



# Hosta Happenings

**East Tennessee Hosta Society**

**March 2019**

## President's Message

Spring is finally here—Hooray!! Hostas are popping up everywhere and apart from a couple of cool mornings, the weather looks great. I am looking forward to a great Hosta year.

I was so happy to see so many members at the last meeting where I gave a presentation on Camellias and supported by Camellia guru Robert Pearce. Several members took advantage of the Camellia opportunity that was offered so we can expect to see more Camellias on our garden tours.

Please study this years program and mark you calendars. Feel free to bring along a gardening friend to our gatherings and encourage them to join. We would love to have some new members to meet and learn from.

New member Mary Albrecht has been working on our website and Facebook page. Check them out when you get a chance and please like and do a post on our FB page. I am so glad to have someone with these skills on our team. Mary was also responsible for hooking up our audio visual at the last meeting so she is very appreciated.

If you haven't paid for your 2019 membership yet, time is running out. This year we are closing them off at the end of March so this will be your last newsletter if you haven't paid.

**Fred Anderson**  
2019 President



### 2019 Dues

If you have not paid your dues yet - you are overdue. Contact Gina Buffum now to stay current so that you can continue to enjoy the benefits of membership. \$12 for single membership & \$18 for a couple.

**Gina Buffum**  
Treasurer - East Tennessee Hosta Society  
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**A well attended February meeting to learn about the program for the year and some facts about Camellias.**

**Plan to attend this Sunday's meeting (24th) at the UT Gardens Greenhouse Rooms at 2.00pm.**



**Come and listen to our very own Elin Johnson where she will talk about "Container & Companion Plantings for Hostas".**



# The 2019 Program



## February:

**Sunday 24th @ 2pm**

Classroom Meeting: Present & discuss 2019 programs & events. Presentation: “Camellia 101”

## March:

**Sunday 24th @ 2pm**

Classroom Meeting & Present: Elin Johnson “Container & Companion Plantings for Hostas”

## April:

**Sunday 14th - 12—5pm**

April is such a busy month that the committee has trouble trying not to clash with major gardening events. April is certainly not the peak time for Hostas anyway so we have decided to join an existing event. The Dogwood Arts featured gardens are on this day so we are proposing that we possibly carpool to these two gardens and then end up at Aubrey’s restaurant for a social gathering. (This is optional) The two gardens are Dr. Alan Solomon’s & Caesar Stairs. More information about this will be forthcoming when the event gets closer. Any feedback is appreciated.

April 4—28 is the Dogwood Arts open gardens program where you can visit about 16 private gardens.

## May:

**ETHS Hosta Tailgate Sale (Sunday 5th—11am to 3pm)**

This annual event is our only fund raiser for the year and is supported by Brian White Nursery (founding member). It is a fun event and includes a white elephant sale and invited vendors.

**Trail Walk & Garden Tour**— (25th) Memorial Weekend at the Anderson’s. Starts at 10am and finishes with a pot luck lunch.

**Note:** The planned garden tour of North Hills is still in the cards and hopefully will happen sometime either May or June

## June:

**Garden Tour:** Hella Peterson (Saturday AM June 22nd)

## July:

**Garden Tour:** Sandi Burdick (Saturday AM July 13th)

## August:

**Hosta Talk with Bob Solberg** - Anderson’s Garden (Sun. 25th) Come early for the garden tour and the pot luck lunch.

## September:

We are still working out the details for our September activity and will advise when available.

## October:

**Fall Garden Tour - Dr. Alan Solomon’s “GATOP”** (Sun. 13th) Come and see the fall colors and join in a pot luck lunch and some planned fun activities.

## November:

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) & entertainment - End of year social gathering** (Sun. Nov. 17th - Location/Time TBD)

## Out of Town Events

**Hosta College:** Piqua, OH (Mar 15-16th)

**Dixie Region Convention** - Rehoboth Beach, DE (May 3-5th)

**AHS Convention** - Green Bay, Wisconsin (June 12-15th)

## Plant Sales

**April 6th—UT Gardens—8.30am to 3pm**

**April 6th—Farragut Presbyterian Church—9am to 1pm**

**April 7th—Brian Whites Nursery—2 to 5pm—Financial members get a 20% discount and special pricing on Japanese Maples.**

**April 13th - Talahi—8am to 12pm**

**April 13th—UT Arboretum—9am to 2pm**

**29th April—Blount Garden Clubs—6am to 12pm**

**4th May—North Hills—9am to 1pm**

**5th May—ETHS Tailgate Hosta Sale—11am to 3pm**



## Elin's Column

**Elin Johnson** (Past President and Master Gardener extraordinaire) was the editor of this newsletter for nearly 20 years. Her writings are often found in gardening magazines.



Guess when this picnic at the gardens took place? July, 2007. Sue Hamilton met with us that day, and I'm sure you'll recognize others that were there. I have more pictures made that day showing others who attended-- Howard and Anna Luttrell, Deedee Blane, Gina Buffum, and Michael and Esther Johnson, as well as a few other people whose names I have forgotten.

Why this particular picture? I wanted to call attention to the ETHS's long lasting connection to the UT Gardens. It goes back even further than 2007. Don and Sue Williams were early members of our club (which was actually started in 1998). Don was, of course, a major originator of the gardens, and classes under his direction created, among other parts of the garden, the map of Tennessee on the floor of the entrance, the outdoor classroom where I attended many programs, and the water garden. The garden changes every year, and these features no longer exist. But the gardens have expanded exponentially, and there are a great many wonderful features now that didn't exist then. Don made possible our plant sales in the parking lot.

The reason I wanted to bring up this subject is to call attention to how instrumental so many of our members have been in helping with these improvements over the years. I'm going to mention a few, although I'm sure there are others that have been equally supportive.

First and foremost is **Faye Beck**. I remember that she was an important member of the Friends of the Gardens, and I saw her at the gardens the first day I ever visited there. Faye is probably the most important volunteer the gardens have ever had, and she has been recognized as a "Distinguished Volunteer" by the garden staff.

Another long-time volunteer at the gardens is **Bob Goeltz**. He is the one everyone calls on when something heavy needs to be installed.

Another person that has been a dedicated volunteer is **Fran Scheidt**. I met her working in the old greenhouse, and she showed me how to plant the little coleus cuttings into the flats that would become plants that would be sold at the annual spring plant sale. And who was in charge of this endeavor? **Peter Kopp**. At that time, he was in charge of holding the mother plants over in the greenhouse and supervising planting of the new babies.



At the annual volunteer luncheon this year, the garden staff recognized another "Distinguished Volunteer", **Deedee Blane**. I met her on a Friends of the Gardens bus trip to the Asheville botanical garden, and she has been not only a dependable volunteer at the gardens, but an indispensable member of the Hosta Society. Congratulations, Deedee! This was highly deserved.

## Member Profile

Each month we will profile a member to help us get to know other members better. Be ready for your turn.

**This Month's Member(s) is Steve & Eleanor Kilpatrick**



The Kilpatrick's are long time residents of Knoxville, but neither is native to Tennessee. Steve was a Navy brat and made his way here by way of Norfolk, VA, Charleston, SC, Miami and Key West, Florida landing in Knoxville at the ripe old age of 5. Eleanor grew up in Atlanta, moving to a farm in North Georgia in high school and then to Knoxville to attend UT. Starting out as a graphic designer, Eleanor went on to become a handbag designer and then V.P. of Design at several handbag companies. Her most recent venture was as the administrator of their church where she worked for 7 years before retiring (again). Now she is attending the Master Gardener Class and serving as Vice President of the North Hills Garden club. Steve began his career in the communications field and went on to found a company in 1986 that specializes in high end audio, video and lighting event production where he serves as president. He served on the Dogwood Arts Board and on the Executive Dogwood Arts Board as Treasurer and is also very active in the North Hills Garden club, serving as president for two years.

The Kilpatrick's have lived in their home in North Hills, which they share with their cat Ozzie, for over 20 years. While gardening is at the top of their list of hobbies, they are also interested in classic cars and Steve has a small collection of antique autos.

Collecting plants and designing and redesigning their yard takes up most of Steve and Eleanor's free time. Hostas are Steve's favorite plant to collect (he has over 30 named varieties!) while Eleanor is a collector of Hydrangeas and is a member of the American Hydrangea Society.

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## 2019 Hosta of the Year

### Lakeside Paisley Print



**Lakeside Paisley Print** — Photo by Ann Federking

Every year since 1996 the American Hosta Growers Association (AHGA) has named a Hosta of the Year. The selected hosta must grow well in all regions of the country, be widely available in sufficient quantity, and retail for about \$15.00 in its year of selection.

**Lakeside Paisley Print** (Elin's favorite Hosta)

Registered by Mary Chastain (2006) Small: 10" tall x 20" wide Lavender flowers on 24" cream scapes Parentage: "seedling" x "seedling"

Heart-shaped, lightly puckered leaves with wide wavy green borders and a creamy-yellow center that shoots out from the petioles like lightning, creating a "feather" pattern. Lakeside Paisley Print is a slow grower, but once established it has good substance and is an absolute show-stopper.

### Action Checklist

- Mark ETHS events in your calendar
- Attend the meeting on the 24th to learn about companion & container planting with Hostas
- Encourage your gardening friends to become members
- Make sure your membership fees are paid