

# Hems & Hoes



## ***Greetings from Our President***

### ***Highlights of AHS Regional Meeting in Michigan***

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, we embarked on our bus trip to Troy Michigan. Members brought snacks and drinks so we didn't go hungry. Donna Blanton and Chastity Evans kept us entertained with fun filled games on the bus. Dan Bachman talked to us about taking notes during the event so we could talk about what we liked and what we might improve upon for our 2013 Regional.

When we registered at the hotel, we received a warm welcome and a bag of information for our fun filled weekend. Several of our members brought along blooms to enter in the cutoff scape show. It was exciting watching the boards fill with beautiful blooms as more people arrived with their entries.

Some metal sculptures of huge daylilies had been commissioned for the event and were up for silent bid. They were amazing. The hallway was lined with wonderful items that could be bid on and a table was set up for the baskets the Clubs had brought for the raffle. I hate to brag but our basket was the best. We had a great assortment of garden items staged beautifully by Judy Toman. Along with two wonderful plants donated by Bob Faulkner and Tom Polston. GCDHS IS THE BEST! We won the contest and \$500.00 worth of plants from the Valley of the Daylilies. These plants will be planted in a separate bed as a start for the 2013 AHS Regional. The auction on Friday was entertaining and brought in a lot of money for the Region.

On Saturday we visited many lovely perfectly manicured gardens at every stop. One stand out garden was at the more formal garden of Armand and Barbara Delisle. There were 200 Hostas and 600 Daylilies, as well as unusual metal benches placed around the garden.

Jamie Gossard was the keynote speaker Saturday evening. It was a surprise but after the presentation several of his introductions were auctioned off.

**AHS Regional Meeting (continued)** Sunday morning we toured a few more gardens. John Kupla's garden was amazing. It was a small lot covered with toothy named cultivars as well as wonderful seedlings. The historic garden of Lavere and Zola Webster was very interesting. There were over 600 registered historical daylily cultivars from species dating in the 1500s through 1979. The Michigan Club put on a wonderful Regional which gave us ideas for our upcoming Regional in 2013.

By Wanda Evans

### **Hosta Show**

On June 4 the Hosta Show was held at Northgate Mall. This year it was located by Macy's which increased the traffic, which was a positive addition. Sue Helder was the chairperson for the event. A job well done. She was assisted by numerous volunteers. Connie Caton was in charge of plant sales and she is a super salesperson. You just can't refuse her sales pitch! There were 385 entries this year. An outstanding show. Winning entries were:

#### **Division I**

Best of show – H.'Allegan Fog' – Sue Helder

Best Seedling or Sport – H.'PDC' –Randy Goodwin

Sweepstakes Award – Nick Carter – 11 Blue Ribbons

Master Sweepstakes Award – Gerald Robinson – 26 blue ribbons

Pat Kipp Award – Jerald Robertson

#### **Best of Section: (number of entries)**

I H. 'Liberty' – Connie Caton-(22)

II H. Atlantis –Daniel Behr (34)

III H.'Flemish Gold' Chris DeLois (65)

IV –H. 'Allegan Fog' – Sue Helder (134)

V –H. 'Little Red Rooster' –Sue Helder (56)

X –'PDC' – Randy Goodwin-(5)

#### **Division II Best Container Grown Hosta**

Daniel Behr – H.'Undulata"

#### **Division III Best Container Garden Arranged for Effect**

Daniel Behr

### Daylily Show

On July 9, 2011, members of the GCDHS held our annual Daylily show at Northgate Mall’s Macy’s Court. This was actually an old “new” location, the club having held the show at that location several years ago.

This year’s show was co-chaired by Lisa Klette and show novices Angie & Gary Maly with lots of help from more seasoned club members offering support, advice and above all, encouragement along the way. True to the spirit of our club the turnout for setting up on Friday night and arriving early Saturday morning to work the show itself was greater than expected. Members entering scapes for judging arrived early Saturday morning to groom their own scapes, assist first time members in grooming, and do whatever else was needed. The morning was fast and frenzied but the end result was a beautiful show with very few glitches. Entries were beautifully groomed and staged and the panel of judges was duly impressed. Comments from the Judges: “We’ve never awarded so many blue and purple ribbons at a single show”, the location and setup were much appreciated and “GCDHS is my favorite show”. The judges also commented on the number of varieties exhibited in one show.

Awards were as follow:

Total entries: 231

Sweepstakes Award: Dan & Jackie Bachman - 24 Blue Ribbons.

Best of Show: ‘Brookwood Black Kitten’ – Gary Bunch

Louis Dickman Award: ‘Cincy’s Pat Henley’ - Dan & Jackie Bachman

Martha Seaman Award: ‘Blessed Art Thou’ - Mary Ann Farwick

Founders Award: Susan Ruoff – 6 Blue Ribbons

Historic Award: “Ribbonette” Susan Ritter

Offscape Award: “Cincy’s Margaret Kaiser” Susan Ruoff



*H. Big Ross*

The plant sale was also a huge success with not only plants from the club bed, but plants from member gardens as well. I tried to avoid using names of individuals because someone always gets left off the list and ends up feeling unappreciated. A special thanks has to go Connie Caton who could sell anyone a lump of clay in the dead of winter, for her energy and support in making the plant sale so successful. Our sincerest thanks to the rest of the club members who worked so hard to make this year’s show a rousing success!

*By Gary Maly*

<b>Newmembers</b>	
<b>Barb Cochran</b>	<b>Daniel &amp; Kathie Kleinman</b>
<b>Martha Ferguson</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Ann Drumond</b>
<b>Judy Horton</b>	

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**Upcoming Meetings**

October 8: West Chester Library TBA

November 5: Shirley Farmer's Mid-West Hyberdizers

**Annual Banquet  
November 12, 2011  
Raddison on the River  
\$28.00/ person**

**Jennifer Nagel is Collecting  
digital photos of this years  
events for a presentation.  
Send them to her at:**

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**The August Auction was  
quite a success. The Club  
made \$700.00. Our  
Adopt-a-plant is paying  
for itself..**

**In addition to that the  
food was great!**

**That's all Folks!**

