I guess these winter bulletins are becoming a regular thing... A full Newsletter is coming soon!

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Winter Meeting

Saturday, February 23, 1 p.m.

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

Hosta Soup and Hosta Chat: Four Seasons of Hosta in the Delaware Valley

"Only the pure in heart can make a good soup." — Ludwig van Beethoven

Sharing warm soup with friends on a wintry day. What could be better? Again we ask members to bring a hosta-inspired soup. 'Clambake', 'Orange Marmalade', 'Marbled Cream', 'Silver Ladle' — probably not 'Outhouse Delight'! Members will vote and a prize goes to the best soup. It would be nice to end our lunch with something sweet, so if you don't want to bring soup, a dessert would be appreciated. Anyone wearing a name tag will qualify for the door prize drawing, so don't be anonymous. If you're in witness protection, just fake one.

Everyone is encouraged to bring garden catalogs, or pictures of your own hostas, to share and discuss. We will have the latest edition of Steve Green's "Hosta Finder."

Come hungry at 1:00. Stick around until 4:00. Please bring soup and/or a dessert. Details above. Board meeting to follow the general meeting.

Directions to Tredyfferin Public Library

The Tredyfferin Public Library is off the Main Line (Route 30).

From Philadelphia: Take I-76 or the PA Turnpike West to King of Prussia/Valley Forge. Take Route 202 South to the Swedesford Rd exit just after King of Prussia mall. Take the first left onto Swedesford Rd, then the next left onto Old Eagle School Road. Follow Old Eagle School Road 2 miles to traffic light at Upper Gulph Road, and turn left. The Library is 0.2 mile on the right.

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 West Valley Road. Turn right at the traffic light onto West Valley Road. Follow West Valley about 2 miles up a long hill and down to a stop sign. Turn left onto Upper Gulph Road, and proceed through the traffic light about 0.3 mile. The Library is on the right.

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.

Calendar of Events 2013 www.delvalhosta.org

Saturday, February 23: DVHS Winter Meeting, Tredyfferin Public Library, Wayne, PA Hosta Soup and Hosta Chat

Saturday, April 6: DVHS Spring Meeting, Tredyfferin Public Library, Wayne, PA Hosta plant sale and great hospitality Presentation by John Lonsdale: "Woodland Treasures: Hardy Cyclamen"

June TBD: FIRST LOOK 2013. Location TBD Updates at http://www.hostalibrary.org/firstlook/

Saturday, June 8: DVHS Tour of Rebecca and Dan Boylan's garden, Pottstown, PA. Potluck and plant auction.

June 13–15: AHS National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. www.hosta.org or www.2013ahsconvention.com.

Saturday, July 13: DVHS Tour of WynEden (Doris and Wayne Guymon garden) in Chadds Ford, PA, with BIG LEAF contest and plant auction

Saturday, November 2: DVHS Fall Meeting
Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, PA. Presentation by
Walter Cullerton: "The Lost Season: Winter in the
Garden." Hosta seed exchange TBD.

IT'S DUES TIME

Please check your mailing label. If you see a number less than 13, you owe DVHS dues for 2013. 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 2013 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, but here's a list to get your juices (and your bank account) flowing: 'Adventurine', 'Blue Flame', 'Celestial', 'Cuyahoga' (pictured at left), 'Emerald Ruff Cut', 'Fat Cat', 'Orange Marmalade', 'Summer Lovin', 'Timothy', and 'Victory.' The plants were purchased from Q&Z Nursery, which has full descriptions.

It's not too late to start your seeds from last fall! Maybe your own hosta will be in our plant sale list in a few years.

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