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**A scene from Doris and David Bishop's unbelievably beautiful Shady Rest Garden in Cartersville, Georgia. See more about this garden and other beautiful gardens observed in the 'Discovering Fantastic *Hostas on a Daylily Garden Tour*' article on page 9.**



## President's Message

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By Greg Ferguson

Hello to our hosta family!

In these uncertain times, isn't it encouraging to enjoy our plants and know that they are dependable and predictable? News programs can be sad and discouraging. Our lives can be filled with pain, loss, uncertainty, and loneliness. But our plants can give us hope, fun, and enjoyment. We all are still sorting out this pandemic and its path of destruction. As leadership for your Georgia Hosta Society, we are cautiously emerging from our isolation and planning meetings and events. You are going to be very pleased with the things being planned for you.

I won't recap our 2021 GHS events. Check those out in my President's Message in the August newsletter. We are moving forward with those plans.

The November 13, 2021 GHS meeting will be in person. September saw boxed lunches, but we're excited to get back to our "usual." We are planning for a Pot Luck style meal, thanks to our Hospitality Chair Julia Lyons. We'll get a jump on Thanksgiving – after all, we have a lot to be thankful for. You'll find details about the Pot Luck elsewhere in this newsletter. The November meeting will again have a segment for identifying your unknown hostas. As we found out in September, even our "experts" may not be able to identify them – but it is fun trying! If you can't bring your plant, bring some pictures.

Our Board has found that most speakers are not yet able or willing to travel, so we aren't able to schedule out-of-town speakers, as we did pre-COVID. This is a common challenge among all societies and organizations. We are working around that challenge, for now, by involving our membership and fellow plant lovers. While we're waiting on conditions to change, you will find our programs enjoyable and worth attending.

Looking ahead to 2022, we are planning four full General Meetings, our Leaf Show and Plant Sale, and several Garden Tours. The details of the Leaf Show and Plant Sale will depend on availability of the venue. Initial plans are to hold the event on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at First Baptist Tucker, the same day as Tucker Day. We have vendors lined up, eager to offer their hostas and other plants for sale. As to Garden Tours, we want to organize them geographically, in order for as many people to attend as possible. We found out from the June 5 Garden Tours that grouping them in a general area improves attendance. Also, holding them jointly with the Georgia Perennial Plant Association was positive and healthy. We hope to have several Garden Tours so more people will have better opportunities to attend near their home. Dates are to be determined. If you would be interested in having your garden, plants, or landscape as part of a Garden Tour, please contact me – for 2022 or even for 2023. You do not have to be an expert or have a perfect garden to host. You do not have to be a GHS member to attend or to host.

We are trying to reach more people with Georgia Hosta Society. Many people are not aware of GHS, and we'd like to change that. At our last general meeting, we had visitors from garden clubs and from other plant societies. I met some wonderful, nice people, and I hope to see them again at future meetings. I hope that GHS members can participate in their organizations as well. There is so much we can share with each other! Please help me with this "get out the word" effort and this cooperation among garden clubs, master gardeners, and plant societies! Any suggestions and volunteer efforts are welcome. GHS is poised to grow and to reach many more people!

It is the time of year to pay chapter dues. Our Society's financial condition is very healthy. Your timely payment of dues will help maintain that healthy financial condition.

One last thing. A new slate of officers was nominated and approved at the September meeting. This slate will be installed at the November 13 meeting. I was nominated and approved to serve a second two-year term as your President. I'm truly excited about the prospects for GHS, and I look forward to leading and growing our Society.

Put November 13 on your calendar. Invite your friends to come with you. I look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting.

## Next Meeting November 13, 2021 11:00 AM

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

### November 13 Meeting - Seasonal Fall Comfort Foods



Time to start up our potluck lunches again at our next meeting. Our Hospitality Chair, Julia Lyons, has selected 'Seasonal Fall Comfort Foods' as our theme. She will be looking for us to bring tailgate snacks, hearty soups, stews or casseroles, oven-roasted fall vegetables, and anything apple and pumpkin for dessert. Let's make this one the best ever. GHS will provide drinks. (Any member feeling uncomfortable with meal sharing is free to bring a lunch from home.)

### November 13 Program - Hosta Labeling Ideas and Putting Hosta Diseases into Proper Perspective

Our November meeting program will feature two of our own members discussing subjects of interest to our members. Scott Smith and Mark Malaguerra will discuss ways for labeling our hostas. The best way to label our plants is always a topic of interest, and Mark and Scott will present some of the methods they like and use. Then Harold McDonell will be talking with us about some hosta diseases and pests that we regularly encounter and how to combat them. He will also be discussing the real impact of these diseases on our hostas, hopefully reducing some of the fears now being generated on the internet. He calls it putting hostas diseases and pests into proper perspective. We hope you will join us for these two informative presentations.

### GHS Needs Donations for November 13 Silent Auction

We will be conducting another silent auction at the November meeting - our first since early 2019. We need donations of plants as well as new (not used) garden-related materials. Please look around your home and garden to see what you might be able to provide. Oh yes, don't forget to bring money to outbid everyone else for that special item you might just have to have.

### Hosta ID Assistance at the November 13 Meeting

Need help identifying any of your hostas with unknown names? If so, you can bring a few leaves to the November 13 meeting or if you are unable to do that, please take pictures of your anonymous hostas now and send them to Sandra Bussell by November 1. She will be preparing a PowerPoint presentation of the submitted pictures and it will be shown to the membership at the November 13 meeting. Hopefully, our members can assist in identifying some of our mystery hostas. Sandra's email address is [scmatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:scmatlanta@gmail.com). You may submit more than one picture of each, including leaf close-ups or flowers, which could help in the identification process.

**Notice: It's time to Pay Your 2022 Dues. See Last Page for Membership Details and Renewal Form.**

**Notice: At our February 2022 meeting, we are planning a Hosta 101 workshop about growing hostas in our Georgia climate. Among other topics, we will be trying to identify the best hostas for Georgia gardens and we need your input. Look for an email later this year seeking your input on your easiest-to-grow hostas.**

## Installation of our New Officers for 2022-2023

At our last general meeting, we elected a new slate of GHS officers as our leaders for the next two years. At our November general meeting, we will have an installation ceremony to welcome them into their new jobs. The new officers are:

President: Greg Ferguson

1st Vice President - Programs: Steve McMurtry

2nd Vice President - Membership: Becky Paris

3rd Vice President - Newsletter Editor: Harold McDonell

Secretary: Judy Beeler

Treasurer: Dexter Henry

Parliamentarian: Mark Malaguerra

Communications Director: Scott Smith

Ex-Officio: Scott Smith

Directors: Sandra Bussell, Katie Lindquist, Chuck Zdeb, Greg Barner, Mary Lepore, and Richard Jolly

## Attention GHS Members. Keep taking pictures of your gardens!

The pictures you have provided of your gardens for the newsletter the past few issues have been very popular with your fellow members. We still have some left over from this year and we will try to run them in the next newsletter. Please plan now to take more pictures of your gardens next year, especially of hostas and hosta groupings. Send them to our newsletter editor, Harold McDonell, at [haroldmcdonell@aol.com](mailto:haroldmcdonell@aol.com). Send the pictures at the highest resolution possible. Thumbnail size is not acceptable since the resolution is not high enough to depict the picture well in the newsletter. Please try to provide names with the pictures if possible.

## 2022 Region Three Dixie Regional Meeting - June 2 - 4

The Dixie Regional Meeting will be held in Knoxville on June 2-4. More details will soon be posted on the East Tennessee Hosta Society web site, [www.easttnhostasociety.net](http://www.easttnhostasociety.net), and on the Dixie Region web site, [www.dixiehosta.net](http://www.dixiehosta.net). This meeting was originally scheduled in 2020 but had to be postponed until 2022 due to the pandemic. The Knoxville folks are raring to go to provide us a great experience with interesting programs and beautiful gardens. Let's reconnect with our Dixie Region friends and support the East Tennessee Hosta Society with our presence at the meeting.

## 2022 AHS National Convention - June 8 - 11



The AHS National Convention is on for 2022 and will be held in Brooklyn Park (Minneapolis), Minnesota. Complete details and registration form will be available soon on the AHS web site, [www.americanhostasociety.org](http://www.americanhostasociety.org).

## Spotlight on Sandra Bussell

From time to time, we like to feature one of our members and let you know more about them. This time the spotlight is on Sandra Bussell. Sandra currently serves as a Director of GHS and is a tireless worker in the society. She has been an essential person in conducting our hosta shows for several years and she even put together a virtual hosta show this year when COVID continued to make it impossible for us to have an in-person show. She is also active on the national level and presently serves as the AHS Judges Records Chair. She lives in Athens, Georgia where she maintains a beautiful garden which she and her late husband, fellow GHS member Kelly Bussell, created from scratch. She is very active as well in several Athens organizations, including the Georgia Botanical Garden.

We asked Sandra to provide some biographical data about herself. What she provided was so interesting, we decided to include it just as she wrote it. We think you will find it very interesting reading.



Sandra Bussell preparing her leaves for the hosta show.

**"I was born in London, the only child of Liesel and Chase Marshall. My mother and father met in Germany in the early 1950s where my father was working for a German coffee merchant. My mother was a German refugee whose family had fled from Poland in January 1945. My father was (kinda) English - his mother was American, from West Orange, New Jersey and his father was English. Chase was born in Ceylon where his father was running a rubber plantation.**

**"After secondary school, I spent a year working in Hamburg for the then largest coffee merchant in the world, Bernhard Rothfos. I studied German and Arabic at Leeds University and then worked for my father's London company and then another London coffee merchant until the late 1990s. In 1997 an agency of the European Union asked me to go to Kampala, Uganda to teach a two-week course to local, newly-minted coffee exporters on the technicalities of making and fulfilling sales contracts to European buyers. My late husband, Kelly, was working there at the time for the Centers of Disease Control as a Senior Systems Analyst assisting local AIDS organizations to design and implement Health Information Systems. Our romance proceeded pretty fast - we were married in September 1998 and I moved to Atlanta. We bought a house on Ponderosa Circle near Northlake Mall and it just so happened that the house was in the same subdivision as Judy Burns' home. Her mother, Toni Wright, lived just around the corner. But actually, it was Ruth Kageorge, then a member of the Georgia Hosta Society, who recruited us! She also lived in the Ponderosa and stopped one day to admire our gardening efforts. We enjoyed GHS meetings and pretty soon Kelly was helping Gene Bottoroff with setting up the vendor area at shows. Eventually, he ran vending for a few years.**

**"We moved to Athens in 2007, taking on a house in need of renovation and a larger garden with absolutely nothing in it except a crescent of Leyland Cypress and a lot of large trees sloping downhill - a new project so that Kelly would not get bored in retirement! Our garden is one acre large. We fenced in the backyard to keep the deer out. We have some magnificent white oaks and hickories and hence very little full sun. Taking George Schmid's advice, we kept all our hostas in pots and plunged them into raised beds (with saucers and landscape fabric covering the drainage holes to prevent infiltration by thirsty tree roots.)**

**"Kelly died three and a half years ago. I continue to enjoy living in Athens and have become involved with various projects of my own - gardening, chicken tasting at the USDA, and painting, amongst others."**

## Finally!

Due to the COVID pandemic, the Georgia Hosta Society was unable to have an in-person general meeting since our February, 2020 meeting. That all changed on September 11 when we were able to come together again. Practicing COVID safety protocols including social distancing and mask wearing, we once again met at our usual meeting place, the Deen Day Sanders Garden House, and finally were able to have our yearly auction that we had missed so much. Best of all was just being able to see our hosta friends again and enjoy each other's fellowship. Our dependable club photographer, Mikky Lockwood, was in attendance and taking pictures. Thanks again, Mikky.



## More September 11th General Meeting Pictures



**President Ferguson presides over the general meeting.**



**Harold McDonnell conducts the auction.**



**Gotta have it!**





## Editor's Message and Hosta Ramblings

by Harold McDonell

### Keeping Things in Proper Perspective

Hosta diseases and pests have received a lot of press recently, especially with respect to HVX. Yes, hostas do have diseases and pests that can sometimes make them a challenge to grow BUT so do many other plants that we grow and cherish in our gardens. Voles are vicious hosta predators when they attack but voles also attack many other plants such as daylilies, rohdreas, cast iron plants, roses, and fruit trees to name a few. Same with deer. Few plants are deer resistant and if that is all we grew, I am afraid our gardens would be rather bland. Foliar nematodes are tough pests in hostas but they, too, attack many other commonly grown perennials including ferns, strawberries, zinnias, carnations, anemones and impatiens.

Foliar fungal and bacterial diseases, which are often the source of the summer uglies of hostas, attack so many plants that I will not to even try to list them. Whether mildew in phlox or rust on daylilies, fire blight on fruit trees, or bacterial leaf streak on hostas, there seems to be at least a few fungal and bacterial foliar diseases for almost every plant. Same with the various root rots such as Southern blight. Then there are the various plant viruses. Hostas host at least ten more viruses than just HVX. Some of these viruses are Impatiens Necrotic Spot, Tobacco Rattle Virus, and Tomato Ringspot Virus. Notice their names. Yes, they also attack many other plants and there are many more that do not affect hostas. Viruses are the worst plant disease simply because there is no cure. Destruction of the plant is the only proper path to follow once a virus is detected.

That gets me to HVX. It seems the majority of posts on the various hosta Facebook sites are now about HVX. Just mentioning the name evokes tons of alarming replies and I see many people stating they are eliminating hostas from their gardens when they find even one with the disease. Every blemish on a hosta leaf becomes a suspected HVX infection. It is really sad that we have reached this state of irrational fear. HVX is a serious hosta disease that can be found in many of the mass-produced hostas that are grown in Europe, field grown, and mechanically harvested from the ground. Many of these are sold to the big box stores and even to some of the major plant nurseries who then pass them on to the unsuspecting public. Also unfortunate is the fact that our federal officials, who should be keeping diseased plants from entering the United States, have instead ignored the problem and turned their backs on it. Apparently, hostas are just not that important a money crop and not worth worrying about as far as they are concerned.

However, HVX does not have to be the scariest thing we have ever encountered in hostas. It is time for us to lower the rhetoric, look at the facts, and keep things in proper perspective. HVX is not easy to spread in the garden if we follow sound sanitation practices. Unlike many viruses that are spread by highly mobile insects, HVX has no known insect vectors. It depends primarily on mechanical sap-to-sap transfer such as the use of a shovel to dig an infected hosta and not disinfecting it before digging another, or using a common knife to divide several hostas without sanitizing the knife between cuts. Most importantly, we can avoid it almost completely by purchasing hostas from known reliable hosta nurseries that sell only plants which are produced via tissue culture (tc) and then grown throughout their lives in containers. Most of these nurseries buy their stock from wholesalers who procure stock from tissue culture labs. These labs are meticulous in testing mother plants for HVX before using them in the tc process. Hostas produced through these labs have little chance of HVX infection. You will probably pay a little more for such plants but you do not take the chance of introducing HVX into your garden.

What am I trying to say is that most plants have some kind of disease and pest problems, not just hostas. Most of the diseases and pests can be controlled or eliminated with reasonably doable actions. Before we ban hostas from our gardens out of fear, we need to stop panicking and put things into the proper perspective. At our next general meeting, I will be presenting a talk on hosta diseases and pests. I hope I will be able to dispel the mass hysteria presently surrounding hosta diseases and pests, including HVX, on the internet and present some encouraging facts that will put many of your concerns to rest. I am by no means an expert on hosta diseases and pests but we will have a room full of experience in dealing with hosta problems. We hope you will be there with your questions and concerns that you want addressed and we hope you will also share your knowledge and experiences as well.

## Discovering Fantastic Hostas on a Daylily Garden Tour

This past June, your *Georgia Hosta Notes* editor toured several beautiful daylily gardens on tour during the American Daylily Society Region Five (Georgia) annual spring meeting. This year, the meeting was held in Cartersville, Georgia, and gardens in Cartersville and Kennesaw were featured on the tour. The thousands of daylilies, grown to perfection, were absolutely stunning. However, being a dedicated hostaphile as well as a daylily enthusiast, I also kept an eye out for any hostas that might be lurking in those beautiful daylily gardens. I was not to be disappointed!

The two Kennesaw gardens, Bill and Diana Waldrop's Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies and Camilla and David Arthur's Prissy's Garden, had limited hosta plantings but I did find a few and they were grown just as well as their daylilies. In Cartersville, I discovered quite a few more hostas in Colette Hennard's Lily Hill Garden. Then I travelled on to Doris and David Bishop's Shady Rest Garden and there I hit the jackpot! Not only is Shady Rest one of the most beautiful commercial daylily gardens in the country, Doris has also added a magnificent collection of hostas and companion shade plants to populate the increasingly shady garden. I admit I was like a kid in the candy store as I moved from garden room to garden room full of hostas. I hope one of these days, we will be able to sponsor a GHS garden walk in this special garden as well as at Lily Hill.

Here are some of the many hostas I found among the daylilies on the daylily garden tour.

### **Prissy's Garden and Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies in Kennesaw, Georgia**



**Left - Hostas  
growing in Prissy's  
Garden**

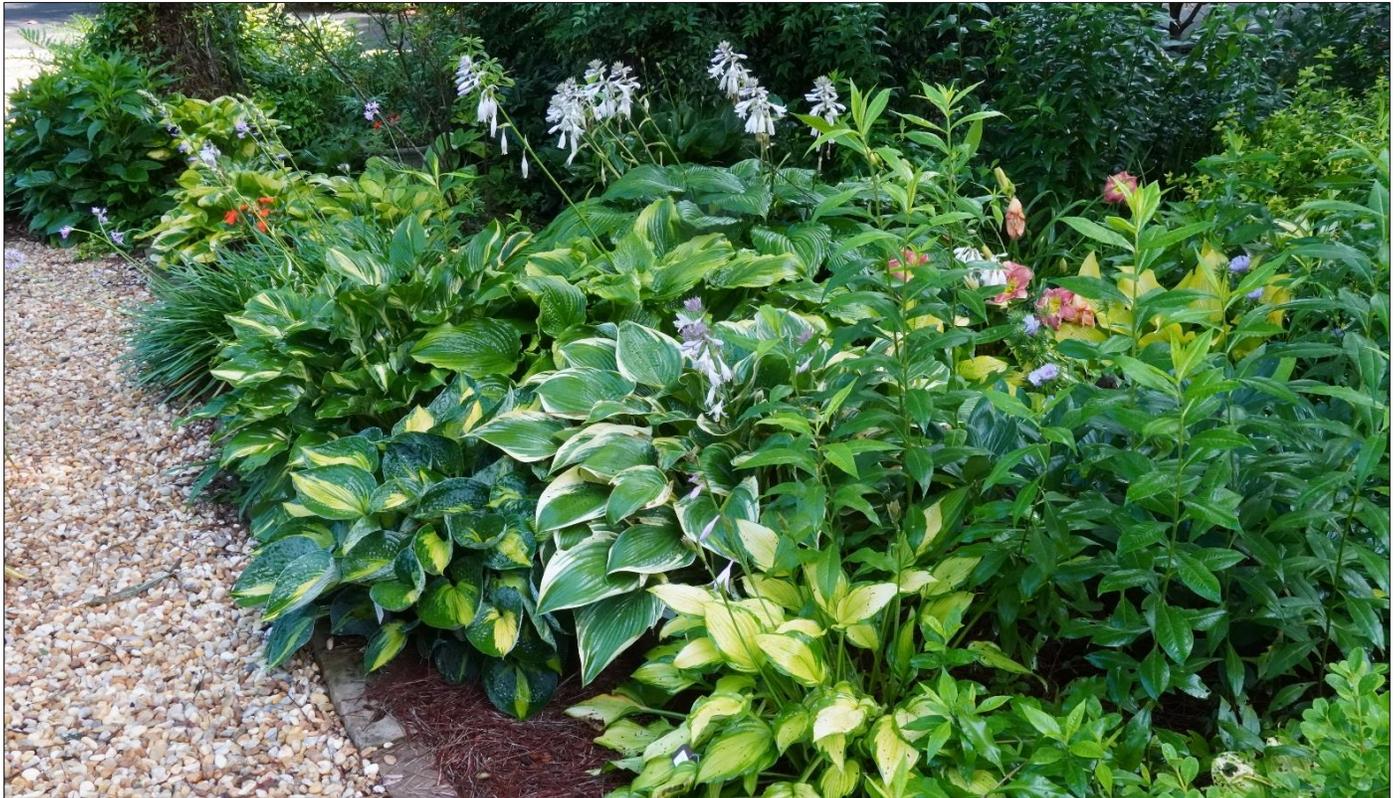
**Below - Hostas looking  
great at Kennesaw  
Mountain Daylilies**



More Hostas: Colette Hennard's Beautiful Lily Hill Garden in Cartersville, Georgia



# The Hosta Lover's Jackpot at Shady Rest Garden in Cartersville, Georgia



Doris shows off her *H.* 'Humpback Whale'.



*H.* 'Dancing Darling'

The Hosta Lover's Jackpot at Shady Rest Garden in Cartersville, Georgia



The Hosta Lover's Jackpot at Shady Rest Garden in Cartersville, Georgia



*H.* 'Rainbow's End'



*H.* 'Dixie Chickadee'



The Hosta Lover's Jackpot at Shady Rest Garden in Cartersville, Georgia



*H.* "Wiggles and Squiggles"

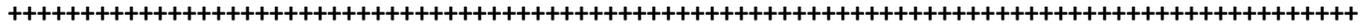


*H.* 'Grand Tiara'



## Michael Bunch's Hosta Give-Aways to Customers

New GHS member Michael Bunch, a Real Estate Sales and Certified Pricing Strategy Advisor with Keller Williams Realty First Atlanta, found a unique way to bond with his customers during the height of the pandemic when the mask and social distancing mandates were in full effect. He gave hostas to his customers! He promoted the program as "touchless client appreciation drop-by gifts." According to Michael, the hostas were a real hit. Shown below are two of the hostas, the Keller Williams logo attached to the label, provided to his clients. Great idea, Michael.



*Hosta 'Fragrant Bouquet'* in Colette Hennard's Lily Hill Garden in Cartersville, Georgia

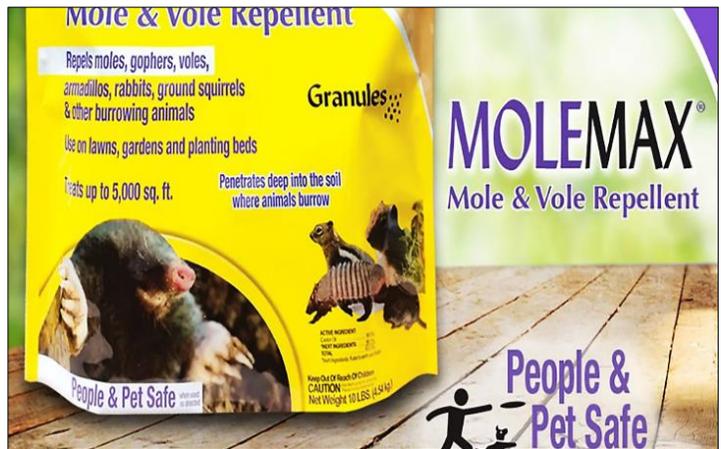


## Two Easy and Safe Methods for Vole Control with Castor Oil

Now is the time to start making preparations for controlling voles in your garden in Georgia. Our pine voles just love hostas and many other plants, and will decimate a garden quickly once they move in. If you have had pine voles in the past, now is the time to go on vole patrol and start protecting your hostas. Of course, you may already have taken measures such as planting hostas in chicken wire cages or removing them from the ground and planting them in pots. Both methods work but what do you do to deter voles from those other hostas still planted in the garden as well as protecting other susceptible plants?

While our pine voles may be a problem any time of the year, the fall-through-spring time period is when they present the biggest problem for us. Any methods of control using poisons such as rat poison are strongly discouraged. While you may kill the voles, you are also likely to kill other desirable animals, including a cherished pet. Keep in mind that these types of poisons may also be deadly for young children who might get into them. Some put out traps. However, voles are so prolific that the chances of getting all of them with traps is unlikely and those that escape will happily continue to munch on your most prized specimens. Better to look for ways to deter them from your garden than trying to deal with them after they have moved in.

Many are finding that one of the best deterrents is castor oil. Yes, our pine voles hate the stuff just as much as we did when we were children and our mothers forced it on us for any number of ailments. There are two basic methods to apply castor oil. For me, the easiest is to purchase the granular castor oil-based vole and mole deterrent products such as Bonide's MOLEMAX. All you have to do is broadcast it over the area to be treated according to directions and then water it in. It must be watered in and penetrate the soil in order for it to deter voles. It also deters other burrowing animals such as chipmunks, moles, gophers, mice and armadillos.



The other method is to mix liquid castor oil with water and dish detergent. For large areas, it can be applied with a hose-end sprayer. To the sprayer jar, add 1 cup of castor oil (**Do not use unscented castor oil.**) and about 4 oz of dish detergent. Fill the jar with water. Set the sprayer at its highest setting and spray the area being treated thoroughly with the mixture. For small areas, mix 1-2 TBSP castor oil and 1 TBSP dish detergent to one gallon of water. With both, you want to apply the mixture so that you thoroughly wet the soil to a few inches of depth.

Make a first application in late fall before the leaves begin to fall heavily and again after the first of the year. Follow up applications just depend on whether or not more vole activity is observed. If you already have a vole infestation, treat one small area at a time to drive the voles out of that area, then keep applying to adjacent areas until the garden is fully treated. If you have no vole activity and just want to provide a barrier, you can apply in a 20'-25' swath surrounding your garden. I have done that for years and it works. Just be sure with each treatment that you thoroughly saturate the soil down to a depth of a few inches.

Pine voles are a serious pest in Georgia gardens as anyone who has lost a prized hosta, daylily, rose, or other plant will readily attest. With these simple treatments with castor oil, much of that damage can be avoided. Give it a try.

(Note: Both liquid and granular castor oil products are readily available from local nurseries, big box stores, farm supply stores, and from on-line sources such as Amazon.)

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
September 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am by President Greg Ferguson.

Greg recognized new members who have joined since our most recent in-person meeting (in February 2020). He also acknowledged members who have passed away in recent months.

He reviewed some of the activities we have successfully completed in spite of the COVID restrictions: e.g., individual garden tours, the virtual leaf show, Vendor Day and the quarterly newsletter.

Greg asked that members consider opening their home gardens for tours in the spring of 2022.

Minutes of the April 2021 general meeting were published in the August *Georgia Hosta Notes* newsletter. Harold McDonell moved that the minutes be accepted as printed; Julia Lyons seconded the motion and it was approved.

The organization is in good financial standing. Because of limits on activities in the past year, payment of dues was suspended for 2021. We can begin paying 2022 dues at this time.

Greg asked that members provide him with suggestions for nominations for the President's Wall award for 2020 and 2021.

Harold as Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the suggested slate of officers for 2022-2023. They are: President – Greg Ferguson; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs – Steve McMurtry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership – Becky Paris; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Publications – Harold McDonell; Secretary – Judy Beeler; Treasurer – Dexter Henry; Parliamentarian – Mark Malaguerra; Ex-Officio – Scott Smith; Directors – Sandra Bussell, Katie Lindquist, Chuck Zdeb, Greg Barner, Mary Lepore and Richard Jolly. There were no other nominations from the floor. The slate as presented was elected by unanimous consent.

Harold presented a recommendation from the Board of Directors that a new position of Communications Director be created. This position would be responsible for the GHS website and Facebook page, as well as distribution of the quarterly newsletter. Kendra Spadoni moved that the position be added to the Board, Julia seconded the motion and it was accepted. Scott Smith was elected to serve as Communications Director for 2022-2023.

A new feature will be added to all future in-person meetings. "Hosta ID" will help us to identify mystery hostas in our gardens. If possible, bring in the plant or at least a leaf. If that is not possible, send a photo of the plant to Sandra Bussell and we will attempt to determine the species.

The next in-person general meeting is planned for November 13<sup>th</sup>. Harold will present a program on hosta diseases and Sandra Bussell will discuss growing hostas in containers. That meeting will also include our annual silent auction of garden-related items.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.

Judy Beeler, Secretary

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
October 16, 2021 Via Zoom**

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Greg Ferguson at 9:34 a.m. Participating were: Dexter Henry, Harold McDonell, Mikky Lockwood, Julia Lyons, Pat Brussack, Scott Smith, Mark Malaguerra, Chuck Zdeb, Sandra Bussell, Steve McMurtry and Judy Beeler. Also attending were board members-elect Richard Jolly and Mary Lepore.

Minutes of the August 14, 2021 board meeting were published in the August 2021 issue of *Georgia Hosta Notes*. Steve moved and Julia seconded that the minutes be accepted as published. The motion was approved.

The treasurer's report was distributed to the board electronically earlier. Dexter said that we continue to be in good standing. Membership has increased and the fall plant auction netted \$761. Anticipated expenditures for the remainder of the year include rental of the storage facility (\$500), renewal of the Zoom license (\$150), and yearly fee for Wild Apricot, the website developer (\$648).

Scott will send a membership renewal notice to all members; it will include instructions on how to pay annual fee directly through website.

The board agreed that physical arrangements for the September general meeting were well-received. Some 26 people attended our first in-person meeting in 19 months; social distancing was observed without incident. It was agreed to return to offering our traditional "pot luck" lunch instead of the vended meals. Anyone feeling uncomfortable with meal sharing is free to bring a one-person lunch from home.

Julia said that the lunch theme for the November 13 general meeting will be "Seasonal Fall Comfort Foods."

The program for that meeting will consist of Harold McDonnell's presentation on hosta diseases and a discussion by Marc Malaguerra and Scott Smith on plant labeling options. In addition to our on-going "Mystery Hosta ID" segment, we will also have installation of officers for the 2022 - 2023 term and a silent auction of garden-related items. Among auction items offered will be numerous books from the personal library of the late George Schmid and Claudia Walker's nearly complete collection of The America Hosta Society's *Hosta Journal*.

The program for the first meeting in 2022 will be "Getting Started with Hostas" or "Hostas 101." Scott and Sandra will coordinate an on-line poll of members as to what hostas and techniques work well in our local gardens.

For future programs, we will determine if any national hosta experts would be willing to address our group via Zoom.

Pat has produced GHS name tags for new members who requested them at the September meeting. She mailed the tags directly to the new members.

There are 510 Facebook users who follow the GHS Facebook page. While many of them are not in our geographic area, we should encourage them to participate with us as they are able.

Greg will continue to forward our quarterly newsletter to other garden groups in an attempt to expand our profile.

The City of Tucker's website indicates that the annual Tucker Day celebration is currently planned for May 14, 2022. First Baptist Church has not yet indicated if the facility will be available for our Hosta Show and Sale on that date. At the first board meeting of the new year (January 8), we hope to have enough information to make a decision on holding our annual show.

Because of the pandemic, American Hosta Society judging qualifications have been on-hold for two years. There is no guidance yet on how or when this will be updated. It is possible that some show accreditations may be in question if sufficient judges are not qualified.

Greg is working on organizing one or more garden tours for the spring. He hopes to have two or three gardens in close proximity and, ideally, include a nursery or garden center in the same tour. Areas being considered include Athens, Cartersville, and Brookhaven/Dunwoody. Members are encouraged to open their private gardens for our group.

Greg is still asking for recommendations from the board for recipients for the President's Wall of Honor awards for 2020 and 2021. Harold will provide a list of previous winners.

The required annual audit of the organization's financial records was recently conducted by Harold and Greg. There were no negative findings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Judy Beeler, Secretary

# THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY

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## Georgia Hosta Society Members Holding American Hosta Society Positions:

**Claudia Walker:** AHS National Show Chair  
**Sandra Bussell:** AHS Judges Records Chair  
**Harold McDonell:** Gifts and Memorials Chair

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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 306 Carney Lane, Ball Ground, Ga 30107. For further information, go to [www.gahosta.org](http://www.gahosta.org).

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## 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**. ENewsletters are also published periodically to keep members informed. 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](mailto:AHSMembershipSecretary@Charter.net). For additional information, go to [www.americanhostasociety.org](http://www.americanhostasociety.org).

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## 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](http://www.dixiehosta.net).

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## Hosta Cultivar Registration

For all questions about registering hosta cultivars, contact Gayle Hartley Alley, ICRA for Hosta at [HostaRegistry@gmail.com](mailto:HostaRegistry@gmail.com).

## 2021-2022 Calendar of Events

November 13, 2021 - General Meeting - Deen Day Sanders Garden House - Speakers: Harold McDonell, Scott Smith and Mark Malaguerra

Jan 8, 2022 - Board Meeting

February 12, 2022 - General Meeting - Deen Day Sanders Garden House

March 12, 2022 - Board Meeting

April 9, 2022 - General Meeting - Deen Day Sanders Garden House - Annual Spring Auction

May 14, 2022 - Hosta Show and Plant Sale - Location to be determined.

May/June - Garden Tours - Additional details to be announced later.

June 2-4, 2022 - Dixie Region Meeting - Knoxville, Tennessee

June 8-12, 2022 - American Hosta Society National Convention - Brooklyn Park (Minneapolis), Minnesota

August 13, 2022 - Board Meeting

September 10, 2022 - General Meeting - Deen Day Sanders Garden House

October 8, 2022 - Board Meeting

November 5, 2022 - General Meeting - Deen Day Sanders Garden House

## GHS Membership Registration– 2022

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