



# Hosta Happenings

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY**

## **ANNUAL HOSTA WALK**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011**

**STARTS AT 1:00 PM**

**BRING A CHAIR, A SNACK TO SHARE,  
YOUR OWN LIBATION AND TABLE SERVICE,  
AS WE'LL END UP AT LIZ JANSEN'S HOME  
FOR A GET-TOGETHER!!!!!!**

**MORE INFO ON PAGE 3!!!!!!**

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*SINCERE CONDOLENCES*

The Club extends sincere sympathy to Carolyn Hamilton on the loss of her husband, Bill, on June 12, 2011.

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**HOSTA COLOR SHOULD NOW BE YELLOW**

Taken from a Central Illinois Hosta Soc. Newsletter

The following article was written by W. George Schmid, AHS Historian:

Any general reference to “gold” as a hosta color should now be “yellow.” It should be obvious that cultivar names containing the word “gold” or “golden” do not change and remain as they are. This change simply refers to color references in general. Since “gold” or “golden” are not colors in the strict sense of the words, the word yellow will be used if a general reference is made to any yellow color. There are many different yellows and the use of the combinations “golden yellow” or “pale yellow” are still permitted. See 37/38 below. The following yellows are used in horticulture and botany (from The Genus Hosta -Giboshi Zoku):

**The Yellow Group.** For color, all of the colors below are referred to as “yellow.” Yellow hostas can be any of the yellows listed below, although colors 47 thru 52 are rarely, if ever seen.

36. Lemon-yellow (citreus, citrinus).
37. Golden yellow (aureus, auratus).
38. Pale yellow (luteus).
39. Pale yellow (flavus, lutescens, flavescens).
40. Sulphur yellow (sulphureus).
41. Straw-colored (stamineus).
42. Leather-yellow (alutaceus).
43. Ochre-colored (ochraceus).
- 44.
45. Waxy yellow (cerineus).
46. Yolk of egg (vitellinus).
47. Apricot-colored (armeniacus).
48. Orange-colored (aurantiacus, aurantius).
49. Saffron-colored (croceus).
50. Greyish yellow (helvolus).
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52. Brownish yellow (testaceus).

**DEFINITIONS**

(taken from a Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeast Minnesota newsletter)

**Genus** - a taxonomic division of related species below family; e.g. genus *Hosta*

**Species** - the taxonomic division of freely inter-breeding population of wild or naturally occurring individuals below genus.

**Variety** - In botanical jargon signifies a distinct grouping in nature that, while still being part of the same species, varies slightly, often exclusive to a certain geographical area e.g. *Hosta longipes* var. *latifolia* (or *Hosta longipes latifolia*) is a distinct branch of *longipes* found in Japan

**Cultivar** - a contraction word for “cultivated variety”; a plant that is clearly distinguished by identical physical characteristics and maintains these characteristics through proper propagation means

**Sport** - an individual arising from the result of mutation or chimeral rearrangement that is genotypically or phenotypically different form from the original individual; e.g. H. ‘Alex Summers’ is a sport of H. ‘Gold Regal’

**Hybrid** - a seedling from two distinct parents

**Chimeral Rearrangement** - (in *Hosta*) the changing position of different pigments of different tissues in an individual, i.e. a gold margined hosta producing a gold centered or all gold division.

**Genotype** - the genetic makeup of a plant

**Phenotype** - the visually observed characteristics of an individual; physical appearance

**Lutescent** - possessing leaves which begin the season darker and become lighter or more yellow as the season progresses; not the result of bleaching due to poor nutrition or too much sun.

**Glaucous** - a waxy coating (or bloom) producing a white to blue coloring over the plant parts; the coating is capable of rubbing or washing off.

# MVHS Hosta Walk

Moline – Davenport – Bettendorf



Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

First gardens are open to be seen between **1:00 to 2:30**, depending upon your desire/ability to travel. Choose either (or both), Franc & Sally Freeman, 20599 Utica Ridge Rd, Davenport (563-355-8534) or/and Jay & Janet Wilhelm, 1010 – 25<sup>th</sup> Ave Court., Moline, IL (309-797-9651).

The Freeman garden, beginning from the I-74 exit at 53<sup>rd</sup> St., Davenport.. drive 0.4 mi north to Utica Ridge Rd. and turn left on Utica Ridge. Drive 2.2 miles north on Utica and on your right, watch for a sign that says Freeman Trees. Follow the small dirt road to the end to find the Freeman home.

The Wilhelm garden, from I-74 in Moline take Avenue of the Cities to 12th Street (5 way stop sign), turn left onto 12th St. and proceed to **25th Ave COURT**, turn right onto court. Watch for balloons on the right side of court – walk down the long driveway to their home. **Call if you get lost – 797-9651..** note that: "a GPS will not get you there, visually look for 25th Ave **Court**".

Second garden is open to be visited 2:00 until 3:00, the garden of Joyce Jackson, 1436 Clay St., Davenport, Joyce's number, if necessary, is: 563-324-2259. From the Wilhelm garden you will need to cross the Centennial Bridge, turn left at 4<sup>th</sup> St., about 2 blocks down turn Right onto Taylor and follow Taylor to Joyce's yard on the right, **park at the Park (across the street.)** From Franc's, Utica Ridge for 3.6 mi, then Rt onto Spruce Hills (Spruce Hills is also Kimberly) go 4.4 mi then left to Division (drive 2.2 mi) then left to 12<sup>th</sup> St, go Rt .1 mi to Washington, left .1 mi to Clay Street.

Third garden, is open to be visited from 2:30 to 3:30, Doug & Ellen Snowbarger, 1604 Marlo, Davenport. Marlo is the street (with stop light) that leads directly into Duck Creek Park. From Joyce's house, take Marquette to Locust and follow locust 3.2 mi to Marlo, go Right 2 blocks.

Ending/'Party' garden (from 3:15 on) at the home of Liz & Al Jansen, 2532 Hawley St., Bettendorf. Phone number if necessary: 563-359-1331. This will be our gathering place to meet with our members and share in our 'shared treats'.. From Snowbarger's, return to E. Locust Str. and turn Right. - go thru big intersection with Kimberly Rd (stop light) - keep going straight and Locust St. turns into Middle Rd. Turn right on 23rd St. (Swimming pool is on the corner), going to Central. Turn left on Central and then right on 25th St., go 1 block and turn left on Hawley. Liz' is on left side of street.

Bring a chair, your own libation, plates & forks, and a (snack) dish to pass..  
Cold pop and water will be provided – ok if you forget something!  
(times are approximate... may be greatly varied due to weather)

**AHS DUES:** The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a convention, 3 issues of "The Hosta Journal", and a directory. They also have a web page - [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org). Dues are \$30/yr, \$57/2 yrs and \$600 life for an individual. Family memberships are also available at \$34/yr and \$62/2 yrs. Make your check to AHS and send to the Membership Secretary, Sandie Markland, PO Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

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**Midwest Regional Hosta Society Dues** are \$10/yr. Send your check to: Barbara Schroeder, 1819 Coventry Dr., Champaign, IL 61822-5239.

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY DUES** are \$7/YR. **Please make your check payable to MVHS (not Jim)** and send to JIM CATO, 12915 - 25TH ST. CT., MILAN, IL 61264. We offer 8 newsletters a year, reduced prices on hosta offerings, garden walks, first opportunity to buy plants at our annual hosta and plant sale and many other good opportunities.

Mississippi Valley Hosta Society  
909 Mississippi Blvd.  
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Jun 26 - MVHS Hosta Walk  
July 7-9 - MRHS Convention in Madison, WI

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Visit our MVHS Web Site: **[mvhosta.org](http://mvhosta.org)**  
Other hosta and garden web sites:  
American Hosta Society - <http://www.hosta.org>  
Midwest Hosta Society - <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org>  
Hosta Library - <http://www.hostalibrary.org>  
Hosta Forum - questions/answers - <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta>  
Mini Hosta Forum - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/minihosta>

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**LET US KNOW!!! IF YOU HAVE MOVED or HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED?**  
**Send your corrected info to JIM CATO, 12915-25th ST. CT., MILAN, IL 61264.**  
**Jim's email is [pussbug@aol.com](mailto:pussbug@aol.com).**

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER !









## "ISTHMUS IN JULY"

### 2011 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention Registration Form

July 7-9 Sheraton Hotel Madison, Wisconsin

Hosted by the Wisconsin Hosta Society

Register online and pay by credit card at: [www.wihostasociety.com](http://www.wihostasociety.com)

Or send in one registration form with check for each person - Please print

Name [as you want it on your badge] \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Publish my name in Convention attendee list? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Registration confirmation will be sent via e-mail only

Registration fee includes four meals: Friday Pig Roast, Saturday breakfast, Saturday box lunch, and Saturday banquet; convention hosta and handbook, auction, vendors, hosta leaf show, Saturday garden tours, keynote speaker Ed Lyon, speakers Mark Dwyer and Bob Simiele, Judges Clinic I, and Hospitality Room Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Please select

- \$144.00-Early Full Registration** [by June 9]  
 **\$164.00-Full Registration** [after June 9]

**I will donate plants or items for the Friday night auction; Approximate number** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Meals

Friday Pig Roast  
Saturday Breakfast  
Saturday Box lunch

#### Saturday Banquet choice

- Beef  Salmon  Vegetarian  
 I request all vegetarian meals

#### Judges Clinic, Friday, July 8 from 8 to 11 am

I will attend Judges Clinic 1

A current **Judges Handbook** is required. You can download the free Judges Handbook at [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org).

Check here if you want to purchase the official handbook and binder at the clinic. Cost is \$10 payable at convention.

**Hosta Leaf Show** - preparation time Thursday 7 to 10 pm ♦ Friday 7 to 11 am

Check if you plan to:  Enter  Judge  Clerk

Judging will begin Friday, July 8 at 12 noon Check below if you plan to have entries in each:

\_\_\_ Cutleaf (limit 20 entries)      \_\_\_ Educational Display      \_\_\_ Artistic Design  
\_\_\_ Container Grown      \_\_\_ Non-competitive Exhibit      \_\_\_ Specialty Division  
\_\_\_ Trough container for Effect      \_\_\_ Seedling and Sport Award (limit 5 entries)

#### Speakers

Mark Dwyer – Rotary Gardens Friday 1:15-2:20 pm

Robert Simiele – hostas to music Friday 2:30-3:10 pm

Ed Lyon – Keynote speaker - Director Allen Centennial Garden Saturday 8 pm

#### Auction

Silent and Voice – Friday evening

**Vending** – Thursday 4-9 pm, Friday 8 am-5 pm, and Saturday 9 am-4 pm

#### Tours

Visit 5 beautiful gardens on Saturday 7 am-2 pm

**Total Registration amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Send form and check

Ralph Pelkey, Treasurer, WHS  
11921 W. State Road 59  
Evansville, WI 53536

Checks payable to **WHS**

For questions e-mail

[hostameetjuly11@gmail.com](mailto:hostameetjuly11@gmail.com)

**HOTEL:** Sheraton Madison Hotel for room reservations at (608) 260-1162 or [www.Sheraton.com/Madison](http://www.Sheraton.com/Madison).

Mention attendee code [HOSTA]. The group rate of \$103 plus tax is available through June 11, 2011.

706 John Nolen Drive ♦ Madison, WI 53713 ♦ Fax 608/234-1027



