



MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY 2025 WINTER HOSTA SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, February 22, 2025 - Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

The MRHS Board remains proudly committed to promoting hosta education. Join us for this uniquely MRHS event featuring six speakers on a variety of hosta and related gardening topics.

Registration Fee (includes Sat. lunch): \$69 (MRHS members); \$79 (non-MRHS members)

Hotel Rate: \$119 per night (plus taxes) includes buffet breakfast – rate applies to Fri and/or Sat night

The Symposium features:

- **Friday Evening Hostality** – time to catch up with old hosta friends and meet some new friends
- **Hosta Silent Auction** – featuring plant donations from the top Midwest hybridizers and vendors
- **Jack Barta Memorial Scholarship** – one lucky attendee will have their registration fee comped. Sponsored this year by the Northern Illinois Hosta Society.
- **Saturday Symposium with 6 speakers** on a variety of hosta and related gardening topics:
 - **Noah Schwartz – Large Wholesale Grower Hosta Production**
Noah is Director of Growing at Neal Mast Greenhouses in Grand Rapids. He will give a behind the scenes look and tackle the tough question: “Are all bare root hosta from Holland really a problem?”
 - **Glenn Herold – Season of Hosta Flowers**
Hosta flowers tend to be overlooked in most cases. Glenn will be explaining the importance of flowers by species and why we should be paying them more attention.
 - **Don Rawson – What’s New in the World of Hostas**
Every year there are more and more new hostas on the market. Don will be presenting the newest introductions and the “must haves” of the 2025 hosta season.
 - **Rob Mortko – Hosta Tissue Culture for Dummies...like me**
Rob will take you behind the scenes in a hosta tissue culture lab to demystify how it really works in an easy-to-understand manner.
 - **Bob Solberg – Topic to be determined**
Bob is still pondering his somewhat scientific topic for 2025. As always, you can rest assured Bob will challenge you to think about hostas in a new kind of way. This will be a Zoom presentation.
 - **Mark Zilis – Hosta Highlights Part 2**
Mark will be relating stories and the contributions of historical figures in the hosta community.

Please register early. Late registration fees start February 7, 2025.

The hotel room rate is guaranteed through February 7, 2025. Use this link to make a reservation online:

[Book your group rate for Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting Feb 2025](#)

Or phone the Sheraton at 1- 888-627-8235 and mention “Winter Hosta Symposium Meeting Feb 2025” or mini hotel code “HT8” to get the special group rate.