

Sum & Substance

Newsletter of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society
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A word from your president...

Our hosta garden at the Springfield Botanical Gardens is now an official American Hosta Society National Display Garden. Very exciting for the GOHS and the Botanical Gardens. We will receive national recognition for our garden.

Our Next Big Event

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 31st. This is our biggest event of the year! From 3-6 inside the Botanical Center, we will have our Hosta Plant Auction and Sweets Table. Save the date, more info to follow.

Recent Events

Thanks go to J.J. Averett and Don Nicholson for the great times we had in their gardens. We had 2 wonderful events with yummy food, beautiful gardens, and very much fun!



Volunteer Opportunities

Please help:

- ☼ Evergreen garden club is hosting their annual Tour Of Tables Tea on August 10th. I am planning on entering a table (similar to one Robin Crabb & I did last year) for the Hosta Society. I would like help from some creative minds in GOHS. 1 or possibly 2 people would be great. 1 or 2 planning sessions are needed. I can do the set up the day before, no assistance necessary. Also I will do clean up. Anyone interested can phone me at 882-8651. Table has to have a theme & include live plant material with the table settings. Thanks for your help. Carol Warner. Email address clmfloss@aol.com
- ☼ Butterfly Festival, next Saturday, July 20th – several folks have indicated they would like to help. The hours are 9-3. We will have 2 person/2 hour shifts, 9-11, 11-1, and 1-3. Please e-mail what shift you would like. If you love kids, this is a fun event! Lee Coates is supplying miniature fairy gardens for our booth.
- ☼ This Friday, July 12th, 9 a.m., J.J. and I will be moving some hostas and can use some help. Bring a shovel!



Hosta of the Month

H. "Krossa Regal" Krossa Regal has become a hosta classic for many reasons; the large sized, vase shaped mound of frosty blue foliage is slug resistant, and makes the perfect centerpiece plant for almost any garden. The vase shaped mound habit adds an interesting structural element. Plant smaller hostas, perennials, or annuals around its base. Obviously, perfect for big containers.

Want to Win \$50?

The GOHS has a superb reputation at the Botanical Gardens because of how well we maintain our hosta garden. This year if you spend one hour either pulling weeds, or using a leaf rake to rake the paths, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Hilltop Farms gift certificate. You may enter every time you spend an hour in the garden. No reservation or scheduling is needed – just go. E-mail me with your name, date, and time you spent and you will be entered in the drawing. The drawing will take place at the Saturday, August 31 hosta plant auction.

Welcome New Members

John Harbaugh, Bob & Kim Flinchbaugh, Irene Rogers, Lowell & Kay Miller, Jim & Rhonda Brower, Mike and Mary Chiles

Help Find New Members

We have approximately 160 members in the GOHS. The majority of the new members joined from events and being asked. Please forward this newsletter to all your gardening buddies, societies you belong, or anyone else who enjoys growing hostas and would like to be involved with a fun group of people.

