



Hems & Hoes

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT WANDA EVANS

As we wind up 2011, I thought that it would be appropriate to reflect on our wonderful year as members of GCDHS. The presentation at the banquet given by Jennifer reminded me how thankful I am for knowing all of you. The following is the year in review.

- Who could forget our January meeting with Club history given by some of our original members? It was very special, which got our year off to a good start.
- We enjoyed presentations by our members who shared their fabulous gardens. I would put our gardens with some of the best that I have seen on the numerous convention tours.
- I had forgotten how often this past spring that we ended up with meetings in garages. It didn't dampen our enthusiasm; we enjoyed every one. Ted and Susan's daffodils wowed us in April. In fact, it was in their garage that we made the decision, after much discussion, to host the 2013 Regional Convention. We plan to make it a huge success.
- The May adopt a plant meeting at Betsy's was a busy fun filled meeting with wonderful hostas and those fabulous Brown's Ferry Daylilies. Thanks Lisa for helping make our program such a success by dividing the Daylilies for sale.
- Who could forget our bus trip to Troy, Michigan? The basket that we took to Michigan was the best of all the Regional 2 Clubs. We won the first prize which was six Daylilies hybridized by our own Dan Bachman to start our Regional 2013 plant bed. We are the BEST!
- Our show chairs organized two great shows thanks to Sue Helder, Gary and Angie Maly and Lisa Klette. Everyone was pleased to have both shows back at Northgate Mall.
- Connie hosted one of our favorite meetings for the plant exchange. Everyone enjoys going to Connie's garden. It is a wonderful adventure seeing what she has added since our last visit.
- I was truly humbled by the generosity of our long time member Jack Bruggermann who contacted me to donate wonderful plants for our Regional sales bed. He knows that every plant we sell will generate money directly to GCDHS.
- Heidi and Charles Douglas from Brown Ferry's Garden gave a lovely presentation at our October Meeting. What a dynamic duo! They are valued friends of GCDHS and are very generous to us by bringing plants for our auction.
- Our annual banquet in December was another huge success. We had great food and fun at the Radisson in Covington thanks to the efforts of Jennifer Nagel and Gail Braunstein.

We had a wonderful year in 2011 and I am convinced 2012 will be even better. Wanda

Annual Banquet

On November 12, the Club's Banquet was held at the Radisson Hotel in Covington Kentucky. It was a most enjoyable evening. Special kudos go to Jennifer Nagel for all of the planning and success of the evening. In addition, she compiled a power point presentation on the year's activities which was very enjoyable. *(There were problems in getting the show started which added to the fun of the evening. It took about a half a dozen people to get the slide show operational.)*



"The Dilemma" Gail, Lisa, Jennifer, Dan, Wanda

Also, Gail Braunstein had collected baby pictures of our members and we had to guess who we were. Very challenging and great fun!

The food was excellent; including a wonderful dessert prepared by Jackie Bachman. To top it all off, the view of Cincinnati from the room, on a clear star studded evening, was spectacular.

2012 American Hosta Society
Convention

Nashville, TN in June

Web site: www.hosta2012.com



New Members

Libby Bassett

Clare Berger

Clark Blevins

Loretta Zink

Janette & Werner Wischerath

Mike & Sandy Holmes

Recipe

At our Banquet a year ago we raved about the Boursin flavored mashed potatoes. Linda Wallpe said that she had the recipe for Boursin Cheese Spread and would send it to me for the newsletter. Well, it seemed that I ran out of space without including the recipe for a year. The recipe was given to Linda by Marge Haller, who was a long time member of the Rock Garden Society and a great gardener.

Boursin Cheese Spread

1 clove garlic minced
4 T. minced Italian parsley (curley can be used)
2 tsp. fresh minced (or ¾ tsp. dried)
1 T. minced chives
Lemon juice – a good squeeze
1 8 oz package cream cheese
2 T. unsalted butter

Process all the herbs in a food processor until finely minced. Add butter and cream cheese and process. Scrape into a container and refrigerate for at least three days. Taste for seasoning and add salt, if necessary.

Thank you, Linda. I am sure we will enjoy it.
Peg Walker

Region 2 – 2013 Summer Meeting

Steering Committee Meeting June 10, 2011

The first meeting of The Steering Committee for the Region 2 – 2013 Summer Meeting was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Blue Ash, Ohio on June 10, 2011.

Committee Chairman, Dan Bachman called the meeting to order and the following GCDHS members were present. Dan Bachman, Jackie Bachman, JR Blanton, Donna Blanton, Wanda Evans, Judy Toman, Mary Ann Farwick, Susan Ruoff, Carolyn Finke, Gary Maly, and Gail Braunstein.

First item of business was the selection of a date. Decision for the date was based on having enough time between the Region 2 Meeting, and the National (July 19, 20, 21, 2013), and if the event should be on a holiday week end. The dates chosen for the Region 2 Summer Meeting Hosted by GCDHS will be on **June 28, 29, 30, 2013**

Second item of business was the selection of a location. Members present were in favor of using the Crown Plaza. In order to have a comparison and a negotiation, JR Blanton stated that he and Sue Helder have a meeting scheduled with Double Tree Inn. A decision on the location will be made by the end of the month.

Gardens on Tour

Saturday June 29, 2013

Valley of the Daylilies

Dan & Jackie Bachman

Tangled Vine

JR & Donna Blanton

Rob & Bobbie Gratz

Ted & Susan Ruoff

Dick & Gail Braunstein

Hosting the English Award

Sunday June 30, 2013

Pleasant Valley Gardens

Tom Polston & Doug Sterling

Natural Selection Daylilies

Bob Faulkner

The following Committee Heads have been selected

- Publicity Sharon Cusick*
- Guest & Englerth Plant Susan Ruoff
- Registrar Gail Braunstein
- Treasurer Mary Ann Farwick
- Bus Tours Bill Rouse
- Boutique Jackie Bachman & Donna Blanton
- Fund Raiser Ben Bachman*
- Key Note Speaker Decision to be made; suggestion: Radio Host Ron Wilson
- Gift Plants for buses TBD
- Theme Judy Toman
- Auction Region 2 will handle as region gets the proceeds
- Clinics Tom Isgro*
- Food Chris DeLois, Peg Walker, Judy Toman
- Convention Bags Angie Maly, Wanda Evans
- Garden Prep Work JR Blanton
- Plant Sale Jerry & Margot Cahill*
- Port-a-lets Maryann Farwick

*Denotes members to be contacted and confirmed as chairs.

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Upcoming GCDHS events:

January 7, 2012  12:00 to 4:00 PM Mexican Lunch at the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center. Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share. Also, members' Power Point Presentations.

February 18, 2012: TBA

March 24, 2012: Location TBA Speaker Mike Walters – Topic – Succulents

OTHER EVENTS

January 20-22: AHS Region 10: Nashville, Tennessee

January 21: AHS Winter Scientific Meeting –Wyndham Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road; Lisle, IL

February 24-28: Region 2 Winter Meeting, Crown Plaza, Blue Ash, Ohio

March 10, 2012: Shirley Farmers Midwest Hybridizers Meeting, Wyndham Hotel Miamisburg, OH

March 16-17: Hosta College, Upper Valley JVS, 8811 Career Dr., Piqua, OH