

Sum & Substance

Newsletter of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society
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Spring Is Coming

Last year I put that the winter of 2012 was reasonably mild. This winter was the worst for cold and snow that I've experienced in the last 20 years. I anticipate some damage in my garden as several of my plants look bad. We'll find out what plants can't make it through a harsh Ozark winter. I am so looking forward to spring.

What To Do In Your Garden Right Now

Finally it appears the weather is going to improve. Here's what I plan to do in my garden this week.

- ✂ Weed whack my lirioppe to one inch high
- ✂ Rake up all the leaves and grind them into leaf mold
- ✂ Pick up twigs and sticks
- ✂ Spread leaf mold and mulch over my beds
- ✂ Put down Preen for weed control
- ✂ Finish pruning of my trees and shrubs

What To Do In Your Garden Later This Month

- ✂ Fertilize your beds with 13-13-13 or compost
- ✂ Put down slug pellets if needed
- ✂ Start planting perennials, trees, and shrubs
- ✂ Prune climatis

For a complete schedule of what needs to be done by week in your garden, go to <http://swmogardens.com/calendars>.

Help Needed This Saturday

That lovely hosta garden you see in these pictures is the result of the work of the GOHS members. This Saturday is our biggest work day of the year. We will rake the debris out of the beds, spread mulch, put down Preen and slug bait, prune the clematis' and day lilies, and rake the paths. Please bring leaf rakes, wheelbarrows, scissors, and pruning shears.

We will start at 9 and have lunch at noon.
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOHS.



Welcome New Members for 2014

Michael & Cheri Argueta, Jenny Baldwin, Eva Blackshear, Dennis & Sue Calbreath, Truman & Helen Coltrane, Nancy Cooper, Tom & Nancy Dornan, Steve Dorrell, Eddie Ray Fears, Tom Finney, Rich Fletcher, Claudia Hicks, Rick & Linda Jensen, Carmen Jolley, Juanita Kulhanek, Dennis & Janice Kurtz, Sharon Masterson, Laurie McCann, Clarissa Moore, Marva Ramsey, Carla Springer, Leslie Wilde, Beverly Williams, Roger & Deborah Williams, Roger & Pam Wilson. We hope to see you at our events.

Have You Paid Your Dues?

We hope everyone that joins the GOHS stays for years, and attends as many events as possible. We have a very good time and lots of fun; just ask anyone who attended our Kick-Off Party this year. Take a look over our event calendar, and if you like what you see, please send in your dues for 2014. The membership roster will be cleaned up on April 1st. Make sure you stay on the list.

This Will Make You Ready For Spring

Lee Coates sent this to me. It's called the Beauty of Pollination. Hope you enjoy it.
<https://youtube.googleapis.com/v/xHkq1edcbk4?version=3++++>

GREATER OZARKS HOSTA SOCIETY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2014

HOSTA DIVIDING SEMINAR & PLANT SALE, Saturday, April 12 Botanical Center Workshop 9-noon

Learn how to divide and multiply without being good at math! We will show you the easy way to make lots of new hostas for your garden. Three 1-hour seminars start at 9, 10, and 11. PLUS...healthy, beautiful hostas for sale.

HOSTA GARDEN DEDICATION, Saturday, May 3 The Hosta Garden from 11-1

Our hosta garden is stunning in early May. We will celebrate our garden being accepted as an American Hosta Society National Display Garden with an old-fashioned picnic. Wear your best hat!
RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 4 from noon - 2.

AN EVENING IN THE GARDEN, Friday, May 16 J.J. Averett's Garden from 6-8

A scrumptious dinner in a lovely garden! Enjoy a wonderful evening of friends and fun. Free to members. \$10 per person for guests. RAIN DATE: Saturday, May 17 from 6-8

HOSTAS: MADE IN THE SHADE, Sunday, June 1 Botanical Center from 1-3

You will laugh and learn from Rob Mortko, "The Hosta Guy". He is owner of one of the largest hosta nurseries in the Midwest, Made in the Shade Gardens. He will teach us how to grow healthy hostas, fight pests (like deer), and present the top 25 most popular hostas. PLUS... he will bring some of his very best hostas to sell. Don't miss this!

For a preview, go to hostaguy.com.

B.B.Q. PICNIC EXTRAVAGANZA, Saturday, June 14 Alan & Pat Ware's Garden from 5-8

The GOHS and the SPRINGFIELD WATER GARDEN SOCIETY will party together!
Delicious B.B.Q. and good times for everyone. It will be a great night.

PLANT AUCTION & SWEETS TABLE, Saturday, August 30 Botanical Center from 3-6

Lots of shade plants and hostas will be available in a lively auction. This is A LOT of fun for everyone! Satisfy your sweet tooth from our mile long (almost) sweets table. Door prizes and raffles.

Be sure to visit our website GOHS.org.