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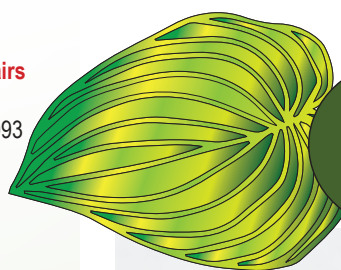
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Shades of

GREEN

July in the Iris patch:

Continue to weed and water your irises and check for iris borers. If borers have eaten into the rhizome, dig it up then remove and destroy the borer. Use a potato peeler to scrape rotten/soft tissue from the rhizome and soak for an hour in a 10% bleach/water bath. Let the rhizome dry in a cool dry place for a couple days, then replant. If you grow reblooming iris, fertilize them again and keep them well watered.



Lost and Found Notes from June

Every spring old iris friends surprise me. In 2023 IB 'Sonoran Sands' (Rick Tasco 1995) bloomed for the first time since 2015. SDB 'Grape Orbit' (Anthony and Dorothy Willott 1984) was moved several years ago; it's finally back. 'Demi Deuil' (Denis 1912), and 'Pink Tiger' (El Dorado Iris Gardens 1965) reappeared after being moved several years ago. Sadly, pinkish TB beauty 'Dogrose' (Violet Insole 1930) hasn't bloomed for five years.

On the other hand, I can't seem to get rid of 'Cherie' (David Hall 1945), Dykes Medal 1951. It's a special iris, one of the early "Flamingo Pinks", which were sensational for their time. Its fragrance is strong and sweet. Each year, every rhizome is dug and given away or sold. Each year it reappears. There'll be at least three rhizomes coming to the sale this year. Mother Nature has a cruel sense of humor.

~ Kathryn Mohr



Shades of

GREEN

...and so much more



UNYHS Leadership Message

Dear fellow Hosta lovers,

June has come and gone in the blink of an eye.

Crazy temperatures but our Hosta friends were well watered by all the rain and survived the intense heat. Some of mine that are more exposed to the sun got a little scorched though.

Our June meeting at Gate Farms was a success and Amy Castillo was a wonderful presenter and host. Helpful information on new varieties of perennials and delicious cider donuts. What a great combination! She has invited us to go back to the farm in April to see the whole operation of nursing the plants and getting ready for the spring season. I think it would be a very interesting visit.

Our next meeting will be on July 19th for our annual picnic and stroll of the CCE gardens. We will be eating inside to avoid the heat.

We have a good number of unused pots that we will not be using anymore. They are for sale 5/\$1.00, 12/\$2.00. Many sizes. They will be available for purchase at the July meeting.



Now for the big item:

The August 9th Sale at Faddegon's.

We need to have an idea of how many volunteers will be coming to help.

Please consider donating your time and Hostas to the club.

A digital sign up site is available through the link below

<https://signup.com/go/dWPaNEN>

Enjoy your summer! Happy 4th of July!

Lena Degeneff, Interim President

Local Societies, Groups, Organizations:

Capital Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)

https://www.aisregion2.org/region2_007.htm

Central Park Rose Garden, Schenectady

To Volunteer: <https://schenectadyrose.org/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County NY

Gardening page: <https://albany.cce.cornell.edu/gardening>

Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County NY

Horticulture page:
<https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/horticulture>

Cornell Cooperative Extension Saratoga County NY

Gardening and Landscape page:
<https://ccesaratoga.org/gardening-landscape>

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schenectady County NY

Gardening page:
<https://schenectady.cce.cornell.edu/gardening>

Friends of the Central Park Greenhouse

Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/CentralParkGreenhouses/>

Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve

Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/FWPSchenectady/>

Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society (HADS)

<https://hudsonadirondackdaylilsociety.org/>

Upstate New York Hosta Society (UNYHS)

Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168265013509911>

Wild Ones Capital Region NY Chapter

<https://capitalregionny.wildones.org/>

Garden Alliance Minutes

Michelle Young

Our Host was Amy Castillo from Gade Farm for this meeting

Public Plant Sale – multiple groups

The Hosta and Iris sale at Faddegons will take place August 9. If you haven't signed up already please do so ASAP and include your name on the list linked in our Shades of Green newsletter. We especially need volunteers early for setting up and/or late for bringing any unsold plants home to babysit. Hosta may also need drivers to help transport plants from "babysitters" to the sale. There are pictures of the varieties we bought from Walters as Bareroot Plants for sale in our June and July newsletters. A question about the possibility of setting up the night before came up so Lena will be contacting Faddegons to see if this even a possibility.

**The Daylily sale is the following weekend,
August 16, also at Faddegons.**

**The signup for either/both is here:
<https://signup.com/go/dWPaNEN>**

Dues: Michelle will continue to be collecting any outstanding dues at our registration table.

Hosta

The UNYHS treasurer's report balance after current expenses is \$2,849.53

Iris

Region 2 meeting will be at CCE Albany on October 18, with setup on October 17. We voted to cater the meal. This will add a small fee for the attendees.

If you are donating plants for the Iris sale, please send the info to Kathryn Mohr kemohrke@aol.com by mid-July.

Daylily

Printing of labels for all plants in the sale takes some time and effort. PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE let us know AHEAD OF TIME what you are donating so we can collect all the details and print labels.

**We have created an online form for you at
<https://forms.gle/L8CwoXAs75kVgGVW9>**

if you prefer, or send an email with the same info to michelle.young@socialscience.net. We can be flexible, but we need the info. See the presidents message for Daylily in this newsletter for more details.

Next Meeting

**The July 19 picnic will be indoors at the
CCE Office in Voorheesville.**



Garden Alliance Members and Friends 2025 Mark your calendars

JULY 19th
Summer Picnic

AUGUST 9th
Hosta & Iris Sale at Faddegon's

AUGUST 16th
Daylily Sale at Faddegon's

SEPTEMBER 20th

OCTOBER 18th

NOVEMBER 15th

DECEMBER 13th Holiday Party

2025 Garden Alliance Monthly Meetings

JULY 19th - Summer Picnic

AUGUST 9th - Hosta & Iris Sale at Faddegon's

AUGUST 16th - Daylily Sale at Faddegon's

SEPTEMBER 20th

OCTOBER 18th

NOVEMBER 15th

DECEMBER 13th Holiday Party



Garden Alliance Meetings

usually run from 10:00 am to about

1:30 pm and are held at the

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Albany County Office at 24 Martin Road

in Voorheesville, NY.

You are encouraged to bring a gardening friend that might be interested in becoming a member.

We need a few people to arrive at 9:45 am to help us set up tables and set out chairs as well as stay a few minutes after to help us put them away. Our brief Business Meeting starts at 10:15 am with our guest speaker's presentation beginning at 11:00 am and lasting for about an hour.

Our infamous

"Dish to Pass" luncheon
to be served at 12:00 noon.

This truly is a "Pot Luck" meal so we encourage you to bring whatever moves you such as main entrees, appetizers, salads, fruits, vegetables or your favorite desserts. We supply the beverages and place settings. You are also encouraged to bring a garden themed Door Prize to donate to make our meeting more fun!



David Besozzi's fabulous garden was on the 2025 Schenectady Soroptimist's Garden Tour.

I've seen David's presentation "My North American Garden Adventure" twice and thoroughly enjoyed it. Seeing his garden in person was the highlight of the tour for me. Every inch of his garden was perfection. Tucked to one side of the property was his wife's vegetable garden...equally perfect. I attended the tour with fellow plant and garden lovers. The raised bed mini greenhouse with storage underneath and the pathway gravel support grid system really caught our attention.- Arden Lawand



David was nice enough to take a photo of us. Note how he framed the shot. We were looking directly at him but he must have slyly moved the camera to the side

CHIS Leadership Message

Kathryn Mohr,
President Capital-Hudson Iris Society



Thanks to everyone who will be helping stage the AIS Region 2 annual meeting October 18. "Many hands make light work".

I'm really looking forward to the July 19 Garden Alliance pot-luck lunch! The food at our meetings is always great. We can enjoy strolling through the Albany CCE display gardens. My contribution to the door prize table will be pots of pink lily of the valley; they're increases from plants Margo Heck gave me a few years ago.

The iris sale at Faddegon's is CHIS's sole source of income. All iris donations are welcome. If you have irises to donate for the Faddegon's sale, please send me your list and a photo if you have one.

Capital-Hudson Iris Society doesn't collect dues. Please show your support by joining the American Iris Society. An annual E-membership is only \$15. <https://www.irises.org/aismembers/ais-membership/>



I thought I'd share just a few of the way too many photos I took at the Saratoga Soroptimist's Garden Tour on Sunday June 29th. Arden Lawand

A few more of the Hostas we will be selling at our Hosta Fundraiser at Faddegon's-August 9th



All Photos: From the HostaLibrary.org Website

All Descriptions from: MyHostas website & softwares are maintained by Hugo Philips on the HostaLibrary.org Website

Hosta	Captain Kirk (above)
Status	registered
Originator(s)	Kirk Brill 1999
Origin	'Gold Standard' sport
Size category	medium
Plant height x width	58x110 cm (23x43 in.)
Leaf length x width	20x18 cm (8x7 in.)
Leaf color	pale yellow,dark green edge
Variegation	medio

Hosta	Royal Wedding (below)
Status	registered
Originator(s)	Walters Gardens 2014
Origin	'Diana Remembered' sport
Size category	medium
Plant height x width	40x75 cm (16x30 in.)
Leaf length x width	17x14 cm (7x6 in.)
Vein pairs	11-12
Leaf color	green,(creamy yellow>white) edge
Variegation	edge
Flower	near white



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Hosta	Vulcan (above)
Status	registered
Originator(s)	Hans Hansen/Shady Oaks 2007
Origin	'Captain Kirk' sport
Size category	medium - large
Leaf color	white,dark green edge
Variegation	medio

Hosta	Wide Brim (below)
Status	registered
Originator(s)	Paul Aden 1979
Origin	'Bold One' x 'Bold Ribbons'
Size category	medium - large
Plant height x width	45x115 cm (18x45 in.)
Leaf length x width	22x15 cm (9x6 in.)
Vein pairs	10-12
Leaf color	dark green,(yellow>cream) edge
Variegation	edge
Leaf	corrugated
Flower	pale lavender



HADS Leadership Message

Michele Young

Looking for Daylily PLANT Donations!!

Our annual daylily sale is August 16 at Faddegons. This is the main fundraiser for HADS and we need your help to make it a huge success. Please check your gardens now for clumps large enough to donate, estimate how many fans from each clump could be donated and send in your list of varieties/fans.

What do you mean by fan?

A fan is a single plant with its "fan" of leaves. A clump is a group of many fans and in most cases a single fan can become a clump over a few years. For the sale, we will clean a clump and split it into individual fans (one fan attached to its tubers), then include 2 or more in a bag for the sale, depending on size/condition/quantity. We just need your best guess. We understand that counting while they are still in the ground is difficult. Just make your best guess so we can try to be prepared.

Do I have to donate the whole clump?

NOPE! Feel free save some fans for yourself (and don't include those in your fan estimates.) It is YOUR garden. This is a great way to tidy up/spread out those large clumps to keep your garden in healthy shape. If you'd like to donate an entire clump to make room for another variety you might like even more, we will happily take the whole clump!

What do you mean by variety?

The variety is the identifying name of the plant type. What was it called when you bought it? South Seas? Mary Todd? In the Heart of it All? These names help us look up the details in the AHS database for the tags and to make sure we have the pictures for the sale tables. If we cannot locate a picture, we might ask you if you have one from your garden.

What if I don't know the variety name?

We prefer it if you know the variety, However, unknown variety plants can be used for gift plants at the sale, or if you have a good picture (and maybe tell us the approximate date it bloomed), we can sell it as an unknown.

Do I have to dig them now?

No. Wait for the week before the sale. If you can dig out the clump (try putting it in a trash bag and labeling the bag) and bring it to the cleaning/labeling party, we can separate them as a group and get them labeled. You can also separate them yourself and bring them to the cleaning/labeling party to get them labeled. If you need help digging, let us know ahead of time and we will work to try to arrange something. We know not everyone is able to dig but please speak up sooner rather than later. Talk to someone in the group for details and other options.



Why do you need this data now?

We would like some time to gather all the details for each plant, make sure we have the pictures (or try to get one if we don't), and to print the labels ahead of time to make things easier on the labeling day.

How do I submit my Varieties/Fan Counts?

We have two different options for you.

OPTION 1: Fill out a Google form online. We have tried to make it easy enough that you can fill out one line for each Variety and the corresponding fan estimates, separating the variety from the fan estimate with a Colon (:).

For Example,

South Seas: 10

In the Heart of it All: 7

This method will store all the data in a Google Sheet for us.

<https://forms.gle/L8CwoXAs75kVgGVW9>

OPTION 2: If you decide to email your data instead, make sure you include your name, phone number (in case of questions only), and a list of each variety and corresponding fan estimate, separated by a colon.

For Example,

South Seas: 10

In the Heart of it All: 7

Then Email your list to michelle.young@socialscience.net

Thank you so much for any plants you can provide!

American Hosta Growers Association

2025 Hosta of the Year



With the increasing number of hosta cultivars being introduced each year it is increasingly difficult for nursery owners and gardeners to choose just the right hostas for their sales areas and gardens. To this end the American Hosta Growers Association established the AHGA Hosta of the Year in 1996. It is selected by a vote of AHGA members. 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.

(Reprinted from the Western NY Hosta Society, "Hosta La Vista" February 2025)

Previous Hosta of the Year

- 2024 'Mini Skirt'
- 2023 'Neptune'
- 2022 'Island Breeze'
- 2021 'Rainbow's End'
- 2020 'Dancing Queen'
- 2019 'Lakeside Paisley Print'
- 2018 'World Cup'
- 2017 'Brother Stefan'
- 2016 'Curly Fries'
- 2015 'Victory'
- 2014 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
- 2013 'Rainforest Sunrise'
- 2012 'Liberty'
- 2011 'Praying Hands'
- 2010 'First Frost'
- 2009 'Earth Angel'
- 2008 'Blue Mouse Ears'
- 2007 'Paradigm'
- 2006 'Stained Glass'
- 2005 'Striptease'
- 2004 'Sum and Substance'
- 2003 'Regal Splendor'
- 2002 'Guacamole'
- 2001 'June'
- 2000 'Sage'
- 1999 'Paul's Glory'
- 1998 'Fragrant Bouquet'
- 1997 'Patriot'
- 1996 'So Sweet'



2025 Hosta of the Year

'Skywriter'

(Wols NR)

Color - Blue
 Size - Medium (17"ht x 46"w)
 Habit - Semi-upright
 Bloom - Lavender

Parentage - 'Marilyn Monroe' x ('Neptune' x 'Smoke Signals')
 Beautiful ruffled blue leaves held on deep purple petioles in a semi-upright manner. The petioles and the white backs of the leaves are easily seen creating a stunning visual. Lavender flowers. For more info see The Hosta Journal 47-2.

Special Note from Dave Jennings

(former board member for the American Hosta Growers Association)

This is the last year a Hosta was chosen for this prestigious recognition since the American Hosta Growers Association has disbanded for a number of reasons. I personally nominated many of the varieties voted on and chosen by my fellow HOSTAholics over the years. They all are great varieties and all should be in every collectors garden.

Below is our promotional piece for our sale at Faddegon's this August. Please share the details with all your Gardening Friends and encourage them to come early for the best selection. It is also attached to the email for this newsletter so you can pass it out at your Garden Club Meeting or hang it everywhere you feel appropriate.

The Garden Alliance



Fundraising Plant Sales

A Capital Region Alliance of the Upstate New York Hosta Society, the Capital-Hudson Iris Society, the Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society and the Garden Club of the Capital District with a mutual interest in all things gardening

Hosta and Iris Plant Sale

Saturday, August 9th, 2025

Daylily Plant Sale

Saturday, August 16th, 2025

Fabulous flowers and foliage
from our gardens to yours
for two annual fundraising sales to the public.
New and old favorites in a rainbow of colors,
sizes and shapes.
All unique and beautiful,
and at bargain prices!

9:00 am to Noon

or until sold out so come early for the best selection - Held rain or shine

Location:

Faddegon's Garden Center and Nursery
1140 Troy-Schenectady Rd (Rt. 7)
Latham, NY 12110

CASH OR CHECK ONLY PLEASE

Garden Alliance members

Dues are due now...



For most of us, it's time to pay our Membership dues for this year. Dues are a crucial aspect of sustaining the operations and activities of our organizations. These financial contributions from members not only aid in covering miscellaneous expenses but also fund various programs and initiatives that benefit us all. Please use the Forms below to mail in your check(s) for payment of your dues ASAP. If possible, please pay for three years in order to make it easier for our Membership Chair and Treasurer. If you don't know if you are paid for this year, just send in a new form with your check and we will extend your membership accordingly if you are already up to date with your dues.

New Memberships

At our January meeting we decided to reward all new memberships with a \$10 Voucher to be used at our annual fund-raising plant sales at Faddegon's Garden Center in August. That should encourage more new members or serve as an incentive to give friends a Gift Membership that will cover the cost of a new Iris, Daylily or Hosta Plant.

The Purpose of Membership Dues

Membership dues serve multiple purposes but they primarily provide a steady stream of revenue that ensures the organization can function effectively. This includes covering costs related to:

- Event planning and execution
- Facility/Room rentals
- Member services and support
- Advocacy and outreach programs

In addition to sustaining the organization, membership dues also enable the enhancement of member experiences.

They fund educational programs, professional development opportunities, networking events, and other initiatives that add value to our associations.

**Use one membership forms in this newsletter to renew your membership(s)
or to give a friend or family member a Membership in UNYHS, CHIS, AIS or HADS.**

UNYHS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please return this Form to:

Penny Salemme, Membership Chair, 11 Woodhall Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065

(This information is used to send you our newsletter, periodic emails and include you in our membership directory)

Name(s)

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-mail

(Required to receive Newsletters)

Enclosed are my/our \$10.00 annual dues.

Please send dues for 3 years if possible, to help keep administrative time to a minimum.

Amount Paid _____ Check # _____ Please make checks payable to UNYHS

I would like to volunteer to help serve on the following committees:

☐ Revising By-Laws

☐ Plant Acquisition

☐ Other (Indicate below)

☐ Assisting with Hospitality

☐ Recruiting Guest Speakers

☐ Maintaining our Library

☐ Organizing Summer Tours

☐ Recruiting Membership

☐ Serve as an Officer

☐ Writing Newsletter Articles

☐ Send out Emails & Eblasts



We welcome you to Join us!

HUDSON ADIRONDACK DAYLILY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please return to: Michelle Young, 3 Staffords Xing, Slingerlands, NY 12159
michelle.young@socialscience.net

We are currently charging a \$5.00 fee per year for membership dues.

(This information will be used in our membership roster unless you specifically request we omit certain segments.)

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____ Zip Code_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Enclosed are my/our \$5.00 annual subscription. Please make check payable to HADS.

I would like to volunteer to serve on the following committees:

☐ Hospitality ☐ Newsletter ☐ Programs ☐ Summer Tours ☐ Plant Sales ☐ Other



The best June ever for my David Austin climbing rose 'Teasing Georgia' and clematis 'Venosa Violacea'.

It has taken several years for my original vision to actually happen. A yellow climber and a purple twining clematis were going to fill the large support structure. The "Teaser" starts out as yellow but hints of peach soon appear. This year, just as "teaser" was at full bloom the rains came. "Venosa" the clematis loved all the rain and soon filled in around the fading rose.

The clematis is still going strong (June 26)

~ Arden's Garden ~ 2025



2026 AHS Convention

Hosted by the Central Ohio Hosta Society

Buckeye Hosta Fever



**Join us in the Heart of Ohio for Buckeye Hosta Fever
In Dublin OH (a suburb of Columbus).**

Registration for the convention is limited to 350 participants. Register early to reserve your place! Download registration form at AmericanHostaSociety.org

All the events will be there: Hosta Show, educational presentations, live auction, garden tours, convention plant, vendors, and evening hosta-tality.

Garden Club of the Capital District and Gardeners of America

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2025 Dues

Please Make Check for \$20.00 Payable to “Garden Club of the Capital District” and mail to:

Russ Greenman, Treasurer
25 Worthman Lane
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Please include your choice(s):

\$10 Local membership (Garden Club of the Capital District)

\$10 National membership (The Gardeners Of America)

plus \$7.50 Additional family members (The Gardeners Of America)

Member Name

Amount paid \$_____

Member Address

Member Email

Member Phone

Family member name



For those who are not Members of The American Hosta Society

A reminder that the cost of eMembership has been reduced!
Previously \$20

Join as an eMember now for one year for only \$12.

Call the Membership Secretary for details. 309-678-4119

eMembership in the American Hosta Society will unlock the following benefits:

- Full-color issue of The Hosta Journal available to read online twice each year
 - Unique digital edition of The Hosta Journal emailed once each year
 - Access to "Members Only" section of the website
 - Eligibility to purchase a member-only hosta every year
- Exclusive invitation to exhibit hostas and compete for recognition in AHS-sanctioned Hosta Shows
- Updates on speaker programs, events, awards, plant auctions, news, and more!

FIRST-TIME MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE

- \$15 voucher for use at participating nurseries
- Hosta Adventure—A Grower's Guide, a primer on hostas outlining what every gardener should know
- Hosta of the Year Booklet, a full-color publication featuring the American Hosta Growers Association Hostas of the year

An eMembership also makes a great gift for your hosta gardening friends!

To join the American Hosta Society as an eMember, please go to the AHS Website,

Hosta.org

When prompted for location, choose eMembership from the list.

Visit our website to get more information.

Or call 309-678-4119 to speak with the Membership Secretary.

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Enjoy the carefree beauty of this shade-tolerant perennial

Sign Up!
New members join for \$40/yr and receive a free hosta, *The Hosta Journal* and a \$15 voucher towards hosta purchases from participating vendors.

or call to join 309-678-4119

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- Receive two print issues per year of our popular publication, *The Hosta Journal*. This 84-page publication is filled with color photos and current information regarding Hostas.
- Receive a copy of *The Hosta Adventure, Third Edition – A Growers Guide* and the *Hosta of the Year* booklet, both filled with color photographs and a wealth of information.
- Receive access to the members-only section of the website to read our *Online Hosta Journal* and access other publications and our member directory.
- Attend national and regional meetings where specialty vendors offer the most recently introduced *Hostas* and companion plants and where a live auction offers rare and distinctive *Hostas* and other garden items.
- Enjoy garden tours open only to AHS members.
- Exhibit your favorite *Hostas* and compete for recognition in various AHS national and regional cut-leaf shows.
- Vote on the most popular *Hostas* with our popularity poll.
- Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow *Hosta* enthusiasts.

For more information or to join go to hosta.org or call 309-678-4119.