



# HOSTA

Heartland Hosta & Shade Plant Society Newsletter

March 2019

## Letter from the President

While we had some extremely hot temperatures this past Summer, we're having the opposite with extremely cold temperatures this Winter. But, Spring should be on the way and we'll hopefully see some good planting weather.

Thanks to everyone who came out for our Fall Meeting. Don Dean gave a great presentation on blue Hostas. We also had a surprise visit from Rob Mortko, a local hosta expert.

I hope everyone has our upcoming March 23rd Spring Meeting on their calendar, as Mike Shadrack will entertain us with a presentation on Hosta Photography. Doors open at 9:30 AM for check-in and hospitality. Additional information on the meeting can be found on page two.

We have some open board positions, so if you have any interest in taking a more active role in the club please reach out to one of the existing board members or chat with them at the Spring Meeting.

Plants are on order for our 2019 sale and we're finalizing plans to pot and take care of them once they arrive in early April. We'll be sending out additional information on available varieties once we get our shipments in.

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*"What is a weed? A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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HH&SPS Garden at Loose Park

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Evening Blush Hosta

## Hosta Contacts

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[Americanhostasociety.org](http://Americanhostasociety.org)

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HH&SPS

<http://www.heartlandhosta.club>

<https://www.facebook.com/HHandSPS>

## 2019 Spring Meeting

First Lutheran Church—6400 State Line Rd—Mission Hills, KS 66208

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Check-in and Hospitality at 9:30. Meeting at 10:00.

Speaker Mike Shadrack is current President of the Western New York Hosta Society and has been a member of The American Hosta Society since 1992. Mike has been growing hostas since 1986 and has been trying to hybridize almost as long. In 1996, Mike retired from London's Metropolitan Police after thirty-two years of service. Another hobby, photography, has led to a library of about 8,000 images of hosta varieties and hosta gardens. He is co-author and photographer of the book, *The Color Encyclopedia of Hostas*.



Mike Shadrack

## Hosta Photography

Mike will share his presentation, "Hosta Photography," which is a simple talk about getting the best from your photographic equipment when photographing hostas and other plants by a dinosaur who is still using slide film.

## Potluck Luncheon

A potluck luncheon will follow the program with meat and drink provided by the club. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy lunch socializing with like minded plant enthusiasts following Dan's presentation.

## Door Prizes and Raffles

We'll have some fun door prizes available and you can purchase tickets for a chance to win one of the raffle prizes.

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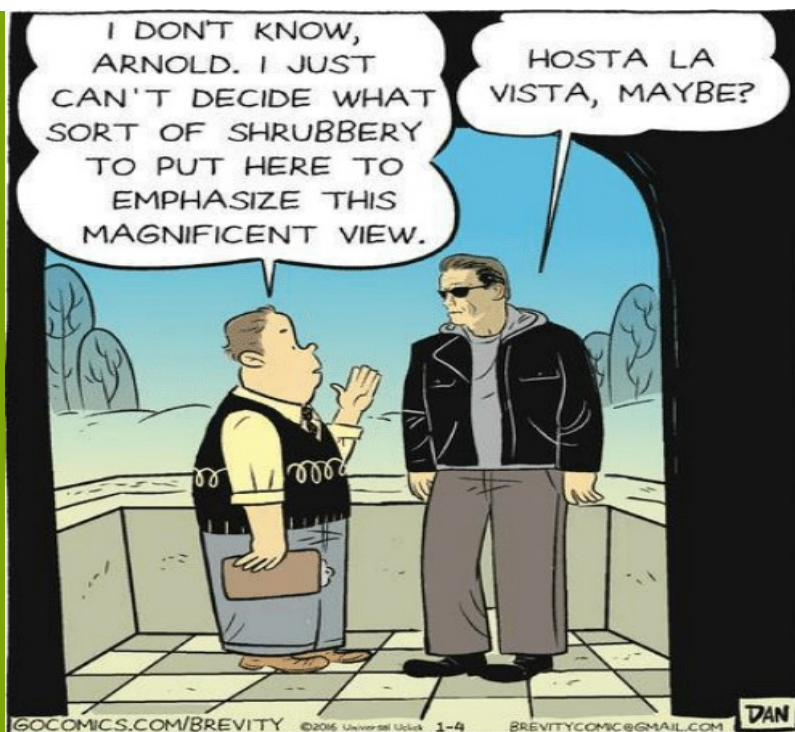
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for a classic come-baaaack.

## 2019 Calendar of Events

March 23rd—Spring Meeting

9:30AM, First Lutheran Church

6400 State Line Rd, Mission Hills, KS 66208

May 11th—Annual Plant Sale

9:00AM, First Lutheran Church

6400 State Line Rd, Mission Hills, KS 66208

June 1st—Summer Garden Party—Details to follow

September 14th—Fall Meeting

9:30AM, First Lutheran Church

6400 State Line Rd, Mission Hills, KS 66208



## **Heartland Hosta and Shade Plant Society** **Membership and Renewal Form**

Dues are \$10.00 per year.

**Check One:**   NEW MEMBER   ☐        RENEWAL   ☐

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>		<b>Home Phone:</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b>		<b>Member of American Hosta Society?</b>	
<b>Would you like to volunteer?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Is your Garden open to visitors?

*Return this form and your dues to:*  
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