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Heartland Hosta & Shade Plant Society

President's Message - Fall 2017

This summer has been a bit of a beast with violent storms and high temperatures. Hopefully everyone's gardens have survived with minimal damage. Here's to hopefully cooler temperatures and gentle weather this Fall!

I cannot thank Greg and Eileen Pforr enough for letting us into their home and gardens for this year's garden party. I also want to extend thanks to Gardeners Connect for all of their efforts catering and making sure the event went off smoothly. Thankfully the weather cooperated with us until the end of the day, even though I heard from many that the commute in was intense with nearby storms. The view from the deck down into the gardens and across the lake hangs in my memory as one of the most peaceful views that I have seen.

Our Fall Meeting is quickly approaching where Matt Evans, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, will be presenting on the symbiotic relationship between small trees and shrubs with perennial garden plants. We will also have a selection of Hostas for sale at 15% off the original prices from our Annual Plant Sale. Join us on Saturday, September 9th and learn more about plants that help create the shade that our Hostas love and maybe buy a couple of new Hostas that you can plant in the Fall or overwinter and plant in the Spring next year.

Please remember to check the expiration date of your membership next to your name on the address label. You can renew at the Plant Sale or send to Stephanie Hamil (Stephanie Hamil – 9630 State Line Rd – Leawood, KS 66206).

Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Riley

Fall Meeting

Heartland Hosta & Shade Plant Society
Saturday, September 9, 2017

New Location First Lutheran Church 6400 State Line, Mission Hills KS

Hospitality beginning at 9AM and a brief meeting, followed by the Program at 10AM. Matt Evans, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, will be presenting on the symbiotic relationship between small trees and shrubs with perennial garden plants. There will be a potluck with the society furnishing the meat and members bringing a dish to share. There will be a second chance sale of lovely hostas. A raffle will be conducted and there will be door prizes!

Come and bring a friend- everyone is welcome!

For more info – call Gwen 816-213-0598.

Heartland Hosta & Shade Plant Society Fall Meeting

Featured Speaker: **Matt Evans**

Topic: Symbiotic Relationship Between Small Trees and Shrubs with Perennial Garden Plants



Matt Evans is a native of Kansas City who is now living in Lenexa. He began his interest in horticulture while working for Family Tree Nursery through high school and continuing on through college. After attainment of his degree in horticulture, Matt began working at Ryan Lawn and Tree. He has been with RLT for 21 years as an arborist and devotes much time to sharing his understanding of mother natures' plan for trees. We can improve our hosta environment by gaining a better understanding of the relationship between trees, woody plants and the perennials we choose to grow alongside them.

Matt Evans is a *Board Certified Master Arborist* with *The International Society of Arboriculture*, as well as an ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist. Matt really enjoys sharing his knowledge and is very enthusiastic about answering all of our questions. But come prepared, Matt also wants to ask questions of us - to further his understanding of how he could better serve our needs.

Something Extra

Essential oils noted for repelling bugs

shared by Charlene Wendel

- Mosquitoes:** Peppermint, Lemon, Lavender, Eucalyptus, Thyme, Geranium, Clove, Sage, Cinnamon, Rosemary
- Flies/Gnats:** Peppermint, Eucalyptus, Geranium, Cedar Wood, Patchouli, Melaleuca, Rosemary, Citronella
- Ticks:** Peppermint, Geranium, Thyme, Melaleuca, Cedar Wood
- Itch Relief:** Tea Tree, Patchouli, Rosemary

To make your own insect repellent, combine the following ingredients then pour into a 4 oz. spray bottle:
3 Tablespoons distilled water
2 tsp Jojoba oil
2 tsp vodka (or witch hazel)
40-50 drops of essential oils
Shake well before each use

I use Eucalyptus, Citronella, Patchouli, Tea Tree, Cedar Wood and Thieves (blend of Clove, Lemon, Cinnamon, Eucalyptus & Rosemary oils), but experiment with oils that please you.
Gayle Alley



June Garden Party
at the Pforr's



2018 Calendar Events

March 24, 2018
9AM Spring Meeting
First Lutheran Church
6400 State Line Rd

May 12, 2018
Plant Sale
Doors open 9AM
First Lutheran Church
6400 State Line Rd

June 2018
Garden Party, TBA

September 8, 2018
9AM Fall Meeting
First Lutheran Church
6400 State Line Rd

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Footnotes to a Garden Party

By Greg Pforr

The Pforrs from Parkville wish to express our appreciation to all those who came out to visit our garden on June 4th. We feel that half the fun of gardening is the opportunity to share. We regret that we could not talk to everyone individually, so here are answers to the most frequently asked questions.



No, we are not big game hunters. We operate a shelter for homeless works of taxidermy art. It is a sad thing that once the original hunter passes on to the great hunting grounds beyond, the trophies are often left homeless. We do what we can.

This is a “woodland garden.” The over shadowing of the forest canopy limits what will even grow here much less thrive. So the plants that work here are allowed to meander about. Built by a couple who both had demanding professional careers, a high maintenance garden necessitating endless attention was not practical in a woodland. So, by design it is intended to be more casual.

The design theme is “a clearing in the forest at the site of an ancient ruin.” So again, by design, it is a little rough and lacks the look of a meticulously maintained garden. Again, that allows maintenance to be a little more casual. All hardscape materials are local and installed with the intention that it should look natural as if they had always been here.

The door prizes were something of a coincidence. Rob Mortko did us a big favor after the National Hosta Convention last year. He refused to accept any money for the favor, but because he is in the business of selling hostas, we prevailed upon him to sell us some gift certificates. We decided to have some fun with them, hence the door prizes.

And the winners are:

- **Jodi White** guessed that there were 295 different labeled hosta cultivars in the garden. There are 313.
- **Gayle Alley** guessed there were 982 different labeled plantings in the garden. There are actually 910.
- **Phil Alley** guessed there were 75 bird houses in the garden. There are 86. Should we have limited prizes to one per household??





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Heartland Hosta & Shade Plant Society Membership and Renewal Form

Check at the up-coming meeting if your dues are paid in full.

Dues are \$10.00 per year or \$25.00 for 3 years.

NEW MEMBER • RENEWAL

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Member of Am. Hosta Society? Yes / No

Would you like to volunteer? Hospitality / Plant Sale / Other _____

Is your garden open to visitors? Yes / No

Please return this form with your email address even if your dues are paid up to:

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