

THE CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY



THE HOSTA CONNECTION



JUNE 3, 2017 MEETING at 1 O'CLOCK PLANT AUCTION AT RUBY RYMER'S BETHLEHAM GARDENS



Notes from the Editor

If you had plants for the picnic/auction, you can bring them Saturday, June 3rd. I heard the picnic had some new faces, (I hope y'al will come to Ruby's) the food was good and everyone had a good time. As we (I) get older we tend to forget things, if I don't write it on the calendar or show a change – I'm at a loss. This is why Johnny and I missed the picnic. I could tie a string around my finger but then I wouldn't remember why I tied it.

We are not planning on refreshments for the meeting/auction but if you want to bring a little something you can, I know a lot of you brings a little goodie to the meetings every now and then.

In the May newsletter I told you what plants sell at the auction, in case you don't remember----anything and everything sales. If you don't have any plants to bring, just bring money.

Johnny and I are planning to attend the Dixie Regional Hosta Convention: I've included the registration form. It would be fun if several of our members, also, attended. Several years ago when the National Hosta Convention was in Nashville, Dennis, Therese, Johnny and I attended. Dennis and Therese arrived on the first day, they had first pick of the plants. The plant auction on Friday night was amazing, I couldn't believe the prices paid for the hostas. We had a good time.

2017 DIXIE REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY CONVENTION
SHADY UNIVERSITY – A FALL HOSTA RETREAT

September 15-16, 2017 – Peachtree City, GA

Hosted by the Georgia Hosta Society

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Complete a separate form for each attendee. Please print name as you wish it to appear on your name badge.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) E-Mail: _____

Publish my name in the Convention Attendee List: () Yes () No

REGISTRATION

Registration includes one Gift Hosta, Hospitality Room (Thursday – Saturday), one Drink Ticket at Bar on Friday, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday.

Registration, prior August 1 \$95.00 \$ _____

Registration, postmarked after August 1, add late fee . . . \$25.00 \$ _____

Total Amount . . . \$ _____

Cancellation received prior to August 1st will be refunded with a \$20 processing fee deducted. Cancellation request received thereafter will not be refunded.

PAYMENT

Mail this form and remittance.

Make check payable to: Georgia Hosta Society

Mail to:

Dexter Henry, Registrar

PO Box 243

Fayetteville, GA 30214

Contact e-mail:

dextermckayhenry@gmail.com

PARTICIPATION

I will donate plants for Friday evening's Plant Auction.

Approximate number: () 1 – 3 plants () over 3 plants

I will donate an item or items for Silent Auction.

I plan to participate in Hosta Photo Contest.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Contact Hotel directly:
Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
201 Aberdeen Parkway
Peachtree City, GA 30269
Phone: (770) 487-2666

Mention you are with Dixie Regional Hosta Society for group rate of \$109 per night plus applicable taxes. The group rate applies to stays on September 14, 15 and 16th.

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Course Description : A Look to the Future The Georgia Hosta Society invites all hostaphiles to enroll and learn about new developments in hostas as well as other shade companion plants. Course instructors include Rob Mortko of Made in the Shade Gardens, Bob Solberg of Green Hill Farm, Mark Maher of Flowerwood Nursery (distributors of Encore Azaleas, Southern Living Collection Plants, Proven Winners plants and other plant material to Southeastern nurseries), and more.

(Thursday, September 14 Registration desk will be open 5:00-7:00 pm. Hospitality room opens at 7:00 pm.)

Friday, September

informal garden tours, plant sales, photography contest and auction.

Saturday, September 16 activities include speakers, Dixie Region meeting, and a silent auction. Light breakfast and full lunch included.

Location: Crowne Plaza SW Hotel Conference Center located about 25 miles south of Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport on 38 beautifully landscaped acres in Peachtree City, Georgia.

How do you know you are a real Gardener?

You would rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothing store.

You prefer gardening to watching television.

You plan vacation trips to arboretums and public parks.

Dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride.

“Several years ago I found an article with recipes for hosta, I used it as an article in the newsletter. As I was hunting for an article today, I came across this article. 'That hostas were toxic'. Their not !!! This is why we should research articles before we believe everything we read.”

ARE HOSTA PLANTS TOXIC ?

Source: aspca.org en wikipedia.org

Hosta plants are **toxic** to dogs, cats and horses according to the ASPCA.

Hostas, or *Hosta plataginea*, contains saponins, which are **toxic to pets and animals**. Hostas are also known as plantain lily or funkia.ng.

Hostas are a collection of thousands of plants that are cultivated as shade plants. Hostas have erect shoots of flowers containing saponin poisoning which causes diarrhea and vomiting. The plant is native to northeast Asia, but is widely seen in the United States.

ANOTHER ARTICLE

Toxic? Ha !!! People cannot grow hostas, if they live in an area with a **deer** population. **Deer love to eat hosta**. Have you tried tasting hosta. You harvest them like asparagus, cut close to the roots, but leave the roots alone. I cut about 25% from a cluster. Hosta shoots are like asparagus and endive without the bitterness, very mild and tender.

MORE HUMOR IN THE GARDEN

"Annuals" mean disappointment once a year.

Your lawn is always slightly bigger than your desire to mow it.

Whichever garden tool you want is always at the back of the shed.

The only way to ensure rain, is to give the garden a good soaking.

Weeds grow at precisely the rate you pull them out.

Nothing ever looks like it does on the seed packet.

However bare the lawn, grass will appear in the cracks between the patio paving stones.

Evergreens go a funny shade of brown in the winter.

"Carefree" refers more to the plant's attitude than to your workload.

"Zone 7 with protection" is a variation on the phrase "Russian roulette."

Informational table showing disease name, symptoms, pathogen/cause, and management of Hosta diseases.

Disease	Symptoms	Pathogen/Cause	Management
Anthracnose	Large, irregular to round tan spots with dark borders sometimes have the centers of the spots fall out. Small black dots (fungal fruiting structures) may be seen in the spots.	<i>Colletotrichum</i>	Remove infected leaves. Irrigate plants in a manner that keeps water off the leaves. Apply a fungicide to protect healthy leaves.
Petiole rot	Leaf stems brown at the soil level as leaves turn yellow, then brown, wilt and die. White fan-like fungal growth at the base of the plant eventually has small, black structures on its surface.	<i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i>	Do not pile mulch or soil around the base of plants. Remove infected plants. Take care to not spread the black fungal structures elsewhere in the garden during plant removal.
Fusarium root and crown rot	Infected plants are stunted and emerge unusually late in the spring. Leaves yellow, brown, and die. Stems at the soil line have a dry decay that is brown to black in color.	<i>Fusarium hostae</i>	Remove infected plants. During transplanting, take care to not wound roots or stems.
Bacterial soft rot	Petioles and lower leaves have a wet decay that smells badly as leaves yellow and wilt.	<i>Pectobacterium</i>	Remove infected plants. When dividing plants, thoroughly clean and disinfect knives and other tools that come in contact with the plants. Wash hands thoroughly when finished with one plant before going to the next.

Hosta virus X	Mosaic, yellowing, and death of leaves can occur. On variegated varieties, colors may bleed into one another severely affected leaves may wither and die.	Hosta virus X (HVX)	This virus is very easily spread from plant to plants on hands and tools. Destroy infected plants and wash hands and tools thoroughly after working on one plant and before moving to the next. Do not divide infected plants.
Viruses	Virus infections cause a variety of symptoms including discrete circular, concentric rings that look like a target spot and yellowing and puckering of leaves.	Impatiens necrotic spot (INSV), Arabis mosaic (ArMV), tomato ringspot (ToRSV), Tomato spotted wilt (TSWV) viruses	Purchase only healthy, symptom-free plants. Destroy infected plants. Do not take cuttings from or divide infected plants since new plants will carry viruses. Control thrips that spread INSV and TWSV.
Foliar nematodes	Stripes of light green to yellow areas parallel to the major leaf veins form on older leaves. Affected areas turn brown and result in leaves having a dry, tattered appearance.	<i>Aphelenchoides</i> spp.	Purchase plants with no symptoms. Water in a manner that does not wet the leaves. Splashing water spreads foliar nematodes. Remove and destroy leaves with dead areas.
Root knot nematode	Small galls or swollen areas form on roots and may cause root tips to branch close to the tip. Plants may be stunted, wilt easily, and appear to be nutrient deficient.	<i>Meloidogyne</i> spp.	Destroy infected plants and avoid replanting hosta in an infested area.