

# Hosta la Vista

November '20

*Until we meet again*



## *President's Message*

**W**e miss you all. I wish I had good news to report but sadly I do not. We have had to cancel the scheduled November meeting and our popular monthly breakfasts will not be occurring for the remainder of this year at least. Restaurants are not yet allowing large groups to meet and our regular meeting place, the Senior Center in East Aurora, cannot permit groups as large as ours to gather for meetings, or use most of the facilities.



It has certainly been a very strange summer. The most obvious reason is the pandemic that has led to the cancellation of most of our activities and pretty much kept us apart since the spring but the weather has been challenging too.

We did manage our February meeting but after that we have cancelled nearly everything. We managed to produce a Members' Open Garden Directory and publish it on line but I do not think many members took advantage of it. Mike and Anita Sheehan opened their garden one weekend and got a good response. We had two wonderful hosta teas in the gardens of members Dennis and Adele Upton on Grand Island and Le Roy and Shirley Neeper way up in Medina. Both these gardens were wonderful and attracted a large number of visitors. I suspect that the membership really appreciated being able to get out and do something.

A remarkable twenty members open their gardens for the Gardens Buffalo Niagara Open Gardens scheme and that was able to proceed in the summer whilst obeying the various rules on physical distancing, mask wearing and contact tracing. Visitor numbers were high again suggesting that folks wanted to get out and see gardens.

In fact, it seems that local nurseries had a pretty good spring and summer. Folks obviously thought that if they have to stay home they may as well garden. Not only was there more time to weed and to trim but there was a temptation to create new gardens and re-plant the old

ones. Plant and accessory sales were mostly well up on previous years.

The weather has given some challenges to local hosta growers this season. Not long after our plants had begun to emerge in the spring there was a very late frost. We got a pretty good early warning and most of the potted plants were pulled back into the garage but those in the ground suffered. Not too long after that there was a hailstorm that put huge holes in our hosta leaves. Luckily hostas produce a second flush of leaves mid-season and once these have developed the frost and hail damaged leaves could be removed.

The summer brought a couple of serious downpours. More like monsoons than summer storms. After that we had a couple of consecutive days of temperatures in the mid-nineties. Luckily for gardeners and plants alike this did not last long and our hostas did not go into summer dormancy.

During August and September it hardly rained at all. Sue Sickels had just told us that our plants need plenty of rain in the late summer to be sure that underground that are fat and healthy while they sit out the winter under a blanket of snow. Nature did not provide that this year and if our gardens were not regularly irrigated they suffered. My hosta beds looked like a kelp forest at low tide. Sadly, copious use of the hose failed to properly revive them. The ever-shrinking Buffalo News tells us that local rainfall is now on track for an average year but I am sure that is only because recently it does not seem to have stopped raining for days.

Our hostas survived. Our Society survives. But what of next year? Financially we are sound and can do the things we want to do. The Board will continue to plan for next year in anticipation of being able to get back to normal. I fear that we will not, but we must plan as if we will.

So, we will put together our

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**BE RESPECTFUL  
BE RESPONSIBLE  
BE KIND AND  
BE SAFE**

# ELECTIONS

Our November meeting is the time of year when we elect our new Board. All of the officers are re-elected biennially and are on the slate for 2021.

The slate we will ask you to vote upon is:

- President Mike Shadrack
- Vice President Sue Sickels
- Secretary Marcia Sully
- Treasurer Beth Kreutzer

## Board Positions

- Ran Lydell
- Carol Abendschein
- Leslie Murray

*President's message - continued*

members' meetings, the Opening of the Hoop House, Hosta Teas, the Plant Society Avenue and our public sale.

Fortunately none of these enterprises require money up front and if we have to again cancel our program it will not affect our treasury.

We will promise to keep the membership informed, pass on news and plant information, come up with ideas for us to safely meet and generally keep the ship afloat.



**Mike Shadrack**  
President

## NAYLOR CREEK HOSTA ORDER

We have gotten a truckload of Naylor Creek Hosta orders in already... surpassing our orders for last year. I am sending updates to Gary (the owner) daily in order to keep our place in line for hostas in short supply. Gary works very closely with us and this is one of our major "Benefits of Membership" each year. I did notice he had changed the terms on his website to only a 5% discount so I asked him where WNY Hosta stood. **We will STILL ENJOY A 15% DISCOUNT FOR THIS ORDER. Plus free shipping, of course.**

For the new people, Naylor Creek, a small hosta nursery in Washington State, is one of the main importers of new hostas from popular hybridizers all over the world. They work closely with Marco Fransen of Holland and as a result, they offer new hostas out of Holland and Belgium. It is not a big company, but a few people who work very hard...as a result, the hostas are often in limited supply. For many years, we have placed a club order with Naylor Creek each year. By ordering as a group, we get a preferred discount and there are no shipping charges. The hostas will all be sent here - we sort them into orders and either bring them to the April meeting, or make other arrangements (generally a pick up on a chosen weekend). We are billed when the order is finalized. When we are billed, we will bill you. You must pay promptly.

Last year, due to the pandemic, we asked people to pick up .... and at the same time, we offered a BM1 soil deal. We hope to do the same in 2021.

ANYWAY.... thank you to the people who have already ordered (some have already ADDED to their orders!) ... and we encourage the rest of you to go through the catalog here: <[www.naylorcreek.com](http://www.naylorcreek.com)> You will see a number next to the hosta - that is the inventory on hand. Some are 30, some are 5 or less.

In better times, we have been able to bring printed catalogs to a meeting or a breakfast, but this is simply not possible this year. If you do not have a computer, maybe a friend can help you.

This is a very good member benefit and we are elated to have such a good response this year - the result of being home, and extra mad money since we can't DO anything. We've been able to indulge in our gardens more than ever.

So, get your orders in if you have not already. We are closing orders on Monday, November 30th. You will be billed shortly thereafter.

Don't be one of those sad people on the sidelines in April watching everyone else get **COOL NEW PLANTS**.

Any questions, please contact us (Mike and Kathy Shadrack) at [Irisborer@aol.com](mailto:Irisborer@aol.com) or 716-941-6167.

# Fairy Wings

by Barbara Evans

Fairy Wings! Who wouldn't want such a delightfully named flowering plant in their garden? And it truly does look like the delicate wings of fairies when in bloom around May in our area.

Fairy Wings is a common name for Epimedium, a genus of flowering plants in the family Berberidaceae. These hardy and dependable plants with heart-shaped leaves and sprays of



E. 'Fire Dragon'

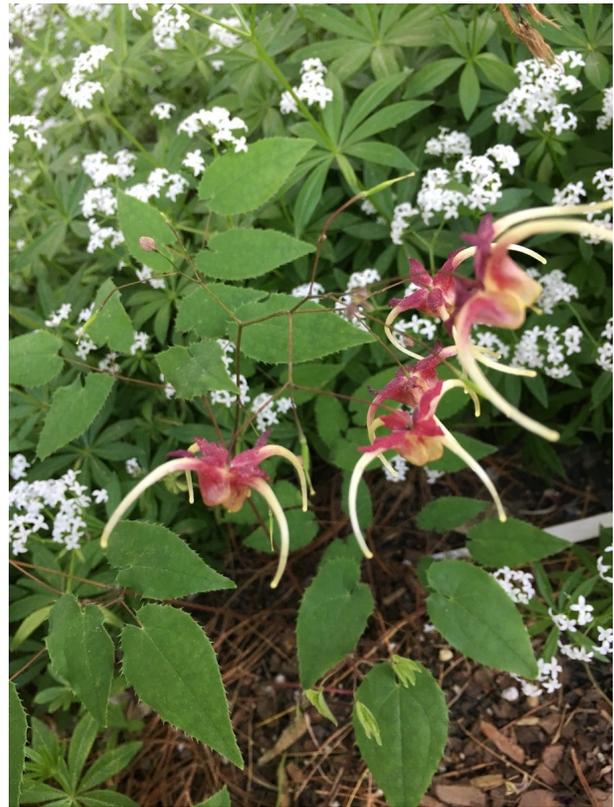
tiny dancing fairy flowers in May have a number of common names. As 'horny goat weed', the plant is prized in Asian cultures for its medicinal value as a libido-enhancer, so named after a licentious goat. Other nicknames include 'Bishop's cap' and 'barrenwort'. All these names for plants only recently available at our nurseries.

While there is not a native species in the bunch, Epimediums are worthy plants none the less. Touted as being the perfect plant for dry shade, they are easy and long lived. Blooming in spring in all shades except blue; those with long spurs resemble dancing spiders - a description only a gardener would appreciate. Their blooms are lovely seen interplanted with daffodils and other late spring bulbs. Their foliage will fill in the bare spaces left when the spring ephemerals go dormant.

In general, Epimediums range in height from 6" to 24" in bloom. Expect early leaflets around April, then sprays of flowers followed by another round of foliage taller than the initial spring growth. Their shallow rooted rhizomes of various lengths sit at or near the soil surface and can remain without disturbance for many years. Needing little to no boost from fertilizer, the only care they require is an annual haircut in spring before the new foliage and bloom stalks appear. Cut the old foliage off of the evergreen varieties also since they will then give you a whole new crop of fresh leaves.

Some are clump formers and others are steady spreaders forming colonies of textural ground covering. Tuck them here and there in the garden: under large leaved hostas, around tree roots to protect from lawn mowers, and as filler for any empty areas. Some varieties have amazing foliage color changes in the fall and some provide winter interest due to being semi-evergreen or evergreen in our zone 5-6 gardens. Since not all of them behave in the same manner though, check on-line if possible before purchasing. A spreader will not stay in one special spot and a clumper won't fill in between tree roots. Note also that some are good in rock gardens and troughs. Those with mini leaves and stature make good mates for mini hostas.

Similar to other plants said to like dry shade, it doesn't mean that they prefer that condition but that they tolerate it very well. In the wild, many



E. 'Fireworks'

are found in moist and often sunny sites. Planted in 1/2 to 3/4 sun increases the boldness of their fall foliage coloration. A few do require more moisture than others, although all benefit from extra water when first planted out. Thus, while tolerating the dry-ish and less fertile areas under trees, they are also great as edging for beds and borders. In short, they are highly versatile plants. A further plus is that they have no disease or insect problems to mention. New hybrids and newly discovered species, mostly from China, have added to their diversity, both in cultural preferences and growth habits. Lots of additional information can be found on-line at Garden Vision Epimediums and Plant Delights Nursery, Inc.



E. 'Rose Queen'

## Hosta of the Year for 2021 is 'Rainbow's End'

Every year the AGHA, the American Hosta Growers Association, votes on next year's Hosta of the Year. According to the AGHA, these "award winners are hostas that are good garden plants in all regions of the country, are widely available in sufficient supply, and retail for about \$15.00 in the year of selection." For 2021 the Hosta of the Year will be **'Rainbow's End.'**

'Rainbow's End' is a small hosta that has glossy variegated leaves with substantial substance. The leaves are yellow with green streaks. The margins tend to be green and the center tends to be yellow, but no two leaves are the same. Leaves are elliptic shaped with a round base. Tubular lavender flowers emerge late summer on red scapes.



Photo by Luwihter Benson

'Rainbow's End' is a Hans Hansen sport of 'Obsession' registered in 2005 with the AHS. Even though it was patented (PP17251) in 2006 and cannot be shared between hosta lovers, it is available for purchase from many quality distributors. This will be a welcome addition to my Hosta of the Year garden.

### WNYHS Hosta Calendar

A warm thank you to all those who sent their hosta photographs to Dave Whittemore. He has a good selection to choose from. Our 2021 Calendar will be a little different. It will run from May 2021 until June 2022. That will give Dave plenty of time to create it for us and we will have two members' meetings when we can sell it to our expectant membership. Hopefully we will have meetings in February and April next year.

### PRELIMINARY 2021 CALENDAR\*

All dates are tentative and subject to prevailing mandates

Saturday, Jan 2	Hosta Breakfast - Forestview
Saturday, Feb 6	Hosta Breakfast - Forestview
Saturday, March 6	Hosta Breakfast - Forestview
TBA	Hosta College - Piqua, Ohio
Saturday, April 10	Hosta Breakfast - FINAL (later due to Easter)
Sunday, April 25	Members' Meeting & Naylor Creek Plant pick-up
Saturday, May 15	Hoop House <b>Dedication and Season Opener</b>
Saturday, June 12	Hosta Tea - <b>Murray's Hosta Farm, Orchard Park, NY</b>
June 17 thru 19	AHS Hosta Convention, Kalamazoo, Michigan
June 26 & 27	Garden Art Sale & Plant Society Ave. Botanical Gardens
Saturday, July 10	Hosta Tea - <b>Twin Pines, the garden of Don &amp; Fran Stoffel, Alden, NY</b>
Saturday, August 7	Hosta Tea - <b>Dragon's Dan, the Kreutzer Garden, Cheektowaga</b>
Sunday, August 15	Hosta Picnic, Eagle Bay Hosta Garden
Saturday, August 28	Public Hosta Sale
Saturday, September 18	Fall Hosta Forum, Edinboro, PA <b>Roaring Twenties</b>
Saturday, October 2	Hosta Breakfast - Forestview, Depew
Saturday, November 6	Hosta Breakfast - Forestview, Depew
Sunday, November 14	Hosta Annual Meeting East Aurora Senior Center
Saturday, Dec. 4	Hosta Breakfast - Forestview

And don't forget **OPEN GARDENS, the BUFFALO GARDEN WALK** and all the other green activities that occur during our too short season... we'll try to keep you up to date (especially with e-mail blasts)



# Let's Grow Seeds!

By Ran Lydell

*Ed. Note: This year we had planned on launching some kind of seed exchange for WNY folks.... But, time marches on and we just did not get the details in place soon enough. This was to be the article to launch it - lots of great information for NEXT YEAR*

With COVID restrictions , it has been difficult to do any group things this year. Your Board is proposing a project that most of us could participate in and have some real fun **AND** you can still practice "social distancing" and remain safe.

We would like to organize a Hosta seed exchange. This will require some action right away , as the seed on most varieties is getting ripe. The long-term thinking is for you to get it ready for exchange it and grow what you receive.

In case you are a real beginner, the seed is inside those pods sticking up on the green stems from your hosta clump. They are ripe when they are black. Take a peek and see - they should be about ready. Pick the entire seed stem , leaving the pods attached.

Put them in a cardboard box to dry (usually takes about two weeks.) Solid green or blue hostas will not be good candidates. Look for plants that have some unusual features like leaf shapes that are different than normal or intense puckering, or glossy leaves . Very cupped leaves could be another feature to look for. Also, red petioles (leaf stems) are interesting, especially if the red comes up to the leaf blade. Very white leaf backs are another thing to consider. Plants with heavy substance leaves , tend to produce seedlings with the same. When selecting your seed think about any unusual profile the plant may carry, like a weeping form or very low profile.

Streaked plants can make some of the best seedlings. To select good seed , look for a flower scape that is coming from the center of a very streaked part of the plant. A good one will have a white or cream streak running up the stem to the pods. Now look at the pods and see if that color runs into any of the pods. The seed in those pods will be some of the best for exchange.

Once the seed pods are dry , they may start to crack open. Use a tweezers to Gently "scrape" the seed on to a sheet of white paper. A good seed will have a plump part. Save only those seeds. Then sort and label in small envelopes. Be sure to put the pod parent name on the envelope.

PLEASE only clean seed, ready to plant , should be sent. WE WILL SEND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEXT STEP SOON.

Our hope is we will achieve some nifty results and be able to grow a few really good new hostas. Thanks for participating.

## Hoop House Ends First Year in New Site

By Sue Sickels

A small group of people, socially distanced, met on October 6 to put the Hoop House to bed for the winter. The weather was great and the gravel path around the hoop house meant that no one was slipping in the mud. We had fun pulling the white covering over the frame and using the wiggly wire to hold it in place. The white folding tables were removed to be stored in my horse barn hayloft. I have been inside regularly to remove dead leaves and weeds. Removing this material just makes things easier for next year.

Next year will need to purchase more sheeting material, as each roll lasts two years. We need four additional benches to hold more hosta plants. New labels and gallon sized pots are being tested and ordered for the coming spring.



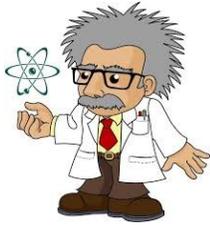
We have finished the season with 885 hostas in residence with a sales value of over \$10K. We are primed and ready to go for next season. *The Members' Sale next May should be the best we*

*have ever had, so stay tuned for more hosta fun at the Hoop House.*



# Science Corner by Sue Sickels

## The Plagues of 2020



During these times of COVID, the word “plague” implies coronavirus of 2019, but as a hosta grower this year, I am referring to the weather. Each new year I am filled with the hope that this will be the year I can photograph perfect leaves on perfect plants in ideal lighting. I dream that each plant will be fruitful and multiply.

That was not to be this summer as the changes in weather brought one plague after another. On April 18, I woke to a light snowfall on ‘Tiny Bubbles’. But I knew this plague would not hurt the early-emerging hostas. Snow acts more like an insulating blanket than a harsh frost. I felt I had dodged a bullet. Three weeks later, Tiny Bubbles was emerging like nothing had happened.



The next bullet came as a series of frosts between May 11 to May 13. I had spent this spring covering many of the larger plants with two gallons of compost. (OK it was horse manure, but compost sounds better.) I hoped this would be a good fertilizer and help protect against early frosts. When the frosts hit, I still had damage to many plants. I covered some with pots and sheets, but it was a fool’s errand. Once a frost hits, the plant will decide which leaves will live and which will die and need to be replaced by secondary leaves. Tiny Bubbles looked a bit wilted, but all her leaves lived to show her splendor just a few weeks later.



**But** Mother Nature had not finished her temper tantrum for 2020 - a hail storm hit on June 2 slashing huge holes in the leaves of my largest hostas. Tiny Bubbles was not harmed by this storm and continued to multiply. The plants with holes in their leaves I left alone, while leaves with shredded petioles were removed. Some of the moderately damaged leaves eventually died and were removed. Hail was the plague that

ended my hope that I would have beautiful photos this year of my plants.

We may not have had an official drought this summer, but the combination of very warm days and lack of rain kept my watering system busy. I figure that hostas need an inch of water per week to survive and two inches per week to thrive. For every ten degrees increase in temperature over 80°F, plants need double the water to survive. During those 90° days, my watering system was on constantly. But even with lots of water, hostas do not thrive in hot weather. Edges of some plants dried and color was washed out in others, but Tiny Bubbles chugged along. She turned green by fall, but that is normal for this cultivar.



I know I normally talk about infectious diseases like HVX, and invasions of nematodes and Asian earthworms, but this past growing season I was humbled by the weather. I did get a few good photos, like this one of ‘Guardian Angel’, but I had to find the one undamaged leaf and the right angle to eliminate damage done to the rest of the plant. Well, there is always next year...



### Seed Exchange

We have decided that the proposed seed exchange will need to be put off until next year. Organizing it in late fall when our membership is unlikely to meet face-to-face before seeds need to be planted has proved difficult. Next year we will begin planning in the Summer and hopefully exchanging and giving away seed in the Fall. Meanwhile, if you would like some hosta seeds, just ask.

# MAKING THE MOST OF SHADE

By Carolyn Schaffner

When the number of Hosta I'd acquired outgrew the amount of shade from the garage and an existing tree, the garden out there seemed to need more shade because, you know, more Hosta found their way home. So, some conifers went in with the tricolor beech: a *Cercis canadensis* (eastern redbud) and its variegated cousin, and a dogwood. All these create shade all right.... But no way could Hosta be planted in the soil beneath them! Into pots they went. Small Hosta live in troughs; larger Hosta are in larger pots to be transplanted into even larger pots as they grow.



Recently the book, *MAKING THE MOST OF SHADE; how to plan, plant and grow a fabulous garden that lightens up the shadows*, came to my attention. Larry Hodgson, the author, was the President of the Garden Writers Association and the winner of the prestigious 2006 Garden Media Promoter Award offered by the Perennial Plant Association. He gardens in Quebec City, Quebec, hardiness zone 5.

Hodgson says "I have seen the enemy and his name is **root competition**". Tree roots grow in the top few inches of soil well beyond the drip line. He gives three methods of planting among the roots:

**1- Create a garden over those tree roots** - Spread 5 to 10 sheets of newspapers, both black and white and colored, overlapping in a layer over the area. Just leave any grass and vegetation which will decompose. Cover the paper with at least 8 inches of good topsoil mixed with compost and plant within this layer either immediately or cover the soil with a tarp and plant within a few days.

**2- Spot planting with newspapers** - In the chosen area, dig a hole 1 1/2 times deeper than the soil in the pot, and 4 times the root spread. Cover the bottom and sides of the hole with newspaper, and fill the hole with a mix of 1/2 soil, that was removed from the hole, and 1/2 your good compost. Using the best watering-in method settle the plant in.

**3- Spot planting in sunken pots** - Choose 1/2 gallon pot for small plants, and 2 gallon pots for larger plants which have several large drainage holes. Dig a large hole to fit the pot, and sink the pot leaving up to 2 inches of pot exposed so that pot can be grasped to remove or to twist periodically. The rim will be covered with mulch. Add good soil, the plant and water well.

*Further advice from Hodgson:*

- Mulch is anything that covers up the top layer of soil- Shredded bark, chopped leaves, or whatever is available. It should be 3 to 4 inches deep when you apply it. As it decomposes, simply add fresh mulch on top without removing the old stuff.
- Plant full grown plants with large rootballs. A substantial root system is less bothered by root competition.
- Remove secondary tree roots only at a distance of about 4 to 6 feet from the trunk.

- Plant creeping or spreading ground covers and vine to cover more space.
- Use "gardener-friendly" shade trees. A few that Hodgson suggests: Japanese maple, Red horse chestnut, Fraxinella, Golden-rain tree.

## WNYHS Annual Meeting 2020

We are not able to have a Members' Meeting this month but our Constitution requires that we have an Annual Meeting. Annually, we need to receive and approve committee reports, receive a financial statement, declare a budget for next year and elect the slate of officers and board members approved by the current Board. No quorum is required in conducting this business.

We also have an obligation to keep our membership and their families safe in these difficult times.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, at 1pm, at the Senior Center, East Aurora (possibly in the car park) we will hold an Annual Meeting. There will be no program, no shop, no refreshments. Board members have been asked to attend. There is no need for anybody else to be there. The committee reports, financial statement, proposed budget and the slate of board members to be elected will be circulated for prior reading. (Members who would like to comment on these reports can do so by email to [H8staman@aol.com](mailto:H8staman@aol.com) before November 13<sup>th</sup>. These comments will be aired). Minutes will be taken and the reports and the slate presented voted upon. It is intended that the meeting will only last five minutes.

The reason for the actions above is better explained in the report from our Parliamentarian, Sue Sickles, that has been circulated electronically.

# IT'S OK TO BE GREEN



My hosta mentor in England once said that new customers to her hosta nursery usually bought variegated plants but on their second visit they always bought the green ones. This, she said, was because they decided that they needed contrast in their hosta plantings.

Green is good. Some greens are very good.

Easily my favorite larger green hosta is H. 'Irish Luck'. Frankly it is a *stunning* looker. It is not a huge plant but it is well proportioned. A mature specimen stands about 18 inches tall and the leaves, held upright, are about 10 inches long and 7 inches wide. OK, so they are green - but they are a lovely *glossy* dark green that shine in the



'Irish Luck' - photo by NH Hostas

garden. Add to this the rippled and slightly wavy leaf margins and the extremely narrow pointed leaf tip and you have a green

hosta that is instantly recognizable. It grows well in a pot or the flower bed and takes a little sun. The pale lavender flowers arrive mid-summer. It is a huge improvement on its mother, H. 'Invincible'.

A very good, smaller green hosta is H. 'Devon Green'. This is the all-green version of H. 'Halcyon' and there is a green Halcyon with a different name in each corner of the hosta world. They are all garden worthy but you really only need one of them. One of the American versions

is H. 'Peridot' found and registered by own very own Ran Lydell. Aside from the color of its dark green, slightly glossy leaves H. 'Devon Green' has all the characters and attributes of H. 'Halcyon'. A medium size, good grower with leaves that have good substance and a large number of prominent leaf veins.

Smaller still is a wonderful green hosta, H. 'Mighty Mite'. Standing barely over 6 inches tall and with its dark green, glossy leaves it is almost a miniature version of H. 'Irish Luck' except that the leaves are more wavy and slightly twisted. They also lay flatter giving the plant a low, compact profile. Its speckled, dark lavender flowers appear late in the season. It is the perfect foil against those blousy little variegated hussies in the small hosta garden.

## Mellow Yellow

There are so many good large yellow hostas, from H. 'Aspen Gold' to H. 'Zounds', that I have found it impossible to recommend just the one so I am going to mention two. Both grow strongly and can take a good deal of sun. H. 'Key West' is a huge bright yellow hosta with leaves that can easily be a foot square. Held erect they flatten to maximize exposure to the light. A very good grower in these climes it is a standout yellow hosta in the garden.



Not quite so showy is H. 'Gold Regal' but it is an even better grower. The 'regal' series of hostas, those that originate with H. 'Krossa Regal', are all practically infertile but the scapes of H. 'Gold Regal' are always heavy with seed pods. I pondered this for a while before discovering the H. 'Gold Regal' is a seedling not a sport. Sadly we will never know its true provenance as it was originally registered by Paul Aden but is now attributed to Florence Shaw. Aden did not give any clear details of its origin and listed plant and leaf dimensions that are way too small. Both our plants are double the registered height and the pale yellow, matt leaves more than double the registered size. It is very a vigorous hosta, multiplies quickly and stands proud in the hosta garden or large pot.

If you are looking for a small yellow hosta you need look no further than H. 'Tickle Me Pink' although in perfect growing conditions it often outgrows the description 'small'. The mature plant is over two feet wide and sometimes a little taller than the declared 8 inches high. It is a stunning bright yellow all through the season and the pointed, slightly rippled leaves are carried on pinkish petioles. The reddish, purple flowers appear late in the season.



One of the very best medium sized yellow hostas is H. 'Dancing Queen'. We have an affinity with

this plant because it was bred by Kent Terpening when he was a member of WNYHS. The plant is 15 – 18 inches tall and the very pale-yellow leaves are fairly large for the size of the plant. Their outstanding feature is the very heavy veining that means the variety is instantly recognizable in the hosta garden. A very good grower, it can take quite a lot of sun.

## Hoop House News

Our Members' Only Hosta Sale at the Hoop House not only provided the membership will good, well-grow reasonably priced hostas and increased the funds in our treasury, it also cleared some space in what was rapidly becoming a very over-crowded growing space. Fear not, *we have ordered a large number of bare-root hosta from Naylor Creek and our generous friend Oscar Cross has promised us a truck load of additional plants in the spring.*

The white plastic cover is in place and the hostas are fast going dormant. The final four racks will soon be installed. There will again be working parties next year and we intend to have our Hoop House Opening and Members' Only Plant sale as usual next spring.

In fact, depending on the stage of COVID-19 restrictions, we may add an additional sale - after our public sale - to keep everyone engaged and our inventory under control.

We'd love to get back to SOP (standard operating procedure), but if that's impossible, we will try to be nimble!

# Western New York Hosta Society

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**We're on the web**  
**WWW.Wnyhosta.com**

Next meeting: ?? TBA

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*All the pieces for NEXT year's Fall Hosta Forum are in place. .... We have pushed the speakers booked for THIS year into next year and we are hopeful the show will go on. **If you did not request a refund for your 2020 registration, we have moved it to 2021.***

*We have two of the most highly-regarded hosta personalities in the world, plus two additional speakers in great demand everywhere. Plus our Friday night has evolved - based on your survey responses we have changed to a vendor preview with sandwiches and salad and a \$5 voucher for the vendors...*

## **2021 FALL HOSTA AND GARDEN FORUM**

*Sponsored by: Daffodil & Hosta Society of Western PA and Western NY Hosta Society*

### **The Roaring Twenties**



**Don Rawson (hostas)**  
All the way from Michigan

**Tim Boebel**  
Hydrangeas for the North

**John Totten/Linda Kramer**  
Native Plants

**Noah Schwartz (hostas)**  
Also all the way from Michigan

**September 19th**  
Edinboro, PA

*Details: [www.wnyhosta.com](http://www.wnyhosta.com)*