



# NORTHWEST INDIANA HOSTA SOCIETY

## WHO ARE WE?

We are an eclectic group of gardeners with a special interest in the genus 'hosta'.

We have large gardens and small gardens. We have gardens comprised totally of hostas and shade gardens with hostas as companion plants. We come from a wide variety of backgrounds and gardening ability. We are novice gardeners, Master Gardeners, hosta hybridizers and hosta sellers.

We currently meet in the Brookstone Estates Condominiums' clubhouse located at 7507 Taft St., (IN Hwy 55) Merrillville, IN., which is 1 mile north of US 30 and just south of 73rd Ave on the east side of the street. The clubhouse is at the entrance to the condominiums. Meetings are held 4 times a year. We gather at 1:30p with our speaker at 2:00p. Our speakers cover topics on hostas (of course), trees (we need some shade), companion plants and projects (so the hostas don't get bored) and slide tours of gardens. After a break for refreshments, a short business meeting follows. We share ideas, knowledge and just talk gardening.

We have access through our hosta society to scientific meetings, educational seminars, national and regional hosta conventions. We also have special plant purchasing opportunities in the spring, featuring some of the newest hostas, available to society members only. Our club newsletter is published 10 times a year.

We have an annual **PLANT SALE & HOSTA AUCTION** at the Lake County Fairgrounds in June, which is open to all. We plan trips as a group to noteworthy display gardens-with a little plant shopping thrown in. We have an annual picnic at the home of one of our members and tour their garden.

Annual membership of \$15 per household entitles you to the society newsletter and the member-only opportunities. You are welcome to attend a meeting as a guest and see what the we are all about. To find out about our next happening or to receive our latest newsletter, just contact Mary Bardens (see below).

### 2011 Schedule of Events

<b>Feb 13</b> NWIHS Meeting <b>CHILI FEST</b>  Speaker: Master Gardener Barb Ziolkowski <b>DAYLILIES IN THE GARDEN</b>	<b>Mar 11 &amp; 12</b> Great Lakes Region Hosta Society <b>Hosta College</b> Piqua, Ohio	<b>Apr 10</b> NWIHS Meeting <b>SOUP &amp; SEEDLINGS</b>  Speaker: Jeff Miller, owner <b>LAND of the GIANTS</b> <b>Hosta Nursery</b>	<b>Apr 25 to 30</b> <b>Sunrise Greenhouse</b> Grant Park, IL <b>Member's Only Discount Week</b>  <b>April 30 &amp; May 1</b> Illiana Pond & Garden Expo Lake Co Fairgrounds Crown Point, IN	<b>Jun 19</b> <b>Plant Sale &amp; Hosta Auction</b> Lake Co Fairgrounds Crown Point, IN  <b>American Hosta Society National Convention</b> Marlborough, MA	<b>Jul 9</b> <b>Hosta Leaf Display</b> Gardens on the Prairie Lowell, IN  <b>Aug 14</b> Annual Club Picnic/Potluck Garden Tour	<b>Sep 11</b> NWIHS Meeting & Photo Contest  <b>LET THEM EAT CAKE</b> Speaker: Ken Harris AHS Journal Photo Editor	<b>Nov 13</b> NWIHS <b>Luncheon Meeting</b> Strongbow's Restaurant Valparaiso, IN  Speaker: TBA
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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