

## *Winter Meeting*

# **Saturday, February 28, 12 p.m.**

Easttown Public Library  
720 First Ave., Berwyn, PA 19312

## *Hosta Soup and Hosta Chat: Duck Soup?*

### ***Duck Soup: something that is easy to accomplish – Random House Dictionary***

Join Harpo, Groucho, and Chico for some Duck Soup? Hmm... How about joining fellow DVHS members for some Hosta Soup? It's easy: simply show up at the Easttown Library around noon with your favorite hosta-inspired soup. Be prepared for friendly conversation and a relaxing afternoon. If soup is not your specialty, desserts are always welcome. Anyone want to try last year's winning 'Thai Brass' recipe? (See *Newsletter* from last Spring for the recipe.) Hear more from David about the AHS National Convention, which we will host in 2018. See our pitch for a national display garden at the Barnes Arboretum. Learn more about voles from Kathy.

A number of Steve Green's "Hosta Finder" will be available for \$15, a good discounted purchase price.

**Come hungry at 12:30 (set-up at 12:00).**

**Presentation around 1:30, with soup contest voting and prizes.**

**Board meeting / convention planning meeting at 3:00; all are invited!**

## **Directions to Easttown Public Library**

The library is off the Main Line (Route 30), not far from the Devon Horse Show grounds. The editor recommends that you check the location using on-line or GPS mapping to confirm your route.

**From Philadelphia:** Take I-76 or the PA Turnpike West to King of Prussia/Valley Forge. Follow the signs to Route 202 South. Take 202 South to the Paoli exit (Route 252), about 3.5 miles.

Take Route 252 South to Route 30, about 2.4 miles (easiest, but not shortest, way). Turn left at Route 30/Lancaster Ave. Go 1.7 miles to light at Bridge Ave and turn right. After a few blocks, turn left onto First Ave (Bridge Avenue becomes "no outlet" road.)

The Library is on your right, about 0.4 miles after turning from Route 30.

**To return,** you can continue on First Ave. to Waterloo Ave, and turn left to get back to Route 30.

**From the South:** Take I-95 North to I-476 North to I-76 West, then follow directions above.

**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 Route 1) to the Paoli exit (Swedesford Rd.). Follow signs to Route 252 South, and follow Route 252 South about 1.3 miles to Route 30 as in directions above.

# Calendar of Events 2015

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

**Saturday, February 28: DVHS Winter Meeting,**  
Easttown Public Library, Berwyn, PA  
Hosta Soup and Hosta Chat; Presentation on voles,  
and discussion of DVHS activities.

**Saturday, March 28: Tri-State Hosta Plant Sale**  
Frelinghuysen, NJ. You must be a member to buy.

**Saturday, April 25: DVHS Spring Meeting,**  
Tredyffrin Public Library, Wayne, PA  
Hosta plant sale and great hospitality. Guest: Marta  
McDowell, on "Hostas in the Victorian Garden"

**Saturday, June 6: DVHS Tour** of Parsons' Garden,  
Glen Mills, PA. Potluck and plant auction.

**Saturday, June 7: AHS Judges' Clinic I** hosted by  
DVHS. Location TBA.

**June 18–20: AHS National Convention**  
in Raleigh, North Carolina, hosted by Nancy and  
Bob Solberg. Visit [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org) or  
[www.2015ahsconvention.com](http://www.2015ahsconvention.com).

**Saturday, July 11: DVHS Picnic** at Teich and  
McColgan nursery in Chalfont, PA, with BIG LEAF  
contest, plant auction, and more fun!

**Saturday, October 17: DVHS Fall Meeting**  
At the Montgomery County 4H Center, Colledgeville.  
Workshop: Shaping the Shade Garden. Biennial  
election of officers.

**Saturday, October 26: Tri-State Hosta Meeting**  
Frelinghuysen, NJ, speaker TBA.

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## IT'S DUES TIME

Please check your mailing label. If you see a number less than 15, you owe DVHS dues for 2015. 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 2015 membership fee today!

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

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

Please provide your name and any address change.  
We would also appreciate an e-mail address so we  
can notify you of last-minute program changes.



The spring plant sale is just around the corner! The next DVHS Newsletter will contain a full write-up with pictures of the cultivars to be offered for sale. As it was last year, all are only \$10! Charlie Seaver is tending quite a few selections, including 'Vulcan', at left.

Please begin to think about how you can help DVHS host the 2018 National Convention. Our hosting efforts in 2006 set a high bar (some say the highest) for a great convention, and we need to live up to our reputation. The convention chair is working on a committee structure, where there will be a space for anyone who wants to serve.

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