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Fall-clad *Hosta* 'Blue Mouse Ears' signaling that Autumn is definitely here.

Photo by Lindsay Docherty Rachlin
Merion Station, Pennsylvania



President's Message

By Greg Ferguson

Choices. Life is a series of choices. We make good choices, and we make bad choices. I saw a sign on someone's desk once that said: "Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment." Well, thankfully, all our decisions are not bad ones. As I've said many times, I'm a good learner. Fortunately, many of my best lessons have come from watching other people, and by either following their examples or avoiding their mistakes.

When it comes to plants, and especially hostas, we have choices. Hostas in pots versus hostas in the ground. Shade, semi-shade, or partial sun. Dark green, light green, blue, cream, yellow, variegated, rippled, giant, medium-sized, small, minis. The choices that we face make the hosta world lots of fun. I hear questions like: "Do I bring my hostas inside for the winter?" "Can I leave my hostas out for the winter?" "Can they go into my garage?" "How do I water my hostas, and how much and when?" "Will a hosta grow where I live?" "How do I divide my hostas?"

I remember a quote from a garden expert: "Don't worry about how you do your garden. Martha Stewart isn't coming to your garden." Enjoy your hobby. Or your obsession.

I'm not going to answer those questions here. Our newsletter doesn't have that much space. My lesson for you is: Don't be bashful about asking questions. You're not going to be ridiculed like my college calculus teacher used to do to us when we didn't study our homework on natural logarithms, hyperbolic sines, and exponential functions. Ask away! Before you know it, you'll have people asking you questions, and you'll find that you know more about hostas than you thought you did. That's encouraging!

This will be my last President's Message. My term is expiring at the end of 2023. Six out of eight years is plenty of time to preside over the Georgia Hosta Society. We've gone through a pandemic, the extended illness and passing of my wife, and multiple other challenges. Thank you for the support you've provided during my terms as President. Acquaintances have developed into friendships. Nervous cooperation has evolved into comfortable teamwork. I hope that you will give the incoming President your full support, as you have for me.

Sincerely,

Greg Ferguson

President, GHS, 2020-2023



Next Meeting November 11, 2023 11:00 AM

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

Our Program for This Meeting: All About Hosta Culture- Growing Hostas in the South

Our program on November 11th will be about cultural practices surrounding growing hostas in Georgia. We will begin with a PowerPoint program by Harold McDonell entitled "Growing Hostas in the South." The presentation will cover many topics of interest including the ideal conditions for growing hostas successfully in our southern climate – preparing the soil and planting, feeding our hostas, growing hostas in containers, dividing hostas, and pests and diseases along with possible solutions for these problems. After the PowerPoint presentation, a select panel, moderated by Scott Smith, will field your questions about hosta cultivation.

Hopefully, as we prepare to put our hostas to bed for the coming winter, this discussion will help us to provide our favorite plants the best possible conditions for their success in the coming years. The forum will be a free-ranging discussion and no question is out-of-bounds. The more questions, the merrier!

Food for the November 11th Meeting – "Season for Eating"



Fall, the 'season for eating', has begun! It is a great time to enjoy celebrating with friends and family the many Fall events. Consider making that one special dish you like to take for everyone to enjoy. It might be a great appetizer, a seasonal salad or side dish, or simply soup or chili. And don't forget dessert! Bon appetite.

50/50 Drawing

The Board of Directors has decided to make our 50/50 drawing a permanent fixture of our meetings and we will again conduct one at our November 11th meeting. We have conducted 50/50 twice at previous meetings and it has proven to be very popular activity. What is 50/50? Simply put, it is a fund-raising activity. Tickets are sold for the drawing - \$1.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. The drawing is conducted and the person with the winning ticket is presented with half of the proceeds of the ticket sales. The other half goes to GHS. Give it a try at our upcoming meeting and buy a few tickets for the drawing. It is FUN!



Time to Pay Dues for 2024

Yes, it is that time again. Your 2024 dues are due January 1, 2024. If you are coming to the November 11th meeting, that would be a good time to give our Membership Chair, Becky Paris, a check for next year's dues or you can mail your dues to her at the address shown on the membership registration form on the last page of this newsletter. You may also pay on-line at the GHS website, <https://gahosta.org/> . Annual dues are only \$15.00 per individual or \$25 (two or more persons living in the same household).

Proposed Change to the GHS By-laws

At its meeting on October 14, the GHS Board of Directors approved a proposed change to the GHS by-laws. Article III (Membership), Section B of the by-laws presently reads as follows:

“For current members, dues are to be submitted before February 15 of the current year. Any member delinquent in payment by that date shall be removed from the membership list. For new members joining **between October 1 and December 31 of the current year, the dues shall be considered paid for the current year and through the following calendar year.”**

It is proposed to change this section to read as follows:

“For current members, dues are to be submitted before February 15 of the current year. Any member delinquent in payment by that date shall be removed from the membership list. For new members joining **after May 1 of the current year, the dues shall be considered paid for the current year and through the following calendar year.”**

Reason for the change: GHS strongly encourages visitors to our annual Hosta Show, conducted in early May, to join GHS at that time. We usually have several new members sign up at the show. We hope that by extending membership to include the following year, we will be able to better retain these new members permanently. Also, as the year progresses, many of our activities including two of our four business meetings and show will have occurred by mid-year. Therefore, the Board feels it is only fair that new members signing up after May 1 have their membership extended to include the following year.

This proposal will be presented to the membership for a vote at our upcoming business meeting on November 11.

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Welcome Fall!

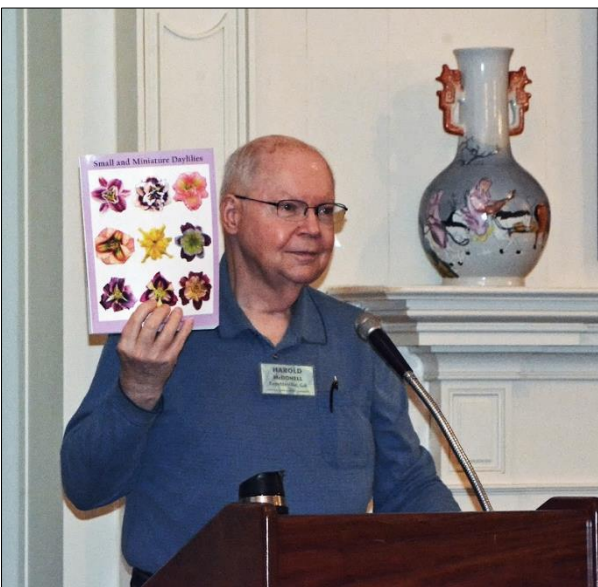
Recap of the September 16th Meeting

Our last meeting was a busy one starting with our business meeting. Afterward, we had a great luncheon provided by our members. Then we had our 50/50 raffle. Our silent auction, which had been in progress since the business meeting started, was closed just before our program. Thanks to our generous members who brought some really nice items for the auction and then followed with generous bidding, GHS made a nice sum of money. Our speaker for the day was award-winning photographer, Claude Carpenter, who shared many tips with us for making better pictures in our garden. He also illustrated the effects of using each of the various techniques he shared.

The highlight of the day, though, came during the business meeting when President Greg Ferguson presented American Hosta Society Certificates of Appreciation to GHS members Sandra Bussell and Richard Jolly in recognition of their many years of dedication to and support of GHS. Sandra and Richard's names will be posted on the President's Wall of Honor on the AHS website. Congratulations Sandra and Richard, and thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of GHS.



Recap of the September 16th Meeting



Harold McDonnell holds copy of *Small and Miniature Daylilies* edited by our speaker, Claude Carpenter. Claude donated the book to be used as a door prize.

Speaker Claude Carpenter presents his program of Garden Photography Tips.

Recap of the September 16th Meeting



Garden Photography Review

Remember: A Garden is a sum of its elements

Photograph all the elements



What to Photograph

The Garden is a Group of Elements

Mix up your shots - include

- Hardscape
- Borders
- Fences
- Pathways

Take vertical and Horizontal shots

Try multiple angles

Congratulations to Our New Officers

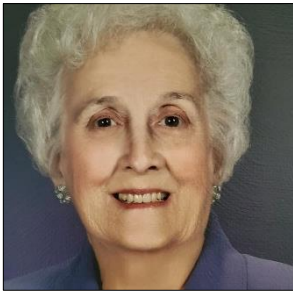
At our September meeting, we elected new officers for the 2024-2025 term. We are proud to announce the following: President – Mark Malaguerra, 1st VP Programs – Cozart Smith, 2nd VP Membership – Becky Paris, 3rd VP Publications – Harold McDonell, Secretary – Ida Beth Barner, Treasurer – Dexter Henry, Parliamentarian – Mark Malaguerra, Communications Coordinator – Scott Smith and Ex-Officio – Greg Ferguson. Elected as Directors are Kendra Spadoni and Judy Beeler (first term), Greg Barner and Richard Jolly (second term) and Katie Lindquist and Chuck Zdeb (third term).

Our new officers will be installed at the November 11th meeting. The Georgia Hosta Society expresses its appreciation to each of you for agreeing to serve in these vital jobs.

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In Sympathy

We have just learned recently of the passing of two of our long-time members, Wilma Coney and Chuck Cruickshank.



Wilma Coney was a charter member of the Georgia Hosta Society and served as our first Treasurer. She attended every meeting over the years until her health began failing. Her beautiful garden was on tour for the AHS National Convention held in Atlanta in 1994. Wilma was also very active in the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs and served as its president for two years. She was a Lifetime Master Gardener. For the past several years, she had been living in North Carolina with her family. She was 94 years young, just short of 95.



Chuck Cruickshank and his late wife, Betty, moved to Clemson, South Carolina in the early 1980's upon their retirement from successful careers in New York. They immediately sought out the Georgia Hosta Society and became regular attendees at our various meetings and functions even though that meant a long drive from Clemson to Atlanta for each meeting. Chuck particularly loved participating in our hosta shows and could be counted on to bring dozens of entries every year. He and Betty were also quite active in Clemson gardening circles and they established and endowed the Cruickshank Hosta Garden at the South Carolina Botanical Garden in 1995. Chuck was 94 years old at the time of his passing earlier this year.

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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. 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.

Looking Back at the Dixie Regional Annual Meeting

The Dixie Regional annual meeting was held this year in Raleigh, North Carolina on May 4-7. Ever mindful of the constantly increasing costs of attending these meetings, Regional Director Bob Solberg held the meeting at a smaller reasonably priced suburban hotel and he presented a pared-down agenda that included limited meetings but provided many commercial and private gardens for the participants to tour on their own. Of course, there was a blow-out plant auction the last evening with many bargains to be had.

The gardens on tour included the always popular plant-lover destinations of Big Bloomers Flower Farm, Green Hill Farm, the North Carolina State Farmers Market and, of course, Plant Delights Nursery. Public gardens included the J.C. Ralston Arboretum, the North Carolina Botanical Garden and Sarah P. Duke Gardens. There were many other commercial and public gardens, too many to possibly see all in the limited time available. There were also the wonderful private garden of Beth and Mark Barnes, chocked full of exciting hostas, and a little jewel of a garden belonging to Simpson Eason. Simpson's small but intense hybridizing program was one of the highlights of the weekend. What a treat all these gardens were!

Below and on the following pages are a few pictures taken over the weekend at the Dixie Regional meeting. We hope you enjoy the pictures and we hope that, if you were not able to attend this year's meeting, possibly you can attend next year. Right now, we are not sure exactly where and when it will be but we will let you know as soon as Regional Director Solberg announces it.

The Meetings



Pizza Time!



Regional Director Bob Solberg conducts annual meeting.



Hosta Question and Answer Forum with (L to R) Doug Beilstein, Dave Chopko, and Bob Solberg.



Just a Few of the Many Plants Donated for the Auction.

Big Bloomers Flower Farm



North Carolina State Farmers Market



Plant Delights Nursery



More Dixie Regional Meeting Tour Garden Pictures



Hosta 'Sir Prize'



Iris ensata 'Satozajura'



Bob Solberg and Paula Lehtola talk hostas at Green Hill Farm.



Hosta 'Tyler's Treasure'



Hosta 'Rippling Brook'



Polygonatum falcatum 'Tiger Stripes'
Solomon's Seal

More Dixie Regional Meeting Tour Garden Pictures



Iris versicolor 'John Wood'



Hosta 'Bohemian Queen'



Hosta 'St. Paul'



Agave gypsophila ssp. 'Ivory Curls'

Some Favorite Ferns in My Garden - Part I

By Harold McDonell

For many years, the Georgia Hosta Society Hosta Show sale featured fern vendor, Eleanor Craig, who owned Fern Ridge Farms fern nursery. Known affectionately as 'The Fern Lady,' Eleanor included in her inventory many ferns totally unknown to us before. She also provided eye-opening informative programs on ferns and fern culture. She certainly convinced me that I needed to include many more types of ferns in my hosta shade garden beyond Christmas fern and the wood ferns widely available at the time.

In this article, I am listing some of my very favorite ferns that grow in my garden in Fayetteville, Georgia. I have not included some favorite ferns, such as the Ostrich Fern and Mariana Maidenhair Fern, which can become invasive if not regularly attended. I must say I love many of these aggressive ferns, though, and grow and manage them in my garden without complaint. I have also left out our beloved Christmas Fern, which is one of the very best evergreen ferns for any shade garden, because it is so well-known and is already in just about all our gardens.

All these ferns should now be readily available. If you do not find them in local perennial nurseries, look on-line for mail order sources.

***Woodwardia areolata* – Netted Chain Fern (Zones 3-9)**

The Netted Chain Fern is relatively new in my garden, having arrived only about five years ago. Because of this, I originally hesitated to include it in this article but it is just too good to leave out. I discovered it as an unlabeled fern in a little garden center. I originally figured it might be a tropical fern but it has proven to be completely hardy for me. It is, in fact, a native fern which typically occurs in wet acidic areas such as swamps and bogs. I have found it easy to grow and, although it can supposedly spread rapidly and become weedy under the right conditions, it has been very well-behaved in my shade garden with average soil conditions. The clump in the picture was planted about five years ago and is still only 2 1/2 feet across. It always has that fresh green look, no matter how hot or dry it gets. It is tardily deciduous for me.



***Woodwardia areolata* – Netted Chain Fern**

Some Favorite Ferns in My Garden - Part I (continued)

***Adiantum pedatum* – Northern Maidenhair Fern (Zones 3-8)**

The Northern Maidenhair Fern is a medium-sized clump-forming deciduous fern which is native to North America. It is the most beautiful fern of all, in my opinion, and looks unlike any other fern with its finely-textured frilly umbrella-like fronds divided into finger-like projections. Adding to its beauty are dark red to black wiry stems. It is very well-behaved and forms tight clumps. Its delicate texture makes it an ideal companion to hostas and other more boldly-leaved plants. The Northern Maidenhair Fern is a must in any shade garden!



***Adiantum pedatum* – Northern Maidenhair Fern**

***Polystichum polyblepharum* – Tassel Fern (Zones 5-8)**

The Tassel Fern is a large bold very coarsely textured and tightly clumping fern originally from Eastern Asia. It is a show-stopper specimen in the shade garden, prominently displaying its long, very stiff dark green fronds. Adding to its beauty are bold hairy tan fiddleheads in the spring which eventually grow into the fresh new fronds each year. It is only about 15-18" tall but an established plant can grow to over three feet across. Give it plenty of room when you plant it. The Tassel Fern is evergreen and maintains its good looks in the winter, giving it year-round appeal.



***Polystichum polyblepharum* –
Tassel Fern**

Left – Hairy Spring Fiddleheads



Some Favorite Ferns in My Garden - Part I (continued)

***Arachniodes standishii* – Upside-down Fern (Zones 4-8)**

This elegant fern has become one of my very favorites. Originating from China, Japan, and Korea, it is a tardily deciduous fern with unusual fronds that are displayed in a unique layering fashion with prominent veins on the upper rather than lower surfaces typical in most ferns. This gives the fronds the appearance of being upside-down, hence the name Upside-down Fern. The color is a bright light green. Plant Delights Nursery refers to it as probably the most sought-after fern by gardeners worldwide! It spreads very slowly to form only a two-to-three foot clump in about five years. Upside-down Fern may look delicate but it is as tough as nails.



***Arachniodes standishii* – Upside-down Fern**

***Athyrium niponicum var. pictum* – Japanese Painted Fern (Zones 4-9)**

The Japanese Painted Fern is now widely grown and for good reason. It is one of the most beautiful and most colorful ferns. No garden should be without this wonderful plant. A medium-sized deciduous fern originating in Southeast Asia, it has tricolored fronds of maroon, green, and silvery gray. Stem color varies widely but can often be quite red. The Japanese Painted Fern produces new fronds throughout the growing season, keeping it fresh all season long. The intensity of color can vary widely from plant to plant so I would advise you to choose your plant carefully when purchasing it in order to obtain the best colored specimen. Several cultivars are now available that have been selected for superior color. The Japanese Painted Fern forms a tight well-behaved clump in the garden.



***Athyrium niponicum var. pictum* –
Japanese Painted Fern**

The next issue of *Georgia Hosta Notes* will feature Part II of “Some Favorite Ferns in My Garden.”

THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF General Meeting
Deen Day Sanders Garden House, Duluth, Georgia
September 16, 2023

President Greg Ferguson opened the meeting at 11:22 am by welcoming all and reminding us that our final general meeting of the year will be November 11th, a date change from the original schedule.

At the close of our spring auction, a few plants and other auction items that were purchased were not claimed by the winning bidders. Greg has retained those items and will gladly relinquish them to the rightful owners if he is notified.

The Georgia Hosta Society annually recognizes outstanding service at the local level by nominating two members to receive "Certificates of Appreciation" from the American Hosta Society. The names of the recipients are recognized on the AHS website's "President's Wall of Honor." Greg presented certificates to our 2023 recipients: Sandra Bussell and Richard Jolly. Congratulations to these folks who have advanced our organization by their continued support and guidance. Minutes of the April 15th general meeting and the August 19th board meeting were published in the August 2023 edition of *Georgia Hosta Notes*. Chuck Zdeb moved that the minutes be accepted as published; Fred Lindquist seconded the motion and it carried.

In the absence of Treasurer Dexter Henry, Greg reported that our percentage of vendor sales from the May show and sale totaled \$1,551. Sales of the GHS-logo golf shirts raised \$80. Expenses for the show and sale were less than budgeted. The checking account balance is approximately \$4,000.

Ways & Means Chair Kendra Spadoni explained that today's fund-raising activities are the silent auction, the "50/50" raffle and the sale of ceramic plant tags with hosta names.

Newsletter Editor Harold McDonell asked that members continue to provide photos, articles, and suggestions for the quarterly newsletter.

Membership Chair Becky Paris said that current paid memberships total 72 with 6 honorary members. Dues for 2024 are payable now and must be paid by the end of February 2024 to keep receiving the electronic newsletter. She thanked Scott Smith for making name tags for new members and Katie Lindquist for maintaining the name tag board.

As a member of the nominating committee, Becky presented the slate of prospective officers for 2024 – 2025. Nominated officers are: Mark Malaguerra, President; Cozart Smith, 1st Vice President Programs; Becky Paris, 2nd Vice President Membership; Harold McDonell, 3rd Vice President Newsletter; Ida Beth Barner, Secretary; Dexter Henry, Treasurer; Mark Malaguerra, Parliamentarian; Scott Smith, Communications Coordinator; Greg Ferguson, Ex Officio. Directors nominated are Katie Lindquist, Chuck Zdeb (3rd term), Greg Barner, Richard Jolly (2nd term), Kendra Spadoni and Judy Beeler (1st term).

Greg asked for additional nominations from the floor; there being none, Harold moved that the nominations be closed and Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried. Scott moved that the slate of prospective officers be accepted as presented; Chuck seconded the motion and the slate was accepted as presented. The November meeting will include the installation of new officers.

A member suggested that we create business cards promoting GHS. We have had such cards in the past and will pursue reprinting and distributing them again.

Greg congratulated the Lindquists who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in August. He also announced the sad news that Wilma Coney, a founding member of GHS, has passed away. Another longstanding member, Chuck Cruickshank, died earlier this year. Our sympathies to the families of these departed friends.

There being no further business, Fred moved that the meeting be closed and Mark seconded the motion. It was approved and the meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Following lunch, we were treated to a presentation by Claude Carpenter, award-winning garden photographer, who provided tips for garden picture taking.

Judy Beeler
Secretary

The silent auction of donated plants and garden items provided \$327 income for the organization.

**THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2023 Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Ferguson at 9:35 a.m. Participating in addition were: Judy Beeler, Richard Jolly, Mark Malaguerra, Harold McDonell, Becky Paris, Scott Smith, Kendra Spadoni and Chuck Zdeb.

Greg reminded us that the final meeting of the year will be November 11th. The newly-elected slate of officers will be installed at that time and will assume their responsibilities in January 2024. He congratulated Sandra Bussell and Richard Jolly for receiving the President's Wall of Honor Awards for 2023.

We discussed scheduling future board meetings in the evenings rather than on Saturday mornings. Monday or Thursday evenings appeared to be possibilities, but we agreed that the decision should be left to the incoming board.

Minutes of the August 19th board meeting were published in the August "Georgia Hosta Notes" newsletter. Chuck moved and Richard seconded that the minutes be accepted as published. The motion was carried.

Treasurer Dexter Henry submitted the Treasurer's report in advance, which shows that the fall auction and other fund-raising functions raised \$377.50. Cash-on-hand at the end of September was slightly more than \$4,000. The board decided to do a 50/50 fund raiser at all future general meetings, since it requires no outlay and is relatively easy to conduct.

Membership Chair Becky Paris reported that there has been some confusion among members regarding when dues are payable and what period the dues cover. We decided to recommend a change in the By-Laws to indicate that new members who join and pay on May 1 or later will be paid through the following calendar year. The motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Harold, and approved by the Board. The proposed change will be addressed in the upcoming newsletter and presented to the general membership at the November meeting.

At 90, 60 and 30 days before the end of the calendar year, reminder notices will be emailed to those members who have not paid dues for the current year.

The program for the November meeting will be a Power Point presentation by Harold and a panel discussion moderated by Scott on "All Things Hosta." Panel members will include Harold, Greg and Richard and will encourage questions and input from the members.

Vice-President for Programs Cozart Smith is attempting to procure a nationally-recognized hosta grower and hybridizer as the speaker for our February meeting. A silent auction of garden-related items will also be conducted. The April program will be our annual live auction of hostas and other garden items.

For future programs, we will consider re-inviting speakers who have presented programs for us in the past. We will also determine if the American Hosta Society has compiled a roster of speakers who are available for Zoom programs.

Becky recognized Paulette Bolton, Steven Blair, Chuck Zdeb and Katie Lindquist for their help in setting up the food tables for the September meeting. Becky joked that this team of five worked hard to accomplish what our much-appreciated Hospitality Chair Julia Lyons and husband George usually do on their own with seeming ease.

The 2024 Hosta Show and Plant Sale will be May 11th. Future shows will be scheduled for the second weekend in May, regardless of the timing of "Tucker Day." Sandra Bussell and Dexter Henry will co-chair the 2024 show.

There has been an interest from members in having GHS business cards for distributing to interested gardeners. Greg will ask Dexter to research having cards printed again.

We have been fortunate in having use of the Dean Day Sanders Garden House for our meetings for more than 10 years. Judy and Julia will determine a method for us to express our appreciation to the Day/Sanders family for their hospitality and will advise the Board.

There being no further business, Kendra moved that the meeting be adjourned; Scott seconded the motion and it was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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 AHS Judges Training Chair
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Harold McDonell: AHS Gifts and Memorials Chair

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.

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 or Contact Barry Ankney, Membership Secretary - AHS, 1104 Oxford Court, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5249. .

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 the Hosta Treasury website – www.hostaregistrar.org.

2023-2024 Calendar of Events

November 11, 2023 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House
January 13, 2024 – Board Meeting
February 10, 2024 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House
March 16, 2024 – Board Meeting
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
August 17, 2024 – Board Meeting
September 14, 2024 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House
October 12, 2024 – Board Meeting
November 9, 2024 – General Meeting – Deen Day Sanders Garden House

GHS Membership Registration– 2024

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

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Email:

Georgia Hosta Notes newsletters will be sent to members via email to save production and mailing expenses unless you specify that you prefer a paper copy. Please check here if you want a paper copy ____.

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

Advertising Rates for *Georgia Hosta Notes*

Georgia Hosta Notes welcomes advertisements. To place an ad, send formatted ad along with payment made to The Georgia Hosta Society to Harold McDonell - Editor, 110 Dawn Drive, Fayetteville, Ga. 30215 (haroldmcdonell@aol.com) at least one month prior to meeting date. We will assist with formatting if you desire.

Full Page - \$50 Half Page - \$30 Quarter Page - \$20 One Eighth Page - \$10