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Hosta Meeting and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 14, 2018

DoubleTree Hotel

Paine Room – Lower Level

301 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia,
Pennsylvania, 19406

Jenny Rose Carey

“Glorious Shade”

11:00 Board Meeting

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

1:30 Business Meeting and Feature Presentation

2:30 Plant Sale

3:30 Chat and Clean-up

Hosta-tality for April 14. Please bring some treats for our meeting. Beverages will be provided. Come early if you can help set up.

Directions to April 14 Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia/Valley Forge is located east of the King of Prussia Mall.

From Philadelphia: Take I-76 or the PA Turnpike West to King of Prussia/Valley Forge. Take Route 202 North (West DeKalb Pike). Keep right at the mall entrance. Go about 1 mi. east, past the mall entrance. The hotel is on the hill to your right.

From the West or Southwest: Take I-76 East to King of Prussia/Valley Forge, then follow directions above. Or, take Route 202 North to the mall. Keep right at the mall entrance. Go about 1 mi. east, past the mall entrance. The hotel is on the hill to your right.

From the South: Take I-476 North to I-76 West. Take I-76 West to Route 202 North. Keep right at the mall entrance. Go about 1 mi. east, past the mall entrance. The hotel is on the hill to your right.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We gardeners sure do like to talk about the weather a lot, but this year it really does matter! Such a cold and miserable winter with a few teasing days of sun, then of course more rain and cold. Those warm days have confused my poor hostas so much that I may have to do something that I swore that I'd never do – cover plants! Empress Wu began peaking up through the ground a week before the end of February, and some of her cousins followed her lead. Other years I wouldn't mind, but as a tour garden, this means covering the tender pips and hoping for the best...

The convention committee has been very busy getting final preparations ready for the BIG SHOW. The most pressing need right now is volunteers. There are so many jobs that need to be filled, many of them don't require plant knowledge. Volunteers don't have to be members of the society as many of us are recruiting our families to assist at tour gardens and set-up. Contact Christel Badey if you haven't volunteered yet!

DVHS is famous for its raffles, and the committee is gathering premium items for a premium raffle. We're looking for large pots and shade plants to fill them, so if you have contacts in the nursery industry, please see if they'll donate to our national convention. The pots will decorate the hotel and then be raffled off.

This convention is also a wonderful opportunity to get valuable hosta and shade plant education. Even those of us who have been gardening for years come back with new information and techniques to use in our gardens from these conventions. This is the first convention to have so much education, specifically about hostas. Make sure you register now!

Then there's the shopping. I think that our DVHS members know by now that I love to plant shop, even for other people! Now you don't have to drive all over the country as we've brought the vendors to you! Tell all of your friends as we'll have open shopping opportunities for the public on Friday and Saturday too.

If you have any convention questions, please don't hesitate to ask anyone on the committee. We need all members of DVHS to participate to make this convention the success we know it will be!

Rebecca Boylan

FIRST LOOK CANCELLED FOR 2018

A variety of factors have led to the cancellation. Keep your fingers crossed and your eyes on the calendar for 2019.



Guest Speaker: Jenny Rose Carey

Glorious Shade

Join Jenny Rose Carey as she discusses her favorite shade loving plants that make great companions for growing with hostas. Learn her best tips for shade gardening, especially around trees and shrubs. The lecture will be illustrated with many of her beautiful photos. Jenny's new book, 'Glorious Shade', was released last year by Timber Press. She will have copies for sale or will be happy to sign yours.

Jenny Rose Carey is a renowned gardener, educator, historian, and author, and the senior director at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Meadowbrook Farm in Jenkintown.

She previously worked at Temple University for over a decade, first as an adjunct professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture and then as director of the Ambler Arboretum.



Photos: jennyrosecarey.com

Jenny Rose has been lecturing nationally and internationally for many years. She is an avid, hands-on gardener who has gardened in both England and the United States.

Her Victorian property, Northview, contains diverse garden spaces, including a shade garden, moss garden, and a stumpery. Jenny Rose and her gardens have been featured on the PBS series *The Victory Garden*, in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Green Scene* magazine, and the *Pennsylvania Gardener*.

We will visit Northview Gardens this summer in July.



DVHS Spring Plant Sale, 2018

Membership must be up to date.

All plants subject to availability.

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. After a few rotations, remaining hostas left will be up for sale to anyone still buying!
- Check out will be at the membership table at the end of the meeting. Bring your hostas to the table.



H. 'Ben Vernooij'
Medium
NR
M. & J. Fransen/
P. Vernooij
Tetraploid of
H. 'First Frost'
Incredibly thick leaves.
PP24009

H. 'Key West'
Very Large
Registered by
Olga Petryszyn
in 1999.
Hybrid of *H. 'Elator'* x
H. 'High Noon'.
Win the BIG Leaf Contest
with this one.



H. 'Cameo'
Mini
Registered by Hans
Hansen/Shady Oaks
2002.
Sport of
H. 'Baby Bunting'.
Dainty, but rugged.

H. 'Mighty Mouse'
Mini
Registered by Walters
Gardens
in 2006.
Sport of
H. 'Blue Mouse Ears'.
Whiter edge than
H. 'Frosted Mouse Ears'.



H. 'Coast To Coast'
Large
Registered by Olga
Petryszyn/Hans Hansen
in 2014.
Hybrid of
H. 'Manhattan' x
H. 'Designer Genes'.

H. 'Munchkin Fire'
Mini
Registered by Randy
Goodwin
in 2009
Vigorous grower.
Great for troughs.



H. 'Diamonds Are Forever'
Small
Registered by
Walters Gardens
in 2012.
Sport of
H. 'Diamond Tiara'.
007 would love it.

H. 'Old Glory'
Medium
in 1999.
PP12503
Registered by H. Hansen
Sport of *H. 'Glory'*



H. 'Joy Ride'
Medium Large
Registered by
Hans Hansen/Walters
Gardens in 2016.
Hybrid of
H. 'Salute' x
H. hypoleuca.
Powdery white underside.

H. 'Rainbow's End'
Small
PP17251
Registered by H. Hansen
in 2005.
Sport of *H. 'Obsession'*.
Red scapes.
Very different.





H. 'Raspberry Sundae'
Small.

Registered by Terra Nova Nurseries in 2011.

Burgundy color from petioles extends into leaf.



H. 'Regal Splendor'
Large.

Registered by Walters Gardens in 1987.

Spectacular sport of H. 'Krossa Regal'. Don't be the only one without it!



H. 'Remember Me'
Medium Small.

Registered by Walters Gardens in 2001. Beautiful sport of H. 'June'.

In memory of a Walters Gardens employee who died of breast cancer.

H. 'Sun Mouse'
Mini.

NR.

Tony Avent introduction.

Hybrid of

H. 'Blue Mouse Ears'. Stays brilliantly yellow throughout the summer.



H. 'Sunset Grooves'
Medium.

Registered by Heemskerk in 2011.

Sport of H. 'Rainforest Sunrise'. Excellent substance.



H. 'Waterslide'
Medium.

NR

H. Hansen introduction.

Hybrid of H. Neptune



Hosta 'Fuji Botan'

Kathy Miller

Discovered on the slopes of Mt. Fuji, this plain green hosta produces stunningly gorgeous flowers. Perhaps a form of *H. montana*, or perhaps *H. rectifolia*, its ancestry is uncertain.

The leaves form a 2 ft. by 2 ft. mound; but the flower scapes easily grow to 48 in. The scapes make a nice cut flower because they gracefully droop like bleeding hearts.

Inside the flowers, only vestigial sexual organs are present. This would lead one to think that it could not be used for hybridizing. But, after corresponding with Don Dean, I learned that there is a small amount of viable pollen in the small structure near the middle of the lower picture. Unfortunately, the characteristics for double flowers don't seem to transfer to seedlings.

Move over 'Aphrodite', you're not the only flower in the garden anymore!



HOSTA SOUP AND HOSTA CHAT

A delightful assortment of soups was present at the February meeting. Among the creations were 'Orange Marmalade', a curried sweet potato soup, 'London Fog', a pea puree, and 'Delicious', a chili based soup. Each was just that, "delicious." Mushrooms played a big role in many of the innovations, including 'Awesome', the winning entry from Betty and Wally Bradford. It was really Awesome!!! But, unfortunately, *H. 'Awesome'* was not up to its name. I was tempted to Photoshop it, but wanted to maintain truth in journalism.

We will try to have that 'Awesome' recipe in a future issue.



H. 'Awesome'.
A seedling of *H. venusta*.
Were the Benedicts
trying to be sarcastic?
Photo: The Hosta Library

David Teager then gave the excellent talk "Hostas at Your Fingertips" - a PowerPoint presentation that described in great detail a list of helpful websites for helping you and your friends learn more about hostas. First and foremost he recommended our own DVHS website. One of his main takeaways was: don't be afraid of Facebook. You can always create a somewhat secret account and then join the hosta groups you want. Those of us who thought we were already experts on this topic, learned there was much more information out there than we were aware of.

FACEBOOK GROUPS

While on the subject of Facebook, Jeff Moore recently posted to the Hosta Underground the following, adding that these are not all. Thank You, Jeff. We Like! 🍷

Update on some various hosta groups on Facebook. Current number of people listed for each group.

Hosta Buyers Guide. 4005 people. Great place to see all the new stuff coming out.

Hosta Seedlings. 1335 people. Always fun to see what the hybridizers and growers have coming in each year.

2018 Hosta Seedlings for Sale. 1080 people. Buy and sell seedlings or seeds.

Science of Hostas. 808 people. Science and more technical aspects of hostas.

Red Hostas. 686 people who like red hostas.

Hosta Underground. 648 people. Catchall group where you can see lots of pictures of hosta people and some great garden and hosta shots.

BARNES ARBORETUM VOLUNTEERS



DVHS members volunteered last summer at the Barnes Arboretum Hosta Display Garden. Pictured: Barnes Horticulturist, Bill Rein and DVHS member Middy Dorrance. Background, Deputy Director Jacob Thomas and DVHS member Conny Parsons. For information about future volunteer activities contact Conny Parsons (connyparsons1@aol.com) or Marilyn Romenesko (mromen9@gmail.com), our Display Garden Coordinators.

Photo: Marilyn Romenesko

THE SHOW WITHIN THE SHOW

As part of the festivities of a national convention you can always expect a truly outstanding hosta show. This year is no exception. Cut leaves, trough gardens, potted hostas, floral arrangements and educational exhibits will be entered by hosta lovers from around the world. There will be a special award to recognize some of those heritage hostas that are responsible for many of the 6000+ cultivars we enjoy today.



The show is open to the public, not just convention goers. So you may enter, or just come, view and enjoy!

If you would like to enter, but are new to shows and need some assistance, contact one of the show co-chairs for help. Check out the Show Schedule (Program) on our convention website for more details.

Floral Design using gold or yellow hosta leaves, by Tammy Feuer. Staff Photo

DVHS Financial Report for 2017

Christel Badey and David Teager

Below are the income and expense totals for the year (grouped into categories; figures rounded to nearest dollar). Note that we're not reporting our total cash balance as usual, as for now the convention money is mixed up in it. Don't worry; we're keeping close track to keep everything separate. We bought a few plants for the spring sale last year, with most plants held over from the big purchase a few years ago. We also added some new plants to the Barnes Arboretum display garden, where we had no expenses the previous year. Overall our society remains in a strong financial position.

Income	2017	2016
Dues	\$ 1,030	
Plant Sale	1,270	
Auction receipts	1,630	
Meetings (raffle)	343	
Miscellaneous (sickle sales, etc.)	625	
Total Income	\$ 4,898	\$4,247
Expenses		
Publications (incl. website)	\$ 1,133	
Meetings (speaker, rental, etc.)	\$ 708	
Display gardens	506	
Plants (for plant sales)	294	
Sale items	894	
Miscellaneous*	459	
Total Expenses	\$ 4,022	\$ 3,167
Net	\$ 676	\$ 1,080

* includes gift plants and the stipend to allow the DVHS president to attend the national convention

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Christel Badey, Convention Volunteer Coordinator.



As all of you know, we are hosting the AHS 2018 National Convention June 20 – 23 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Valley Forge. It is the 50th Anniversary of the American Hosta Society, thus “**Phifty in Philly**”. The society was founded at Swarthmore College in the living room of John Wister, noted landscape architect and botanist.

As the hosting society, we have a big task in front of us. I would like to **invite all of you** to take a part in this event.

The following help is still needed:

- Bus captains - June 21, 22 or 23
- Information Desk help
- Garden hosting assistants
- Prep work for shows and decoration of hotel
- Pre-convention activities (fill bags, transportation pick-up, etc.)
- Sales help at convention - June 20, 21, 22 or 23
- Convention booklet advertising sales
- Convention sponsorship help
- Request raffle items from your favorite nursery or other business
- Bake cookies for hostality
- Donate bags of M&M's or nuts

Please contact me at 610 566-9421 or hydroslim@verizon.net about what help you can provide

Thank you for helping us to make this a truly exceptional event.

IT'S DUES TIME. Please check your mailing label. If you see a number less than 18, you owe DVHS dues for 2018. 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 activities.

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 2018 www.delvalhosta.org

Saturday, April 14, 2018. Spring Meeting.
Speaker: Jenny Rose Carey, "The Gardens
Of Northview." DoubleTree Hotel,
Valley Forge, PA.

Wednesday thru Saturday, June 20-23, 2018.
Phifty in Philly. The American Hosta Society
National Convention. DoubleTree Hotel, Valley
Forge, PA.

No June Meeting for 2018. Enjoy the convention.

Saturday, July 21, 2018. Summer Meeting. Garden walk,
auction and potluck. Northview Gardens, Ambler,
PA.

Saturday, September 15, 2018. The 21st Annual Fall Hosta
Forum. Edinboro, PA.
<http://www.wnyhosta.com/fall-hosta-forum>

Saturday, date TBA, 2018. DVHS Fall Meeting.

Saturday, October 27, 2018. Tri-State Hosta Society 25th
Anniversary Celebration. 12:00 p.m. Frelinghuysen
Arboretum, Morristown, NJ.
www.tristatehosta.org

June, 2019. AHS National Convention. Green Bay, WI.

June, 2020. AHS National Convention. Minneapolis, MN.

The Delaware Valley Hosta Society has been growing and would like to welcome the
following new members who have recently joined our group:

Jerry Carnes, Monroeville, NJ Connie Ellis, Ewing, NJ Roberta Enright, Pittsford, VT
Marge & Dave Firn, Rose Valley, PA Betsy Gullan, Philadelphia, PA
Karen Kownurko, Washington Crossing, PA Debbie Mattie, Henryville, PA
Nina Schneider, Philadelphia, PA Eileen Smith, Philadelphia, PA
