



Yeager Garden Tour

Saturday, July 9, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Susan and Gary Yeager, hosts

505 E WILLOW GROVE AVE, WYNDMOOR PA 19038

BIG Leaf Contest

1:00 Garden Tour and Hostality

2:00 General Meeting and Auction

Directions to July 9 Meeting

Parking. There is parking on the opposite side of Willow Grove Avenue; however, this is not recommended because it is a busy street. Fortunately, there is plenty of good parking close-by. Wyndmoor Ave., behind the house, or across the street on Pine or Louise Lane. In either case, it is only a short walk. You may use the driveway briefly to drop off large items.

From Philadelphia or NJ via Ben Franklin Bridge: Take I-676 to I-76 west. Exit north on Lincoln Dr. After 4.5 mi. turn left at Emlen Circle onto Emlen St. Emlen St. becomes Cresheim Valley Dr. After 1.9 mi. turn left onto Stenton Ave. Willow Grove Avenue is about 0.5 mi ahead on your right.

From PA Turnpike or points NE: Take I-276 to the Fort Washington Exit. Get on 309 south. In about 2 mi., exit 309 onto southbound Paper Mill Road. In about 0.4 mi. turn left onto W. Cheltenham Ave. After about 1 mi. turn right onto East Willow Grove Road. 505 is a little less than 1 mi ahead on your right. See parking instructions above.

From Wilmington/points SW or from south Jersey via Commodore Barry: Take I-95 north to I-476 north. Exit I-476 to I-276 east. Follow I-276 east to Fort Washington. Then follow the instructions above.

From Pennsylvania points W: Take US 30 east to US 202 east. Follow US 202 to King of Prussia. Get on I-276 toward New Jersey. At the Fort Washington exit, follow the instructions above.

Hosta-tality for July 9

No potluck, but members are encourage to bring munchies to share and a brown bag lunch. Sweets, Veggies, Fruit, Snacks, etc. – all those will keep us going through-out the afternoon. Beverages and plates, etc., will be provided. Come early if you can help set up.

BIG LEAF CONTEST

Bring your largest hosta leaf and see if you're the winner. Length x width is all that matters. Condition doesn't count.



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President's Message

I'm writing this on Monday, the day after we returned from the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. I hope you'll excuse me if I'm feeling a bit of hosta overload! The DVHS had a fabulous meeting at the Romenesko garden, a fabulous Hosta Show at the Barnes Arboretum, and we had a pretty fabulous time at the convention. I wish I could go to First Look this weekend, but it would, I'm sure, be too much of a good thing.

It was hot in St. Louis, but not as hot as Raleigh. And it was, to the distress of the organizers, not as well-attended as they had hoped (or needed, for good fiscal return). Nonetheless, the private gardens (ten of them!) ranged from excellent to astounding, although a number of the owners had gone a bit too far to the dark side: daylilies! The garden of David Poos (a daylily hybridizer) was a particular standout. The daylilies, numbering in the thousands, were covered in bloom, and almost every one of his 700+ hosta cultivars was worthy of being a cover shot for *The Hosta Journal*. As a hosta geek, I was in heaven at seeing so many "ideal" hostas. I gave up on taking pictures, and I think Mark Zilis (famous for measuring and photographing hostas for his books) must have worn out his ruler.

We were surprised at the low population of companion plants among their hostas, something that we in the DVHS get steered away from by the interesting woodland goodies that show up at our auctions or in our own choices of companions. So continue to share these at our auctions, but do be prepared to assist the auctioneer in explaining their value in the garden.

I attended the post-convention review meeting to (openly) discuss what worked, and what didn't, with this year's convention, and am more convinced than ever that 2018 will be a huge success. We have some great ideas bubbling, and as soon as we pin down the hotel contract, I think things will fall into place quickly. It's only two years away! We'll have a team going to Indianapolis next year to extend the invitation, always a fun highlight of the convention's closing banquet.

Regrettably, I will be traveling (India again) during the upcoming DVHS meeting, but I leave the event in capable hands. I hope you all come and have a great time.

David Teager

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The Yeager Garden

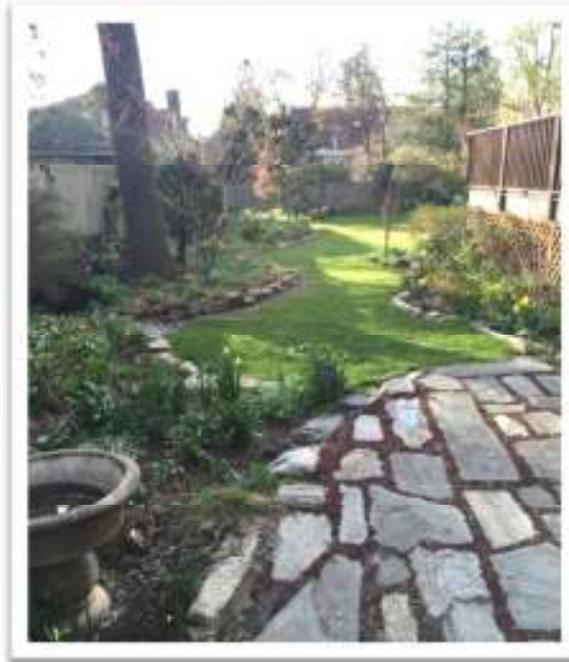
A note from Susan.....

The garden at 505 E. Willow Grove Ave in Wyndmoor is more city than suburban. The house was built in 1909 and sits just across the Philadelphia city line from Chestnut Hill. It became our home 31 years ago, starting with a few white variegated hosta and the mums purchased by prior owners for putting the house on the market. Those years raised two fine young men and many plants, all by trial and error and with prayer.

Measuring 70' by 140', visitors are usually surprised by how full the garden is, though any plant lover will understand perfectly! Two large Canadian hemlocks and many weed trees in the back once made that area shady and dry, full of roots. That is all changed as over the years, we removed a dozen trees, the last a huge Norway maple that was sucking water and nutrients from the back third of the yard. It was removed last year. Many hostas, which were the foundation of shade planting in this area, are panting a bit as they wait for the newer trees to fill in and provide shade again.

The front faces a busy street. The more formal design at the entrance to our home and plantings along the sidewalk fence are intended to entice visitors and share the delights of a bountiful garden with everyone who passes by. In all areas, it is clear that plant collecting continues,

including heuchera, dahlias, roses and special varieties of unusual plants, many arriving as a sharing from other gardeners.



Something is always blooming because the "gardener" loves exuberant color.



4 REPORT FROM THE 2016 HOSTA SHOW

The show, "Hostas Celebrate the Fine Arts", at the Barnes Arboretum was a great success. In addition to seeing some outstanding cut leaves and potted hostas, visitors were welcomed with floral designs that represented each of the five Fine Arts: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Graphics, and Architecture.

For the Cut Leaf Division, the Best of Show was the Section V winner --a tiny leaf from the species *H. gracillima*, grown by David Teager. Other Best of Section awards went to I. Giant, 'Olive Baily Langdon' grown by David, II. Large, 'Prophecy Fulfilled', grown by Conny Parsons; III. Medium, 'Moon Waves' from David; IV. Small, 'Hanky Panky' from Conny; V. Mini, *H. gracillima*. The Division II awards for Best of Section both went to Marilyn Romenesko for 'Tiny Bubbles' and 'Tears of Joy', which advanced to win Best Container Grown Hosta. Our Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons was Conny Parsons.

We had 130 entries, a little less than our 2014 show, but the weather did not cooperate with the best growing conditions and some potential entrants had conflicts with the date. A big "Thank You" and "Congratulations" to all who entered the show : Stephanie Bennett, Jane Bersch, Deborah Bryant, Tammy Feuer, Missy Kashey, Kathy Klein, Ed MacFarland, Kathy Miller, Conny Parsons, Jim Parsons, Marilyn Romenesko, and David Teager. Others who were a tremendous help include: Christel Badey, Rebecca Boylan, Middy Dorrance, Marcy and Eli Cohen, Stephen Fugate, Steve Miller, Warren Pollock, Ken Pretorati, Dan Romenesko, Jeff Tucker, and Peg Walz. If I missed your name please let me know. It was all a lot of fun. Seeing perfectly grown leaves was an inspiration for all.

A big thanks also to Jacob Thomas and all the staff members at the Arboretum.

Section Winners Division I. (l to r) 'Olive Bailey Langdon', 'Prophecy Fulfilled', *H. gracimilla*, 'Hanky Panky', 'Moon Waves'
Staff Photo



BOS Close-Up.
Staff Photos.



The Mystery Leaf. Stephanie Bennett brought in this beautiful splashed leaf, but could not identify it herself. Classification thought perhaps it was *H. 'Spritzer'*, but the judges said no, so it was disqualified. Recognize it? We would all like to know. It might have been a winner.

Staff Photo.



Division VI. Artistic Design.
Class III: Sculpture.
A charming little sculptural design by Tammy Feuer featuring hosta flowers and hosta leaves
Staff Photo



HOSTA FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP.

After completing five floral designs for Division VI and entering the cut leaf show, Tammy Feuer still found time to teach a class in floral design using hosta leaves.

Missy Kashey was one of the lucky ones who signed up for the class, which was held in the kitchen at the Barnes Foundation after the Hosta Show. Here is her report.

Lighten the mood with a bit of whimsy by decorating a room with a paint can floral arrangement featuring hosta leaves and garden flowers.

After judging or viewing the collection of award-winning hosta

leaves displayed in the DVHS leaf show on June 11th, six DVHS members joined floral design expert, Tammy Feuer, to learn basic fresh flower arranging, conditioning, and design techniques by creating an arrangement in a new quart sized paint can sprayed azure blue.

Using an array of fresh garden flowers with a spike-like form such as salvia or hosta flower stems, we learned a fool-proof method and the proportions necessary to create basic structure within an arrangement to form an eye-catching centerpiece. Once the basic flower structure was established, we inserted flowers with a global form such as hydrangea or allium to build substance and extend the basic "lines" formed by the spike-like flowers.

Finally, and most importantly for hosta fans, we selected proportionally appropriate, medium sized blue hosta leaves as a filler to hide the water-soaked oasis, flower stems, and to carry the blue color from the "vase" throughout the arrangement.

The flower arranging clinic using hostas was a great educational experience and loads of fun. Consider participating in a future clinic and build your skills in using plant material from your garden to create an arrangement for your home.

No recipe this time, but check out this good eating!

'Salad Leaf Basil'.
Seeds available at www.reneesgarden.com.



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DVHS 2016 Calendar

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Saturday, July 9: DVHS Tour. Susan and Gary Yeager's garden, Wyndmoor, PA. BIGLEAF contest, plant auction, and more fun!

Saturday, November 5: DVHS Fall Meeting. Tyler Arboretum. Presentation by Carol Brashear. "Is It a New Hosta Sport Or Is It a Virus?"

Saturday, October 29: Tri-State Hosta Meeting. Frelinghuysen, NJ, speaker TBA.

June 7-11, 2017: AHS National Convention. Indianapolis IN.

June, 2018: AHS National Convention. Philadelphia PA.

June, 2019: AHS National Convention. Green Bay WI.

A hearty welcome to new members:

Doris Lebischak

Jane Bersch

Amy Brown

Bruce Gangawer

IT'S EASY TO FORGET DUES

Please check your mailing label. If you see a number less than 16, you owe DVHS dues for 2016. Current members' renewal fees are due by the April meeting; any back dues also need to be paid in order to remain current. **You must be a current member to purchase hostas at the special sales, and to receive the *Newsletter* by mail.** The dues pay for the publication of this newsletter and maintenance of the website, as well as for other society activities. Use the form on Page 7.

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