

Georgia Hosta Notes

Volume 22

October 2006

Number 4

President's Message

Happy Fall Greetings! If you missed the picnic, you missed a fun time and wonderful food. Julia Lyons and her committee did a great job. Thank you, Julia, for all you and your committee did to make this year's picnic a fun time. The weather and food were perfect! Thank you to Bud Martin, Gene Bottorff and Bill Silvers for a great auction!

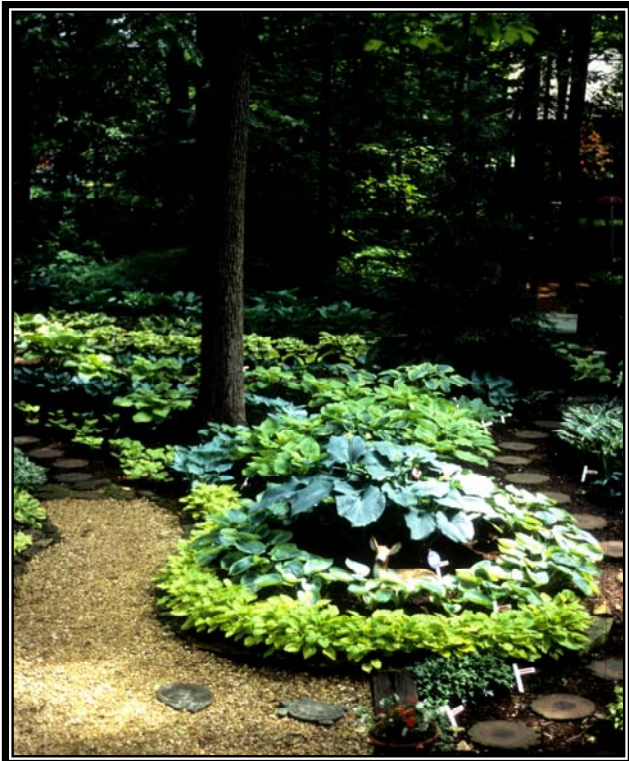
Good news! We have a place to meet for 2007! We have signed a contract with The First United Methodist Church of Tucker, or, as some call it, Tucker United Methodist Church. Our first meeting at the Wesley Center will be January 27, 2007. The Wesley Center is the old post office building in Tucker. The church has furnished it to be used by their youth groups and other groups. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find the address and a map to the site. There is plenty of parking and easy access to the building, either from the front or the back. We'll be there on January 27, 2007 and we hope that you will too.

One of the things a president "fears" is forgetting to thank someone. I want to apologize to Bud Martin and Richard Jolly for not thanking them in the last newsletter for all their support at the Hosta Show. Bud Martin donated the hostas for the "Hostas of the Year" display; Richard Jolly donated the plants for Toni Wright's trough demonstration. Bud and Richard, we really appreciate all your help, and I apologize for not acknowledging both of you in the last newsletter!

Ann Bentsen has become the 2nd Vice President in charge of membership. She is being assisted by Sandra Bussell. If you, or anyone you know, has a membership problem, please give Ann or Sandra a call.

Our last meeting at the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association will be Saturday, Nov 11, 2006. There will be an education program on "Growing Hostas from Seeds" beginning at 1:15 p.m. Then, at 2:00 PM, we will have a business meeting. Our speaker for this meeting is Harold McDonell, VP Programs. The title of his program is "Hostas to Die For!" Harold always has a few surprises up his sleeve, so you do not want to miss this program. Refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you on November 11th, 2006!

Claudia Walker, President



Editor's Prolegomenon And Hosta Ramblings

By W. George Schmid

Garden Diversity

To me the best gardens have diversity. Over the last 30 odd years, I have been all over the country looking at and admiring hosta gardens, some large and some small. There were lots of wonderful things to see and I always enjoy seeing another aficionado's garden. Obviously, when I go to see hosta gardens I go there primarily for the hostas and I expect to see many of them. On the other hand, I also expect to see a garden. Unfortunately some, well, quite a few of the gardens I have seen were not really gardens. They were excellent platforms for exhibiting

hostas, but gardens they were not. They lacked diversity and the picture below is a good example. This was an acre of hostas, beautifully arranged and skillfully combined as shown, but it was an exhibition of lots of hostas. Hosta after hosta as far as your eyes could reach. Diversity, of course, means a condition of being different but in gardens it stands for much more:

- The plants used are from different species.
- The combinations into which plants are arranged are different.
- The designs which are used in various parts of the garden are different
- The surprises that wait just around the corner are different.

I guess you get the idea. Most gardeners instinctively use diversity in their gardens. Nothing but hostas has little diversity even if the hostas are different (small or large), colorful (just plain green or multi-colored), and skillfully displayed (single or multiple plants, combinations of different sizes, and placement).

In my humble opinion, a single hosta can express good gardening more than a whole bunch of them. If you add simplicity to diversity, the garden scene becomes crystal-clear. I have experimented with this for a number of years now. I really had to. Four years of drought out of the last half dozen has taken a terrible toll on hostas. Add watering restrictions and the challenge is to get your hostas to survive. Since they have not forgotten that their ancestors had plenty of water to drink (between 60 and 100 inches of rain per year reliably), they expect that Georgia gardeners will give it about the same amount. Anyway, maybe we can water a hosta here and there (and have it look great all season and combine it with other, less thirsty plants and have that garden of diversity:

DIVERSITY:

**A single
H. 'Gosan
Sunproof'
Baking in the
Hot August
Afternoon
Sun
Less Thirsty
Neighbors
Love It ►**

*One Hosta
Many Nice
Neighbors*



DIVERSITY:

**A single H. 'Antioch' Keeping Company
With Variegated Five-Leaf Aralia
(*Acanthopanax sieboldianus*),
Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Nana',
Japanese Maples and Plain Green
*Hakonechloa macra***

One Hosta, Many Nice Neighbors

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for articles, advertisements and late boilerplate information must be in my hands FOUR WEEKS before each of General Meetings. I will not guarantee inclusion of any material that reaches me after this ironclad deadline. A good newsletter needs time to be put together. When you do it (not if, I hope), do it early!





2006 GHS HOSTA SHOW RESULTS



Best of Show Awards

Best of Show	<i>H. 'Pandora's Box'</i>	Steve McMurtry
Best Seedling or Sport	<i>H. 'Gold Regal' Sport</i>	Chuck Zdeb
Sweepstakes	33 Blue Ribbons	Chuck Cruickshank
Best Container Grown Hosta Division II	<i>H. 'Tiny Tears'</i>	Steve McMurtry
Best Trough/Container Hosta Arranged for Effect Division III	<i>H. 'Pandora's Box' with Statuary in Ceramic Container</i>	Steve McMurtry
Best Educational Exhibit Division IV	<i>No Award</i>	
GHS Hosta of The Year Award	<i>H. 'Stained Glass'</i>	Steve McMurtry
People's Choice Award for Best Floral Arrangement	Purple Iris and Hosta Leaves	Betty Hartzog

Best of Section Awards

I-I Giant Leaf	<i>H. 'Blue Angel'</i>	George Lyons
I-II Large Leaf	<i>H. 'Sagae'</i>	George Lyons
I-III Medium Leaf	<i>H. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'</i>	Charles Cruickshank
I-IV Small Leaf	<i>H. 'Great Expectations'</i>	Maisie Partridge
I-V Miniature Leaf	<i>H. 'Pandora's Box'</i>	Steve McMurtry
I-VI	<i>No Award</i>	
I-VII Unregistered Large Seedling or Sport	<i>H. 'Gold Regal' Sport</i>	Chuck Zdeb
I-VIII through I-XI	<i>No Awards</i>	
I-XII Named/Unregistered	<i>H. 'Polar Moon'</i>	George Lyons
II-II Small Container	<i>H. 'Tiny Tears'</i>	Steve McMurtry
II-I Large Container	<i>H. 'Lady Isobel Barnett'</i>	Kelly and Sandra Bussell
III-I	<i>No Award</i>	
III-II Ceramic Garden	<i>H. 'Pandora's Box' and Statuary</i>	Steve McMurtry
III-III and III-IV	<i>No Awards</i>	

EDUCATION CORNER

GROWING HOSTAS FROM SEED



The Education Corner for the November 11th meeting will be on growing hostas from seeds. If you want to grow plants from the seeds of your own hostas, now is the time to collect the seed pods. Wait until the pods turn a yellow/gold color before collecting. Put pods in a paper bag or in a Styrofoam cup--something that is very dry and will not hold moisture--to allow them to continue to ripen. We will also have *H. ventricosa* seeds on hand at the Education Corner, if nature cooperates, for you to plant at home.

Growing hostas from seeds is really quite easy if you follow just a few essential steps. There will be a short how-to slide show accompanied by a question and answer session. If you are interested in growing hostas from seed, be sure to come early and attend this session.

The Education Corner will start promptly at 1:15 PM and will be located in the smaller meeting room across the hall from our main meeting room. Our thanks go to the Atlanta Homebuilders Association which is providing this room free of charge for this event.



NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM

Hostas To Die For!

Hostas to die for: That is the subject for our November 11th program.

Harold McDonell has prepared a slide show featuring many exciting newer hosta cultivars (and some great oldies) that you may not be familiar with but which should grow quite well in the north Georgia area. Every year there are many new hosta cultivars coming to market.

Quite a few are very distinctive and very exciting. Even better, many are now or soon will be available through our local vendors. Got an extra hole or two in your garden that need filling with just the right hostas? If so, be sure to catch this program and get some great ideas.



DIVERSITY: *Farfugium reniforme*
Giving Some Hostas a Run for the Money
One of the Asian Ligularias Great for Southern Gardens

2006 OFFICERS AND BOARD The Georgia Hosta Society

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Claudia Walker 770.442.3257
1st VP Programs: Harold McDonell 770.461.8882
2nd VP Members: Ann Bentsen 404.252.6564
3RD VP Publications/Newsletter Editor:
 W. George Schmid 770.939.8922
SECRETARY: Maisie Partridge 770.640.8633
TREASURER: Burney Sullivan 706.864.7533
HISTORIAN: Emily Lee 770.396.5182
PARLIAMENTARIAN: Joe Hulsey 706.864.1319
EX OFFICIO: Judy Burns 404.636.1119

DIRECTORS' TERMS (2006/2007)

2nd Gene Bottorff 770.781.5899
1st Sandra Bussell 404.636.6768
2nd Jane Law 770.421.8874
2nd Bud Martin 770.474.0117
1st Lola Eddy 404.325.3587
1st Gerald Johnson 770.437.0000
1st Willie Mae McDaniel 404.289.9764
1st Hobson Rice 404.634.3407
1st Janice Tsurutis 770.934.1971

STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIO-VISUAL: Greg Ferguson 770.436.4846
EDUCATION CORNER SERIES:
 Ann Bentsen 404.252.6564
GARDEN TOURS: Sandra Bussell 404.636.6768
HOSPITALITY: Julie Lyons 706.265.3328
HOSTA SHOW: Harold McDonell 770.461.8882
NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER:
 Sandra Bussell 404.636.6768
NEWSLETTER LIAISON:
 Toni Wright 404.636.0977
PUBLICITY:
SUNSHINE: Dorothy Seitz 770.938.2468
TELEPHONE COMMITTEE COORDINATOR:
 Toni Wright 404.636.0977
VENDOR LIAISON: Gene Bottorff 770.781.5899
WAYS AND MEANS: Bud Martin 770.474.0117

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Janet Bryan 770.474.8322
 Sandra Bussell 404.636.6768
 JoAnn Dorsey 404-633-9607
 Lola Eddy 404.325.3587
 Sabra Hanson 404-321-6746
 Ruth Kageorge 770.908.1475
 Emily R. Lee 770.396.5182
 Carmen Perrotta 770-938-7664
 Burney Sullivan 706.864.7533
 Evelyn Thompson 770.963.3546

Georgia Hosta Society Members Holding
American Hosta Society Positions in 2006:

American Hosta Society Vice President
Judging and Exhibitions
Harold McDonell - 770.461.8882
haroldmcdonell@aol.com

American Hosta Society Historian
Chair, Nomenclature and Classification Committee
Nomenclature Editor for *The Hosta Journal*
W. George Schmid - 770.939.8922
hostahill@bellsouth.net

Hosta Memberships

The Georgia Hosta Society

Our own state society solicits new members. Offered are a yearly hosta show, featuring a hosta cut-leaf and an artistic exhibition, four newsletters, a membership list, garden tours or workshops, two annual plant sales, a fall picnic, and many other benefits. Annual membership is \$15 per individual, \$25 for a family. Contact: Ann Bentsen, PO Box 422501, Atlanta, GA 30342 - Go to gahosta.org

American Hosta Society

The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a national convention; three issues of The HOSTA Journal, each with nearly 100 pages, many interesting and informative articles, and dozens of color and black and white pictures; increased dues are \$25 individual and \$29 family membership per year (US). Contact Sandie (M. L.) Markland, 8702 Pinnacle Rock Court, Lorton VA 22079, SAM020857@msn.com. Go to Hosta.org.

Dixie Region News (AHS Region 3)

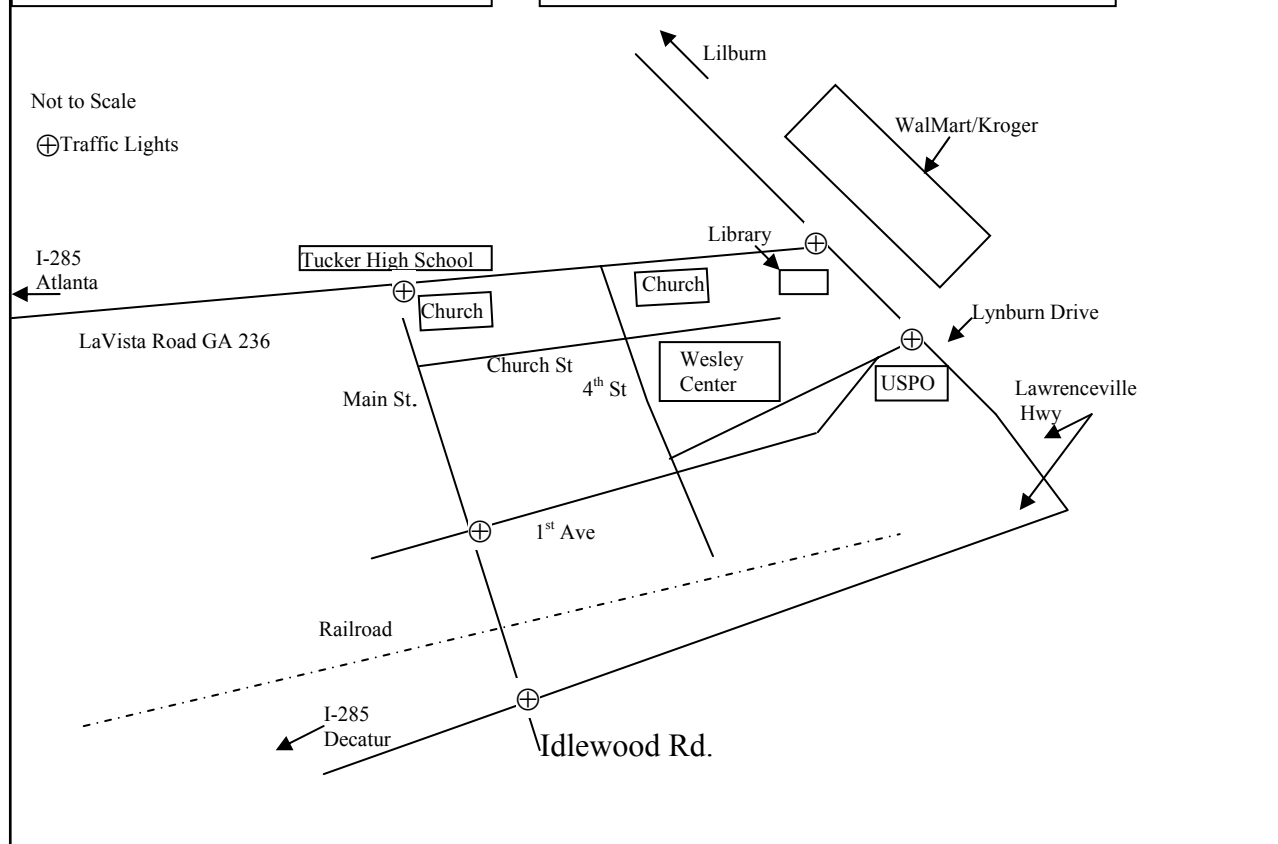
All members of GHS and AHS are automatically members. Receive an annual activity report/newsletter; participate in judging clinics, and meetings. Meet with other hosta gardeners from across the South. Send your contributions and inquiries to: Mike Chambers, 3596 Gailyn Drive, Bartlett, TN 38135. Dixie Region Website: dixiehosta.com. Additional national-regional information can be found on hosta.org/ahsregion3.htm

We're Moving
NEW YEAR = NEW LOCATION
January 27, 2007 GHS General Meeting



Take I-285 to LaVista Road, GA 236. Go East toward Tucker, about 2 miles. Go one block past traffic light at Main Street (in front of High School) turn RIGHT onto 4th Street. Go 1 block to Wesley Center on your left. Parking is available in front, back and in Tucker UMC Church lots.

The Wesley Center of Tucker First United Methodist Church is located at the northeast corner of Church and 4th Streets in Tucker, GA.
 (The street number in Mapquest is incorrect. Use Intersection of 4th & Church Streets, Tucker, GA 30084, rather than the street number, 2397 4th Street, Tucker, GA 30084.)



(Map Courtesy of Judy Burns)

Garden Magazine Exchange

Got garden magazines you have read and no longer need? **Don't toss them. Bring them to our garden magazine exchange at the next meeting instead to share with our members. The magazines you bring will be placed on a table where all members may browse and take any magazine that he or she finds interesting. So don't throw those magazines away. Share them with other Georgia Hosta Society members!**

GHS Dues Are Due – Bring Your Checkbook or Money in November!

**GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 2, 2006**

President Claudia Walker called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Present were Ann Bentsen, Gene Bottorf, Sandra Bussell, Kelly Bussell, Greg Ferguson, Julia Lyons, Harold McDonell, Maisie Partridge, Burney Sullivan, Claudia Walker and Hugh Walker. Regrets were received from George Schmid and Bud Martin.

Secretary Maisie Partridge read the minutes, they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Burney Sullivan reported that 2006 was a good year for the Society, we are \$3,000 ahead of last year. We currently have two CD's worth \$15,000, plus cash on hand of \$11,602.20. Burney noted that, including the November meeting, we have paid the Atlanta Home Builders Association \$2,812 for rent and security services this year.

Membership: A long discussion ensued over the problem of late reporting of memberships. President Walker will discuss this with the Membership VP.

Education corner: The next program will be 'Hostas from Seed'.

President Walker thanked all members involved in getting the newsletter out. A suggestion was made that members bring unwanted gardening magazines for exchange at meetings.

Historian: Emily Lee wishes to resign from this position. A replacement will be sought. President Walker noted that at the October board meeting we will consider changing the Bye Laws as they relate to the composition of the Executive Committee; adding a third Vice-President (Newsletter Editor) and removing the position of Historian. The question of a quorum will also be addressed.

President Walker thanked everyone involved in the garden tours, and also Jack Driskell for arranging the tour of the Gilbert Arboretum.

Picnic: Julia Lyons noted she does not yet have a final count for the picnic. A discussion about possible problems involved with the serving of food at the picnic resulted in a decision to proceed as planned. A study will be conducted for next year, to perhaps not hold a picnic but have a normal meeting in September instead.

Education: Ann Bentsen reported there has been a good response so far. A survey will be conducted at the next meeting.

Audio Visual: Greg Ferguson said he is holding off on purchasing additional equipment until a new meeting location has been decided.

Vendor Liaison: President Walker thanked Gene Bottorf for his excellent work with the vendors over the last few years. Gene is retiring as Vendor Liaison; a replacement is needed for next year's Show.

New Business:

A slight mix-up has occurred over the terms of the Directors. In future, their terms of office will be listed after their names in the Newsletter.

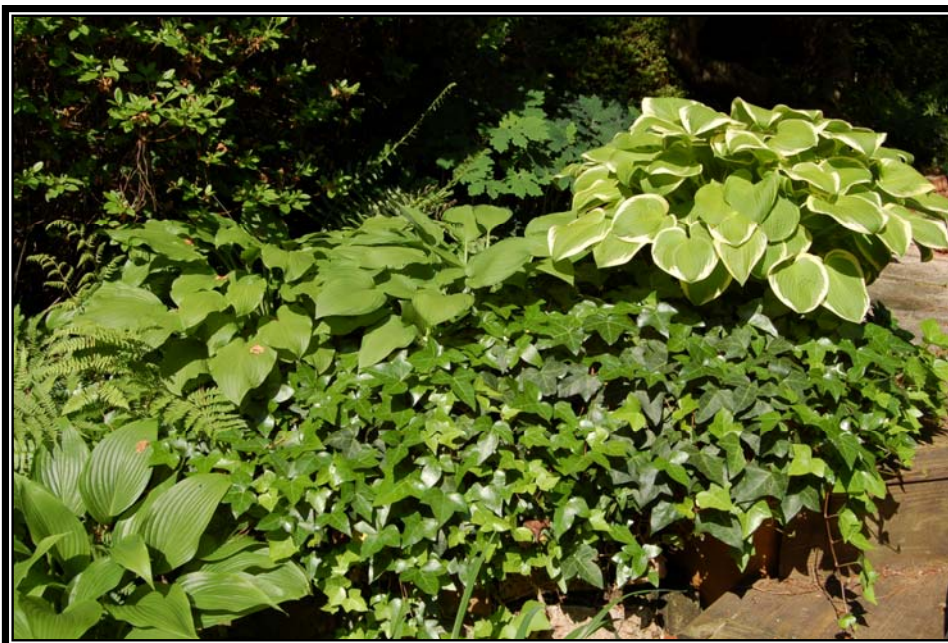
Dixie Region: The next Regional Meeting will be held in Birmingham, and President Walker noted that they are having serious problems. It is possible GHS will be asked to provide assistance. A new Society has been formed in Huntsville, Alabama, and the Dixie Region voted to give a donation of \$250 to help with start-up costs. President Walker suggested that GHS also make a donation to the new Society, the matter will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

The South Carolina Society has been disbanded. Gene Bottorf made a motion, seconded by Julia Lyons, that members of the South Carolina Society in good standing be given free membership in the GHS through 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Southeastern Flower Show: Gene Bottorf reported that he had been approached by Sara Henderson regarding GHS setting up a hosta display for the 2007 Show. After considerable discussion the consensus was that it was too late to consider for 2007, but perhaps we could man an information booth this time, with plants in 2008. Gene Bottorf agreed to be chair in 2008 for a possible plant display, and he and Harold McDonell will work the 2007 Show.

New Meeting Space: GHS will no longer be able to use the facilities of the Atlanta Home Builders Association after the November meeting. A discussion re the availability of a different meeting place resulted in President Walker stating that along with Hugh Walker, Ann Bentsen and Julia Lyons, she will investigate various options, including locations in Lawrenceville.

President Walker noted the next Board Meeting will be on October 28th. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.



Respectfully submitted

Maisie R. Partridge
Secretary

H. 'Gosan Moonskirt'
(top right) and
H. pachyscapa
(bottom left)
During the Better Spring Days

**Welcome new members! Thanks for joining throughout 2006.
We appreciate your interest in the Georgia Hosta Society.**

Ann Alber - Stone Mountain	770-717-9272
Toni and Paul Boatwright - Athens	706-543-9564
Kay Cook - Lawrenceville	770-963-8575
Debbie Cupp - Jefferson	706-367-4162
Robin Futch - Decatur	404-384-4968
Pauline Harrison - Stockbridge	770-474-0117
John and Linda Karr - Stone Mountain	770-938-4807
J. Linwood Keith - Decatur	404-607-3838
Margaret Johnson - Kennesaw	770-424-8557
Mark Malaguerra - Atlanta	404-752-6423
Scott Smith - Atlanta	404-752-6423
Jim Mills - Conley	404-361-7600
Suzanne Modisett - Atlanta	404-355-6559
Glenda Moore - Lawrenceville	770-995-5579
Leslie Peterson - Woodstock	
William Reid - Lilburn	678-924-7583
Michael Rosenbaum - Tucker	770-938-4660
Chris Stephenson - Marietta	770-642-0120
Karen Weidman - Marietta	770-579-5009



H. pachyscapa

In Memoriam

John Cash • Recent weeks have brought the tragic news that two more of our long-time members and friends have passed away. On September 23, John Cash lost his battle with lung cancer. John was diagnosed just a few months before his wife, Jo, died last December. His one wish was that he live long enough to see another hosta season. He got his wish, and as summer ended, John quietly slipped away. Jo and John had been very active members of GHS for over 10 years prior to moving to Columbus, NC. John was an AHS Hosta Judge and ran Bishop Farm Hostas. A memorial in Jo and John's names will be sent to The American Hosta Society.

Robert Odum • Just a few days later, the founder and long-time president of the Greater Carolinas Hosta Society, Robert Odum, died from cancer of the brain. He had been ill for several years. Robert and his wife Nancy, were active members of GHS for many years. Also an AHS Judge, Robert was a frequent participant in our Hosta Show and a good friend to many here in Georgia. It is a sad irony that the Greater Carolinas Hosta Society was disbanded, due to lack of participation just weeks before Robert's death. His long illness obviously had a profound impact on the GCHS. Robert tried to attend the final GCHS meeting on Sunday, September 10, but was too weak to leave the car.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to both of these families. The loss of these good friends will be felt by many.

'ONE MAN'S TREASURE' HUNT

The answers to the five questions below can be found by reading this issue of GEORGIA HOSTA NOTES. Be the first to submit the correct answers by phone, or by E-mail (one prize for each) and win a \$15 Gift Certificate, redeemable at any GHS Auction or Plant Sale. (GHS Officers and Board Members are not eligible to win. Winner will be determined by earliest submission date & time.)



- Question 1) In what city has a new hosta society recently been formed?
- Question 2) How much rain do hostas get in their native environment?
- Question 3) Where does Harold keep his surprises?
- Question 4) What is the responsibility of the Third Vice President of GHS?
- Question 5) What two things you can get for FREE at the November GHS meeting?

Send your answers by email to: ghssherlock@bellsouth.net
Phone in your answers to: 404-636-1119

GEORGIA HOSTA NOTES
c/o W. George Schmid, Editor
4417 Goodfellows Court
Tucker GA 30084-2710

FIRST CLASS MAIL

TO

General Meeting Locations

November 11, 2006 ►
Greater Atlanta Homebuilder's Association
1484 Brockett Road, Tucker, GA 30084



◀ Wesley Center of Tucker First United Methodist Church
2397 4th Street, Tucker, GA 30084
NEW MAP ON PAGE 7

'ONE MAN'S TREASURE' HUNT

READ YOUR NEWSLETTER.WIN PRIZES!

Find the answers to five questions, the answers to which can be found by reading this issue of GEORGIA HOSTA NOTES. Be the first to submit the correct answer, by phone or by Email and win a \$15 Gift Certificate redeemable at any GHS Auction or Plant Sale. See details on page 11.

