



**Mississippi Valley Hosta Society  
Hosts**

## **BIX BLUES**

**Midwest Regional Hosta Convention  
July 12 – 14, 2007  
Davenport, Iowa**

Beautiful gardens, the mighty Mississippi, good friends, and Midwest hospitality are just a few of the things you'll encounter at the 2007 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention, Bix Blues, to be held July 12 –14 in the Quad Cities. The convention is being hosted by Mississippi Valley Hosta Society and will be centered at the Radisson Hotel located at 111 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Davenport, Iowa. Our convention, Bix Blues, got its name from Bix Biederbecke a jazz musician from the 1920s and a Davenport native.

Friday will feature the Cut Leaf Show and an evening cookout at Vander Veer Botanical Park. The Cut Leaf Show is always an attraction and 2007 is no exception. Midwest Preview featuring new seedlings and sports will be a part of the show. Vander Veer is home to the Hosta Glade, which has been named an AHS National Display Garden. It also features a conservatory, Rose garden, Daylily collection, lagoon, and the Grand Allee leading up to the recently restored stone fountain. Stay until dusk and you're in store for a spectacular light show.

Saturday starts with a deluxe continental breakfast followed by five gorgeous gardens; Joe and Arlene Schindelar, Howard and Sandy Fedler, Jim and Ellen Kelley, Rick and Teresa Holmquist, and Chub Harper. In addition to hundreds of Hostas the gardens include conifers, water features, companion plants, perennial sun gardens, and beautiful garden art. The buses will return to the hotel in time for lunch. Immediately after lunch is the ever exciting and unpredictable auction. Who knows what great plants will be donated. It's never too early to start planning your strategy. The day will finish with a banquet and awards ceremony along with a guest speaker.

Hosta vendors will be selling Thursday through Saturday featuring dealers from coast to coast. They always have the newest and most desirable plants on the market.

A Hostality Suite is also planned for Thursday through Saturday. It's a great place to greet old friends and make new ones.

Come join us for, Bix Blues, the 2007 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention in Davenport, Iowa. We look forward to meeting you.

# 2007 MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY CONVENTION

“BIX BLUES” - Hosted by the Mississippi Valley Hosta Society  
JULY 12-14, 2007 --- DAVENPORT, IOWA

Please print information – Use one form per person (copies accepted)

## 1. Name as you wish it to appear on convention badge

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: S Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Registration Fee

Registration fee is \$125.00 before June 15<sup>th</sup>. After June 15<sup>th</sup> registration is \$175.00

Registration fee includes four meals (Friday evening picnic, Saturday deluxe continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and evening banquet). Fee also includes Hosta Show, speaker, buses for garden tours, hospitality room, vendors, and the Hosta Auction. Cancellations must be made prior to June 15. Schedule and map will be published and available on the MVHS website: [www.mvhosta.org](http://www.mvhosta.org)

Mail check and this form to: Jim Cato  
12915<sup>th</sup> St. Ct.  
Milan, Illinois 61264  
309-787-3651

Make checks payable to Mississippi Valley Hosta Society (MVHS). Your cancelled check is your receipt. I plan to arrive on (Please Circle): Thursday Friday Saturday

## 3. Hotel Reservations

Make your reservation with the Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel at 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Davenport, Iowa by calling 563-322-2200 or [www.radisson.com/davenport](http://www.radisson.com/davenport). Rates are \$99.00 per night. Mention the Midwest Regional Hosta Convention. We have a block of rooms reserved however make your reservations early as the John Deere Classic Tournament is the same weekend.

## 4. Related Information

I will attend the Friday night picnic. (Please Circle): N (No buses provided: limited transportation)

Saturday breakfast and lunch (Please Circle): Y N

I will attend the Saturday Evening Banquet (Please Circle): N

Saturday Banquet (Please Circle) Chicken Oscar Maple Lacquered Salmon Special Diet  
(please specify dietary need) \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate potted plants for the \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Circle): YES Number \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend Judging Clinic II on Friday (Please Circle) Y N (A Fee of \$10 due at clinic)

Do you wish to (Please Circle): Judge YES Clerk YES

I will participate in the Hosta Show (Please indicate number of anticipated entries): Leaf \_\_\_\_\_

Design \_\_\_\_\_ Seedling and Sport Show \_\_\_\_\_ Container Grown \_\_\_\_\_ Trough/Container \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Display \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any special needs not addressed above, please attach a separate sheet.

A list of attendees will be published including name, city & state, email (Please Circle):

Include me Do Not Include me



<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
6:30-7:00 a.m.	Load buses	
7:00-12:00 p.m.	Bus tour host gardens	
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Deli Buffet Lunch	Atrium
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Hosta Show tear down	Bettendorf
12:30-1:45 p.m.	Vendors	Moline, E. Moline, Scott
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Auction	Davenport, Rock Island
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Social hour with cash bar	Davenport, Rock Island
7:00-9:30 p.m.	Awards banquet with featured speaker:	Davenport, Rock Island
9:30-?	Vendors	Moline, E. Moline, Scott
9:30-12:00 a.m.	Hostatality	
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 15</b>		
8:00-5:00 p.m.	Optional garden tours	