

Thursday Night Kickoff

The number one destination for Madison, Wisconsin is Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Since we consider the Midwest Regional Hosta Society convention your number one destination we have reserved Olbrich Botanical Gardens for Thursday night. There are 16 acres of strolling acres and sprawling gardens to see. This oasis features a sunken garden, perennial gardens, a tower garden, rock gardens, herb gardens, wildflower gardens and all kinds of incredible gardens.

Attached to Olbrich Botanical Gardens is the Bolz conservatory. We have rented this out for the night as an additional bonus. It is a tropical glass pyramid paradise. It is filled with exotic plants, bright flowers, a rushing waterfall, fragrant orchids and free flying birds. This is worth the trip alone.

Madison's favorite pizza comes from Ian's Pizzeria. It is the go to place for craft quality pizza. They are known for a mac and cheese pizza that is incredible. Ian's Pizzeria will be our food for the night so get ready for great pizza, great salad and drinks.

We have reserved a large room inside of Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Since this is a rain or shine event you will be having your dinner inside in air conditioned comfort, no negatives from weather and no chance of soggy rain soaked pizza (unless you like it that way).

This is the perfect location to start off your convention. The Thursday night fee is only \$30. You get free use of the gardens, free use of Bolz Conservatory, great food from Ian's Pizzeria and great camaraderie with fellow hosta plant enthusiasts. The Wisconsin Hosta Society is proud to be part of this convention and we look forward to seeing you.