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Auction & AGM
September 8

Winter Meeting
January 26

Hosta Forum
April 6

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President's Musings

August has come and is almost gone. Summers seem to go faster than any other season! Hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to our Annual Auction and General Meeting.

I know quite a few of you participated in the bus tours and picnics and it was great to see so many of you this summer. For those of you that missed some events this year, **Trish Symons** will have a slide show playing at the Winter Meeting.

Calling all volunteers ... Each year we have elections for board positions. This year we have the following board positions up for re-

election. Please consider being nominated to fill these vacancies. President, Vice President, Publicity, Food Purveyor and a Director at Large. We need YOU! This is a great opportunity to shape the future of the Ontario Hosta Society. So please step forward and add your name to the ballot box or nominate someone you think would make a difference! It is a lot of fun and you really make great friendships!

Send me an email to find out more cindydeutekom@netscape.ca or come talk to any of the Executive at the Auction. Perhaps you are not

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September Auction and General Meeting

Our next event will be our annual auction and general meeting on September 8th at the R.J. Murphy Auditorium, 6435 Edwards Blvd. Mississauga, ON; 12:30pm - 4:00pm.

Many new hostas as well as your favourites will be up on the auction block and at the silent auction tables.

Please bring your hosta list, an open mind, and a bidding spirit. Who knows, maybe there will also be some companion plants available.

Just a reminder to those that partook in the Photography Competition, the Hosta Bucks for the winning entries can be redeemed at this event.



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Promote knowledge of and interest in the genus Hosta

Encourage the development of new and improved varieties of Hosta

Promote Hosta cultivation and its usefulness in the landscape

Identify issues related to the genus Hosta and educate members and the public how to deal with such issues.

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ready to take a position, but would like to help out...we need you too.

Bob Leask would like some help auctioning this year! So talk to him if you like to try your hand at being an Auctioneer. **Carel Deutekom** has already agreed to make his

OHS auctioning debut, but we could use another couple of hands.

For all hosta donations for the Auction, please make sure hostas are labeled and disease free. We really appreciate your donations!

Cindy Deutekom, President

Editor's Report

The role of newsletter editor is not a position or job, but a journey that like many others, provides both entertainment and educational opportunities, which provide the same satisfaction as if you were travelling to parts of the world that they you've never seen before! And of course, like any trip, the experience must be shared with others.

Don't worry, I'm not about to get all philosophical on you - I just wanted to establish the tone of this report and present myself with the challenge of tying everything together.

I must admit, when I accepted my journey, I knew where I wanted to go, having accepted the challenge of refreshing the newsletter, but I didn't really know how to get there.

You see, as past editor for other organizations, I have been doing the same thing for years, and that is forcing the program MS Word to do what I wanted it to! It became routine to bash text, pictures and graphs into an order appropriate for the newsletter. And was I learning

anything? Not really.

So with this new journey that I have embarked on, I have ditched MS Word in favour of MS Publisher, which I must also admit, is taking some getting used to.

But with a travel plan already in effect, or rather a newsletter design in place, I think that I am ready to explore the world of digital publishing.

Right out of the gates, I am continuing to learn and be amazed by what MS Publisher offers.

The best thing is "links" that you can create to connect one section of text to another. If you set it up right extra text simply spills over to the next user defined area. MS Word was never this easy!

Anyway, as I continue my editorial travels I will share with you a few tips and tricks that I've learned along the way. The pictures that any world traveller must share with others will be the actual newsletters.

Stephen Douglas, Editor



Ontario Hosta Society 2013 Auction

Please don't miss our 2013 auction

We will have an awesome line up of Hostas, amongst which will be:

Bridal Falls
Island Breeze
Grape Fizz
Oshima Silk
Moonrise
Nifty Fifty
Sugar Snap
Pie A La Mode
Pearly Gates
Giantland Sunny Mouse Ears
Kaleidochrome
Brave Attempt
Hot Air Balloon
Cool As A Cucumber
Happy Days
Royal Wedding



There will also be many others along with some companion plantings

Come and join the fun, chat with old friends and meet new members



When: Sunday, September 8, 2013

Where: R.J. Murphy Auditorium,
6435 Edwards Boulevard, Mississauga

Time: 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

New Members

Aubrey Ashbourne, Toronto
Harvey Bennisen, South River
Lynda Burke, Richmond Hill
Patty Carlson, Richmond Hill
Mark Chipman, Whitby
Faye Collins, Whitby
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Darlene Jolicoer, Newmarket
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Brian Schram, Stevensville
Bethany Timmerman, Paris



A Plea for Speakers in 2014 and 2015

Dear OHS Members:

I could use your help in coming up with a fabulous line-up of speakers for the next year or two.

Topping my list is **Olga Petryszyn!** Who is on your list? Let me know if you have anyone that you would like to hear at either our Winter Meeting or Hosta Forum.

Even if it is a speaker we've had in the past, perhaps they have a new topic that we would love to hear. Keep in mind some speakers book a year in advance.

Please send an email to **Cindy Deutekom** at cindydeutekom@netscape.ca with your 'wish list' of speakers and or topics.

Cindy Deutekom, President

Long Live Lacey

After a nice wet start to the growing season, the slugs took advantage and made lace out of many of my Hosta leaves to the point they are barely recognizable as such.

But what an opportunity to wax artistic and photograph nature's beauty in the form of these decimated leaves! Take a photo of your best (i.e. worst looking) tattered, torn and bedraggled leaves - we have a photo contest category reserved just for you poor souls!

Bob Leask, Treasurer

2013 OHS Photography Contest



Class 1	New Beginnings – emerging Hosta leaves in the spring
Class 2	Bejeweled – Hosta with water drops (may be single leaf)
Class 3	Friend or Foe – Hosta(s) with fauna (i.e. pet, insect, wildlife, etc.)
Class 4	Garden Accent –Hosta(s) with a garden feature or ornament
Class 5	Lacework – slug or snail damaged Hosta leaf
Class 6	Autumn's Glory - Hosta(s) in the fall
Class 7	Picture Perfect - Hosta with companion plants in a garden setting
Class 8	Wildcard - Any other photo featuring Hosta(s)

Rules

- One entry per class per member permitted.
- Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
- Photographs must be 4" x 6", no border.
- Photographs may not have been entered in an OHS photo contest in a previous year.

Entry Procedure

On the reverse of the photograph, please indicate:

1) Exhibitor's name, 2) Class number, 3) Name of Hosta(s) depicted in the photograph (if known).

Mail entries by January 10, 2014 to:

OHS 2013 Photo Contest

2460 Council Ring Road

Mississauga, Ontario

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Judging

Photographs will be judged by a qualified judge and displayed at the winter meeting. Judging is based on the following: 40% Horticultural Value, 40% Photographic Value, 20% Appearance & Impact.

Prizes

OHS prize dollars, for use at the 2014 September auction, will be awarded as follows: 1st place in each class: \$10; Best in Show: \$20; Judge's Choice: \$10.

A Useful Tip

Remember your TOEs. T = Technical, does the image fit in a specified category, is the picture correctly exposed? O = Organization, is the image well organized and composed (remember rule of thirds?) E = Emotions does your picture evoke emotions in the viewer?



Where Do New Hostas Come From?

As a confirmed hosta addict I have often wondered about this question, so I decided to try to find an answer. There are actually several answers, none of which involves gooseberry bushes! It took a "couple of days" to go through books by **Mark Zilis** (The Hostapedia, 2008) and **Diana Grenfell & Michael (Mike) Shadrack** (both the New- and Color- Encyclopedia of Hostas, 2009, 2004) before I couldn't see straight!

The genus hosta turns out to be a very unstable beastie so that many new varieties come from sports. A "natural" sport occurs when a dormant bud gives rise to a plant which differs from the mother plant. I find a sport in our garden at least once a year, as do many others, if the number of hosta varieties reported to be "garden" sports in the books is to be believed. Since I only have a couple of hundred varieties the instability of the hosta genus is quite obvious to me.

Of course there are many new varieties of hostas which come from purposeful cross pollination of two varieties, and perhaps more which come from "open pollination" due to bees doing what bees do. Growing hostas from open pollinated seed usually leads to 95+% green seedlings, while purposeful pollination leads to perhaps as many as 80% greenies. I have nothing against green hostas, but why grow lettuce when you could be growing beautiful plants? My apologies to H. 'Embroidery'. Apologies also to those who hybridize hostas as a serious vocation, since I think their dedication and patience is admirable and their results are often more beautiful than those of Mother Nature. Keep

up the good work!

I have had the notion for quite a while that tissue culture (TC) propagation of hostas has been the source of new varieties, particularly streakies. This was the reason for skimming the books, if you can think of about twenty hours total as skimming! I'm not sure if the results of this labour of love really does confirm my notion or not, but the number of varieties reported as resulting from TC propagation, is about 250 in total, of which about 10% are streakies. If you eliminate from Zilis's Hostapedia total of over 7000 varieties those of unknown origin and those which may no longer exist (about 2000!) and look at only those produced in the last 25

years you end up with about 3000 varieties. The numbers given in thousands are estimates for which I apologize if they are wrong, but I'm

only trying to support my argument.

So it seems that about 10% of recent new varieties are due to TC propagation which went wrong, and I suspect that this may be on the low side numerically for the last decade. So it looks as though my notion about tissue culture "sports" producing new

"Why do so many new hostas come from the tissue culture propagation method?"



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varieties may be correct.

I'm not sure if TC propagation is also the cause of streakies, because if you look at the number of streaked varieties which occur naturally, the numbers suggest that the answer is probably no. There are similar numbers, give or take a factor of two, from both sources, that is, natural and chemical, so my thought that TC propagation alone is to blame for streakies is probably wrong. I also suspect that until recently TC streakies were tossed out as being uninteresting.

The next obvious question is why do so many new hostas come from the TC propagation method? The standard answer is to blame the "chemicals" used in the process. This is likely true to some extent since some of these chemicals are mutagenic along with their other bio-chemical properties, and we already recognize that the genus *hosta* is genetically unstable. While it may be correct to assume that this together with the dissection of the meristemic material from the parent plant is responsible for reverse variegation and single colour events, it doesn't really answer the basic question of why H. 'June' came from H. 'Halcyon'. Do the chemicals result in the same effect as cosmic radiation when naturally occurring variegated sports come from single colour mother plants? Is

this where Mother Nature gets variegated varieties?

Wait a minute, where did cosmic radiation suddenly come from? This form of moderately high energy radiation which bathes our planet is thought to be the cause of many natural mutations in all sorts of bio-materials. Where does the radiation come from? Out there in the cosmos of course, but that's not what I want to rant on about!

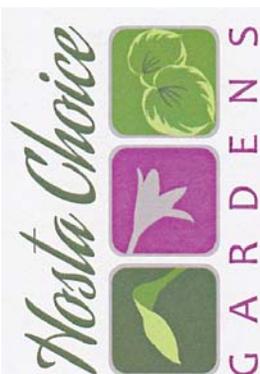
Let's get back to 'June' and 'Halcyon' and look a little closer at this situation. For a start Mike Shadrack told me that 'June' was originally tossed out by the TC laboratory before 1990 because it was not true to form. Someone rescued it and it was later found growing in that person's garden and recognized as being perhaps the most exciting new variety. Is this really what happened, or is it one of Mike's tales?

H. 'Halcyon' itself was a result of that famous but unlikely cross between H. 'Tardiflora' (a seedling of *H. longipes lancea*, which itself is confusing to say the least in terms of origin) and *H. sieboldiana* 'Elegans', which is a cross between *H. sieboldiana* and something disputable. I'm not sure about variegated sports of H. 'Tardiflora', for instance I could only find 'Tardiflora Honey Glaze' (honey gold overlay) and 'Tardiflora Kinakafu' (green margin yellow centre). However there are many sports of *H. sieboldiana* 'Elegans' which are more than just blue. Of these, 'Frances Williams' (blue-green centre with gold margin) is perhaps the most well-known. Sorry about the lack of H., but I got fed up typing H.

It seems obvious that there are genes in the

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“ ‘June’ was originally tossed out by the tissue culture library”



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background of both parents of 'Halcyon' that have information necessary to produce sports with variable colour, so that 'June' really ought not to have been a surprise when 'Halcyon' was tissue cultured all those years ago.

It also ought to be no surprise that other TC sports of 'Halcyon' and of 'June' occur. There are many TC 'Halcyon' sports which have shiny dark green foliage, such as 'Peridot', and variegated varieties such as 'First Frost'. There are now lots of TC 'June' sports, the best known of these are 'May' (all gold) and other similar gold sports, while 'June Fever' is a beautiful, more recent variegated 'June' TC sport.

"My favourite past-time at nurseries that sell hostas is to look for the "wrong ones"

Our own 'OHS Juneau' is a 'June' sport from TC, which is blue with a fairly narrow ragged green centre, while 'OHS Margot's Delight' is a TC streaky form of 'Halcyon'. 'OHS Margot's Delight' was found amongst 'Halcyon' plants at Wal-Mart while 'OHS Juneau' was found amongst 'June' plants at Janet Anderson's nursery, both by the author.

One of my favourite past-times at nurseries that sell hostas is to look for "wrong ones" i.e. TC sports. At a guess I would say that about half of my searches result in finding a wrong one, however, not all are significant enough to warrant a purchase. My most recent find (and purchase) was 'Magic Fire' (I think) which was being sold as 'Sagae' at Connon's farm nursery. It

certainly isn't what it was labelled as.

The Tiara Series also shows what can happen in TC culture. The first member of the clan, 'Golden Tiara', a sport of a *H. nakaiana* seedling (or was it *H. capitata*?) was introduced in 1977. There are many offspring of this species which are not simply green as is the original. 'Golden Tiara' like 'June' caused a sensation when it was first introduced as it was the first fast growing, small sized, gold margined hosta (Zilis). Because of this it was ripe for TC propagation. Out popped an all gold form called 'Golden Sceptre'. Out of this also came 'Diamond Tiara' green with white margins, 'Platinum Tiara', gold with white margins, 'Emerald Tiara' with green leaves, and 'Grand Tiara' a tetraploid with green leaves and wide gold margins. Out of 'Grand Tiara' came 'Amber Tiara' gold leaves, and others, while 'Golden Tiara' was thought to have produced 'Royal Tiara' by TC, although this is probably wrong according to Zilis, who suspects its parent was 'Gold Edger' which was being TC propagated at the same time. Perhaps 'Royal Tiara' really ought not to be a Tiara! 'Golden Sceptre' produced 'Platinum Tiara' by TC propagation. There are others, so I'm sure that I've probably missed your favourite Tiara, for which I apologize, but there's another fascinating series to be explored.

“There was a time when mice were a problem for hosta growers, but not anymore”

There was a time when mice were a problem for hosta growers, but not anymore. The first of the new Mice, or more

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Plants and People Need Each Other

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appropriately, the Mouse Ears series was 'Blue Mouse Ears' (2000) which is a result of TC culture of 'Blue Cadet', which is possibly a hybrid of 'Tokudama' and *H. nakaiana* (Zilis). The former is related to *H. sieboldiana*, which is in 'Halcyon's' background, while *H. nakaiana* is in the background of hundreds of hosta cultivars. Both of these have genetic material which contribute to variegated hostas, so 'Blue Mouse Ears' has a great chance of producing other than "blue" plants by TC propagation. By the way, I think 'Blue Mouse Ears' ought to be called 'Blue-Green Mouse Ears', because mine is blue-green even in the shade!

The Mouse Ears Series now includes 'Blue Mouse Ears Supreme' and 'Royal Mouse Ears' both of which have streaked foliage! 'Royal Mouse Ears' produced 'Frosted Mouse Ears'. 'Green Mouse Ears', while 'Mighty Mouse' came from TC propagation of 'Blue Mouse Ears'. 'Country Mouse' has nothing to do with the Mouse Ears Series, while 'Cat and Mouse' does, being a TC sport of 'Blue Mouse Ears'. There is now a gold version within the Mouse

"Tissue culturing of hostas leading to the unexpected isn't really a surprise"

Ears Series, which is just out. I had such a sport on one of my mice, I forget which one, but it died soon after separating it from its mother plant. It ought to be called 'D'or Mouse Ears' since "gold" is no longer allowed!

If I missed your favourite Mouse and your favourite Tiara and your favourite 'Halcyon' sport I'm sorry. My new right eye lens has had enough!

What I hope I have reasonably explained is why my ideas about tissue culturing of hostas leading to the unexpected isn't really a surprise. What I haven't touched on is why so many TC produced varieties change into something else all by themselves. 'Fire and Ice' produced 'Green Ice' in my garden, while 'Cherry Berry' produced 'Maraschino Cherry'. Never mind, I have two new varieties in the garden without buying them!

Are the producers of new TC based varieties rushing them to market too soon or is this sporting of TC products just another sign of the inherent instability of the genus?

David Barham, Dir.-at-Large

EOHS Update

In July we had a couple of members open their gardens for tours, as well as a summer picnic and meeting. There has been some talk of a wish list for garden tours for next year, and more discussion on that will take place at the Annual General Meeting. We are still working on a website and hope to have that up soon.

The EOHS Annual General Meeting is to take place on Sept 29, 2013 between 1–3:30pm, at the Daverne Farm, 424 Bayshore Road, Bath Ontario. Our speaker will be **Laura Tattersall**, of Made in the Shade Hostas in Gananoque, ON. Refreshments will be served. OHS and SWOHS members are welcome to attend.

I Tried Pot!

Aside from possibly destroying my future political ambitions, I have to confess to a frequent use of pot(s) for the last few years. Because of the shortage of liquid refreshment, my beloved hostas have had to endure the ignominy of having to go to pot to survive.

More specifically, lack of rain has curtailed terra-firma plantings in favour of terra cotta for most of my recent acquisitions. And that only assures that they get more attention than the older plantings because I can target their moisture requirements. The pots can still be strategically positioned in the garden and any surplus water can dribble out the bottom or over the edge of the pots to add to any natural moisture.

However, choose your pots wisely. Clay tends to dry out quickly, or is too heavy to move around easily. But the glazed pots hold

water better. With the wealth of new plastic designs, they can be very attractive and complementary to your garden decor. The other benefit is that as the smaller cultivars are overgrown and overshadowed by the big guys, they can be repositioned and not lost.

As for care and overwintering, I have the luxury of having copious leaves that I mound up for protection after I group the pots together in an area. In the spring I can choose a different site for each if I wish or move them up a pot size as they grow. If I decide to ex-pot them, I know they will have a good root system to start them off. And besides, the pots give me a better target should I choose to feed or supplement the plants.

Bruce Cumpson has been doing this for years as he has kept his collection of favorites and specials grouped in his back yard and moves them back and forth to a winter area every year. Some work, but many rewards.

Last tip for wintering, tilt the pots so that there is less chance of freeze/thaw killing the crown, and carefully bait the area to deter burrowing critters

Happy Potting

Bob Leask, OHS Editor



This is just a sampling of some of the potted hostas at Bruce Cumpson's Olde Towne Gardens in Niagara-on-the-Lake. This picture was taken in May 2012, one day after the big move!



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SWOHS Updates

SWOHS will be hosting a Membership Thank-you Corn Roast and Tailgate Swap on September 15, 2013. All SWOHS, OHS and EOHS members are invited to this celebratory event full of fun and frivolity. Corn, refreshments and dessert will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chairs and hostas for trade. A barbeque will be made available if anyone would prefer to bring their own grillables.

All are encouraged to bring some hostas for a good old fashioned swap from the trunk of their cars. As this is a swap, no money is to be exchanged. Kindly ensure all your hostas are appropriately labelled and disease free.

Location: Home of **Doug and Marlit Young**, 24152 Saxton Rd.,

Strathroy ON N7G 3H3 [Download a Map](#). Time: 12pm - 4pm. Please RSVP: Doug and Marlit Young at 519-246-1613 or email to ndy1933@hotmail.com.

We had our annual picnic on July 28 at the home of **Anne & Roger Gooch**. Hostas were auctioned off and fun was had by all! It was nice to see some OHS members. The "Icebreaker Bingo" was a hit.

After being our President for past three years, **Lynn Bisschop** is looking forward to assuming a Past-President role in 2014. The President position will therefore be open next year along with the positions of Vice-President, Publicity and Membership Secretary. We are hoping to put forward a strong slate of candidates for each position, but volunteers are needed.