

# MICHIGAN HOSTA HAPPENINGS

Newsletter of the Michigan Hosta Society



## Save the Date!

**Saturday June 27, 2020**

MHS Hosta Show & Sale  
Soil & Science Building  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI



**Sunday August 23, 2020**

MHS Fall Workday &  
Annual Meeting  
Hidden Lake Gardens  
Tipton, MI



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## *Letter from the President*

Dear MHS Members,

When I was a child, I remember my family talking about the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918, and how it affected the village where I was born in the Upper Peninsula — how it would probably never happen again because of medical advances. Then came the Polio



Gray Gitzen (left) and Paul Pfeifer

epidemics; theaters were closed and swimming pools were off limits. Now the current one! Our epidemics just keep getting more sophisticated.

I just had a very pleasant phone conversation with Paul Pfeifer, Director of the Hidden Lake Gardens, which is

home to the Hosta Hillside. The gardens are currently closed because of the pandemic. The earliest



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## Hosta History

Englebert Kaempfer (1651-1715), a German doctor/botanist with the Dutch East India Company, was the first Westerner to see, draw, and describe a hosta.



Carl Thunberg (1743-1828), a Swedish doctor/botanist with the Dutch East India Company, collected 900 plants from Japan, and renamed hostas, placing them in the genus *Hemerocallis*. Two species of hostas, *H. plantaginea* and *H. ventricosa*, arrived in Europe from China in 1790.



Leopold Trattinick (1761-1848), an Austrian botanist, proposed the genus name *Hosta* to honor a fellow botanist, Nicholas Host.



Kurt Sprengel, in 1817, placed hostas in the genus *Funkia* in honor of a collector/botanist, Hemrich Funk.

Courtesy of Don Rawson from *Hosta, The Flowering Foliage Plant* (Portland, OR: Timber Press, Inc., 1990), Chapter 1, "The Historical Perspective."

a decision will be made regarding opening the facility to the public is April 30, with the possibility that the closure will be extended.

Under these circumstances I cancelled the Michigan Hosta Society (MHS) workday and Spring board meeting at the gardens scheduled for May 16. As soon as Paul has the okay from MSU to open the gardens, he will notify us and assist in setting up mini work sessions to enable us to continue our upgrading of the Hillside. We all want it ready for the American Hosta Society convention in 2021.

More disquieting news: I have been informed that the Metro Detroit Hosta Society has disbanded. My source did not know why. They probably had problems securing leadership just as the Saginaw Valley Hosta Society did. I guess the younger generations are not joiners.

Our Leaf Show and Plant sale is still scheduled for Saturday, June 27 in the Plant and Soil Science building on the MSU campus.

The good Lord willing and this pandemic ends, I hope to see many of you at Hidden Lake Gardens on August 23 for the MHS workday, hot dog lunch, annual meeting, and plant auction!

Sincerely,  
Grey Gitzen  
MHS President



Photo by Michael Greanya



## Spring has sprung!

By Michael Greanya

*Hosta Hillside Chair*

I hope everyone is well during these trying times, especially since spring has sprung... sort of. One day it is near 70 degrees, the next in the low 40's. What is it they say about Michigan's weather? Don't like it? Just wait five minutes. On the bright side, our cool



Photos by Michael Greanya

temperatures have prolonged blooms on winter aconite, scilla, daffodils, and other spring flowers. I

hope you are able to get out in your garden and enjoy what Mother Nature has given us.

With the American Hosta Society convention still planned for Michigan next year, maintenance at the Hillside continues to be a top priority when it is safe to do so. The Board has discussed some options that we might consider implementing at Hosta Hillside after the stay-at-home order has been lifted. The Board proposes that when the time is right, individuals — or possibly very small groups of people — coordinate together to work at the Hillside doing basic maintenance. Some of the tasks might include weeding, removing sticks, leaves and other debris etc. and could continue throughout the

year. We will continue to monitor the situation and coordinate with Hidden Lake Gardens before we implement this or any other plan and will send out an email blast when we feel it is safe to work on the Hillside.



On a much brighter note, we have a some very good articles in this edition of Hosta Happenings. Our profile of one of our Board members this month features Bob Beraducci, who has been involved with hostas for a very long time. He has served on the MHS Board in some capacity for many years.

Next, Libby Greanya will discuss the dangers of using Imazapic in your yard. Imazapic is a



selective herbicide for both the pre- and post-emergent control of some annual and perennial grasses and some broadleaf weeds. I think you'll find some eye-opening information that you need to know about this chemical before using it.

Don Rawson is going to give us some very useful information about label makers and

how to remove old labels so we can reuse them for new plants. And, in our feature article, Don will share with us some of his ideas on how we can grow

some big hostas. I mean some really HUMUNGOUS hostas!

Next, we are providing you with a list of Michigan nursery and landscape businesses that carry hostas. The list was compiled earlier by Don. Please continue patronizing these and all other nurseries you have in the past (local or otherwise). It is particularly important that we support them during this difficult time. Most have stocked up on plants and now that they are closed at this crucial time, they do not have the foot traffic they need to stay afloat. Some nurseries will offer online ordering and curbside pickup, while others have closed their doors completely.

Please visit a nursery you frequent online or by phone and see what they offer. If they don't have online ordering, gift cards will help them during this time of need.



Photos by Michael Greanya



## ***How I Became a Hostaholic*** ***The profile of Bob Beraducci***

*Robert "Bob" Beraducci has been an active MHS Board member for long time, volunteering for many functions our Hosta Society has had over the years, including serving as the MHS Treasurer several times. Bob has been a fixture at most every MHS plant sale by selecting plants for us to sell, setting our sales room up, and assuring we have another successful sale. Our plant sales are a major fund raiser for MHS. He has also been involved at Hosta Hillside for as long as anyone can remember.*

*We asked Bob to tell us how he became involved in gardening and why he gravitated toward this "Friendship Plant" we know as hostas. What follows are Bob's thoughts on the challenges and opportunities he experienced on his way to becoming a unique hosta gardener.*



**Bob:** My hosta adventure began in 1990 when I transition from a full-time employee to a seasonal consultant with my employer. Around our house were these plants called hosta. You know... the all green ones, the one with white edge, and the one with white down the middle. With time on my hands, I thought I would like to take up gardening. My garden would be our city lot 40' x 138' which, at the time, was mostly lawn with small garden plots mainly along the foundation of the home. My plan was to cut



a large garden plot around a maple tree in the front yard. I planted all the wrong stuff, and it did not do well. Realizing I had lots of shade in my yard I needed to investigate plants that would tolerate shade. Voila! I soon discovered it was hosta that would work for me. Some of the nurseries in my area advertised a lecture given by Jim Wilkins on the topic of shade gardening and, specifically, about hostas. Hearing the presentation, I began my Hosta adventure, but where to find and purchase plants was a challenge. I do not remember how I had heard of a nursery in Sterling Heights, run by Nancy Krul. I drove

out to Sterling Heights and found a sprawling development of new homes with very few trees and lots of sun, but I could see that down the road

were a group of large trees in the middle of this area. This was Nancy Krul's nursery, an oasis of cool shade and many hostas. I made frequent trips to Nancy's, bringing home my new treasures.

Over the years I kept adding hosta and shrinking my lawn until all the grass was gone. I planted hundreds of small spring bulbs, species tulips, corydalis cava, hellebores, epimedium, Brunnera, herbaceous peonies, tree peonies, hearty hibiscus and several

Japanese maples. I was a happy gardener until the maple tree roots took over and made many hostas ever shrinking. I decided to build some raised beds, and with the help of my brother we made



Photos by Bob Beraducci



and installed 13 beds 3' x 12' x 1' around the yard. We went the extra effort and lined the bottom and sides with copper infused fabric, adding a 2 inch layer of pea gravel, and then landscape cloth. This was a satisfactory condition for a while, but the maple roots began creeping into the raised beds,



Photos by Bob Beraducci

hindering the growth of the plants. I began to move plants into 10 inch pots and later decided to pot up as many hostas as possible and ended up with over 300 pots. I could arrange the plants in different arrays around the yard. I overwinter the pots in our unheated garage, bring them out on the first of April, and treat them with Milorganite to keep the creatures from dining on the bullets. I add a few plants every year, unable



to stop this adventure.

I guess that's what you call a hostaholic!

## ***The Dangers of Imazapic and Imazapyr — AKA Enhanced Roundup***

*By Libby Greanya*

The scientist who discovered and named the Emerald Ash Borer in the United States after its introduction to southeastern Michigan in 2002 – Dr. David Roberts, PhD – spoke at the Jackson Men's Garden Club lecture series on April 21, 2017 about the dangers of Imazapic and Imazapyr, AKA Enhanced Roundup, etc.

In 1970, scientist John Franz discovered the molecule glyphosate, which would become the active ingredient in Monsanto's original Roundup herbicide formula. Glyphosate is non-selective, meaning it will kill all plants on contact, whereas previously Monsanto was selling selective herbicides that left crops unharmed. These initial formulas were problematic because they had a tendency to be washed into streams and ground water, affecting fish and wildlife. But glyphosate products were more environmentally friendly than previous formulas because they decomposed into natural products like carbon dioxide, ammonia, and phosphoric acid, therefore it was safer to humans and wildlife. So began Roundup's glyphosate formulas rule of the herbicide market in the late-1970s.

Now that the patent on Roundup has expired, there is a proliferation of "new" products by Monsanto and many other



herbicide companies --- a new formula that is even more powerful than glyphosate-based Roundup, but much deadlier to non-target plants like trees, grass, and other ornamentals. Imazapic or imazapyr is a water-soluble herbicide which can run off to non-target species. And guess how long the product “Roundup 365” lasts? That’s right, these formulas don’t break down for a year, sterilizing the soil!

Roundup has been hiding this chemical in a lot of their products, but many other companies are utilizing it too. Keep an eye out for Barrier, Ortho Groundclear, Sahara, Mohave, Arsenal, Assault, etc. Always read labels!

Amazingly the instructions usually say to apply these chemicals to driveways, side-walks, etc. where it can run off and kill or negatively impact your grass, shrubs, and trees! Dr. Roberts showed many examples of collateral chemical damage people have accidentally caused using these products.

Even “professionals” are making the mistake of using products with imazapic or imazapyr near trees and shrubs, because the directions are misleading. Some of the tree damage was a hundred yards from the source of the spray (the sidewalk weeds). Repeat – this herbicide is water soluble = run off effects!



Photo from amazon.com



Photo by Kevin Frank, MSU ([www.canr.msu.edu](http://www.canr.msu.edu))

A tragic, expensive and totally avoidable mistake. Look in your herbicide collection for products that contain Imazapic or Imazapyr. Spread the word – if your neighbor is using it, your plants are at risk from run-off. Note: plain Roundup (glyphosate) is not water soluble and not long lasting, so it is considered to be safer.

## Label Makers — New and Old

By Don Rawson

They say that “times are changing”, and that certainly is the case when it comes to garden tools. For example, remember the old Dymo label makers? Simply load a roll of tape, select one letter at a time, and squeeze. Squeeze, squeeze, and squeeze again! You probably recall just how tired your hand became after printing off eight or ten labels. The labels worked fairly well, but after a few years in the garden, they eventually faded and peeled away.



Dymo label maker, a vintage garden tool

### Brother P-Touch Label Makers

Then a few years ago, a much better option came along for labeling plant stakes with the advent of the new P-Touch label maker, manufactured by the Brother International Corporation in Bridgewater, New Jersey. The P-Touch label makers can be purchased on Amazon.com with prices ranging from \$19.99 to \$99.99, depending upon the particular model you choose.

By the way, P-Touch label makers and supplies can also be purchased from PtouchDirect.com, but this web business is not to be confused with the actual manufacturer of the label makers in New Jersey.

Thankfully, the new P-Touch labels are much better than any of the older labelling options. They resist fading and rarely (if ever) peel off.

The manufacturer's description asks, "Afraid you will get all of your boxes labeled and then turn around to see them all peeling off? It's a valid concern because experience is a great

teacher. However, that just won't happen with a Brother P-touch Label Printer. Why? Each label is made with a unique lamination formula that resists heat, cold, chemicals, moisture and is even fade resistant."

In further detail, the manufacturer says the "Brother P-touch TZe tapes are the only label tapes available that have a unique lamination, which makes the tze labels heat, cold, water, chemical and fade resistant (perfect for use outdoors, cold environments and near food). Brother's P-Touch tape labels are extremely durable, have a professional finish, and will outlast other label tapes."

That is good news for the modern gardener. Indeed, the P-Touch labels seem to last forever in my garden. Only after many years (10 or more) does it become necessary to replace a P-Touch label with a new, fresh copy. And that's where the difficulty lies. Removing an old label from the plant stake can be quite a challenge, to say the least. If you have invested in some high-quality plant stakes, it is too costly to just throw them away. Replacing the label is the only alternative.

### Removing Old Labels from Plant Stakes

My own frustration with removing old labels began several years ago when I hit a stake with my lawnmower. Ouch! After admonishing myself, I determined a course of action. Being the perfectionist that I am, I couldn't bear the thought of having a bruised plant stake in my pristine garden of hostas, so I needed to get the old label off and put a new one on. My adventure began with trying to scrape the label off...then with trying to chisel



it off...then with trying to use Goo Gone and paint thinner...and eventually, resorting to harsh solvents like acetone, lacquer thinner, and paint remover – but all to no avail. The label just would not budge.



P-Touch labels cannot be scraped off easily

I personally validated the manufacturer's claim about the labels not peeling off when they said, "that just won't happen with a Brother P-touch Label Printer". Since then, it has only been by trial and error that I've discovered a few ways to remove old labels from plant stakes. Basically, there are three options, as follows:

### Using a Wire Wheel

A wire wheel mounted on a bench grinder is one option for removing old labels. This is fast and easy, and is probably the most convenient way if you have only a few stakes to do. Make sure you wear safety goggles, and that you have a firm grip on the stake so it doesn't fly off into neverland! You do not have to brush away the entire label; you just have to take off the top surface. This will expose

the adhesive substrate so that a solvent can dissolve it.

From my experience, the wire wheel method does not damage the plant stake if care is taken to use it gently. It does not remove the rust-proof plating on galvanized stakes, and works fine on stainless steel and aluminum stakes as well. Give it a try!



Using a wire wheel to remove a label

### Using a Propane Torch

This approach sounds a little more serious, and indeed it is. Safety is a concern because you can catch the house on fire and burn yourself in the process! Make sure the kids aren't pulling on you and that you have a good work environment. Begin by clamping the plant stake in a vise so that you don't have to hold onto it. That just won't work with this method unless you're numb to pain! You will probably want to wear gloves, and safety goggles too. Clear the work bench of anything flammable.



Removing a label with a propane torch

Light the torch, then heat the name plate evenly from side to side. When it gets hot, the label will gradually turn brown and begin to bubble up. At that point, you can gently remove it with a razor blade or scraper. Then turn the torch off. Be careful grabbing onto the plant stake – it will remain hot for quite some time.

This method works well, but is rather slow if you have lots of labels to do, since you have to turn the torch on and off for each label. A two-person operation is a little more efficient – one to run the torch and the other to clean up the stake once the label is removed.

### Using a Pan of Hot Water

Assuming you have a lot of labels to remove, the fastest and most efficient method is with a pan of boiling water. Again, care should be taken so that no one comes away with a burnt face or hands!

Select a pan which matches the size of your particular plant stake. The entire stake does not need to be immersed – just the name

plate. If the pan is too large, the stakes could fall over and that would mean fishing them out with a set of tongs, which is something to avoid.

Before you begin, make sure you have plenty of counter space (covered with an old dishtowel) to set the plant stakes on once you pull them out of the pan. You should also wear gloves or an oven mitt, since the stakes will be piping hot when you grab onto them.

Put as many stakes in the pan as possible, without having them tangled together. Heat the water until the labels become loose and are easy to peel off. That's all there is to it. Oh yeah...turn the burner off when finished!



Removing labels with hot water

### Cleaning the Name Plate

Any residual glue can be easily removed from the name plate with a pad of steel wool and a bottle of Goo Gone. This works best when the plant stake is still fairly warm because the glue is more pliable. For a final cleaning, a solvent such as acetone can be used with a



soft cotton rag to ensure all glue and debris is removed before applying a new label. Just make sure the plant name is spelled correctly on the new label so you don't have to remove it again. Good luck!



Removing glue with steel wool and Goo Gone

## Looking for Plant Markers?

**AAA Quality Engravers**, 1366 Ford Rd, Terry, MS 39170. (601) 878-5999. <http://www.aaaqualityengravers.com/>

**EON Industries, Inc.**, 107 West Maple St., Liberty Center, OH 43532. <http://www.eonmarkers.com/>

**Gardens with a Northern Exposure**, 8951 Hamilton Ave., Monticello, MN 55362 (763)295-5074. <http://www.northernexposuregarden.com>

**Kincaid Plant Markers**, 11000 County Rd. 366, Savannah, MO 64485. (816) 324-4931. <https://www.kincaidplantmarkers.com/>

**Laser Engraved Services** 24 W Main St., Suite 104, Clinton, CT 06413. (860) 669-9998. <http://www.laserengravedservices.com/>

**Luster Leaf Products Inc.**, 2220 Tech Ct., Woodstock, IL 60098. (815) 337-5560. <http://www.lusterleaf.com/>

**Nameplate & Panel Technology**, 387 Gundersen Dr., Carol Stream, IL 60188. (630) 517-8408. <https://www.facebook.com/NameplateandPanel/>

**Paw Paw Everlast Label Company**, 47161 M40 North, Paw Paw, MI 49079. (269) 657-4921. <https://www.everlastlabel.com/>

## The Bigger, the Better: Growing Humongous Hostas

*By Don Rawson*

Gigantic hostas make tremendous focal points in the garden, whether planted alone as individual specimens or when planted in mass to cover a large area. These impressive monarchs have an allure and beauty all their own which readily attracts our attention whenever we meander through a shady glade. However, humongous clumps of mature hostas seldom are the work of happenstance... they are the product of a gardener's prudent planning, hard work, and persistent care.

As hostas mature, they get larger and larger as long as they are blessed with ideal growing conditions. In this four-part series, I will

offer 12 tips on how to provide the perfect environment for cultivating enormous specimens in your own hosta glade. I invite you to join me on a quest to grow some absolutely enormous hostas!



Photo by Tracey Andrade Berrios

### Tip #1: Select the Best Location

Choosing the right site is the first step to growing these monsters to their full potential. Hostas grow best in an area that offers morning sun and afternoon shade, but they also do well in bright, indirect sunlight as well as in locations with high, overhead dappled shade.

While we usually think of them as shade plants, hostas are not shade LOVERS, they are shade TOLERANT. Take away the sunlight and NO hosta will grow. Do not select a location in deep shade.

Secondly, when selecting a site to grow giant hostas, be sure to think into the future about how large they will really get to ensure they will not be crowded out by a tree or shrub. The root systems need space too, so keep that in mind when you are planting.

Finally, be aware that your hostas need good air flow to grow large, healthy leaves. This may require thinning out the forest canopy which shelters your garden to provide adequate air movement.

### Tip #2: Prepare the Planting Site Well

Once the location is selected, site preparation is the next crucial step, since it's unlikely you've chosen a place where the soil is already rich, loose and well-drained.

With all plants, the right soil is the first and most important thing for them to grow well. To grow humongous hostas in particular, you will need to start with the very best soil you can possibly have. Fluffy, deep, rich soil full of



Photo by Pam Rawson

nutrients will help your plants achieve their full potential. The better the soil, the healthier the root system, and the healthier the root system, the bigger and better your plant will be.

There is a saying, "No pain, no gain," and that certainly is true in light of the hard work required to create a new garden. As a labor of



love, preparing the planting area involves some grunt work, but it's well worth the effort. Your preliminary exertion will reward you well in the end.

About 8" of rich, humusy topsoil is adequate, but 12" is better and even more is ideal.



Photo by Pam Rawson

Whereas a shallow layer of topsoil may allow small hostas to survive, very large hostas have much more extensive root systems and require a larger preparation.

Hostas have lots of delicate little feeder roots that spread out, so they do not like hard, compact soil. Organic amendments improve soil texture, add nutrients, and increase aeration, water infiltration, and both water- and nutrient-holding capacity. Heavy clay soils especially need a lot of organic matter to loosen the soil particles, and very sandy soils also benefit from the addition of organic matter to retain moisture.

My favorite amendment for hostas is composted manure. Fresh manure can harm plants due to elevated ammonia levels. To avoid this problem, use only aged or

composted manure which has been piled for at least six months.

Other good soil amendments include compost, peat moss, leaf mold, shredded bark, and grass clippings. The goal is to provide a better environment for roots. To do its work, an amendment must be thoroughly mixed into the soil, not simply buried at the bottom of the hole. And don't skimp... incorporate a generous amount. With improved aeration and deeper rooting, plants are more efficient in capturing rain and absorbing the necessary moisture they need to grow.

While I will discuss fertilizing your hostas later, let me say at this point that it is good to mix in some powdered rock phosphate and Epsom salt. Other amendments sometimes recommended for preparing a hosta bed include green sand (for trace minerals), cottonseed meal, and alfalfa meal.

Hostas are not too fussy about the pH, but grow best when the soil pH level is at 5.8 - 6.5. To know exactly what type of soil you have, you will need to test it.



### Tip #3: Plant on a Raised Mound

Now I'm going to share with you a clever technique that I use throughout my landscape.

Have you ever noticed how much larger something appears simply because it's on a raised platform? I admit that this tip isn't actually about how to make your hosta larger, but it nevertheless has a similar effect to those who view it. Planting a hosta on a raised mound will make it look bigger, and the bigger that it appears to be, the more impressive it is!

Like placing a hosta on a pedestal, a hosta which is on an 8" raised mound will be 8" taller, so a huge hosta which may normally be 36" high now becomes 44" high. And to make the mound inconspicuous, position an assortment of smaller companion plants in the foreground. Just remember that when making a new bed (which includes the liberal addition of organic matter), some settling will occur, so an 8" mound may very well end up being 4 - 6" high once that occurs. Therefore, on new beds, begin with a mound

which is 12" high or more. Once your humongous hosta is fully leafed out and the smaller companion plants are disguising the raised bed, no one will be the wiser. I promise!

In the next edition, I will share three more tips on growing humongous hostas, because if you are like me, the bigger, the better!



Photo by Jane Hanna

## Michigan Retail Sources for Hostas

By Don Rawson

### Detroit

**Bordine's Nursery, <https://bordinates.com/>**

4 locations:

1835 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307. (248) 651-9000

6347 Grand River Ave., Brighton, MI 48114. (517) 552-9300

8600 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48348. (248) 625-9100

9100 Torrey Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439. (810) 953-1111



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**Telly's Greenhouse**, <https://www.tellys.com/>  
3301 John R Rd., Troy, MI 48083. (248)  
689-8735.

### **Flint/ Saginaw**

#### **Lisik Gardens**

1445 N Iva Rd., Hemlock, Michigan 48626.  
(989) 642-5772

### **Grand Rapids/ Holland/ Muskegon Flowerland**, <https://myflowerland.com/>

3 locations:

3801 Alpine Ave. NW, Comstock Park, MI  
49321. (616) 784-0542  
4321 28th St. SE, Kentwood, MI 49512. (616)  
942-5321  
765 28th St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. (616)  
532-5934

#### **Gardens Crossings**, [https:// www.gardencrossings.com/](https://www.gardencrossings.com/)

8300 Westpark Way, Zeeland, MI 49464. (616)  
875-6355

#### **Huntree Nursery**, <https://huntree.com/>

2346 68th St. (Blue Star Hwy), Fennville, MI  
49408. (269) 543-3761

#### **Jonker's Garden**, [http:// www.jonkersgarden.com/](http://www.jonkersgarden.com/)

897 Lincoln Ave., Holland, MI 49423. (616)  
392-7234

#### **Romence Gardens & Greenhouses**, [https:// romencegardens.com/](https://romencegardens.com/)

265 Lakeside Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.  
(616) 451-8214

#### **Weesies Brothers Garden Centers & Landscaping**, <https://www.weesies.com/>

4 locations:

3365 W Fruitvale Rd., Montague, MI 49437.  
(231) 894-4742

3691 US 31 South, Manistee, MI 49660. (231)  
723-6414

2343 N Comfort Dr., Hart, MI 49420. (231)  
873-5646

13625 Cleveland St., Nunica, MI 49448. (616)  
847-1459

### **Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Ingham Counties**

#### **Barrett's Showplace Gardens**, [https:// barrettsadrian.com/](https://barrettsadrian.com/)

1033 W Beecher St., Adrian, MI 49221. (517)  
263-2660

#### **Gee Farms**, <https://geefarms.com/>

14928 Bunkerhill Rd., Stockbridge, MI 49285.  
(517) 769-6772

#### **Grand River Gardens, Nursery, Landscape & Tree Farm (formerly Schmid Nursery)**, <https://www.grgnursery.com/>

3095 S Meridian Rd., Jackson, MI 49203. (517)  
780-3244

#### **Hobbit Greenhouses**, [https:// hobbitgreenhouses.com/](https://hobbitgreenhouses.com/)

5996 Spring Arbor Rd., Jackson, MI 49201.  
(517) 748-7330

#### **Prielipp Farms & Greenhouse**, [https:// www.facebook.com/PrielippFarms/](https://www.facebook.com/PrielippFarms/)

4567 Downing Hwy, Britton, MI 49229. (517)  
206-6063

#### **Rosewind Gardens**

4751 S. Bird Rd., Osseo, MI 49266. (517)  
523-3246

**Kalamazoo/ Battle Creek**

River Street Flowerland, <http://www.riverstreetflowerland.com/>

1300 River St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048-9591.  
(269) 342-9207

Romence Gardens, <https://romencegardensonline.com/>

9660 Shaver Rd., Portage, MI 49024. (269)  
323-8310

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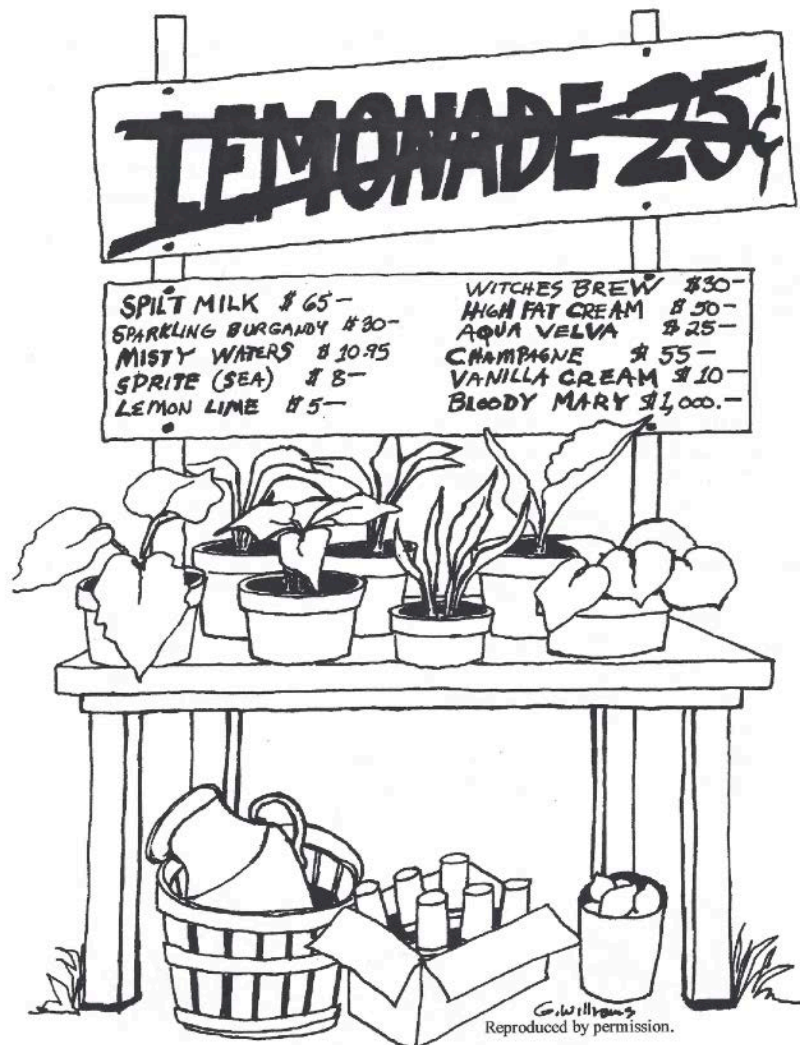
Arrowhead Alpines, <https://arrowheadalpines.com/> 1310 N. Gregory Rd.,  
Fowlerville, MI 48836. (517) 223-3581

Horrocks Farm Market, <https://www.shophorrocks.com/>

7420 West Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917.  
(517) 323-3782

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## *Membership in the Michigan Hosta Society*

If you wish to find out more about Hosta, please consider joining the Michigan Hosta Society. We welcome new members and friends who share our interest in hosta and their many uses in the landscape. The society maintains a large hosta display at Hidden Lake Gardens near Tipton, where many varieties of hosta can be seen. "The Benedict Hosta Hillside" is one of only two nationally designated Hosta display gardens.

### Activities of MHS include:

- ▶ A summer tour of gardens that feature Hosta
- ▶ An auction/sale of hostas contributed by members
- ▶ Speakers and educational programs
- ▶ Local chapter meetings
- ▶ A workday and information sharing at Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton where the Society has a demonstration garden
- ▶ A listing of MHS members who retail Hosta
- ▶ A yearly membership directory

Members receive the Michigan Society Newsletter "Hosta Happenings," as well as the newsletter of the Great Lakes Regional Hosta Society. If you are interested in joining please complete the attached application form.

You may also want to join The American Hosta Society. They have two colorful journals each year, and an annual national convention featuring a Hosta Show, garden tours, scientific programs and a plant auction.

Contact: [www.americanhostasociety.org](http://www.americanhostasociety.org)

## *MHS Membership Application*

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name of 2nd member: \_\_\_\_\_

First name of 2nd member: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:

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Choice of **either** black and white newsletter via First Class US Mail or full color newsletter via e-mail. All the pictures are in color and there are often bonus pictures not included in the mailed version. Please check one: Mail ☐ E-mail ☐

Check if you wish to receive an updated membership directory when published: ☐

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$15 per household for up to two people, good for 2 years.

Total remitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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