



Hosta Happenings

East Tennessee Hosta Society

January 2020

2020 Dixie Regional Meeting

Hostas in the Smokies

By now you know that ETHS is hosting the 2020 Dixie Regional Meeting May 28 to 30. The Planning Committee members are:

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| Fred Anderson | Mary Albrecht |
| Kathie Biehler | Fran Scheidt |
| Dee Dee Blane | Elin Johnson |
| Gina Buffum | Brian White |
| Bob Goeltz | Cheryl Ferrone |
| Sandra Anderson | |

A contract has been signed with the Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff, Knoxville (Interstate 40, Exit 378 to North Cedar Bluff). Reservations may be made by going to [this link](#) then entering dates of you stay. You should then see the Group Code AHS to get into our room block. More details will be made available as soon as possible. Check the [ETHS website](#), [News page](#), for updates.

2020 Dues are Due!

Just a reminder that annual dues are due! Send your check for \$12 for individual or \$18 for family membership, made out to ETHS, to

Gina Buffum
Treasurer, East Tennessee Hosta Society
7334 Wheatfield Place
Knoxville, TN 37919

2020 Hosta of the Year

‘Dancing Queen’, a Kent Terpening and Alttara Scheer 2005 introduction (myhostas.be), is a large hosta (18 inches tall by 30 inches wide) with yellow foliage and a picrust edge. Flowers are pale lavender and appear in the summer, typically in July through August. One of the pluses of this yellow hosta is it starts out as a bright yellow and softens as the season progresses. Being yellow, this one also handles some sun.



Photo from the garden of Mary Albrecht taken May 1, 2019. Top: ‘Dancing Queen’, bottom ‘Inniswood’.

Past Hosta of the Year Recipients

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| 1996 ‘So Sweet’ | 2001 ‘June’ |
| 1997 ‘Patriot’ | 2002 ‘Guacamole’ |
| 1998 ‘Fragrant Bouquet’ | 2003 ‘Regal Splendor’ |
| 1999 ‘Paul’s Glory’ | 2004 ‘Sum and Substance’ |
| 2000 ‘Sagae’ | 2005 ‘Striptease’ |

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2019 Year End Celebration

The annual year-end celebration and business meeting held Sunday, November 17 was well attended. Fantastic food and great fellowship preceded the business meeting. The 2019 officers approved by those in attendance are:

President Fred Anderson

Vice-President Bob Goeltz

Treasurer Gina Buffum

Secretary Cheryl Ferrone

Communications Mary Albrecht



Newsletter and Website

If you see anything that needs updating on the [website](#) or if you have information to include in the newsletter, feel free to send along to Mary Albrecht, plantprof@gmail.com. Photos are always welcomed along with captioning information.

Tentative Calendar

February 23: Classroom meeting – present and discuss 2020 program – Educational Talk - Entertainment

March 20-21, Hosta College (Great Lakes Region; [website](#))

March 29: Classroom meeting, report from Hosta College – a fun activity – seasonal management education session.

April 26: Garden Tour of Hella Peterson - Dogwood Trails & Open Gardens (All month)

May 3: UT Gardens Plantapalooza & Hosta Tailgate Sale

May 28 – 30: Dixie Region Convention, Knoxville, Tenn., Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff ([hotel reservation website](#))

June 11—14: AHS Convention ([website](#))

June 27: Garden Tour, TBD

July 25: Garden Tour, TBD

August 23: Presentation by Bob Solberg at Anderson Estate

September 19: Plant Nursery Tour

October 25: Fall Garden Tour

November 22: End of Year Meeting, annual general meeting and social



Time to Clean-Up Hellebores

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Hellebores (Lenten rose, *Helleborus* species and cultivars) are popular companion plants in hosta gardens. Well, it's January in East Tennessee and time to clean them up, otherwise you may be missing their flowers.

Most hellebores prefer moist soils and shade making them great companions for hosta. They also have deep green, coarse foliage with serrated (saw-toothed) leaf edges. A few of the newer yellow-flowered cultivars may have pale green, almost yellow, foliage. The flowers can handle fairly cold temperatures, even a few degrees below freezing, making them a great plant for East Tennessee.

Trim back foliage to expose the flowers. Ideally, foliage should be trimmed back in December before the flower stalks start to elongate and emerge above the soil. Now, you'll need to use some caution to make sure you don't snip off the flower stalks.

Below you can see (within the black oval) what remains of the petioles of the removed leaves.

- 2006 'Stained Glass'
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- 2007 'Paradigm'
- 2008 'Blue Mouse Ears'
- 2009 'Earth Angel'
- 2010 'First Frost'
- 2011 'Praying Hands'
- 2012 'Liberty'
- 2013 'Rainforest Sunrise'
- 2014 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
- 2015 'Victory'
- 2016 'Curly Fries'
- 2017 'Brother Stefan'
- 2018 'World Cup'
- 2019 'Lakeside Paisley Print'

2019 Year in Review

Did you miss the Year in Review Video put together by President Fred Anderson. If you did, it's not to late. Go [here](#) and enjoy! Make sure you have your speakers on! Hey, you just may be in it!

East Tenn. Hosta Society Email

If you need to get in touch with us and you don't have an email, you can always reach us at easttennhostasociety@gmail.com.



**American Hosta Society
National Convention
June 10-13th 2020
Minneapolis MN**

For more info go to
<https://hostavision2020.com/>