

Sum & Substance

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The Year in Review

Obviously, the biggest news of the year was our hosta garden being designated as an American Hosta Society National Display Garden. With there being only 18 others in the entire country, this is quite an honor, not only for the GOHS, but also for the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Here are a few more highlights from 2013:

- ☼ We ate well. The Kick-Off Party, spring picnic, Evening in the Garden, barbecue picnic, and Plant Auction and Sweets Table all had wonderful food.
- ☼ We added 69 new members for a total of 181 members in the GOHS.
- ☼ The Hosta Garden was quite possibly more beautiful than it's ever been.
- ☼ Bob Childress and Doc Roston were honored for their service to the GOHS.
- ☼ Construction was started on the spillway of Lake Drummond that will bring power to our Hosta Garden in 2014.
- ☼ Unfortunately, one of our founding fathers, Ernie Braswell, passed away.

Thank You

The beauty of the Hosta Garden is directly related to the amount of hours spent working in it. Many members have volunteered their time over the last few years. I am very grateful and thankful for that. I think several members deserve a special thank you this year.

- ☼ Oscar Cross and Lee Coates are very generous with their hostas to the GOHS.
- ☼ Lee Coates donated 28 hostas from his private stock for display in the Hosta Garden.
- ☼ J.J. Averett put in more hours in the Hosta Garden than anyone else. Her love of our garden really shows. She is also our Treasurer, and does a great job at that as well.
- ☼ Win Hageman has continually improved our website, GOHS.org. It now has a wonderful slide show of the Hosta Garden.
- ☼ Sandra Letson took professional photographs of our garden for use by the American Hosta Society to showcase our garden in the Hosta Journal.
- ☼ Peter Longley wrote a fascinating, and wonderfully descriptive article to accompany Sandra's photos.
- ☼ Cathy Lakowske, who doesn't like getting dirt under her finger nails, does all my typing and e-mailing.





Hosta Care

If you want beautiful hostas next year, here are some tips to do this year.

- ☼ Keep watering this month. Hostas are building roots and crown for next year and need moisture now.
- ☼ Put down slug bait at the end of this month. It's a great time to kill them.
- ☼ In December when your containers freeze, stack them on their sides on the north side of a building for the winter.
- ☼ Wait on cleaning up debris until it can be removed easily without tugging.

Welcome New Members

Gale & Becky Edwards, Steve & Gretchen Kuhn, Don & Sandra Letson, Clarissa Moore, Joan Bowen & Earl Whitman, Tom & Nancy Doman, Tom Finnie, and Rich Fletcher.

Let's Have a Meeting

As you know, the GOHS usually doesn't have meetings, we have events. But, I thought it might be a nice idea to have a meeting in October for anyone who's interested in becoming more involved in the GOHS. So, on Sunday, October 27th, from 1-3, we'll meet at the Botanical Center to discuss how we're doing financially and our plans for 2014. We'll also brainstorm new ideas and directions for the GOHS. Hope you can make it. P.S. – Bring a snack or a sweet!



Go to GOHS.org to see more of Sandra's photos of our Hosta Garden.