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The new Garden Alliance banner was unveiled for the first time on May 3rd at the hosta potting party.

We celebrated hostas, our hard work and a special someone's birthday with several sweet treats.



The May 17th Garden Alliance monthly meeting had to compete for attendance many local events. Our presenter David Besozzi delighted those of us in attendance with "My North American Garden Adventure. His travels took him to many fabulous gardens. He photographed parts of them and over the years created a version of them in his own garden. Thank you David, I think it's safe to say we all enjoyed your presentation, especially your sense of humor.



The Garden Alliance Meeting on Saturday, June 21st will be held at the GADE FARM beginning at 10:00 am

Location (for GPS)v2479 Western Avenue, Altamont, NY 12009 OPEN EVERY DAY 10am - 4pm Tel: (518) 869-8019



Amy Castillio from Gade Farm will be talking about all the new plants they are growing for 2025. She can't leave the premises of Gade Farm this time of year, so they are inviting us to come to the farm for our meeting. They will set up tables and chairs in their learning classroom for us. They have indicated we can do our usual Dish-to-Pass luncheon in this room so please plan accordingly. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

"We're growing for you..." We strive to provide our customers and community with a source of high quality homegrown produce and plants, as well as gardening supplies and locally made goods. Our goal is to provide exceptional customer service and share our knowledge and expertise with our customers so that they will be successful and loyal. We believe that maintaining a strong interest and commitment to our employees, customers, and community and being responsible stewards of the land are vital to our success.

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)

<http://hudsonadirondackdaylilysociety.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/>

A few of the Hostas we will be selling at our Hosta Fundraiser at Faddegon's on 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	Guacamole (above)
Status	Registered - Hosta of the Year 2002
Originator(s)	Bob Solberg 1994
Origin	'Fragrant Bouquet' sport
Size category	medium - large
Plant height x width	60x135 cm (24x53 in.)
Leaf length x width	28x22 cm (11x9 in.)
Vein pairs	12-13
Leaf color	(chartreuse>golden yellow),green edge
Variegation	edge
Leaf	very shiny, folded, wavy
Scape height	95 cm (37 in.)
Flower	near white
Flower length	9 cm (3.5 in.)
Fragrant	fragrant
Flowering period	August - September

Hosta	First Frost (below)
Status	Registered – Hosta of the Year 2010
Originator(s)	Patricia Scolnik/Bob Solberg 2002
Origin	'Halcyon' sport
Size category	Medium
Plant height x width	35x90 cm (14x35 in.)
Leaf length x width	18x13 cm (7x5 in.)
Vein pairs	8-10
Leaf color	blue>dark green,(yellow>cream) edge
Variegation	edge
Leaf	good
Scape height	75 cm (30 in.)
Flower	pale lavender
Flowering period	July - August



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Hosta	Wrinkle in Time (above)
Status	registered
Originator(s)	Hans Hansen/Walters Gardens 2018
Origin	'Pilgrim' sport
Size category	small
Plant height x width	25x75 cm (10x30 in.)
Leaf color	green,(yellow>creamy white) edge
Variegation	edge
Leaf	very wavy
Scape height	40 cm (16 in.)
Flower	lavender

Hosta	Spartacus (below)
Status	registered
Originator(s)	Hans Hansen/Shady Oaks 2007
Origin	'Sea Gulf Stream' sport
Size category	large
Plant height x width	65x130 cm (26x51 in.)
Leaf length x width	38x25 cm (15x10 in.)
Vein pairs	12-13
Leaf color	dark green,narrow yellow edge
Variegation	edge
Leaf	good
Scape height	100 cm (39 in.)
Flower	pale lavender
Flowering period	June - July



Garden Alliance Minutes

Michelle Young

CHIS

Regional Meeting will be October 18, 2025 at the CCE Albany (where we usually meet). The Keynote speaker will be Howie Dash, see these links for more info about him.

<https://picachomountainiris.com/>

<https://wiki.irises.org/Main/Bio/HybridizerDashHoward>

We will need help with the events. Setup will be Friday Oct 17 4-8 PM, and we will need help manning tables on the 18th. Signup.com coming soon.

We need to decide whether to do Potluck or catering for the meeting. If it is catering, the registration will need to reflect that. If potluck, people can attend for free. Please send you vote as a reply to this newsletter.

We want to start publication of the event soon, so we need to decide this ASAP!

UNYHS

The potting party had a wonderful turnout and they had everything potted in under an hour!!

The last 10 plants looking for a home were at the meeting today. All have a babysitter now.

Some clean leftover pots were for sale at the meeting 5/\$1 or \$12/\$2.

Lena had certificates for the two new member of Hosta.

CHIS/UNYHS/HADS/GCCD

The Garden Education Day is May 31. Please signup here to help out: <https://signup.com/go/KOGYeZG>

CHIS/UNYHS/HADS

August 9, 2025 – Hosta and Iris Sales at Faddegons's

Please sign up to indicate that you have plant to donate, or to help out with the preparations and the day of the event:

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

All:

Please see Michelle at the Welcome table to pay any Dues.

The June Meeting will be at Gade Farm (field trip!!). They will be talking about the trending perennials, and they usually provide refreshments!

July 19 will be the Potluck Picnic. Don't worry, the Picnic food portion will be in our usual space, so you don't have to worry about your food baking in the sun! Bring friends! Great time to socialize and tour the gardens.

Garden Alliance Members and Friends 2025 Mark your calendars

JUNE 21st

Gade Farm visit, new perennials

JULY 19th

Summer Picnic

AUGUST 9th

Hosta & Iris Sale at Faddegons's

AUGUST 16th

Daylily Sale at Faddegons's

SEPTEMBER 20th

OCTOBER 18th

NOVEMBER 15th

DECEMBER 13th

Holiday Party



Our May 17th speaker was David Besozzi talking about "My North American Garden Adventure".



The May 9 hosta potting party is an example of what I love about our gardening group: enthusiastic volunteers showing up, tackling a task and having fun while enjoying great food.

In the coming months we have a July picnic, two plant sales and an American Iris Society regional meeting. I hope they'll be well-attended and most importantly, fun.

The AIS Region 2 meeting is October 18. Volunteers will be needed to set up the room, organize and staff the silent auction, transport our speaker, oversee registration, and clean up afterwards. There will be a sign-up link sent out to all Garden alliance members.

I'm ready for some fun. Thank you in advance for your help in making the regional meeting a great success!



2025 Garden Alliance Monthly Meetings

JUNE 21st - Gade Farm visit, new perennials

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!



(R) The orange is the first daylily of the season. It bloomed for the first time in May 10, but I didn't get a good picture until this one. It is called Earlybird Orangeade. (Above) The pink is Iris called Raspberry Blush. It is a medium height iris.



Michelle Young
photos

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!

If it looks too good to be true, it probably is

Reprinted with slight edits from "Georgia Hosta Notes" March 2025 newsletter of the Georgia Hosta Society

If you are on Facebook, almost certainly by now you have seen images of wildly colored hostas with exotic foliage that often also sport very unusual flowers, flowers un-like any Hosta flowers you have ever seen before. Many people that aren't HOSTAholics like most of us don't realize they are all fake images generated by artificial intelligence (AI) programs.

We somehow have to convince the general public not to fall for them. If, in a moment of extreme weakness they do succumb to those ads and order either the plants or seeds they offer for sale, they will get 1. nothing, 2. a little Hosta plant in extremely poor condition which most likely is an inferior cultivar that is nothing like what they thought they were ordering and which is potentially HVX infected, or 3. seeds of unknown origin that may not even be Hosta seeds. They certainly will not get that red and white Hosta or purple leaf Hosta with bright white edges with glorious floral displays because those plants simply do not exist.

Of the three possible scenarios, perhaps the worst is the seeds they may get. These are often not Hosta seeds at all but something much worse – weeds that, if planted, may just be the next horribly invasive plant species introduced into this country by accident. NEVER order or plant seeds from anyone other than trusted sources, especially if they are imported and most especially if they are sourced from China. It is just too risky to do so.

AI generated images are not just confined to Hosta hucksters. On Facebook, you will see just about every imaginable possibility from wildly patterned Iris to Elephant Ear plants that rival a rainbow flag in colors. You can best protect yourself from being



scammed in several ways. First and most important is to just use your common sense. If it appears too good to be true, it probably is a scam. Second, beware of all advertisements you find on social media

sites like Facebook and on internet sales sites like eBay, Amazon and Etsy. Third, only buy plants and seeds from trusted sources. Follow these three steps and you will not become the next scam victim.

NOTE: All photos in this article are of Hostas that do not exist. They have been unapologetically reproduced by the editor without permission from the fake plant Facebook pages and web sites!

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 Faddegons 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



Valley Monster

L.K. Powell 1983. 34" - 36" tall scapes. 9" - 10" blooms, spidery medium gold, wide cinnamon edges and green throats. Dormant. Tetraploid. Fragrant. Nocturnal. Is a rebloomer beginning mid-season. Some bloom still noticeable in later September. The size of the bloom and the height of the mature plant make it stand out from afar. So does the lemon scent which is sure to please.

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):

Amount paid \$_____

\$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

Member Address

Member Email

Member Phone

Family member name

Scholarships

Garden Club of the Capital District - Joe Herman Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications from college students for a \$500 scholarship to be awarded by our club. The scholarship is available to a full-time student currently enrolled, or accepted to begin a college program, with the intent to pursue studies in a horticultural-related field; such as landscaping, agriculture, environmental studies, ecology, forestry or natural resources management. It is open to both male or female applicants of any age, preferably with home residency in the seven-county area of the Capital Region. Perhaps you have a relative, neighbor or know someone in your circle of friends, that would deserve to be given this stipend. The committee will recognize those candidates that have a direct connection to our club, and whom also meet all the application qualifications.

For more information, or if you would like to request an application, please contact **Russ Greenman**, Chair of the **Joe Herman Scholarship Committee**. Call Russ at 518-477-8321, or contact him by email at WB2LXC@verizon.net. The application deadline is June 1, 2025

The Gardeners of America

The application deadline is June 1, 2025

In our commitment to education and research, The Gardeners of America annually awards \$1,000 scholarships.

Eligible applicants are majoring in horticulture or floriculture at accredited community colleges, universities or colleges.

Recipients hail from Ohio to Texas to New York to Missouri – sponsored by their local TGOA clubs and regions across the nation. They attend Ohio State, Minnesota State, Kansas State, University of Missouri, Texas A & M, Hennepin Tech, University of Nebraska, North Carolina State, Cornell, Farmingdale State, Richland College ... you get the idea.

Application details are available from your local TGOA garden club, in this online *Scholarship Application Guidelines*, or from our national office at tgoa.org@gmail.com or 330-814-0068.

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.

American Hosta Society | P O Box 7407 | VILLA PARK, IL, IL 60181-7407 US



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

HOSTA.ORG

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

- 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.