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Clarksville, Tennessee

The Garden Art Regional Meeting

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President's Message

By Scott Smith

I love most things about the fall - the cooler days and crisp nights, the gradual fading of the hosta garden and the changing leaves that signal the end of yet another year of fabulous gardening.

Unfortunately in Georgia this year, the first days of the fall feel more like the middle of July and things are looking a bit crispy. Despite that, we have a bright side in the fact that the shorter days are a signal to our gardens to begin winding down for a winter rest.

At the Georgia Hosta Society, fall is a time for us to prepare for our winter rest and look forward to a new year of gardening. I especially enjoy getting all of the different garden catalogs and e-mails so I can look at what new things I need to try and grow next year. As your president, fall is also the time of year when we are setting the agenda for next year's activities to be sponsored by the GHS.

Due to a change in venue availability at the Garden House, we will be joined by members of the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta at our next meeting. It will be fun to talk with folks who actually garden in the sun versus gardening in our shade-loving hosta gardens. We'll start our business meeting a bit early so we can make time for them to have their meeting before lunch. Then we will have our speaker, C. H. Falstad, present a great program for us.

In 2019, we are planning quite a few exciting speakers, garden tours and, of course, our yearly Hosta Show and Plant Sale. In order to make sure that I continue to serve you well, I would like to ask you all to think about what else you'd like to see GHS do in the coming year and send me a brief note with your thoughts. I will make sure that all your thoughts and suggestions are discussed with the rest of the Board so we can determine how to honor as many of these ideas as possible.

As always, I ask you to remember to take pictures of your garden so that we can include them in a future newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our next meeting. Until then...Happy Growing!



Next Meeting November 10, 2018 11:00 A.M.

Deen Day Sanders Garden House, 10777 Bell Road, Duluth, GA 30097

Speaker – C. H. Falstad

"Recent and Old Aspects I've Learned about Landscaping"



Clarence (C.H.) Falstad

Our speaker for our November 10 meeting will be Clarence (C.H.) Falstad. C.H. is certainly no stranger to us, having presented another entertaining program to GHS several years ago. He is certainly no stranger to the world of hostas, either. He is a past president of the American Hosta Society and continues to serve AHS in a number of other capacities.

C.H. is a supreme plant lover and has spent an entire career promoting and advancing many plants, especially hostas and other perennials. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture, specializing in tissue culture. After graduating, he began working for Walters Gardens, Inc., located in Zeeland, Michigan, which is the premier provider of perennials to the trade in the United States and Canada. For almost 30 years he worked mostly in the Walters Gardens tissue culture lab operations with other periods of hybridizing work along with intellectual property activities - patents, trademarks and licensing of plants developed at Walters Gardens. He enjoys hybridizing hostas and numerous other plants, constantly seeking improvement. Most recently he has taken up the challenge of improving edible chestnuts (*Castanea*). One of his personal goals is to have woody trees and shrubs flowering every month of the year, a goal he jokingly admits will be a little more challenging in Michigan than in Georgia.

In C.H.'s program, entitled "Recent and Old Aspects I've Learned about Landscaping," he will offer sage advice which he has gathered from his own experiences as well as that which he has received from other gardeners. He will also be presenting to us some new plants developed at Walters Gardens, including hostas, never before seen. His program promises to be exciting. Don't miss it!

Note Meeting Time Change – Meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Food Theme for November 10 Meeting

“FALL’S AMBER (AND YELLOW AND ORANGE) GLOW”



Now is the time of harvest and our minds move to thinking of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Our hospitality chair, Julia Lyons, immediately thought of the pumpkin as a symbol of the season but she wanted to include more choices. With that in mind, she has declared that the theme of this meeting’s lunch will be **favorite fall dishes that include pumpkin, squash, or sweet potatoes**. We are excited to see what great food our creative members will bring. You have another dish in mind? That is ok. Bring any meats, vegetables, salads, or desserts that you desire. GHS will provide meats, paper goods and drinks.

Welcome Members of the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta also meets at Deen Day Sanders Garden House, a private facility owned by the Day family who have a home next door to the facility. DSGA was scheduled to meet there the week after our meeting, but the Day family will need the facility for family activities surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday. GHS offered to share our meeting date with DSGA. We proposed that we have a joint meeting with them and DSGA accepted our offer. We have a great speaker for the day whose topic should be of as much interest to the DSGA members as it will be to us. We will start the day with our own business meeting, followed by DSGA’s business meeting. Then we will share lunch together with both groups bringing food. With that in mind, please plan to bring a little extra food to ensure that we have plenty for all. After lunch, we will all enjoy Mr. Falstad’s presentation.

Notice: Time to Pay Your 2019 Dues. See Last Page for Membership Details and Renewal Form.



Steve McMurtry and Ricky Cox Presented American Hosta Society Certificates of Appreciation

Long-time GHS members Steve McMurtry and Ricky Cox were presented AHS Certificates of Appreciation at the GHS general meeting on September 8. These awards recognize outstanding service at the local society level. Recipients of these awards will also be recognized on the AHS Website Wall of Honor.

There could be no more deserving recipients of this award than Steve and Ricky. Both have contributed greatly with their time, effort, and material to the success of GHS. Steve is our current 1st VP in charge of programs and is our immediate past President.

He has served for many years as our Ways and Means Chair and in that capacity, he continues to plan and ensure the success of numerous fund-raising activities to keep us financially stable. He is an artistic master at creating container gardens and has shared his expertise with our members through programs on trough and container gardens as well as through other demonstrations.

Like Steve, Ricky is also an important contributor to the general success of GHS. Until health problems forced him to resign just recently, he was our 2nd VP in charge of membership. In this capacity, he worked tirelessly to promote GHS and recruit new members. He was instrumental in keeping our membership list current and accurate for many years. In addition, he has partnered with Steve on numerous GHS projects.

As if all of the above contributions were not enough to make Steve and Ricky well-deserved recipients of this award, they also founded and run Rising Star Hosta Farm, previously known as Popo's Garden. In that capacity they have contributed many hostas and other plants to our various sales and auctions, and have been dependable vendors at our annual Hosta Show and Plant Sale.

We are proud to present AHS Certificates of Appreciation to Steve and Ricky, two of our most valued members. Congratulations and thanks for all you do for us.



Steve McMurtry and Ricky Cox
Photo by Mikky Lockwood

A Look Back to the September 8th General Meeting



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Spotlight on Mikky Lockwood

Pictured here is our club photographer, Mikky Lockwood, hard at work taking pictures at the Dixie Region meeting in Clarksville, Tennessee earlier this year. Most of the pictures found in the *Georgia Hosta Notes* newsletters are taken by Mikky. Without her dedication and excellent photography skills, our newsletter would be dull indeed. Mikky also serves as a director on the GHS Board.

Mikky is originally from Iwamizawa, a city with a population of about 85,000 located in Hokkaido, the northern most island prefecture of Japan. She met her husband Bob, who was stationed with the United States Army in Hokkaido, when he attended her English Speaking Society meetings to assist the members in practicing their English language skills.

Mikky immigrated to the United States in 1979 and settled in Kailua Kona, Hawaii where she and Bob started their family. They left Hawaii 11 years later and moved to New Jersey to help Bob's aging mother. She and Bob moved to their present home in Buford, Georgia in 2015 to be closer to one of their two sons. Having only limited space to grow things at their Buford home, Mikky had to significantly downsize her unique hosta collection. However, she still grows many beautiful and rare specimens in containers.



When asked about how her association with hostas began, Mikky gave the following information:

“My father was a gardener and I wanted to grow flowers at our New Jersey home just like he did at his home in Japan. Lots of trees, however, were growing around the house that we bought in New Jersey and flowers didn't grow. Then my sister-in-law, who lived near our house and who was an avid gardener, advised me to plant hostas. Believe it or not, I had never heard of hostas before. However, it didn't take long before I was hooked. Later, when I visited my parents in Japan, I spotted *Hosta* ‘Undulata’ in my father's garden. I asked him what plant it was and he told me it was *giboshi*, thus I learned the Japanese word for hosta.”

Can you believe it? Mikky Lockwood had to travel all the way from Japan to New Jersey to discover hostas and back to Japan to discover *giboshi*!

Thank you, Mikky, for all you do for the Georgia Hosta Society.

Editor's Message and Hosta Ramblings



by Harold McDonell

This year, the Dixie Region assembled in Clarksville, Tennessee for its 2018 region meeting on May 31, June 1 and 2. For those who might wonder where Clarksville is, it is northwest of Nashville, Tennessee near the Kentucky state line and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. It is yet another beautiful area of our great country that I have had the privilege of visiting, thanks to my association with the American Hosta Society.

The Dixie Region meetings allow all hosta lovers living in Region 3 of AHS a chance to get together and renew friendships forged over the years. It is also a chance to see the beautiful gardens of the sponsoring group. This year, the meeting was hosted by the Middle Tennessee Hosta Society and its members spared no effort in rolling out the red carpet for us attendees. The selected hotel meeting location was perfect for our group, the food was good, the speakers were informative and entertaining, the plant vending room was full of must-have plants just waiting to be taken to their new homes, and the auctions and drawings were exciting. But oh, the gardens! Every single garden on tour offered a special experience. Each strongly reflected its owner's own particular approach to gardening.

The hostas were at their peak in the gardens but I could not help but note how unique each garden was. One thing in particular that really stood out was the use of garden art throughout all of them. I could not help but think of our late friend and chief hosta promoter, Delona Shockey, who called Clarksville her home. Delona was quite artistic and creative, and she created much of her own garden art. Obviously, her influence in the use of garden art and what I call "whimsy" could be seen in the gardens on tour. There were also some major league water features in several of the gardens and some of the most beautiful koi I have ever seen.

If you have not treated yourself to the experience of a regional or national hosta meeting, I strongly recommend you do so. They are well worth the time, effort, and yes, the money required. Mikky and I have so many pictures we would like to share with you of the gardens in Clarksville but space limitations make it impossible to show all. I am including as many as I can. I hope you enjoy them.



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A Hosta Lover's Dream 2019 Convention Coming to Green Bay

By Tammy Borden

When I bought my first home, it had one variety of hosta that bordered the foundation of the house. I didn't even know what variety it was back then, and later discovered it was 'Ventricosa.'

With a shady backyard, I eventually began adding garden beds containing other kinds of hosta. When I reached 50 different varieties, I realized my hobby had evolved into a collection. Fast forward, and I now have nearly 600 varieties surrounding my yard. Needless to say, my collection has evolved into an obsession.

In those early days, I just knew I liked hostas with their diverse foliage, towering blooms, and a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. I never imagined there was such a thing as the American Hosta Society (AHS) — a dedicated group of other hosta enthusiasts from around the country who hold an annual convention. When I discovered the group, my eyes were opened to new aspects about the genus, such as cross-breeding, sun tolerance, tissue cultures, diseases, plant habits, and more.

When I attended my first AHS convention in Indianapolis, I got to meet others who shared a love of what many call the "friendship plant." Appropriately, I've formed many new friendships as a result. I also got to meet several hybridizers who bred many of the plants in my gardens — some of them pioneers in the hosta industry such as Dick and Jane Ward. I have the hosta named 'Dick Ward,' and now I think of him each time I walk by.

Other hybridizers include Olga Petryszyn who is known for her large introductions and originated such beauties as 'Niagara Falls,' 'Key West,' and hosta of the year for 2017, 'Brother Stefan' — named after her brother for his 50th birthday. I also met Doug Beilstein who strives to breed standout varieties with unusual leaf characteristics such as 'Cup of Grace,' 'Leapin Lizard,' and 2018 hosta of the year, 'World Cup.' Now, when I walk around my garden, I feel an even greater connection to many plants because I've personally gotten to know those who introduced them into the market... and I feel like I have a connection to them, too, even though I only get to see them once a year.

The AHS national convention is held in a different city around the country each year. It was in Philadelphia in June 2018 to celebrate its 50th anniversary. In 2019, it's coming to Green Bay, Wisconsin! If you're a hosta enthusiast like me, or if you're just starting to gain an interest, I invite you to join me and several hundred others from across the country and around the world who come each year. Here are some details:

American Hosta Society National Convention

June 12–15, 2019

Radisson Hotel & Convention Center, Green Bay, WI

Registration Information: www.ahs2019event.org

Featuring:

- 11 Stunning Garden Tours
- Vendors
- Leaf Show
- Seedling Competition
- Live auction
- Speakers: Rick Goodenough, Don Dean, Olga Petryszyn, Doug Beilstein, Jeff Miller
- And much more!

The theme for the 2019 convention is Hostaffinity, a reflection of the relationship that we as gardeners share with each other and our beloved plants. Check out the website and plan to join us June 12–15 — where friends and foliage meet.



**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

September 8, 2018

Deen Day Sanders Garden House, 10777 Bell Road, Duluth, Georgia 30097

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 am by President Scott Smith.

Scott announced that because of health issues, Ricky Cox has resigned as Membership Chair; Becky Paris has agreed to assume that responsibility.

Judges Clinic II is scheduled for September 22nd from 9:00 am until noon at the Haynes Landing Clubhouse. It will cover seedling evaluation and the judging of containers and troughs. Those interested in eventually becoming show judges should advise Harold McDonell that they plan to participate in the clinic.

The organization's financial status is in good order. The show expenditures were under budget and it appears that we are viable for the foreseeable future. Today's raffle and silent auction will result in additional funds.

Minutes of the April 7, 2018 general meeting were published in the August 2018 *Georgia Hosta Notes*. Mark Malaguerra moved that the minutes be accepted as published; Mary LePore seconded the motion and it was approved by the members.

Scott presented AHS Certificate of Appreciation awards to Steve McMurty and Ricky Cox. This award is presented annually "to recognize those members who have worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the local clubs."

There being no further business, Steve McMurtry moved that the meeting be adjourned; Mary LePore seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 12 noon and was followed by a program presented by GHS Member Linda Binic.

Judy Beeler, Secretary

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

October 6, 2018

The October 6, 2018 Board Meeting has been rescheduled to November 10 at 10:30 am and will be held at Deen Day Sanders Garden House prior to the General Meeting.

THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY

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The Georgia Hosta Society

The Georgia Hosta Society offers a yearly hosta show, four *Georgia Hosta Notes* newsletters and four general meetings, garden tours and workshops, an annual plant sale, and many other benefits. Annual membership dues are \$15 per Individual, \$25 for a family membership. Send membership inquiries and dues to Becky Paris – VP Membership, 4980 Exodus Court, Marietta, GA 30062 For further information, go to www.gahosta.org.

The American Hosta Society

The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a national convention; two issues annually of *The Hosta Journal*, each with nearly 100 pages, many interesting and informative articles, and dozens of color and black and white pictures; and one annual *Online Hosta Journal*. Membership dues are \$30 individual and \$34 family membership per year (US). Contact Sandie Markland - Membership Secretary, PO Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948 or go to AHSMembershipSecretary@Charter.net. For additional information, go to www.americanhostasociety.org.

Dixie Region (AHS Region 3)

All members of GHS and AHS are automatically members of the Dixie Region. The region offers annual meetings, garden tours, judging clinics and other activities. For information, go to the Dixie Region Website: www.dixiehosta.net.

Hosta Cultivar Registration

For all questions about registering hosta cultivars, contact Gayle Hartley Alley, ICRA for Hosta at www.hostaregistrar.org.

2018-2019 Calendar of Events

November 10 - General Meeting - 11:00 am - Guest Speaker - C.H. Falstad, Walters Gardens
January 12 – Board Meeting Time and Place TBA
February 2 - General Meeting - 11:30 am - with Guest Speaker
March 9 - Board Meeting Time and Place TBA
April 6 –General Meeting and Spring Auction - 11:30 am
May 11 - GHS Hosta Show and Plant Sale Set-up - May 10
May 18 – Field Trip – Bill and BJ McNiff's Garden (Details later)
Show Wrap-up Meeting - (Date and details later)
Dixie Region Meeting – Date and location not yet set. See dixiehosta.net for details when available.
June 12-15 - AHS National Convention - Green Bay, Wisconsin
August 17 - Board Meeting Time and Place TBA
September 7 –General Meeting - 11:30 am - with Guest Speaker
October 5 - Board Meeting Time and Place TBA
November 2 - General Meeting – 11:30 am - with Guest Speaker

GHS Membership Registration / Renewal - 2019

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