



Show Me Hostas Newsletter

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May 2007

Missouri Botanical Garden Sale

Saturday, May 26

7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Nancy Tempel is coordinating volunteers for this event. If you would like to volunteer to work, please call Nancy at (314) 521-2171

If you have plants to donate and will not be able to bring them to MBG, contact one of the club officers (listed on the back page of this newsletter) and arrange to drop them off at their home.

St. Louis Hosta Society

Garden Tours

Sunday, June 10th

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

See garden descriptions and driving directions inside.

2007 Calendar of Events

May 26	MoBot Plant Sale
June 10	2007 St. Louis Hosta Society Garden Tours
June 21-23	2007 American Hosta Society National Convention (Indianapolis, IN)
July 12-14	2007 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention (Davenport, IA)
July 22	Hosta Auction - Guest Auctioneer Jeff Hall
September 16	St. Louis Hosta Society Meeting (Program/Speaker to be announced) Election of new officers.
November/December	St. Louis Hosta Society - Holiday Party

Gardening Quotes

(Collected by Kelly Hall)

You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt. ~Author Unknown

Half the interest of a garden is the constant exercise of the imagination. ~Mrs. C.W. Earle, *Pot-Pourri from a Surrey Garden*, 1897

Gardens are a form of autobiography. ~Sydney Eddison, *Horticulture* magazine, August/September 1993

I think that if ever a mortal heard the voice of God it would be in a garden at the cool of the day. ~F. Frankfort Moore, *A Garden of Peace*

Many things grow in the garden that were never sown there. ~Thomas Fuller, *Gnomologia*, 1732

One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides. ~W.E. Johns, *The Passing Show*

I have never had so many good ideas day after day as when I worked in the garden. ~John Erskine

Green fingers are the extension of a verdant heart. ~Russell Page

Plants give us oxygen for the lungs and for the soul. ~Linda Solegato

Gardening is a kind of disease. It infects you, you cannot escape it. When you go visiting, your eyes rove about the garden; you interrupt the serious cocktail drinking because of an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed. ~Lewis Gannit

The best fertilizer is the gardener's shadow. ~Author Unknown

Gardening requires lots of water -- most of it in the form of perspiration. ~ Lou Erickson

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. ~ Marcel Proust

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt. ~ Margaret Atwood

To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves. ~ Mohandas K. Gandhi

As a reminder of Meeting/Event dates and times, please save the front page of this newsletter. You can always cut out the Calendar of Events and place it on your fridge.



Garden Tour – 2007

Sunday, June 10th

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Garden of Dr. Paul and Laj' Bonstead
232 Hewlett Court, Creve Coeur, MO. 63141

A “must see” garden, the Bonstead’s were picked as the Beautification Winners for a *Best in City* award and have been featured in a recent issue of *Back Yard Living*. While strolling the 600 feet of walkway, one will admire the 1,500+ hostas, hundreds of perennials, a natural creek with cascading water falls and supporting ponds, and the centerpiece, a 15 feet high mobile art sculpture entitled “Teach a Man to Fish” by St. Louis artist Brother Mel Meyer, S.M.

Garden of Karen & Greg Frimel
19 Dunleith Drive, St. Louis, MO 63124

The natural woods behind this beautiful West County home have been transformed by removing the extensive areas of invasive honeysuckle and adding over 200 varieties of hosta. Under the mature oaks that remain, strategically placed plantings of azaleas, dogwoods, Japanese maples, hydrangeas, columbine, and daylilies have created a colorful and scenic place to walk while remaining comfortable, even on the hottest summer day. Also remaining is a population of rabbits thwarted by beves of flower pots holding the Frimel’s favorite specimens. Adding whimsy to this wonderful landscape is one of Karen’s favorite collections – her frogs which can be found hiding throughout the garden.

Garden of Johanna and Bob Dunn
9804 Old Warson, St. Louis, MO 63124

Two acres of this landscape have something for everybody. Starting with hundred of hostas, one will find iris, astilbe, hydrangea, and many other perennials for both sun and shade. One will even find a large plot of wild flowers that have reseeded from prior years. Hopefully the masses of climbing roses covering the wall terracing the pool from the lower flower beds will be in bloom. Also note the many mature dogwoods, a huge Ginkgo, and large conifers providing shade to large curved beds on both the perimeter of the yard and scattered generously around the entire property.

Garden of Phyllis and Jim Weidman
508 Pointe Essex Court, Kirkwood, MO 63122

Steep terrain has been transformed to a beautiful landscape featuring terraced beds held back by rock walls. Natural rock paths wander through the garden allowing close inspection of well grown hostas, ferns, and other perennials. Take special note of the conifers found in miniature, dwarf, and full form. The landscape is backed by dense woods providing a quiet wildlife filled refuge in a suburban setting.

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Driving Instructions

Start at the Creve Coeur Gov Center at 300 N New Ballas Road
 Go South on N New Ballas Rd 0.4 miles
 Turn right onto Ladue Rd 0.8 miles
 Turn left onto Bellington Ln <0.1 miles
 Continue right on Bellington Ln 0.2 miles
 Turn left onto Litchford Way 0.1 miles
 Turn left onto Hewlett Court <0.1 miles
 End at 232 Hewlett Court

Garden of Dr. Paul and Laj’ Bonstead
 Est drive time: 4 minutes Distance: 1.6 miles

Go South on Hewlett Court toward Litchford Way <0.1 miles
 Turn right onto Litchford Way 0.1 miles
 Turn right onto Bellington Lane 0.2 miles
 Turn left to stay on Bellington Lane <0.1 miles
 Turn right onto Ladue Road 0.5 miles
 Merge onto I-270 South 0.8 miles
 Merge onto I-64 East via Exit 12 2.5 miles
 Merge onto Lindbergh Blvd via Exit 28A 1.3 miles
 Turn left into “U” Turn-around <0.1 miles
 Continue north on North Lindbergh Blvd 0.3 miles
 Turn right onto Dunleith Drive <0.1 miles
 Turn left to stay on Dunleith Drive 0.2 miles
 End at 19 Dunleith Drive

Garden of Karen & Greg Frimel
 Est drive time: 12 minutes Distance: 6.1 miles

Go Southwest on Dunleith Drive 0.2 miles
 Turn right to stay on Dunleith Drive <0.1 miles
 Turn right onto Lindbergh Blvd 0.4 miles
 Turn right onto Clayton Road 0.5 miles
 Turn right onto Warson Road 1.9 miles
 Turn left onto Old Warson Road 0.7 miles
 End at 9804 Old Warson Road

Garden of Johanna and Bob Dunn
 Est drive time: 7 minutes Distance: 3.7 miles

Go East on Old Warson Road toward Des Peres Ave <0.1 miles
 Turn right onto Des Peres Ave 0.4 miles
 Turn slight left onto Salem Hills Drive 0.3 miles
 Turn right onto Manchester Road 2.0 miles
 Turn left onto North Geyer Road 0.6 miles
 Turn right onto West Essex Ave 0.5 miles
 Turn left onto Pointe Essex Court 0.1 miles
 End at 508 Pointe Essex Court

Garden of Phyllis and Jim Weidman
 Est drive time: 12 minutes Distance: 4.0 miles

A Note from the President

Tough Spring. Mother Nature fooled me once again, with the winter ice and the wind damage, late freeze, and (in my area) tent worms, things are a mess. 'Hope all of you are fairing better.

Things are happening fast and most of the frozen plants are starting to show signs of recovery. I hope I start to get tree leaves soon, or my next problem may be too much sun and sun burned hosta. I am planning to water, water, and water.

I hope you have had a chance to get some items ready for our Sale and Leaf Show at MBG. And if you do not have any plants to donate, please find time May 26 to come to the garden and purchase plants. We will be having a leaf show and a leaf prep demo, so bring some leaves and learn how to prepare them for show. Nancy Tempel will be coordinating workers. If you have plants to donate and will not be able to bring them to MBG, contact one of the club officers and arrange to drop them off at their home.

'Looking forward to seeing you all at the Sale and Leaf Show at MBG, and on the Members Garden Tour.

It may be May but it is time to be getting plants ready for the July Auction. The Auction is our biggest fund raising event, so plan to donate and purchase some new things for your garden.

Happy Hosta!

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**Arlie Tempel, President
St. Louis Hosta Society**



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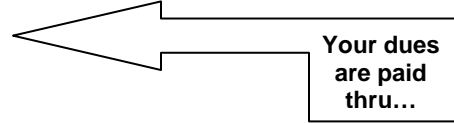
We need volunteers who would be willing to contact people and companies for donations of items that we can use in the "Welcome Bags" for people attending our Convention.

**We'll need tablets, pens, pencils, rain slickers, Tums, aspirin, and any other appropriate item that would fit in a 12" X 16" bag. Give Pam (1-636-285-3114) or Phyllis (1-314-965-7027) a call.
Thanks!**



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Are Your Dues Due?

To determine if your St. Louis Hosta Society membership dues are due, check the four digit number appearing after your name on the address label of this newsletter. Your membership dues are paid through the end of the year appearing after your name. For example, if “2007” appears after your name, your dues are paid through the 2007 year. Membership dues are due before January 1st of each year. To renew your membership, please send your check (payable to St. Louis Hosta Society) to Pat Payton, 361 S. Maple, Webster Groves, MO 63119-3841.

Membership Information

The American Hosta Society

Contact: Sandie Markland
 8702 Pinnacle Rock Ct.
 Lorton, VA 22079-3029
 Dues: Individual \$25 per year, Family \$29 per year

Midwest Regional Hosta Society

Contact: Pete Postlewaite
 21172 Andover Road
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 Dues: Individual \$20 for two years

St. Louis Hosta Society

Contact: Pat Payton
 361 S. Maple
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 Dues: \$7 per year, \$18 for three years
 Family or Individual