



Hosta Happenings

East Tennessee Hosta Society

February 2023

President's Message

I can't wait for spring. I planted hundreds of plants when they were dormant in the fall and now looking forward to seeing them leaf out (hopefully). The large paper bushes that I planted had buds on them when I planted them and it looks like they were not affected by the arctic blast as the buds are starting to blossom out. Cornelia Holland in Franklin TN has a few Hostas starting to break dormancy which is way too early so hopefully ours will behave themselves here in East Tennessee. I see the Quinces and Pussy Willows also starting to think about blossoming out.

Don't miss our first meeting of the year coming up on Sunday 26th at 2:00 pm at the UT greenhouse classrooms. If you haven't been there before and need directions, please let us know. Our speaker for this meeting will be Mary Albrecht who will be talking about managing your garden in preparation for spring and will also be giving some tips on dealing with the recent cold event. The door prize will be a seedling of my Abutilon "Biltmore Ballgown", but you must be there to win it.

Hosta College is coming up next month 17-19th March in Piqua OH - registrations are now open. Mary Albrecht and I will be presenting talks at this fun event where you can attend up to five classes on the day on all types of garden topics. To learn more check out Great Lakes Region Hosta College. There will be a plant auction, free

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gift plant, silent auction and many plant vendors.

Sandra & I have already booked for the Dixie Regional Hosta Society convention in Cary NC - 4-7th May with the theme "Choose your own adventure". This Raleigh area is a hotbed of top-notch plant nurseries and world class botanical gardens so really looking forward to planning our adventure. Why not team up with some friends and carpool there? To really save some money, be sure to get your registration in before the early registration price expires.

It is now past due to get your membership fees to Liz Etnier to continue to be a member. Bring your membership fees to this month's meeting to save on postage.

Let's start looking forward to an exciting and fulfilling year ahead.

Warm Regards,

Fred Anderson

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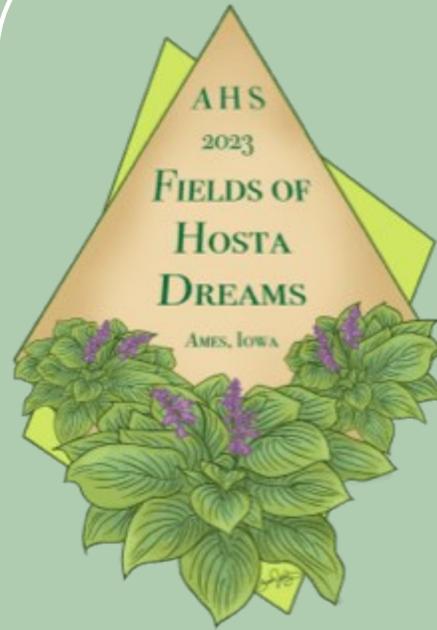
Dues are Due

New rate: \$15 for one or two members in a household. Just give both names on form and both emails for each to receive the electronic newsletter. An abbreviated form is on page 7 of this newsletter! Or, look for it at <https://www.easttnhostasociety.net/join-eths.html> as either a pdf file or interactive pdf file.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Oops! No new members to report this month!



2023
National
Convention
June 7-10,
Ames IA

Registration is now open.

BECOME A MEMBER!



- Receive *The Hosta Journal*, mailed to you
- Gain access to members-only online materials
- Participate in exciting events and auctions
- Further your love of hostas and gardening

HOSTA.org

Daffodil Show

ETHS member Wanda Taylor reports the American Daffodil Society Southeast Regional Daffodil Show will be held Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, on the University of Tennessee Ag Campus in the South Greenhouse Room 124, 2514 Jacob Drive. Participants will be entering their daffodils and photography on Thursday, March 16, 3:00 to 6:00 pm, and on Friday, March 17, 8:00 to 10:00 am. The show will be judged on Friday, March 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and then open to the public on Friday and Saturday.

For more information about exhibiting, contact Wanda Taylor (mommawanda@aim.com).

Photo: Taken by Mary Albrecht at the 2019 Daffodil Show held on the UT Ag Campus.



ETHS 2023 Calendar

February 26, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, The Great Freeze of 2022, meet in the South Greenhouse classroom. UT Ag Campus

March 17 - 19, Hosta College, Piqua, Ohio

March 17 - 18, American Daffodil Society Southeast Regional Daffodil Show, South Greenhouse, Rm. 24, UT Ag Campus.

March 26, Classroom meeting in South Greenhouse on UT Ag Campus

April 1 - UT Gardens, Knoxville, Spring Plant Sale

April - nothing planned - Dogwood Arts Festival and Open Gardens will keep all busy!

May 4 - 7, 2023, Dixie Regional Meeting, Cary, NC

May (Date TBD) - ETHS Tailgate Plant Sale

May 21 - Garden Tour and Social

June 17 - Garden Tour and Social

July (Date TBD) - Garden Tour and Social

August 27, 11:00 am - Potluck and visit from Bob Solberg

September (TBD) Garden Tour and Social (need to work around UT football schedule)

October (TBD) Garden Tour and Social (need to work around UT football schedule)

November 19 - Annual General Meeting and Holiday Celebration

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



Horticulture Humor



Do you see the Muppet Gonzo? Thanks to Judy Artley for sharing the photo from Erica Moncada, both with the New England Hosta Society (hope I got the photo credit correct!).

Are Panolas Pansies?

Mary L. Albrecht, Professor Emerita,
Department of Plant Sciences, University of
Tennessee

To answer that question, let's look at the history of the nomenclature for pansy. In Liberty Hyde Bailey's *Manual of Cultivated Plants* (revised edition, fifteenth printing, 1975, p. 686), *Viola tricolor*, L, var. *hortensis*, DC, is identified as the annual pansy. In Steven M. Still's *Manual of Herbaceous Ornamental Plants* (fourth edition, 1994, p. 710), pansy is identified as *Viola* × *wittrockiana*. And, when you check at worldfloraonline.org, *Viola tricolor* var. *hortensis* DC is listed as a synonym for *Viola tricolor* L. World Flora Online also states that *Viola wittrockiana* is "unchecked and awaiting

taxonomic scrutiny." In other words, they're saying that's not an accepted name and it is waiting further information. So, why does Stephen Still use it in his text? Not sure, but stay tuned for more.

Now when consulting another online source, *Plants of the World Online* from the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, I lean that *Viola* × *wittrockiana* Gams is an artificial hybrid resulting from a cross of *V. altaica* × *V. lutea* subsp. *sudetica* × *V. tricolor* and was first used in 1925.

So, the bottom line is that the botanical name for what we call pansies is 1) in the genus *Viola*

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(more on that latter), and 2) a little fuzzy but appears best to use the *V. × wittrockiana* as identified by Kew.

So what's a Panola? Panola is a registered trademark name for a line of pansies identified by the scientific name *Viola × wittrockiana* and common name of multiflora pansy hardy to Zone 6a to 8b (PanAmerican Seed, [Panola XP Mixture Pansy](#)). How do I know it's a registered trademark? Simple, after the name Panola there is the symbol ®. And, by the way, in their promotional material, they describe the series as an "F₁ multiflora pansy, *Viola × wittrockiana*." Note that since they are specifying that it is an F₁ hybrid, meaning it's the first generation of the cross of the parents and the seed you might save will not come back true to type.

Within the Panola family of multiflora pansy, there are a number of different colors:

- Panola® XP Beaconsfiled Pansy ('PAS702631')
- Panola® XP Deep Orange Pansy ('PAS702640')
- Panola® XP Deep Blue Blotch Pansy ('PAS702632')



- Panola® XP Marina Pansy ('PAS839384')
- Panola® XP Purple Pansy ('PAS702644')
- Panola® XP Rose Picotee Pansy ('PAS702645')
- Panola® XP Scarlet Pansy ('PAS702646')
- Panola® XP True Blue ('PAS702634')
- Panola® XP White Pansy ('PAS702648')
- Panola® XP Yellow Pansy ('PAS543864')
- Panola® XP Yellow Blotch Pansy ('PAS839382')

Now, if you're observant, I've included within parentheses, a string of letters and numbers, enclosed by single quotation marks, after each cultivar of Panola® XP varieties. These are the actual cultivar names. The rest (that not within parentheses) is a name for marketing and is not a taxonomically recognized name. The cultivar name 'PAS839382' is probably what the breeder used to recognize the different lines. The marketing name will allow the breeding company to replace the actual cultivar with a new, improved yellow blotched line without having to change the name the consumer recognizes as the Panola Yellow Blotch Pansy.

Why do they do that? A very fair question. Early in my career in horticulture, I recall a chrysanthemum line that was a bit of a nightmare to remember the name from year to year. When I first met the mum, it was called 'Indianapolis White'. A few years later, they introduced a replacement cultivar, 'New Indianapolis White.' Then they later introduced 'Improved New Indianapolis White.' Why did they do this? The cultivar name 'Indianapolis White' had name recognition with the growers. So, to introduce a new white variety by another name could conceivably hurt sales, so they added the adjective "New". And of course, by the time they introduced the next improvement, the name was starting to get a little long! At the same time, plant patent and registration laws were changing, that allowed the breeding firms to start coming up with registered names with the intention of being able to retain cultivar identity without having to create all new names. Of course, this was a problem for researchers who purchased a

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Hosta 'Autumn Frost' PP23224 CPBR4946

SHADOWLAND® Collection



Common Name: Hosta

2019 Proven Winners National Hosta of the Year®

'Autumn Frost' is a sport of the 2010 AHGA Hosta of the Year, 'First Frost', which in turn is a sport of the champion of blue hostas, 'Halcyon'. It is a showier version of 'First Frost', displaying extra wide margins.

The leaves emerge frosty blue with a bright yellow margin that lightens to creamy white during the summer. It forms a medium sized mound topped with light lavender flowers in mid to late summer.



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"cultivar" and didn't realize they were actually getting a slightly different genetic line from one year to the next. So, we now can find truth in advertising because the producers of our ornamentals now list the true and registered cultivar name (the one they filed with the specific species registration organization) on plant tags and website materials.

Additionally, another piece of information you will see on plant labels and other marketing materials (see above screen capture of the [Walters Gardens website](#)) will be something along the lines of PPAF, PPxxxxx, CPBRxxx and/or CPBRAFF. Those designations are for US Plant Patent or patented applied for (PPAF), and Canadian Plant Breeders' Rights and Breeders' Rights pending (CPBRAFF). If you see this on a label or promotional material, it means that particular cultivar is protected by US and Canadian entities and propagation for resale is illegal. You must pay a royalty to the breeder for every plant propagated and sold (regardless of the propagation method - seed, cutting, division, tissue culture, etc.). Typically, commercial operations end up paying that royalty through the price of the labels you find in the pots. And,

sometimes it's a separate billing based on the number of cuttings the grower may produce (yes, there are employees of the breeding and supply companies whose job it is to determine how many plants you produced from stock plants - it gets complicated!).

Also note, that the series name SHADOWLAND is a registered trademark (top image). After the full description of the cultivar, they included the above statement.

The SHADOWLAND® trademark is owned by Walters Gardens, Inc.

So, to get back to the original question, YES, Panolas are Pansies!

As to other species of *Viola*, violets, there are many - some considered "weedy" by gardeners, some (and often the same species) considered native, and yet others are considered invasive. "The Violets of Tennessee" by Norman H. Russell, published in the Journal of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Club (September, 1958, Vol. 23, Issue no. 3, pp. 63 through 76; downloaded February 13, 2023, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/4031733>) lists 30 species

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found in Tennessee. None of the violas are listed by the Tennessee Invasive Plant Council (<https://www.tnipc.org/invasive-plants/>).

One detail about Violas that you probably should pay attention to is the type of flowers found on wild species: petaliferous flowers (they actually have petals and flower in the spring) and cleistogamous flowers (flowers that are self-fertilized within permanently closed flowers - yes, a little strange! And, they appear in the summer). It is the cleistogamous flowering violas that tend to get weedy because they produce seeds in capsules that should you pull the plant out of a bed, you may unintentionally spread the seeds quite readily.

Interested in learning more about wildflowers, start with *Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians* by Dennis Horn and Tavia Cathcart published by Partners Publishing.

As Seen at the Dogwood Arts Home and Garden Show



ETHS Membership

Name(s) (please print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Preferred Phone (Include Area Code) _____

1st Email Address _____

2nd Email Address _____

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 household membership (maximum of 2 members) are \$15. Membership is based on a calendar year.

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

Liz Etnier
Treasurer, ETHS
1405 Whitower Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919

Invite a friend to join!

2023 Dixie Regional Hosta Meeting

Choose Your Own Adventure

Cary, NC — May 4-7, 2023

It will not be long before spring is here and the hostas are jumping out of the ground. This year the Dixie Regional will try to take advantage of the excitement of early May to have our annual meeting. It will be hosted by Bob Solberg, Regional Director and Beth Barnes, Regional Treasurer centered in Cary, NC. The dates are May 4-7 at the Comfort Suites Regency Park, 350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518.

The meeting will have a new and fun format. It will be a "Choose Your Own Adventure". Attendees will choose from a too long list of world class botanical gardens, excellent nurseries, and local gardens to visit in their own vehicles on Friday and Saturday. Of course, we suggest carpooling, so you make new hosta friends or catchup with old ones. Suggested lists will be provided for both days, emailed to all registrants before they arrive so they can start to plot their adventure ahead of the meeting.

There will be hospitality at the hotel on Thursday and Friday nights with an educational presentation Friday night after dinner on your own. Saturday night we will have our Annual Meeting, pizza party, and fun auction

after we return from touring.

Some of the attractions include the J. C Raulston Arboretum, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, WRAL Azalea Gardens, and the NC Farmers Market. Plant Delights will be open that weekend as well as Green Hill Farm on Saturday as well as many, many local nurseries. There will also be some private gardens to visit featuring hostas and a variety of gardening styles. Check the schedule for suggested days to visit each of these.

Registration is easy and very affordable, just \$35.00. Please copy and mail the registration form (attached to email) to Beth Barnes with your check. You can register for the hotel online at this link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8> or call the Hotel (919) 852-4318 and mention the Group is the Dixie Regional Hosta Society and the code is SW24E8. The rate is \$124.00 for King or Double Room plus State and local tax.

We hope we can be part of your hosta adventure this spring and you will choose to come and see us in May. Questions? Contact Bob Solberg, HostaBob@gmail.com.

Schedule

Thursday, May 4th

Arrive at Comfort Suites Regency Park, 350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518

8:00 PM Hospitality at the Hotel

Friday, May 5th

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

8:00 am Meet in Hotel Lobby

8:30 am Depart Hotel for garden tours on your own: Plant Delights, WRAL Gardens, N C Farmers Market, J C Raulston Arboretum, Big Bloomers, Private Garden

Lunch and Dinner on your own

8:30 pm Hospitality, presentation at the Hotel

Saturday, May 6

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

8:00 am Depart Hotel for garden tours on your own: Private Gardens, Green Hill Farm, Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Lunch on your own

7:00 pm Pizza Party at the Hotel

8:00-8:15 pm DRHS Annual Meeting

8:15-9:30 pm Live Auction (free to the public)

Sunday, May 7

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

2023 Dixie Regional Hosta Meeting

"Choose Your Own Adventure!" May 4-7, 2023
Comfort Suites Regency Park
350 Ashville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518

Registration Form

Please print:

Name: (as it will appear on your convention name tag) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip
Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional Attendees:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Full Registration: (includes Thursday and Friday Hospitality, Friday and Saturday Garden Tours on your own, Saturday Pizza Party, and Auction) Cost per person \$35.00

Number of attendees @ \$35 _____

Late Registration Fee: If your form is postmarked after **April 1, 2023** please add \$20 per person late fee. Late Fee @ \$20 per person _____

Total included _____

Please mail checks only with this form to

Beth Barnes, 2628 Freestone Lane, Raleigh, NC 27603

Make checks payable to: Dixie Regional Hosta Society

Hotel Reservations: Comfort Suites Regency Park

350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 918-852-4318

Rate: \$124 King or Double Room plus State and Local Tax

Reservation link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8>

Group: Dixie Regional Hosta Society SW24E8

Includes free hot breakfast. Rate cutoff date: April 20, 2023

Please remember to bring plants, garden art, or a fun item for the Saturday Auction. Thanks.