



Hosta Happenings

East Tennessee Hosta Society

June 2022

Southern Blight hits Hosta in Several Beds of Tranquility

It all started with a simple question to Ferti-lome Consumer Support and the email conversation went like this:

Me:
Is the Liquid Systemic Fungicide II treatment effective for Southern Blight?

Their reply was:
Yes. It contains Propiconazole.

Me:
Thank you. Did not see it listed on the label. Have about 800 hosta that need to be sprayed. Do you suggest foliar spraying or spraying of only the crown and soil area?

Also have used for several years on about 300 Rohdea (Sacred Lily of Japan) to prevent red spots. Spray the foliage in early spring, mid-summer, and late fall.

Their reply was:
Clean the area of any dead leaves. Apply early in the morning. Apply/spray over the tops and leaf surface. It's systemic and will be absorbed through the top of the plant and taken into the root system too.

Warren Pollock recently submitted an article on Southern Blight to AHS Hosta Journal. He told me there are several fungicides which include Southern Blight on their labels.

I have used the hose attachment Ferti-lome Fungicide II for several years to decrease the red spots which can appear on Rohdea. Last year, the regiment of spraying in the spring, mid-summer and fall was not followed and most Rohdea developed a lot of spots and had winter burning. When spraying as above, for the past five years, the Rohdea have shown very few red spots and almost

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Big Thank You to All Who Helped: Dixie Regional Hosta Society Convention

This issue is devoted to the successful Dixie Regional Hosta Society Convention. The staff at the Holiday Inn West Knoxville on Cedar Bluff were great to work with and helped tremendously to host our guests. Ham and Goody's lunches were excellent. All gardens were a delight to see and were in top notch condition. And the weather was delightful.

Enjoy these photos. [A slideshow](#) with even more photos is posted to our website (works on computers and tablets



- iPad and Android; just doesn't seem to want to work on a iPhone or Android phone.)

Photo by Mary Albrecht©



Photo by Hosta Society of Northern Alabama©

Local Garden Events

June 24 and 25, 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, [Dogwood Arts Summer Featured Gardens](#) includes Anderson Estate, Savage Garden, and Mary's Garden (different Mary, not your editor!).

July 9, **Saturday, 10:00 am** - Garden Tour at the home of Carl and Hella Peterson, 1072 West Outer Drive, **Oak Ridge**. (Note this is not our usual third weekend of the month. So don't miss out!)

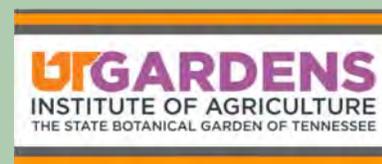
August – Educational Talk and plant sale by Bob Solberg

September 25 - Garden tour of Caesar Stairs' Garden, 2:00 pm

October 23rd – Fall Garden tour of GATOP Gardens, 2:00 pm

November 20 – Annual General Meeting and end of year social, 2:00 pm

Keep an eye out for events at the Greater Knoxville area public gardens:





Participants at the Anderson Gardens, photo by Mary Albrecht©



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Participants at GATOP, photo by Mikko Lockwood©



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From left to right: GATOP - God's Answer to Our Prayers entrance sculpture (Cheryl Ferrone©); lawn outside home facing the Great Smoky Mountains and Tennessee River; view through sculpture (both from Hosta Society of North Alabama© Facebook page).

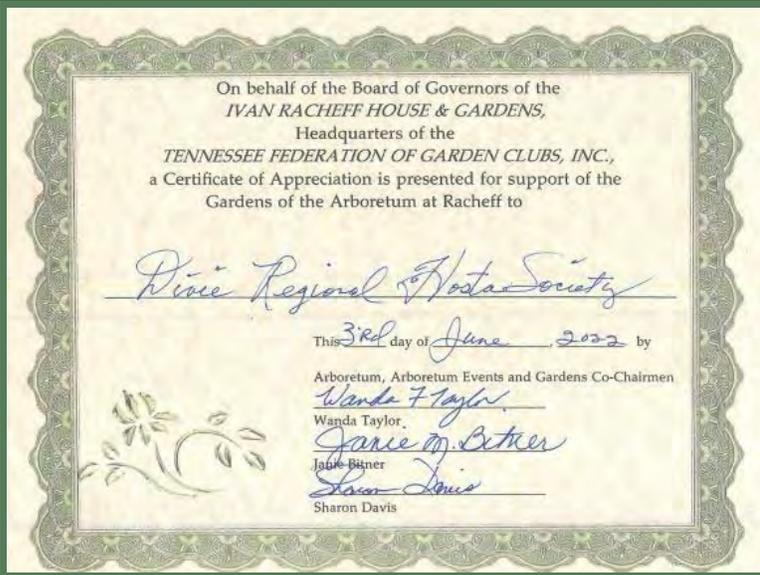


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Lunch at the Ivan Racheff House and Gardens; upper right and lower left photos by Cheryl Ferrone©, lower right photo by Mary Albrecht©.

Visiting the gardens of Randy Stewart; lower left photo by Fred Anderson©; lower right photo by Beverly Smith©



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Gardens of Randy Stewart; left view looking towards the home; below the labyrinth in the garden. Both photos by Cheryl Ferrone©



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Below participants viewing the gardens of Fred and Sandra Anderson; photos to left and right by Cheryl Ferrone©; center photo from Hosta Society of Northern Alabama©.



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Great presentations from our speakers - Brian White told us his secrets to hypertufa (top left, photo by Mary Albrecht©); Dr. Mark Windham covered diseases hosta are prone to getting (top right, photo by Mary Albrecht©); Bob Solberg covered the do's and don'ts of hosta gardening (bottom left, photo by Cheryl Ferrone©); and Dr. Mary Albrecht covered plant nomenclature and why it's important (bottom right, photo by Cheryl Ferrone©)

The final event - the auction! Bob Solberg proved himself an auctioneer supreme! (Photo credits Beverly Smith© left, Cheryl Ferrone©, right)



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Are you a Hosta Beginner

Hosta Addict

Somewhere in-between

Approximately how many different Hostas do you have:

Fewer than 10

10-50

Over 50

Would you like your garden to be considered for an open garden tour by ETHS?

Yes

No

Maybe

Would you like to volunteer for an activity in our club?

Yes

No

Maybe

Annual dues for individual membership is \$12 and \$18 for a family. Membership is based on a calendar year.

Mail application and check payable to **East Tennessee Hosta Society** to:

Gina Buffum
Treasurer, ETHS
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Invite a friend to join!

Welcome New Member

Extend a big welcome to our newest member Cindy Daniel of Oneida. Cindy joined as a result of participating in the Dixie Regional Hosta Society Convention.

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no winter burn. (I just say “red spots” because throughout the world of Rohdea growers, there are numerous names for the causative agent but everyone recognizes “red spots.”

Ferti-lome specifically lists 2-N-1 fungicide for Southern Blight (<https://www.fertilome.com/Fertilome-Products.aspx>), but the disease is not currently listed on the Fungicide II label. The 2-N-1 Systemic is not available as a hose attachment.

Per the communication above, note that Ferti-lome Fungicide II can be used to treat Southern Blight in hosta.

(Note: The hosta affected with Southern Blight in Tranquility have no Rohdea planted near them. However, where there are large clusters of Rohdea (and where Ferti-lome Fungicide II) has been routinely sprayed, there have been NO hosta affected by Southern Blight this year nor in past years.

I have previously used a drench of 20% original Clorox on the crowns and nearby soil of plants affected with Southern Blight, but original Clorox is becoming difficult to find in stock.

I understand that tebuconazole is also effective for controlling Southern Blight. In googling, I see that a hose attachment is sold as Bayer Advanced Disease Control.

Happy gardening.

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