President’s Message

Hello Hosta Friends,

Our April meeting started with a delicious array of finger foods made by our members. Thank you to everyone for sharing your cooking talents with the group. I, for one, always look forward to what you will bring next!

We then enjoyed a presentation from Theresa DeVries of Stone Soul Gardens. She is a very talented artist who makes garden items out of hypertufa, a mixture of portland cement, peat moss and perlite. She brought troughs, mushrooms and decorated "tiles" for purchase. She shared some tips for decorating the Hypertufa troughs that many of us are planning to try during our trough making picnic at Emerald Forest Nursery this summer.

On August 13th, we will carpool to DJ'S Greenhouse in Transfer, PA to make Fairy Gardens. The cost is $35.00, $5.00 of which will be paid by the club, so your cost will be $30.00 for the container, soil, plants and Fairy related props of DJ's choosing. There is also a luncheon prepared by DJ's and paid for by the club. Many garden related items and plants, of course, are for sale at the greenhouse. Space is limited only for the Fairy Garden project, so all members are welcome to make the trip. All checks are to be made out to NCHS and sent to Jim Spuhler by August 1st.

We will also tour our member Joan Altman's hosta nursery on this day, as it is not far from DJ'S. She has many unusual varieties of hosta for sale, and a fantastic garden to tour. Be sure not to miss this trip. Exact time to be announced at a later date, keep watching your e-mails!

With summer in our sights, I hope to see very many of you at our events throughout the coming months!

Barb Rauckhorst
Thank you, Theresa DeVries, of Stone Soul Garden, for an informative and interesting program on making hypertufa containers. Theresa not only gave us ideas of products to use to make the hypertufa solution, but great suggestions for containers and products to use to finish the outside. She also provided a set of her hypertufa tiles as a door prize for our members.

Members checking out the various hypertufa creations that Theresa brought. A bidding war could have broken out over the large mushroom!! That is one of the most difficult Theresa has available at Stone Soul Garden. You can see her work and contact her through the website frekol.com/stone-soul-garden.

Hosta leaves picked from my garden give pots a natural and earthy texture. Various sizes and shapes are available,
Club Tour to Pennsylvania in August

The Club has planned a trip to Pennsylvania on August 13. The highlight of the trip is the opportunity to make Fairy Gardens at DJ’s Greenhouse in Transfer, PA. The cost of constructing the Garden is $35.00 with North Coast Hosta Society picking up $5.00 of that cost. The cost includes: Large round container filled with soil to hold the garden, four plants, three accessories of DJ’s choosing and all stones. If you wish to add more items, they can be purchased. The sign ups will be limited to 20 so it is important to make your reservation for the project as soon as possible.

The trip includes a tour of DJ’s Greenhouse and a picnic on the grounds provided by DJ’s and paid for by the North Coast Hosta Society. This is an open event and any member is welcome to attend the picnic and tour...it is only the Fairy Garden project that is limited by space. Take a look at DJ’s website (djsgreenhouse.com) and click on the Summer photos in the Photo Gallery. (Drive time from Strongsville is approximately one hour 25 minutes.

Member Joan Altman has invited members to tour her Joan’s Country Garden which is just a few miles away. She has a beautiful garden and sells quality hostas in Western Pennsylvania, both new hostas as well as older favorites. Her garden is filled with gorgeous day lilies. Check out her website (joanscountrygarden.com). Drive time from DJ’s to Joan’s is 20 to 25 minutes.

It is very important that we have your reservation for the Fairy Garden project and that we know how many will be attending to give DJ’S a count to prepare the picnic. Please make your reservations with Denise and Andrew Mullins, who graciously volunteered to chair this project. Their e-mail address is denisemullins@neo.rr.com or 516-376-4150.

More details will be provided as to time, carpooling, etc. when know how many plan to go. Please contact Denise and Andrew with your reservation and make payment to Jim Spuhler by August 1.
Plan to attend the Hosta Tail Gate in Akron—in our own backyard. Tailgates are great fun and a chance to see new gardens. It is best to log on to the website for details as to schedule and accommodations.

We have three of our North Coast Hosta quality golf style shirts available for sale: ONE XXL LADIES IN GREEN; ONE LARGE LADIES IN YELLOW AND ONE MEDIUM LADIES IN YELLOW—GOING FOR THE CLOSEOUT PRICE OF ONLY $10. We also have a couple of giveaways from the Cleveland AHS convention both blue L and XL. If you are interested, e-mail Cindy Hughes.

### Membership in NCHS gives the following benefits:

* Members Only prices on Club “special purchase hosta”
* Great prices on our “Hoop House” plants.
* Member prices on slug bait, fertilizer, deer repellent, etc.
* Preferential registration and reduced registration fee for Hosta College
* The club provides meat and beverages at all of our “Potluck” picnics and meetings.
* The opportunity to learn and share information about hosta culture.
* Developing friendships with other people who love hostas.

And Much, much more!

### Club Co-Op Supplies

As in previous years we are again offering our members Co-Op items. We have the following items available:

- Liquid Fence
- Fertilizer
- Plant Markers
- Slug Bait
- Garden Gloves in small, medium and large
- Handbook on Troughs
- Cookbooks

For current prices please consult the web site. Please call Carl Schmid at 330-264-8815 to pre-order these items to be brought to the next meeting. No individual deliveries.
NCHS Plant Sales

The Club plant sales are our primary source of income that subsidizes club activities, pays for speakers and some of the good food at club activities. Every member should consider donating time to helping with these events and purchasing club plants from the hoop house as part of their duties as members. Please consider spending some time helping the group with one or more of the following plant sales. Contact Barb - (rocksdog4@yahoo.com or 440-237-6709) or any Board Member to let us know when you can help.

We need sales people at both sales and the following for set up and return

May 28 - Sale at Helen Walkerly’s in Wooster (Memorial Weekend) 9:00 to 3:00

For Pre-sale set up and take down contact: Jim Spuhler jlsjjs@att.net or 440-846-2634.
Jim will need three or four people on Thursday, May 26 (Late morning or at latest 6:00 pm) to haul flats from the hoop house to Eileen’s garage to store overnight for pick up Friday late morning.
We will also need two people on Friday morning at 11:00 am to help load flats of plants at Sunbeam Gardens, then travel to Eileen’s, load and transport the hoop House plants to Wooster

June 18 - June in Cahoon - Bay Village plant sale at Cahoon Park 9:00 to 4:00

For Pre-sale set up and take down contact: Jim Spuhler jlsjjs@att.net or 440-846-2634.
Will need 4 or 5 drivers and vehicles to transport plants from the Hoop house.
Pick up Friday June 17 6:00 pm, take them home and then go to the Bay Village site for set up at 7:00 and take down at 4:00pm

Drivers and vehicles will be needed after each sale, to return the unsold plants back to the Hoop House
The Midland Hosta Society

invites you to

Hosta Tailgate 2016

on July 8-9,

2016

in the Akron, Ohio area.

For More information - contact: Donna McMillen  donnamcm53@gmail.com  or Priscilla Kiehl  commstat@sbcglobal.net

For additional information: Website: www.ihostohio.org  “Coming Events”

The website has details on the schedule and available overnight facilities.

The Gardens this year are:

Ralph Zilch - Amherst, Ohio
Diane and Bruce Morris - Westlake
Larry and Jan Hudak - Valley City

We will end the day with our picnic at
Emerald Forest Nursery
in Columbia Station

watch for special edition with details
Invite Other Plant Lovers to Join the North Coast Hosta Society

2016 Monthly Calendar of Events.

May 28 - Plant Sale at Helen Walkerly’s in Wooster (Memorial Weekend)

June 15-18 - AHS National Convention

June 18 - June in Cahoon - Bay Village plant sale at Cahoon Park

June 25 - NCHS Garden Tours

July 8 and 9 - Great Lakes Region Tailgate in Akron - Hosted by the Midland Society

July 30 - Picnic and activity at Emerald Forest

August 13 - Trip to PA to DJ’s Greenhouse and Fairy garden workshop

August 29 - North Royalton Library - Show and Tell Pizza Party

October 22 - Annual Jon Soucek and Bob Kuk Memorial dinner and meeting at the Club House.