



# Mini Hosta

*Until we meet again*

July '18

## CALENDAR

### ***NEXT UP***

Saturday, July 21st  
**TWILIGHT TEA**

*Whittemore Garden - aka  
"Whit's End" Garden  
Details in this newsletter*



**Sunday, August 5**

HOSTA PICNIC

*Eagle Bay Hosta Garden  
Sheridan, NY*

**Saturday, August 25**

*Public Hosta Sale  
Buffalo and Erie County  
Botanical Gardens*

**Saturday, September 1st**

*FINAL Hosta Tea of 2018  
Kreutzer Garden  
Cheektowaga, NY*

**Saturday, September 15**

*FALL HOSTA FORUM  
Edinboro, PA*

**Saturday, October 6**

*First Hosta Breakfast  
Forestview Restaurant - Depew, NY*

**Saturday, November 3**

*Hosta Breakfast - Forestview, Depew*

**Sunday, November 11**

*Members Meeting - Annual Meeting  
East Aurora Senior Center*

*Details will follow!*

Normally we don't produce a newsletter until we issue the joint newsletter on the HOSTA PICNIC and the PUBLIC SALE.... But we need to get the word out about this special tea - and then the picnic is going to be in our laps!

So, we thought the best thing to do (since not everyone, sadly is on e-mail and able to receive HOSTA FLASHES), was to produce a "mini hosta" newsletter (get it - Mini hosta ~).

This will give you all the deets on the tea, plus spell out the rest of the calendar so you aren't missing anything, plus flog you AGAIN for the Fall Hosta Forum (we have a cut off.... Remember that).

I don't know how you are faring, but we have had our share of issues this year with our hostas. First of all, the voles and mice had a DELICIOUS winter. We were out of town when we should have been putting them properly to bed (castor oil, wire cages and so on) and the rodents moved in and feasted.

I have lined up all of the labels of the lost as a lesson - a hard lesson - in what happens when you miss your fall tasks... at least when you live where we

do. Big losses.

And then, as if that were not heartbreaking enough, we lost the shade over our deck last fall (two dying beeches needed to come down before they fell down). Our deck has become an enormous cookie sheet where our potted hostas are baking in this year's unprecedented heat. We have had to remove quite a few from display when they took on the "boiled cabbage" look. We tried shade sails... the problem is, the sun moves and the sails stay stationery.

So.... Next year will be BETTER - in the meantime WATER, WATER, WATER!

OPEN GARDENS - now, although we present you with the opportunity to visit selected gardens each year for our HOSTA TEAS, we encourage you to continue to visit others on your own, using your OPEN GARDEN BOOK. Remember that when you visit a garden (make arrangements at your convenience), to get the gardener to initial your book so that you are eligible for fabulous prizes at our November meeting! Win win win.





# GUYS AND DOLLS

## AND A TWILIGHT TEA FINISH

*The July HOSTA TEA is going to really be a full day event... we are “borrowing” from the Village of Hamburg, we then have two excellent Village gardens PLUS an amazing musical collection to marvel upon... culminating with an elegant TWILIGHT TEA at the famous Whit’s End garden.*

### Saturday, July 21st

You can start your day any time you please at Hamburg’s **BURGERFEST**  
<https://www.hamburgburgerfest.com/schedule/>

Enjoy food, music and (fitting our theme) an antique car show from noon until 4 pm.

Anytime between the hours of 4 pm to 7 pm: The Amazing Collection of Bill Whittemore - 84 Long Street, Hamburg (one street south of Main): Bill has been collecting antique player type musical items for many years. He has everything from enormous dance hall players, to carousel organs to juke boxes and even very early video players. It is truly a magical place and very much worth a visit.

Anytime between the hours of 4 pm to 7 pm: The Garden of **Kathy Tolien**—38 Hillview Place, Hamburg (end of Hillview, about 500 feet from Bill Whittemore’s). A beautiful hosta garden overlooking Eighteen Mile Creek.

Anytime between the hours of 4 pm to 7 pm: The Garden of **Sharon Beck** - 296 Brookwood, Hamburg. Sharon has a large collection of hostas, of perennials and whimsies. She has been kind enough to invite us to have a peek.

Anytime between 7 pm to 10:30 - A TWILIGHT TEA AT WHIT’S END GARDEN - the garden of **David and Barb Whittemore**, 33 Sherwood Avenue, Hamburg - a quiet residential street with plenty of street parking. The garden features over 350 named hostas in addition to other perennials and annuals, located in gardens, in elevated beds and in containers.

Two notable features are the waterfalls and three operating garden trains. Several outdoor ‘rooms’ offer different viewing vistas and the garden shed is disguised to look like a train station. We will enjoy watching the garden transform from daylight to nighttime when the garden lighting takes over.

~SEE YOU THERE~

## MINI Hosta la Vista

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Next Meeting - PICNIC 8/4/18  
Eagle Bay Hosta Garden  
Hosta Sale - 8/25/18 - B&ECBG  
Fall Hosta Forum - 9/15/18  
Fun, Fun, Fun

## OPPOCKNOCKITY TUNES

### FALL HOSTA FORUM—9/15/18

The 21st Fall Hosta Forum, jointly hosted by our own Society and the Daffodil and Hosta Society of Western Pennsylvania, will be held in Edinboro, PA on Saturday September 15th

You should all have received a copy of the brochure and registration form. **If not, or if you're new, or if it has been lost, we will have some available at the picnic or it is downloadable from our website.**

The theme this year is **FUN, FUN, FUN** (THINK BEACH BOYS) and the four main speakers are all FUN DUDES! Our speakers are: Glenn Herold, all the way from Wisconsin who will talk about those HOTY hostas (Hostas of the Year), Mike Shadrack on Hostas in Containers, Chris Law, from Iseli Nursery in Washington State who will talk about acers and conifers in your garden and Cindy Tibbitt from Hummingbird Farm in Maine on clematis. Friday night we'll have some fun and we munch pizza and spend our \$5 vouchers with our many vendors. The venue has remained

the same...the Comfort Suite for accommodations and Friday night hospitality but all activity will take place at Edinboro University.

Our fame has been spreading... we have one guy who comes all the way from Chicago, one woman who comes from Maine and it's on the WNY and the AHS website so if you have not registered yet, you really should! (Especially if you need a hotel room - the Edinboro Comfort was running out of rooms, but you should still be able to squeeze in if you hustle - 814-969-7000) So... it's going to be a good time - it's always fun - and it's your last chance in 2018 to learn something new and add some cool plants to your garden.  
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Plaaaaaants.

And wear your Aloha shirts.....

