rolfsii*.

The new (2008) edition of The American Hosta Society's excellent *The Hosta Adventure—A Grower's Guide* has a good description of the disease and tell-tale photos. Also, the AHS website, which was masterfully made over last year, has comprehensive information along with a photo (www.hosta.org/SouthernBlight.html).

Both AHS sources recommend pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB) fungicide as a preventative and control treatment. (Note there is an error in *The Hosta Adventure*; it inadvertently omitted "pen" and wrote just "tachlorobenzene." Penta = five; there are five chlorine atoms in the chemical formula.) The trade name most associated with this fungicide is Terrachlor®. PCNB is usually packaged as a wettable power to mix with water and apply as a soil drench.

The problem with PCNB is it is not readily available to home gardeners. Chances are you're not going to find it on your local nursery, garden center or hardware store shelves. Also, Agway and Southern States stores in Northern Delaware and Southeast Pennsylvania don't seem to sell it. You'll have to locate a broader-stocked supplier of chemicals to farms and nurseries or, perhaps better yet, go online.

I no longer use—or recommend—PCNB. My fungicide of choice for treating stem blight is tebuconazole

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A Special Thank You

Conny Parsons

We are very fortunate, as a nonprofit group, to have so many members who volunteer their time and talent. Wayne Guymon has done an outstanding job as President for the past two years, sharing his interests, talents and knowledge. His presentation at the April meeting, “Fun With Digital Photography in Your Garden,” challenged all who attended. We were motivated to take photos in different perspectives and atmospheres and to use the camera as a visual editing and recording tool. So much interest was generated that a small group is forming to work primarily in photography within DVHS.

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Jay Stanton has organized and provided beautiful and interesting hostas for the spring plant sale for the past five years. Jay is now also the founding president of the Susquehanna Hosta Society (SHS) based in Harrisburg. The SHS will continue to be sponsored by DVHS for one more year and has already grown to over thirty members. We are very grateful for the time and energy Jay has shared with DVHS.

We would also like to thank Eli Cohen for chairing Display Gardens. The hosta garden at Morris Arboretum (see picture on page 5) is an example of what a small group of hosta lovers can do. The most recent garden at Awbury Arboretum in the Germantown section of Philadelphia is also growing nicely. The development of Display Gardens has been an ongoing challenge, and Eli’s leadership has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank all members of the board of directors, who have agreed to stay for another two years. Marilyn Romenesko, as Secretary has been our refresh button for the past two years. Gene and Chris Dambro have consistently done an excellent job in hospitality. It would be extremely difficult to fill their “hostatality” shoes. Mary Tilger has become the Raffle Queen...an outstanding job. And Walter Cullerton leads the Auctions at the two garden tours. Rebecca Boylan has organized the position of Vice President of Membership, has handled the nametags at meetings and has put DVHS on an annual schedule for membership and dues. Christel Badey has kept the finances straight and taken charge of the monies at plant sales and auctions.

David Teager has been creating one of the most informative newsletters published by a hosta society within the American Hosta Society. David very generously agreed to also expand his title to Director of Publications, which means the responsibilities for not only the newsletter but also the DVHS website and other publications will fall under him. We would also like to thank Warren Pollock for sharing his wealth of information as a feature writer for the newsletter. This quality is unmatched.

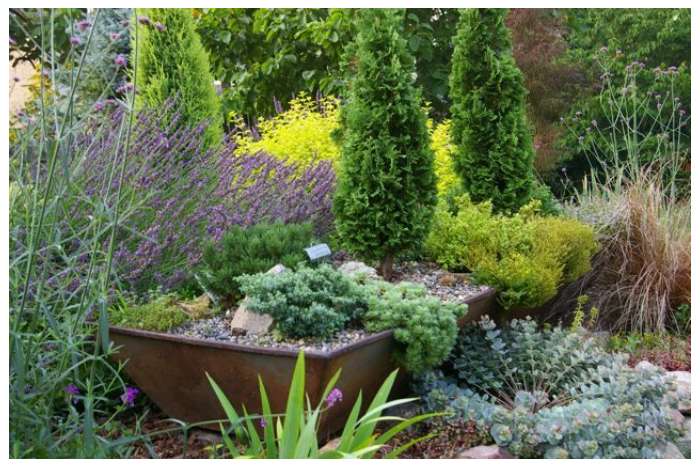
And a final thanks to so many members who have helped in so many ways...pitching in at meetings, bringing in special treats, shuttling members to parking lots, and sharing information and auction plants. 🍷

May Meeting’s Featured Gardens

Jim and Conny Parsons’ garden is on two and half acres where a center lawn sweeps back through an odd, pie-shaped lot bordered by trees and under-planted with beds and long borders on all sides. Hundreds of small trees, shrubs, and conifers that either flower, have interesting bark, or colorful foliage have been planted. Views from the shady borders look out to a sunny rose and perennial garden. The two-tiered pond is designed to maintain a natural balance using water hyacinths in the upper tier to filter the water for the larger, lower tier.

There are over 500 hosta cultivars, and collections of other shade-loving plants, throughout the property. The newest installations include a vegetable garden (Jim’s), a round patio garden with troughs and succulents, and a special space for miniature hostas. Paths and stopping points with benches create intimate spaces in this large landscape. Walk back to the gazebo and take time to sit in the rockers where you can feel you are in your own private garden.

Michael and Elizabeth Drummond’s garden is spectacular, with hosta theme beds, a hillside garden with a large stone bridge, a terrace rose and herb garden (40 different roses), and a large pond with dock and gazebo. Michael has just built a vegetable garden that would make MARTHA proud. At the entrance sun-loving hostas grow beside iron gates featuring the symbol of their property: “Tallwood”— a large shade tree. The driveway leads to the hillside garden where you will see one of the largest plantings of *H. ‘Spilt Milk’* in the country. Look for different hosta theme gardens, including the “Monster” garden. Also enjoy their wonderful collection of garden art. The garden house marks the beginning of the Heritage Walk, a special garden feature created for the 2006 AHS Convention to honor DVHS members through their hosta introductions. One of the members honored is a section of the late Alex Summers’ plants. Some of the Heritage hostas will be available in the DVHS Auction. 🍷



Troughs are not just for hostas. Succulents and conifers are happy neighbors near the Parsons’ patio. C. Parsons photo.

Directions to May 30 gardens

A note on directions: I try to give easier directions where possible. You may be able to find shorter routes on your own with GPS or a good map!

To Parsons' Garden:

1206 Holly Ln, Glen Mills, PA 19342

From Philadelphia/NJ via I-95 south, or from south Jersey via Commodore Barry/I-95 north: Take I-95 to I-476 ("Blue Route") north. Take Exit 5 for Route 1 South (going west to Lima). Follow Rt 1 about 4 miles; just after the highway ends, exit right for Route 352 North. Follow Rt 352 (Middletown Rd) for about 3 miles, then turn left on Sycamore Mills Rd (Locust Crest Tavern on left). Holly Lane is a cul-de-sac about 0.7 miles on the right. About 20–25 minutes from I-95.

From PA Turnpike or points NE: Take turnpike or other routes to I-476 ("Blue Route") south. Take Exit 5 for Route 1 South (going west to Lima). Follow directions from Rt 1 above.

From Wilmington/points S and W via Rt 202 N/Rt 1: Take Rt 202 North (from I-95 in Wilmington, as needed) to Route 1 North, about 7.4 miles from I-95. Turn right on Rt 1. Follow Rt 1 about 6.5 miles to Route 452 North; turn left. Turn left from Rt 452 to Rt 352 in less than 1/2 mile. Follow Rt 352 about 2 miles as above. About 30 minutes from I-95.

From West Chester/points N and W via Rt 202 S: Take Route 202/322 South to Route 3 East at West Chester. Stay on Rt 3 (West Chester Pike) about 4.5 miles. Just past the intersection for Dutton Mill Rd (north), turn right on Dutton Mill Rd (south), which becomes Valley Rd when it crosses Rt 926. Take Dutton Mill/Valley Rd about 2.5 miles to Sycamore Mills Rd; turn left. Holly Lane is a cul-de-sac about 0.2 miles on the left. About 15 minutes from West Chester.

From Parsons' to Tallwood:

4 Chowning Dr, Malvern, PA 19355

Note: the most direct route (taking Valley Rd/Dutton Mill) can be difficult in getting across the big roads where there are only stop signs. Conny recommends: Turn right from Holly onto Sycamore Mills, right again onto Valley Rd, and right again on Gradyville. Turn left at the light at Rt 352. Stay on Rt 352 where it crosses Rt 3 (a quick left-then-right), about 4 miles. Turn right at the next crossroads on Manley Rd; go about 1 mile until Manley dead ends at Dutton Mill Rd. Turn left, and stay to the right when Dutton Mill forks with Line Rd. About 0.5 miles after this fork, turn left on Chowning. Tallwood is on the right. (Note that Chowning Dr, Line Rd, and Dutton Mill Rd make a triangle, so you can get to and from Tallwood from either side). About 20 minutes.

Leaving Tallwood: □

Take Dutton Mill or Line Rd to get back to Rt 3, which will take you east to I-476 and Philadelphia, or west to Rt 202. ♪

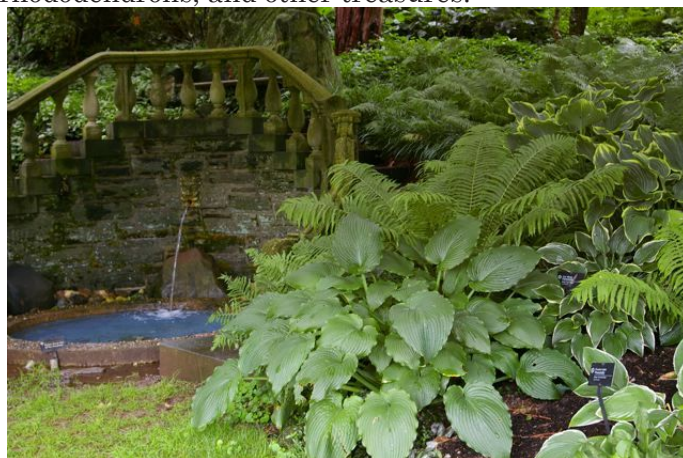
DVHS July Meeting Teaser

July 18, Saturday

Jerry Hudgens' Garden Tour (Fern Dell) and Auction
Churchville, Maryland

Ferns, Ferns and More Ferns! This garden is a wonderful for strolling, down shaded paths with great plant combinations. Many of you may remember Roberta Chopko's excellent presentation at the DVHS 2007 fall meeting, "The Fernsatic Hosta Companion." This is a garden where you can see all the ferns Roberta talked about as companions to hostas. There are over 400 different species, forms and cultivars of ferns in Jerry's collection. A must to see!

Fern Dell is the 4.5-acre woodland garden of Jerry and Joan Hudgens. Since the property was rich in native wildflowers and other desirable native plants, the gardens have been created in a naturalistic fashion that preserves and promotes the spread of much of the original plant life, to which numerous other eastern U.S. natives have been added in order to educate visitors about the virtues of our natives. Even so, Fern Dell is a garden, and a wealth of noninvasive exotic understory trees, shrubs and wildflowers of garden merit (many are rare varieties) have been added throughout. Included are large collections of hostas (over 200 species and cultivars), rhododendrons, azaleas (including all species of eastern natives and many hybrids), wild gingers, trilliums, ferns, and many other exotic woodland treasures from Asia, Europe and the western U.S. A shady rock garden now containing smallish ferns, hostas, rhododendrons, and other treasures. ♪



Hostas and fern companions at the Morris Arboretum.

Step right up!

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

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

Membership : Rebecca Boylan 610-327-8217

Plant Sales: position open

Auction: Walter Cullerton, Chair, 215-598-1250

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

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

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

Views and Overviews, continued from p. 3 (pronounced: teh-byoo-kahn-uh-zole). In limited side-by-side tests I've carried out, tebuconazole performed better than PCNB as both a preventative and control for this pesky disease.

Tebuconazole is a principal ingredient in a Bayer garden product that's widely sold throughout North America. It's an easy-to-use concentrated liquid, prominently identified by its blue plastic container. Look for "Bayer Advance™ All-In-One Rose and Flower Care." It contains 0.80% tebuconazole, as well as an effective systemic insecticide, 0.15% imidacloprid. Stem blight is one of a long list of diseases tebuconazole treats. As with all chemicals used in the garden, read the label completely, fully follow the instructions and wear protective eyewear and gloves.

I've written about this disease and its treatment and control in previous columns, which are available at delvalhosta.org. So I'll only mention critical items:

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- After you remove the diseased petioles, scrape the soil clean of the 1/32-inch-diameter brown, tan or whitish spheres and other fungal debris on the ground. Place the leaves and fungal rubbish in a plastic bag, tie tightly and discard in the garbage. Do not add to compost heap or include with recyclable trash.
 - Then **drench (saturate)** the crown and soil around it with a 10% dilution of household bleach (one part bleach to nine parts water).
 - Wait a day or so and then apply tebuconazole, **saturating** the crown and soil around it. My suggestion is 1 tablespoon of All-In-One Rose and Flower Care to 1 gallon of water.
 - **Keep organic mulch away from the crown.** That is: Do not have it in contact with the hosta's petioles as this is an invitation for stem blight. The *Hosta Adventure* says "any mulch," but I've never had fungal infection with stones or pebbles as mulch.
 - Try to site your hostas so there is good circulation around them. Often as plants get larger they get crowded together.
 - Next year, about Memorial Day, apply tebuconazole to the area as a preventative.
 - As a further precaution, apply tebuconazole the following year too.

FIRST LOOK 9

This year's FIRST LOOK (the ninth) is in Lowell, Massachusetts, from June 12–14. FIRST LOOK is the annual get-together of The American Hosta Society's Region One. Home gardeners and nursery people bring entire clumps of new, often unnamed, seedlings and sports to be judged not only by a panel of "experts" but also by the attendees. There are awards with cash prizes; one is named for DVHS's Mildred Seaver.

FIRST LOOK is educational and a lot of fun. On Friday night plants are checked in. Also there's a judge's clinic, vending and hospitality room. Saturday is the plant completion, plus more vending and a banquet with

invited speaker. On Sunday, gardens are open for tours "on your own."

AHS recently moved Delaware Valley Hosta Society to Region One from Region Two, which was disbanded. Also in Region One are the Tri-State, New England, Upstate New York, Genesee, Maine, Westchester and Quebec Hosta Societies.

For more information about FIRST LOOK 9, contact Kathie Sisson at katailsgarden@gmail.com or visit www.hostalibrary.org/firstlook.

H. 'Corkscrew' An Interesting Hybrid with Forked Scapes

Hosta 'Corkscrew' (R. Solberg - 2003) was offered at DVHS's Spring Sale on April 4th. The description in the insert in the Winter/Spring 2009 DVHS Newsletter read: "The small clump of upright and arching twisted, shiny dark green leaves produces lavender flowers in September and October, frequently on *forked scapes*."

What are forked scapes?

A couple of years ago I asked that question of Bob Solberg of Green Hill Farm in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, who hybridized 'Corkscrew', had it tissue-culture propagated and introduced it with considerable fanfare and hype. "The scapes [flower stems] of 'Corkscrew' are green, 18 to 20 inches long," Bob said. "Often a scape will have a long branch. 'Forked scapes' is simply a description for this occurrence."

"What's so great about forked scapes?" I asked him.



H. 'Tortifrons'

"Forked scapes increase the number of flowers per scape," he answered. "Couple this with the tendency of 'Corkscrew' to send up multiple scapes and the floral display can be pretty impressive."

Bob then added, "By the way, you will note that the bracts are somewhat twisted too. I suspect the bracts are twisted because they are modified leaves...since the leaves of 'Corkscrew' are twisted."

If you're not familiar with bracts, they are the diminutive modified leaf or leaflike structure on the flower stem below each flower.

'Corkscrew' comes from Solberg's extensive breeding program. It is a hybrid of *H. 'Tortifrons'* (pod parent)

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and *H. 'One Man's Treasure'* (pollen source). The cross was made in 1999.

'Tortifrons', called Kogarashi Gibōshi (the "autumn wind hosta"), was found in a garden near Tokyo. Originally considered a species (*H. tortifrons*), W. George Schmid transferred it to cultivar rank in 1991. 'Tortifrons' must be vegetatively propagated to retain its very narrow, twisted leaves. It is very late blooming (ergo its name "autumn wind"), and is fertile with some of the seedlings exhibiting its odd twisted appearance. 'Tortifrons' appears to be a highly unusual *H. longipes* mutation that occurred in the wild. It is difficult to grow well.

'One Man's Treasure' is a hybrid of the late Ralph "Herb" Benedict that Bob Solberg named and registered in 1999. The cultivar's name comes from the oft-told quip that Herb wasn't keen on the hosta and intended to discard it. Bob, however, liked it. So Herb gave it to him and Bob shortly afterward introduced it. 'One Man's Treasure' has become quite popular because of its unusual petioles (leaf stems): Both sides of the petioles have distinctive reddish purple dots. *Herb's "trash" was Bob's "treasure."*

'Corkscrew' won the Best Seedling Award at FIRST LOOK 2, in 2002. The following year this hybrid received one of The American Hosta Society's highest recognitions: Bob Solberg was recipient of the "Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Award" in 2003, and he chose 'Corkscrew' as that year's "Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Hosta." Bob's selection was a big surprise since 'Corkscrew' was just registered in 2003.

The "Holy Grail" for 'Corkscrew', according to many hosta fanciers, would be a sport with a prominent white or yellow leaf margin or with medio-variegation, that is, a white or yellow leaf center. Better yet would be to find sports of both characteristics. Every 'Corkscrew' that comes out of the tissue-culture-propagation lab is carefully examined to see if it has variegation that may be of commercially interest. As of a year ago when I asked Bob Solberg, none had yet been found. 🍷

New Members' Corner

The Delaware Valley Hosta Society has been growing! We welcome the following new members who have joined our group since March:

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| Mrs. J. Bena
Broomall, PA | Lauren Prescott □
Lyndell, PA |
| Jenny Rose Carey
Ambler, PA | Todd & Shirley Weber
Stroudsburg, PA |
| Betsy Hilton □
East Norriton, 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.

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

**Too Many Hostas in Containers,
Too Little Space for All**

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A special note from Warren I. Pollock

As some of you know, my wife, Ali, and I grow several hundred hostas in containers. They range from small (4-inch diameter) and to large (some 2 feet across) plastic pots. This spring we have made a difficult assessment and decision: **We have too many and must decrease the collection markedly.** We will be keeping a few in special decorative arrangement in the garden and also the minis and most of the very small hostas, as I am writing about them in my *The Hosta Journal* articles and probably in this column too. The other containers need a new home *this year*.

If you have interest in acquiring these gems in pots—preferably as an entire collection—please contact me at 302-478-2610 or giboshipwip@aol.com. There are many rare and unusual varieties and most are mature clumps with many divisions. 🍷

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Don't forget: Join the AHS!
www.hosta.org

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 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 2009

www.delvalhosta.org

Saturday, March 21: Hardy Plant Society meeting: March Into Spring at DelCo Comm. Coll., Media

Saturday, March 28: Tri-State Hosta Society Plant sale at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ

Saturday, April 4: DVHS Winter/Spring Meeting, Easttown Public Library, Berwyn, PA
Hosta plant sale and great hospitality
Guest Speaker, Wayne Guymon

Sunday, May 17: DelMarVa Hosta Society
Visit Howard Kitchener's garden in Lewes, DE

Saturday, May 23: Tri-State Hosta Society
Visit the Weissman garden in Piscataway, NJ

Saturday May 30: DVHS Tours of Parsons's garden (Glen Mills, PA) and Tallwood, (Drummond's garden, Malvern, PA). Potluck and Plant Auction.

Fri-Sun, June 12-14: First Look 2009 exhibition, competition, and garden tours. Lowell, MA
www.hostalibrary.org/firstlook

June 24-27: AHS National Convention in Lansing, Michigan. www.hosta.org or www.ihostohio.org/mhs

Sunday, June 28: DelMarVa Hosta Society
Visit Vickie & Al Thompson's garden in Seaford, DE

July 11-12: Tri-State Hosta Society
Hosta Show at Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ

Saturday, July 18: DVHS Tour of Jerry Hudgens' Garden in Churchville, MD
Potluck Supper and Plant Auction

October: DVHS Fall meeting, TBA.
Visit www.tristatehosta.org for Tri-State event info.

OVERDUE DUES?

Please check your mailing label. If you see a number less than 9, you owe DVHS dues for 2009. Current members' renewal fees are due immediately; 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, use the convenient form inside. Don't delay! Send in your 2009 membership fee today!

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