



# Georgia Hosta Notes

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*Hosta* 'Great Arrival' living up to its name in Mike Scott's garden during the Cartersville garden tours this summer. More pictures of both Mike's garden and Doris and David Bishop's Shady Rest Garden can be found inside starting on page 16.



## President's Message

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By Greg Ferguson

This year has been a busy one for the Georgia Hosta Society. We have moved from online General Meetings back to in-person meetings. We have had our full slate of events – regular meetings, Hosta Show and Plant Sale, and Garden Tours. If you haven't participated in any of these, you have missed some great events.

We have two more General Meetings remaining in 2023. Check out this newsletter and enter the dates in your calendar today.

The two upcoming General Meetings will be well worth your time! In September we'll have a great photographer, Claude Carpenter, who will inspire you with plant and landscaping ideas from his amazing photos. In November we'll have a lively back-to-basics panel discussion to address our everyday questions about growing hostas. No questions will be out of bounds. Even though some of our hostas and companion plants are starting to go to sleep for the winter, there will be plenty of questions and answers to help you spend your plant budget wisely and to plan for next year's garden. The beauty of a meeting like this is that it doesn't matter how much or how little you know about hostas. You can ask anything and we learn from each other.

As always, thank you for your participation in the Georgia Hosta Society. I'll see you on September 16.

Greg Ferguson  
President, GHS, 2020-2023



**Hosta 'Snow Mouse'** (Photo by Ewa Pogwizd)

## Next Meeting    September 16, 2023    11:00 AM

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

### Our Guest Speaker - Claude Carpenter Garden Photography Tips

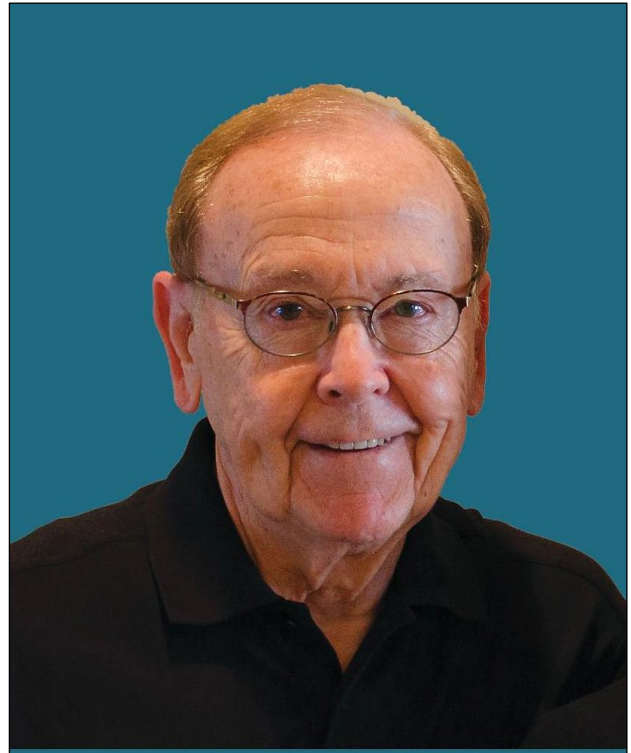
All of us want to take the best pictures of our garden subjects, don't we? With the addition of outstanding camera capabilities now available on our cell phones and picture adjustment apps on our computers, just about anyone can produce nice pictures. Our speaker, Claude Carpenter, will give us tips on how to take not just nice pictures, but rather produce the very best pictures possible.

Claude's photography interests started when he began to grow daylilies in 1996. He needed a record of what each cultivar looked like and he wanted a way to review the blooming habits of his daylilies. He purchased a camera and began to self-teach himself the methods and procedures for producing great pictures. Obviously, he was an excellent teacher because today he is recognized as an outstanding photographer. Still, he stresses that he is not a professional photographer. He considers photography a hobby along with growing his daylilies.

Over the years, Claude started sharing his photos with magazines and entered photo contests sponsored by the American Daylily Society. His photos won numerous awards and many have been published in the *Daylily Journal*, the official publication of the ADS. Seven years ago, he became the editor of *The Georgia Daylily* and has used his photos extensively in support of that effort. His publications have won the ADS Best Use of Photography Award for Regional Newsletters several times. He has edited one book published by ADS, *Small and Miniature Daylilies*, and is in the process of editing another book entitled *Double Daylilies – Twice the Fun*. Many of his outstanding daylily photos are included in these books.

Claude has been very active in the American Daylily Society and has held several positions within the leadership of the society. He is also a valued member of the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta. He has held several positions with DSGA as well, including being its president twice. This year at the American Daylily Society's National Convention, he was honored as the 2023 recipient of the Helen Field Fisher Award, its most coveted honor, for his substantial and dedicated service to ADS, Region V of ADS, and the DSGA.

Please join us at our next meeting on September 16 and enjoy this great program Claude has prepared for us.



## Food for September 16th Meeting – Anything Goes!



The food theme for our September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting is **ANYTHING GOES!** Yes, bring anything you would like to bring, maybe that special family recipe you might like to share with your fellow GHS members. It can be a meat, a casserole, vegetables, bread, or a dessert. Your choice. GHS will provide paper goods, eating utensils, and drinks as usual.

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## GHS Needs Donations for September 16<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction



We will be conducting a silent auction at the September meeting and we will need donations of plants as well as new (not used) garden-related materials to make it a success. Please look around your home and garden to see what you might be able to provide for the auction.

Ways-and-Means Chair Kendra Spadoni will also be conducting a 50/50 raffle during our next meeting. Don't know what a 50/50 raffle is? Come to the meeting and find out. It is fun!

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## Volunteers Needed – Programs Committee

GHS is forming a Programs Committee. This new committee's responsibilities will be to assist the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Programs in planning programs for our general meetings and in finding speakers that our members would enjoy. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact President Greg Ferguson.

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## In Sympathy

**The Georgia Hosta Society family wishes to express its deep sympathy to our fellow member, Betty Oglesby, whose son passed away recently. Please keep Betty in your hearts and prayers.**

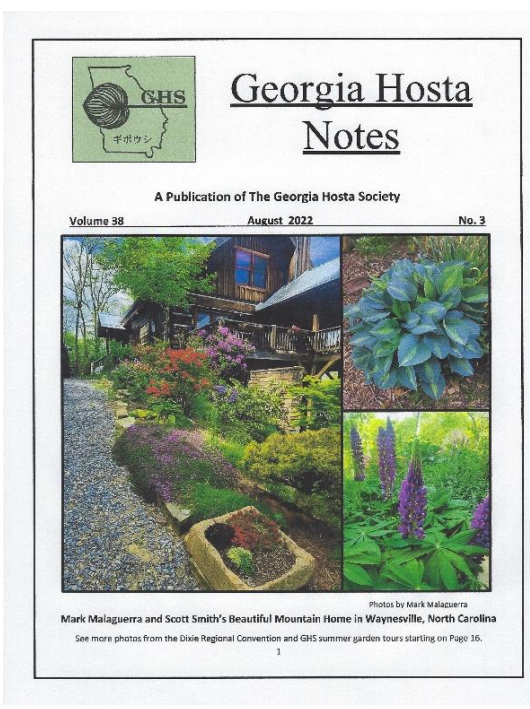
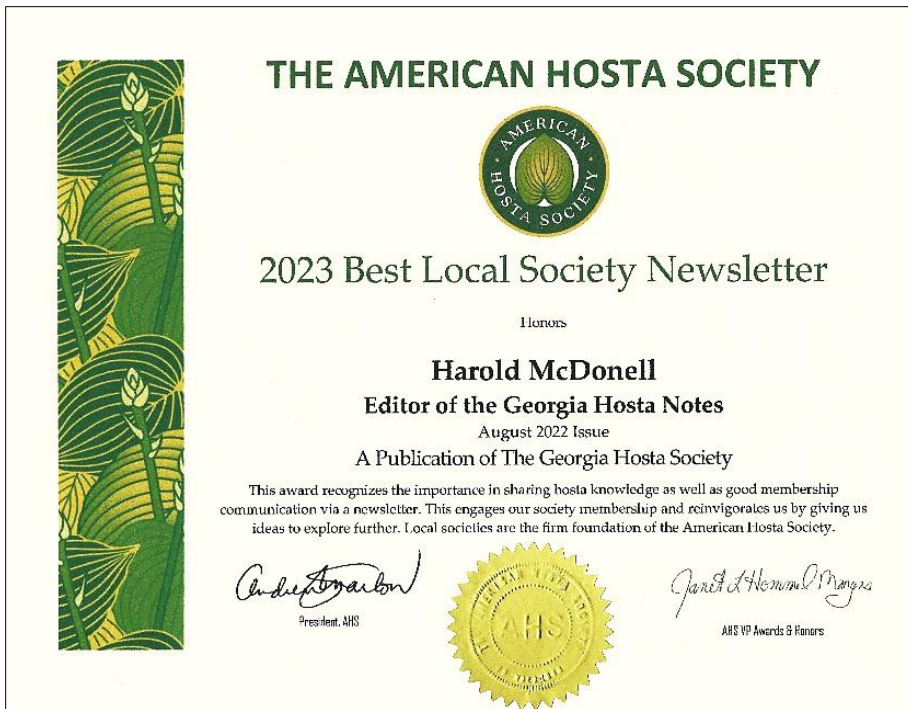
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## 2023 AHS Best Local Society Newsletter Award

The Georgia Hosta Society has won the American Hosta Society Best Local Society Newsletter Award for 2023. Each year, AHS recognizes local newsletters from the previous year with three awards – Best Newsletter Article, Best Newsletter 12 pages or less in length, and Best Newsletter 13 pages or more. GHS won the latter award for its August 2022 edition which featured our 2022 show results and the North Carolina tours of GHS members’ Smoky Mountain gardens. While the award is made to the newsletter editor, it is the contributions from all our members that made this possible. Congratulations, GHS members!



### 2023 AHS Newsletter Award Winners

- Best Newsletter Article: “In a Moment it Was Gone . . . ” by Sandy Wilkens, from the July 2022 *Hosta Happenings* newsletter of the Michigan Hosta Society (Vol 33, No 1)**
- Best Newsletter 12 pages or less: Spring/Summer 2022 *Tri-State Tribune* of the Tri-State Hosta Society of New York, New Jersey, & Connecticut (Vol 2022, Issue 1 & 2)**
- Best Newsletter 13 pages or more: August 2022 *Georgia Hosta Notes* of the Georgia Hosta Society (Vol 38, No 2)**

## Save the Date – 2024 AHS National Convention – June 18-22



The 2024 National Convention will be held in Marlborough, Massachusetts - June 18-22. The theme is ‘A Whale of a Time’ and the convention promises to be just that. Details of the convention, including the agenda, registration data, gardens on tour, and hotel information are now available on the AHS National Convention website, [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org). Activities in addition to the presentations, hosta vending, hosta show and garden tours will include optional Whale Watch and Duck Boat tours and a classic New England Clambake. Save the date and plan now to attend.

## A Look Back at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

At our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, we again had our annual spring auction which was spirited as usual. Members provided many hostas and other interesting plants for the auction, and a huge number of plants were also donated by Steve McMurtry. Steve closed his nursery last year and started a new chapter in his life at his newly renovated home in Boston, Georgia. Since Boston is near the Florida line, Steve knew his hostas would not care to follow him to his new home. Also included in Steve's donations were many companion plants, including some really nice Japanese maples. Thanks, Steve McMurtry. Your donations made our auction one of the most exciting we have ever had. Also, many thanks to Chuck Zdeb for taking care of Steve's plants over the winter and getting all of them to the meeting for the auction. In other fund-raising activities, Ways and Means Chair Kendra Spadoni supervised a raffle for select items donated by our members as well as a 50/50 drawing.

Before the drawings and auction, we had our quarterly general meeting in which our upcoming activities for the year, including our annual hosta show and summer garden tours, were covered. Afterward, we had our luncheon which featured hearty Irish themed dishes prepared by our members. Just about every dish featured something green in a late celebration of March's Saint Patrick's Day. Only the spirited auction afterward kept us all awake after such a super meal.

Below and on the next page are a few pictures taken at the meeting by our club photographer, Mikky Lockwood.



**Claudia Walker presents a short program on hosta show procedures to a very attentive audience.**

## A Look Back at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting



**Auction time! Auctioneer Harold McDonell and helper Cozart Smith auction the plants while Treasurer Dexter Henry and Judy Beeler prepare to take our money. The bidding was brisk! (Bottom right) – Greg and Ida Beth Barner racked up the wins.**



# *Crowning Glories - Hostas for the Ages*

GHS conducted another great show in 2023. The theme was **Crowning Glories** to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III as the new King of England. Going in, everyone knew that two of the major show participants in past years would not be able to participate in this year's show. Members were strongly encouraged to participate by bringing as many entries as possible this year to make up for the anticipated shortage. Once again, the GHS membership came through and 21 exhibitors entered 265 leaves in the horticulture division along with 22 entries in the other divisions. It was a beautiful show. Under the guidance of Show Co-Chairs Sandra Bussell and Dexter Henry, everything went smoothly and our GHS members enjoyed another fun day of friendly competition. Members and visitors were also able to purchase many great new hostas and companion plants provided at the show plant sale. This year, Best of Show went to the unique and beautiful blue *Hosta* 'Scheherazade' exhibited by Chuck Zdeb. Congratulations, Chuck.

The results of the 2023 show are listed below:

## **Best of Show**

**& Best of Division I, Section III – Medium Leaf**

***Hosta* 'Scheherazade'**

Exhibited by Chuck Zdeb



## **Best Container Grown Hosta –**

### **Division II**

***Hosta* 'Gemstone'**

Exhibited by Cozart Smith





## **Best Educational Exhibit – Division IV**

Exhibited by Steven Blair

Demonstration of the Use of Hosta Leaves in Various Design Configurations



Steven's exciting demonstration of how to use hosta leaves in floral arrangements was perhaps the highlight of the show and certainly deserved the Best Educational Exhibit Grand Award! Congratulations and thank you, Steven.

### **Sweepstakes Winner**

**Cozart Smith  
17 Blue Ribbons**



**Show Tabulator Katie Lindquist presents  
Cozart Smith with the 2023 GHS Hosta  
Show Sweepstakes Award.**

### **2023 Show Results**

#### **Number of Entries:**

Division I - Horticulture - 221  
Division II - Container Grown  
Hostas - 6  
Division III - Trough/Container  
Gardens Arranged for  
Effect - 4  
Division IV - Educational  
Displays - 1  
Division V - Non-Competitive  
Exhibits - 2

**Number of Exhibitors - 21**

**Show Attendance – 100+**

**2023 GHS Hosta Show Results**

**Other Winners - Division I**



**Section I - Giant Leaf**

***H. 'Humpback Whale'***

Exhibitor – Linda Karr



**Section II - Large Leaf**

***H. 'Sagee'***

Exhibitor – Dave & Cheri Felton



**Section IV - Small Leaf**

***H. 'Lemon Snap'***

Exhibitor – Mark Malaguerra



**Section V - Miniature Leaf**

***H. 'Curly Fries'***

Exhibitor – Becky Paris



**Section XII – Unregistered  
Named Hosta Cultivar**

***H. 'Leapster'***

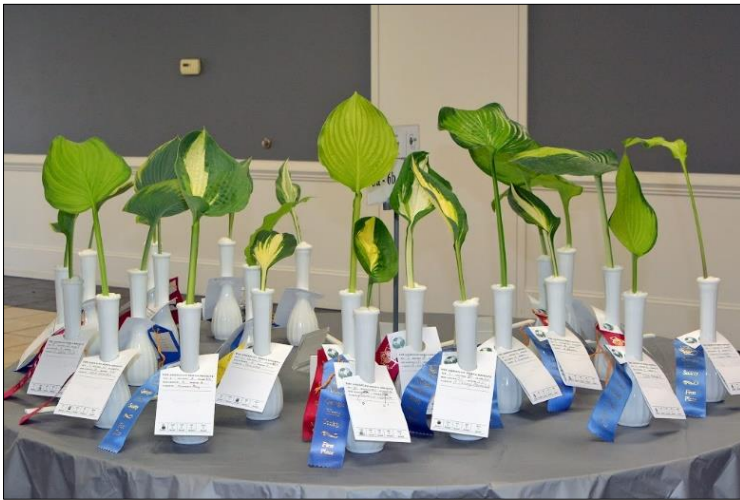
Exhibitor – Doug Crabtree

## Scenes from the 2023 GHS Hosta Show



Hosta Show and Plant Sale Photos by Mikky Lockwood and Scott Smith

## Scenes from the 2023 GHS Hosta Show



**Steven Blair, sporting his Burger King crown, pays tribute to the show's theme, 'Crowning Glories'.**



**Chuck Zdeb has a big smile after his entry of Hosta 'Scheherazade' wins Best of Show honors**

## Scenes from the 2023 GHS Hosta Show Plant Sale



## Rob Mortko – the Tissue Culture Process

(Revised and reprinted from the St. Louis Hosta Society's newsletter, *Shady Notes*, Volume 23, Issue 10, December 2022)

Rob Mortko, owner of Made in the Shade Tissue Culture labs, presented the following tour of the tissue culture process, explaining each step of the labor-intensive process of creating many hostas from one.

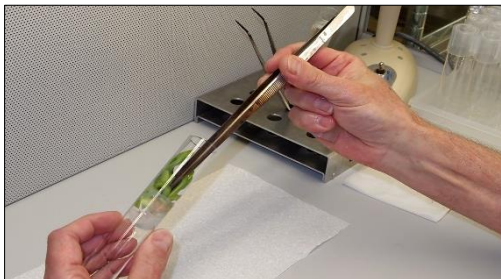
Tissue culture (TC) is one method of propagating plants. It is not limited to hostas. There are several reasons why to use TC – speed of propagation, disease control, expense, and sport discovery.

Buds form around the edge of the hosta's crown. One of these buds along with a piece of the crown is surgically removed. This bud must be meticulously cleaned. Multiple layers of undeveloped leaves are peeled back. The bud is cleaned with a detergent wash and eventually soaked in a bleach solution. The idea is to remove all traces of soil, bacteria, fungi, nematodes and contaminants without killing the bud or damaging the meristem which is at the center of the bud. Tricky and time consuming.



The cleaned bud is placed in a vial containing the culture media. This media is a mixture of vitamins, hormones, sugar and a gel called agar. A hormone called cytokines is used to stimulate multiplication, while another called auxin triggers root development.

It is vital that all this work be done in a clean, sterile environment. All work surfaces and tools must be sterilized. Contaminates are everywhere, even the dust that circulates in the air. Many a batch of plants can be lost if a fungus or mold seeps into the vial



Every four to eight weeks, the plant will be removed from the vial and divided. Each division is then placed in its own clean vial with fresh media. At this point the plants have no roots and rely on the sugars in the media to survive and grow. Again, this division must be done in a sterile environment.



**Top Right: Rob Mortko Preparing to Remove a Bud from the Crown**  
**Top Left: Excising the Crown**

**Middle Left: Developing Plants Being Removed from Vial**

**Bottom Left: Bundle of Plants Divided into Individual Plants**

Each plant will then be placed into its own separate vial to multiply into more plants.

## Rob Mortko – the Tissue Culture Process (continued)

It doesn't take long for the number of plants produced to reach into the hundreds. When the desired number of plants has been achieved, the hormones in the agar mixture are tweaked so that the plants develop roots instead of multiplying.

Once roots have developed, the plants are potted in 96 cell packs and placed in a greenhouse for further growth. Once they have attained liner size and are suitable for potting up and growing on, the clones are ready to be shipped to a grower.

The flats are placed in a plastic mesh before being packed in boxes. This is to prevent the plants from falling out of the trays if the boxes are not shipped "this side up". Typically, the grower will then tend the plants for another one or two years depending upon the growth rate of the particular hosta. Only then will the buying public see these plants at our local nurseries.

The plants resulting from this process are clones, exact replicas of the mother plant. This is vitally important when reproducing named cultivars. My *H. 'Blue Mouse Ears'* must be the same as yours.

Because of the various hormones used and the large numbers of plants produced, mutations, called sports, often occur. Each sport is a new variety which could itself be named and marketed. However, most of these sports are not distinctive enough to be worth the expense of further development and are relegated to the compost pile.

The hardest and most stressful part of this process seems to be creating and maintaining a highly sterile work area. Contamination can occur at any stage right up to the time the new plants are shipped to a grower. Talk about time and labor intensive! Constant vigilance is essential. A fungal infection can spell doom and waste months and months of work.

Thanks, Rob, for introducing us to your world. We will now think twice before complaining about the price of that special hosta.



**Plants Now Forming Roots and Growing into Fully Developed Plants**



**End of the Process. Fully Developed Plants Ready to be Hardened Off**

Editor's Note: This article is an abbreviated version of the TC process as presented by Rob on his Facebook page. Go to **Made in the Shade Tissue Culture** Facebook Page for more detailed information. All pictures are by Rob Mortko.

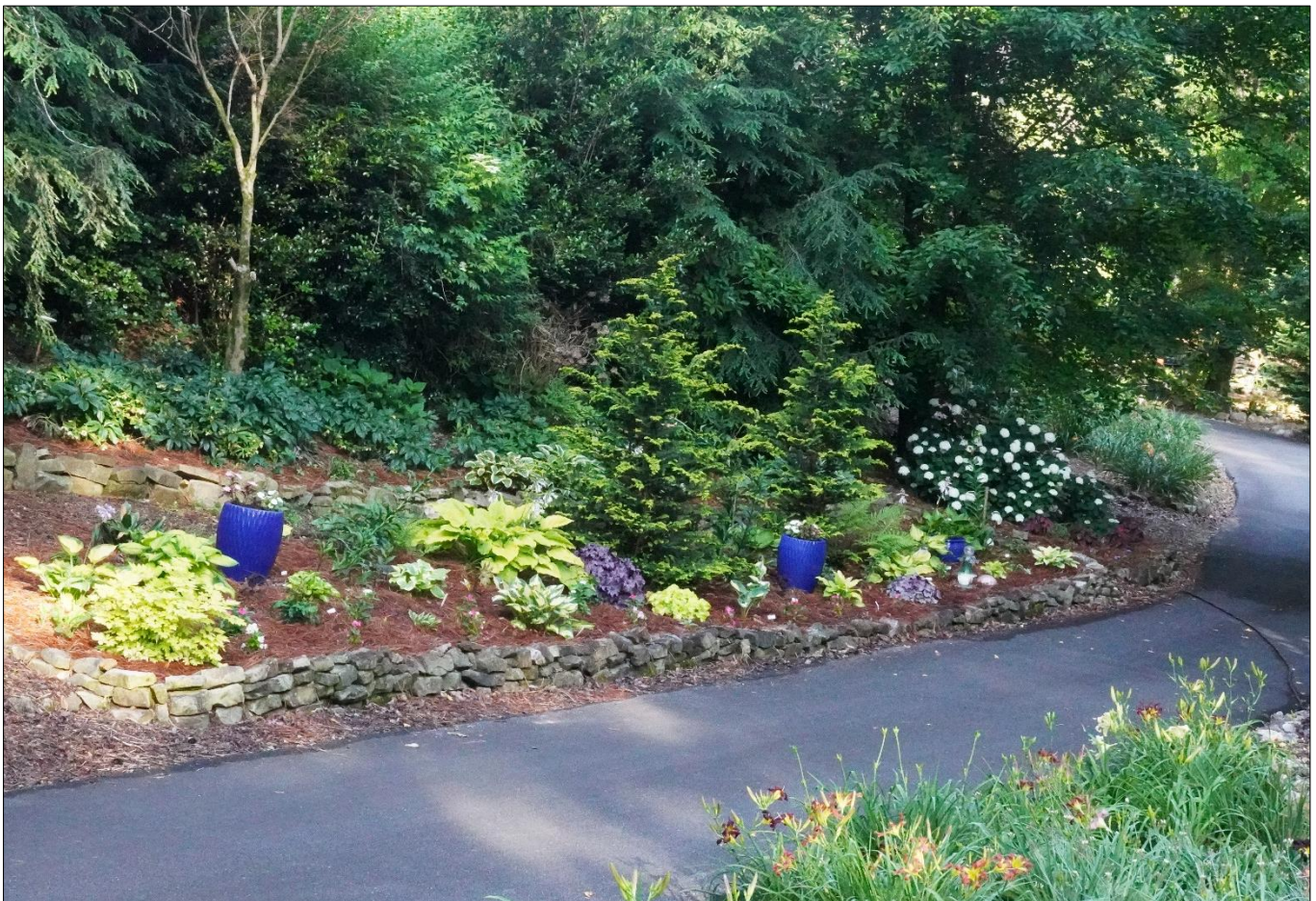
## Summer Garden Tours Recap

Once again this summer, we traveled to Cartersville to tour Doris and David Bishop's spectacular Shady Rest Garden. This year we also added Mike Scott's garden to our agenda. Unlike last year when the temperatures soared into the mid-90s the day of the tour, this year's weather was much more pleasant. Shady Rest Garden was a riot of color with all the daylilies, hostas, and other perennials and annuals in full bloom. As we meandered along the paths and up and down the hills, it seemed every turn brought us to yet another magnificent garden composition. Doris and David grow a huge assortment of plants, many of them unknown to most of us prior to our visit. What a treat this garden is.

Mike Scott's garden is almost new and most of the hostas were added just last year. To see what has been accomplished in such a short period of time is amazing. The beautiful garden includes a tremendous amount of new hardscaping especially added to accommodate Mike's growing hosta collection. In addition, many of the hostas are being grown in large, glazed ceramic containers whose similar colors were selected to bring the entire garden design together. Considering how young this garden is, it is hard to imagine what it might be in a few more years as everything matures. No doubt, it will be even more special.

Below are some scenes from this year's tours. Thanks to our members who attended. We hope to see many more of you attending GHS garden tours in coming years.

### Shady Rest Garden





## Shady Rest Garden



Doris Bishop, Chotsy Waites, David Bishop, & Sandi Still



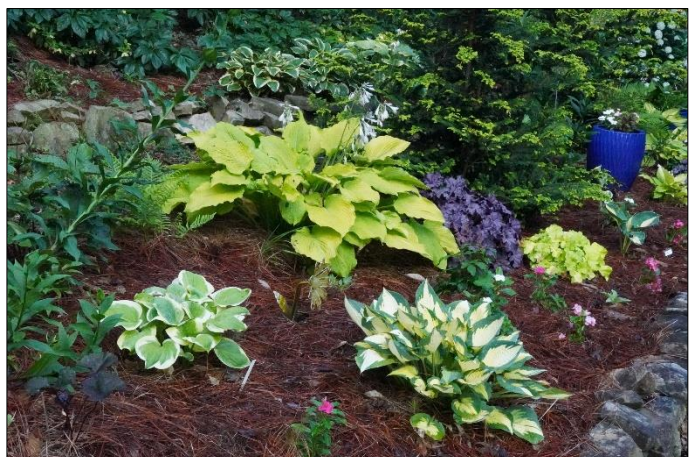
*Hosta* 'Lemon Snap'



*Hosta* 'Gemstone'



*Hosta* 'Duke of Cornwall'



## Shady Rest Garden



*Hosta 'Orion's Belt'*



*Hosta 'Old Glory'*



*Hosta 'Alligator Alley'*

# Mike Scott's Garden



*Hosta 'Beyond Glory'*



*Hosta 'Love Pat'*



*Hosta 'Kiwi Full Monty'*

## Mike Scott's Garden



*Hosta 'Clear Fork River Valley'*



*Hosta 'Coast to Coast'*



Mike Scott, Kay Herrmann, and GHS  
President Greg Ferguson



**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
Deen Day Sanders Garden House, Duluth, Georgia  
April 15, 2023**

President Greg Ferguson opened the meeting at 11:12 am by welcoming visitors and making announcements. The official business meeting began at 11:17 am.

Minutes of the February 11, 2023 general meeting and the March 18, 2023 board meeting were published in the March 2023 edition of *Georgia Hosta Notes*. Chuck Zdeb moved that the minutes be accepted as published; Fred Lindquist seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer Dexter Henry reported that the balance in our checking account at the end of March is \$1,888.12. The silent auction held at the February general meeting generated \$320. Today's plant auction should be our largest fund raiser of the year. (See below!)

Chuck Zdeb, representing the 2023 Show Committee, pleaded for member assistance in preparing display tables, leaf prep areas and vendor spaces on Friday, May 5, the day prior to the show. Those same functions will also need physical "teardown" help immediately after the show closing on May 6.

Kendra Spadoni, Ways and Means Chair, explained today's fund raising activities. Members have donated garden-related items which will be sold through a drawing. Tickets for a "50/50" raffle are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. A club shirt with GHS logo is available in various colors for \$30.

The 2023 Show newsletter will be distributed by email next week, according to Newsletter Editor Harold McDonell.

Both of our "official" club photographers (Harold McDonell and Mikky Lockwood) will be unavailable on the day of this year's show. Greg asked for a volunteer to take photos of member and vendor activities. Chuck Zdeb volunteered and was appointed.

Ida Beth Barner, representing the 2024 – 2025 nominating committee, pointed out that an email was recently sent to all members asking for nominees for all officer and board positions. A slate of prospective officers will be presented at the September general meeting.

Chuck Zdeb announced that Judges' Clinics I and II will be offered on April 29th at the Tucker Library. Those wishing to participate must bring an up-to-date American Hosta Society Judges' Handbook (available on the AHS website). Seven prospective attendees have registered with Chuck thus far.

Chuck also said that nationwide, only 5 hosta clubs are planning shows this year. In the past, there have been as many as 13 shows in one year. The genus hosta seems to be more popular than ever with home gardeners but club participation is declining.

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There being no further business, Chuck moved that the meeting be closed and Fred seconded the motion. It was approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Following lunch, the annual plant auction was held. Income from the auction, the raffle and the 50/50 drawing totaled \$1,979!!

Judy Beeler, Secretary

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**August 19, 2023 Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Ferguson at 9:36 a.m. Participating in addition were: Judy Beeler, Sandra Bussell, Richard Jolly, Katie Lindquist, Mark Malaguerra, Harold McDonell, Becky Paris, Scott Smith, Kendra Spadoni, Claudia Walker and Chuck Zdeb.

Minutes of the March 18, 2023 board meeting were published in the March 2023 "*Georgia Hosta Notes*" newsletter. Chuck moved and Scott seconded that the minutes be accepted as published. The motion carried.

Greg announced that the certificates for this year's President's Wall awardees will be presented at the September 16 general meeting.

Dexter Henry was not in attendance but he had provided his treasurer's report in advance. Income continues to be strong and expenses are as anticipated. Proceeds from this year's show sales totaled more than \$1,500, thanks in part to having a new vendor selling companion plants. Expenditures for the show were under-budget.

Additional income was generated by Kendra's idea of selling club shirts which were produced by Greg Barner's company.

A major and ever-increasing expense has been monthly rent for the off-site storage unit used for safekeeping of show supplies. Dexter, Chuck and Greg Ferguson have purged no-longer-needed items and have physically moved the remaining items such as bottles and table coverings to a smaller and less expensive unit. THANKS to their efforts we will save \$636 per year on storage costs.

We discussed alternative storage methods but determined that the off-site facility remains the preferred method. We voted that going forward the cost of the storage facility should be considered a "cut leaf show" expense.

The speaker for our September general meeting will be Claude Carpenter, who will present a program on garden photography. Mr. Carpenter lives in the Atlanta area and has declined a speaker's fee. Mark moved that we donate an honorarium of \$150 to the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta; Kendra seconded the motion and it was approved.

The September meeting will also include 50/50 and a silent auction.

For the November general meeting program, Scott will moderate a panel of our members answering questions submitted by attendees. Chuck will demonstrate the proper procedure for dividing a hosta.

Becky, representing the Nominating Committee, announced the proposed slate of officers for 2024 – 2025. Mark Malaguerra has consented to follow Greg Ferguson as president. Greg has reached the term limits as set by club by-laws. Other positions still needing to be filled are 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Programs, Secretary, and two Directors. The new slate of officers will be presented to the membership at the September general meeting and, if elected, installed at the November meeting.

The VP for Programs is responsible for arranging speakers or other agenda for the general meetings. This has been a difficult position to fill. Becky and her committee will attempt to fill it as "chair of the program committee" so that no one person bears the full responsibility. The nominating committee will also re-contact some active members to attempt to fill the director positions.

Becky, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Membership, has attempted to contact all persons currently on the club roster who have not paid dues for 2023. As a result, several have updated their membership. Current paid membership is 71 with an additional 9 honorary members.

At the next board meeting, we will discuss possibly raising dues.

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING - August 19, 2023 (Continued)

Judy Burns will join the telephone committee which now includes Judy Beeler, Katie Lindquist, Becky Paris, Claudia Walker and Dexter. Dexter will soon contact the committee with new assignments.

Show Co-chair (for 2023) Sandra said that exhibitor contribution at this year's show was successful but member turnout was disappointing. We discussed reasons for such low involvement and methods to increase participation in the show and other events such as the garden tours. Vehicle congestion around the venue on show day may be a factor.

Show vendors have indicated that they cannot confirm that sales are related to Tucker Day activities. Therefore, we will no longer coordinate with Tucker Day, but will instead return to our former schedule of having the show and sale on Mother's Day weekend. The 2024 show date will be Saturday, May 11.

Show Co-chairs for 2024 Sandra and Dexter will be assisted by Kendra and Mark, who will in turn be Co-chairs of the 2025 show and sale.

The Judges' Training organized by Chuck in April was a great success. Five Master Judges with more than 100 years of combined experience provided the training. As a result, 4 or 5 new provisional judges will be available!

We discussed educational projects that might benefit from a donation for their training. Claudia will determine if Tucker High School has a horticulture program. Chuck will solicit ideas from the American Hosta Society Genus Hosta chair.

Next year's general meeting dates have been confirmed with Dean Day Sanders Garden House and are listed in the August newsletter.

Please continue to advise Claudia of any illness or life events affecting our members so that she may send appropriate notes.

The next board meeting will be October 7. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.

Judy Beeler, Secretary



# THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY

## 2022-2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD

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

**Chuck Zdeb:** 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 an annual 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).

## The American Hosta Society

The American Hosta Society membership offers participation in all national AHS 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 per year (US). For additional information, go to [www.americanhostasociety.org](http://www.americanhostasociety.org) or Contact Barry Ankney, Membership Secretary - AHS, 1104 Oxford Court, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5249.

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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 the Hosta Treasury website – [www.hostaregistrar.org](http://www.hostaregistrar.org).



## 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

September 16, 2023 – General Meeting – Garden House – Guest Speaker, Claude Carpenter – Garden Photography  
October 7, 2023 – Board Meeting  
November 11, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
February 10, 2024 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
April 13, 2024 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
May 11, 2024 – GHS Hosta Show and Plant Sale (Setup – May 10 – 12:30PM to 6:00PM) Tucker First Baptist Church  
June 18-22, 2024 – AHS National Convention – Marlborough, Massachusetts  
September 14, 2024 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House  
November 9, 2024 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House

## GHS Membership Registration– 2024

**Name:**

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**Annual Dues are \$15 for individuals or \$25 for a family (two or more persons living in the same household).**

**Please make check payable to The Georgia Hosta Society.**

**Send completed form and payment to:**

**Becky Paris – VP Membership, 306 Carney Lane, Ball Ground, Georgia 30107**

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