

THE CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY

THE HOSTA CONNECTION

MARCH 4, 2017 MEETING FIELD TRIP TO PICCADILLY FARMS

We are going to car pool; we are meeting in the parking lot of 'AT HOME' --- the store is located at the corner of McBrien Rd and South Terrace. Try to arrive before 8:30 am to see who will drive and who will ride.

Jimmy Wooten sent me this email: “In the news letter, advise those that are going to Pickadilly that **we will be leaving the parking lot at 8:45 am on Saturday morning.** For those that are late have them put this information in their G>P>S. Pickadilly Farm Nursery, 1971 Whipporwill Rd, Ga. Phone number 706-765-4444 or 706-765-4446 or my cell: 423- 242-3743 If they have any questions call me or if they get lost.”

I looked up Piccadilly Farms on the internet this is a description of what they say about their gardens:

“Piccadilly Farm Nursery and Gardens is a destination garden shopping experience offering an extensive selection of wonderful plants including natives and classic southern favorites in addition to rare and unusual plants. The farm is a special place to visit because of our wonderful gardens, and we also offer tours. “

There are no restaurants near buy, You will need to bring your lunch and drink, Piccadilly has a picnic area.

Buyer beware!

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That new hosta might not be what the label says you're getting! by J.D. Belanger

What's in a name? Shakespeare might think a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but Warren I. Pollock, a columnist for the American Hosta Society's *The Hosta Journal*, thinks otherwise.

He frequently dwells on what, to some, might appear as nitpicking. (Not too long ago he was upset, perhaps justifiably, we don't know, because a hosta with "Dr." in the name contained—horrors!—a period, when there shouldn't have been one. This is probably important to purists, but to us, it was more interesting to learn that abbreviations like Prof. and Rev. have periods, but others, such as Dr and St [Doctor and Saint] do not—in England, that is. And in AHS.

His latest revelation is more pertinent. It involves television giant's HGTV selling plants, including hostas. The problem is, they're renaming well-known registered hostas, presumably to add some sales pizzazz.

One is Bob Solberg's 'Orange Marmalade,' which they call "Citrine Supreme™." Another is "Blue Dew™," registered as 'First Frost.' The list goes on.

Just be aware that if you buy an HGTV Home, or Hosta Treasures™ hosta, you might not be getting what you think you're getting. You might already have it, under another name.

Slow Spring Emergers

by Paul Pilon

It's perfectly normal for hosta cultivars to emerge at significantly different times in the spring. Some varieties will emerge rather quickly, while others are slower to appear. There are several reasons why hostas re-emerge at various rates in the spring.

Hostas require a particular amount of cold temperatures for them to break dormancy; each cultivar has its own requirement regarding the length of vernalization it needs prior to spring emergence. Most hostas require 6 to 10 weeks of cold temperatures (below 35F/1C). Plants that haven't received the appropriate amount of cold will take significantly longer to emerge.

Plant genetics also greatly affect spring emergence. Hosta cultivars with tokudama (Abiqua Drinking Gourd) or fortunei (Striptease) parentage generally emerge slower than varieties with montana (Aureomarginata), plantaginea (Sum and Substance), sieboldiana (Elegans) and undulata (Albomarginata) parentage. Since most hostas are sold as hybrids, it can be difficult to learn a cultivar's parentage in advance and the exact origins are often unclear.

During production, it's helpful to group hostas by how quickly they emerge in the spring. Cultivars that emerge quickly can be placed in one environment and grown cooler, while slow-emerging cultivars can be placed in a warmer environment to promote faster emergence. When grown in this manner, all types of hostas can be marketed at approximately the same times.