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The American Hosta Society
50th Anniversary
National Convention
June 20–23, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton
Valley Forge — Philadelphia

Schedule by Day

See center fold for hotel layout.

Summit rooms are above the lobby, and can be accessed by elevator or by lobby staircase.

Tuesday, June 19

Time	Event	Room
2 pm–7 pm	Registration set-up	Convention wing hallway
7 pm–9 pm	Registrant check-in OPEN	Foyer

Wednesday, June 20

Time	Event	Room
8 am–5 pm	Registrant check-in	Convention wing hallway
8 am–10 am	Hosta Show prep room set-up	Washington
9:30–4 pm	Philly arts/sites tour (optional)	Off-site (bus loading)
10 am–6 pm	Vendor set-up	Junior Ballroom
10 am–2 pm	Hosta Show set-up	Hamilton & Revere
1 pm–5 pm	Judges' Clinic I	Summit Room 5
1 pm–6 pm	Hosta Show registration/prep	Washington
2 pm–6 pm	Hosta Show placement	Hamilton & Revere
2 pm–6 pm	Auction plant receiving	Washington (or TBA)
2:30–5 pm	AHS Board Meeting	Summit Room 1
5–5:45 pm	Newcomers' welcome	Summit Room 5
6:00 pm	Convention kick-off	Grand Ballroom
6:15–10 pm	Vendor "Gala Meet & Greet"	Convention wing
7:30–9 pm	Educational Experience 1	Grand Ballroom
7:30–10 pm	Hosta Show registration/prep	Washington
7:30–10 pm	Hosta Show placement	Hamilton & Revere

Educational Experience 1: Warren I. Pollock. "Sporting in Hostas."

Multi-page booklet provided for lecture, for sale @ \$5.

Thursday, June 21

Time	Event	Room
7 am–8:30	Breakfast buffet & daily info	Grand Ballroom
7:30–10 am	Hosta Show registration/prep	Washington
7:30–10:30	Hosta Show placement	Hamilton & Revere
8:00–12:00	Registrant check-in	Convention wing hallway
9:00–12:00	Vendor sales	Junior Ballroom
9:00–12:00	Auction plant receiving	Washington
8:30–10:00	Judges' Clinic III	Summit Room 5
8:45–11:00	Educational Experience 2	Grand Ballroom
10:20–10:40	Judges' instructions	Ballroom foyer
10:40–1:10	Hosta show judging	Hamilton & Revere
12:30–2 pm	Buffet Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1:30–2:20	Keynote presentation	Grand Ballroom
2:20–2:45	Dessert/bio break	Ballroom/Foyer
2:30–8:00	Hosta show open	Hamilton & Revere
2:30–3:30	Auction plant receiving	Washington
2:30–4:00	Vendor sales	Junior Ballroom
2:45–3:30	Longwood preview: S. Hoadley	Grand Ballroom
3:45–11:00	Longwood trip (optional)	Off-site (bus loading)

Educational Experience 2, The Warren I. Pollock Hosta Symposium:

8:45 Mark Zilis: "Hostas Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

9:40 June Colley: "Hostas in Japan: My Visits in 2016, 2017, and 2018"

10:20 Hugo Philips: "Hostas in Europe: What's New?"

Lunch banquet includes presentation of various AHS awards.

Keynote: Bob Olson

"The American Hosta Society: Celebrating 50 Years"

Special session—Longwood Preview: Sam Hoadley

"Hostas and Their Companions: Longwood Hillside Garden"

Friday, June 22

Time	Event	Room
6 am–7:30	Breakfast buffet, daily info	Grand Ballroom
7:30–2 pm	Garden tours, boxed lunch	Off-site (bus loading)
2:00–6:30 pm	Vendor sales (open to public)	Junior Ballroom
2:00–8 pm	Hosta show (open to public)	Hamilton & Revere
2:00–4:00	Auction plant viewing	Washington
2:30–3:30	Educational Experience 3	Grand Ballroom
2:30–4:00	Judges' Clinic II	Summit Room 5
2:30–4:30	Presidents & Editors meeting	Summit Room 6
4:30–	Auction plant viewing, Cash bar	Foyer & Grand Ballroom
5:00–6:30	Auction Part 1, Cash bar	Grand Ballroom
6:30–8:30	Buffet Dinner and AHS Business	Foyer & Grand Ballroom
8:30–10:30	Auction Part 2, birthday party	Grand Ballroom
?–midnight	Hospitality lounge	Summit lobby

Educational Experience 3, The Warren I. Pollock Hosta Symposium:

Jonathan Hogarth: "Hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears' Sports: the Good and Not So Good" (plus aeroponics demo with Roger Smith)

Dinner banquet includes presentation of the Eunice Fisher award and other AHS awards.

Auction Information

This year's auction has an interesting twist: a break in the middle for dinner and awards. The convention team hopes that this reduces some bidder fatigue, and makes for an exciting afternoon *and* evening.

Plants will be assigned item numbers on entry (see information on p. 5) for either pre-dinner or post-dinner auction, with the post-dinner items starting at 101. The items will be displayed for auction, but, after the winning bid is recorded, the items will be returned to their staging tables in numerical order, so that you won't have plants (and their dirt) around you during dinner.

After dinner and the awards, when the auction resumes, the cashiers will open to take your payments. Once you are done buying, and your tally has been paid, you can go to the staging tables with your invoice to collect your items.



As usual, know and use your registrant number for bidding. And have fun!

Saturday, June 22

Time	Event	Room
6–7:30 am	Breakfast buffet, daily info	Grand Ballroom
7 am–2:30 pm	Garden tours, boxed lunch	Off-site (bus loading)
10:30–3 pm	Hosta show (open to public)	Hamilton & Revere
1:30–4:30	Vendor sales (open to public)	Junior Ballroom
2–6 pm	Plant cleaning	Pool area
3–4 pm	Educational Experience 4	Grand Ballroom
3–5:30 pm	Hosta show break-down	Hamilton & Revere
4:30–6:00	Vendor break-down	Junior Ballroom
5–6 pm	Cocktail reception	Foyer & Adams?
6–9 pm	Dinner and Awards banquet	Grand Ballroom
9:30–11 pm	Post-convention meeting	Summit Room 5
9:30–midnight	Hospitality lounge	Summit lobby

Educational Experience 4. HostaTalk: An Open Forum.

Discussions on Relevant Issues and Garden Problems/Solutions

Dinner banquet includes presentation of the Alex J. Summers award and other AHS business, plus a presentation about next year's convention!

Optional gardens

Open Tuesday:

Roberta and Dave Chopko

93 Intervale Rd
Boonton, NJ

10 am – 6 pm (also open Sunday; see below)

One of the greatest hosta collections on the East Coast, on a sloped property in the NYC metro area.

Russell Gardens Wholesale

Special event for American Hosta Growers Association
600 New Rd, Churchville (Richboro), PA 18966

A fabulous source for herbs and perennials, offering wholesale prices to AHS convention attendees. Hundreds of hostas in stock. Open 8–5.

Gail and David Russo

335 Factory Rd
Cedarville, NJ 08311

Open 8 am–dusk. (also open Sunday; see below)

Another of the greatest hosta collections on the East Coast, in the sandy flatlands of southern New Jersey.

Open Wednesday:

Gail and David Russo See information above. Open 8 am to dusk

Russell Gardens Wholesale See above. Open 8 am – 5 pm

Open Sunday:

Steve Buckwalter

500 Main St
Landisville, PA

Open 10 am – 6 pm

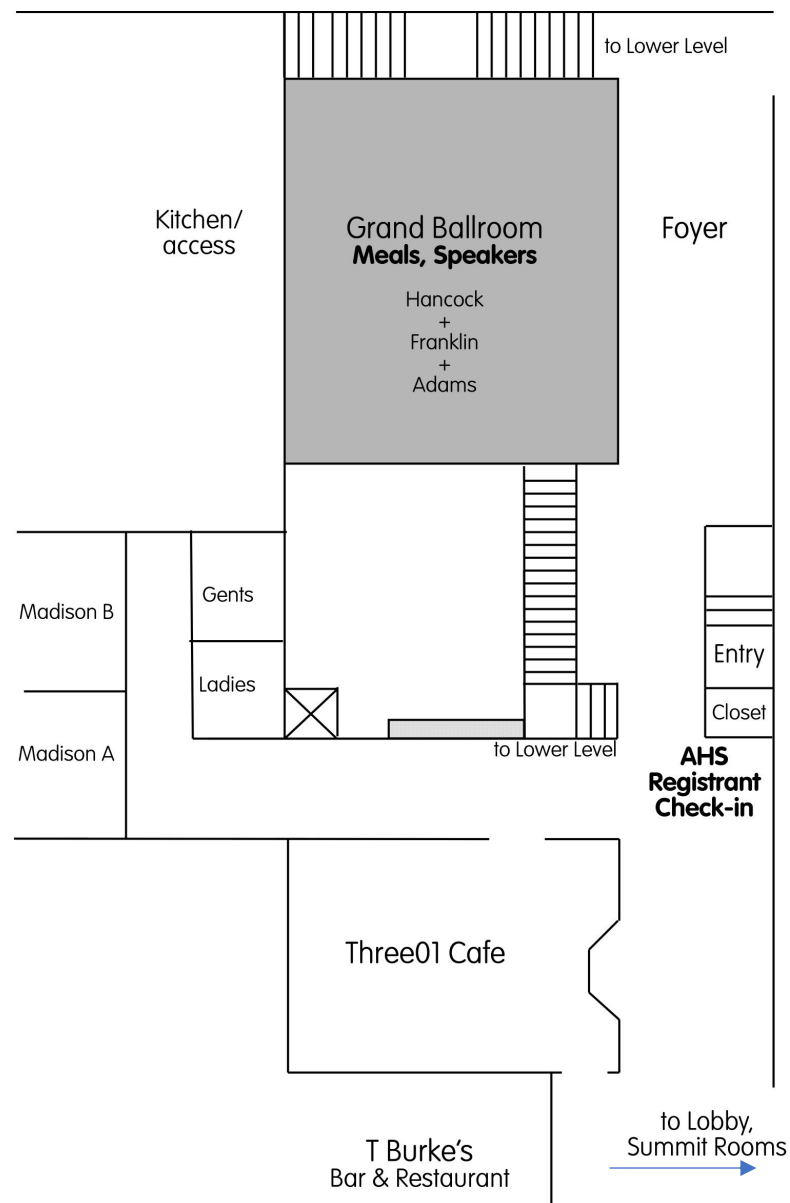
Steve is building a nice collection of hostas, and a nice treehouse! Stop here if you're making a visit to Amish country for sight-seeing. Note that the nurseries and markets in the area are closed on Sundays. Many of your convention hosts will be heading here for some relaxation as well!

Gail and David Russo See information above. Open 8 am to dusk

Roberta and Dave Chopko. See information above. Open 12 noon to 6 pm

Hotel Map

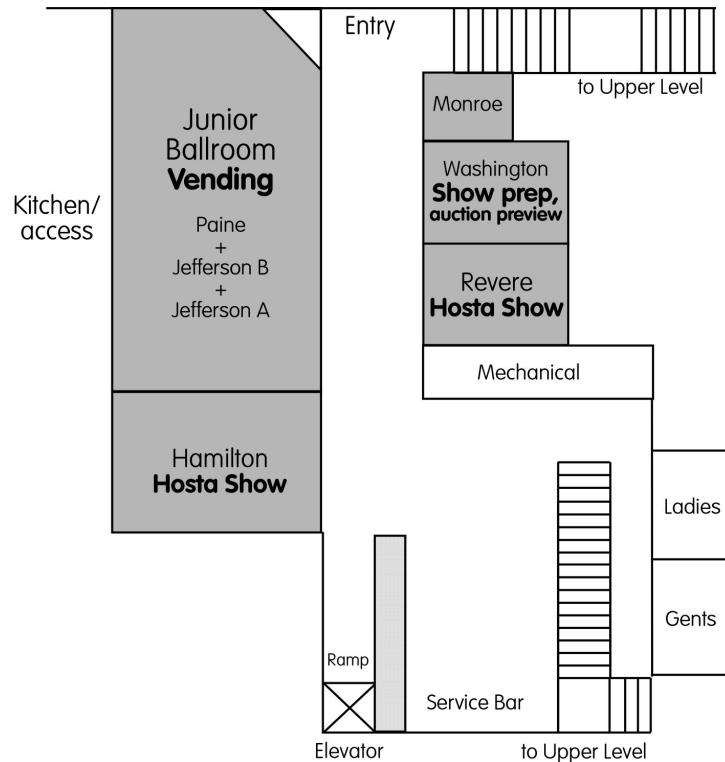
Main Level



Elevators are at the far end of the lobby. Access to pool area next to T Burke's.

Schedule by event

Lower Level



Hosta Show and Judges' Clinics

Show entries and placement:

Wednesday, 1 – 6 pm, 7:30 – 10 pm, Washington

Thursday, 7:30 – 10 am, Washington

Show judging:

Judges' Instructions: Thursday, 10:20 am, Ballroom Foyer

Judging: Thursday, 10:40 am – 1:10 pm, Hamilton & Revere

Tabulation: Thursday, 1:10 – 3:00 pm, Hamilton & Revere

Show open hours:

Thursday, 2:30 – 8 pm, Hamilton & Revere

Friday, 1:30 – 8 pm, Hamilton & Revere

Saturday, 10:30 – 3 pm, Hamilton & Revere

Judges' clinics:

Clinic I: Wednesday, 1 – 5 pm, Summit Room 5

Clinic II: Friday, 2:30 – 4 pm, Summit Room 5 and show floor

Clinic III: Thursday, 8:30 – 10 am, Summit Room 5

Educational Experience (all in Grand Ballroom)

Session 1: Warren Pollock, "Sporting in Hostas." Wednesday, 7:30 – 9 pm

Session 2: Warren I. Pollock International Hosta Symposium.

Mark Zilis, "Hostas Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Thursday, 8:45 am

June Holley, "Hostas in Japan." Thursday, 9:40 am

Hugo Philips, "Hostas in Europe." Thursday, 10:20 – 11 am

Keynote and Guest Presentations

Bob Olson, Keynote speaker, "The American Hosta Society: Celebrating 50 Years." Thursday, 1:30 – 2:20 pm.

Sam Hoadley, Guest speaker, "Hostas and Their Companions: Longwood Hillside Garden." Thursday, 2:45 – 3:30 pm

Session 3: Warren I. Pollock International Hosta Symposium

Jonathan Hogarth with Roger Smith, "Hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears' Sports: the Good and Not So Good" (plus aeroponics demo). Friday, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Session 4: HostaTalk: An Open Forum

Moderated by Warren Pollock, *et al.* Discussions on relevant issues and garden problems/solutions. Saturday, 3 – 4 pm

Garden Tours

Optional tour: Philadelphia. Wednesday, 10 am – 4 pm.
Pre-purchase required.

Longwood Gardens trip: Thursday, 3:45 (first departure) – 11 pm (last return).
Pre-purchase required. See Page 22 for trip details.

Friday gardens: 7:30 am – 2 pm (approximately)
Each bus has different travel route!

Saturday gardens: 7:30 am – 2:30 pm (approximately)
Buses travel in pairs to destinations (plus one extra).

Vending hours

Wednesday, 6:15 – 10 pm (Gala event, with kick-off in Ballroom at 6 pm)

Thursday, 9 am – 12 noon (some vendors may remain closed), 2:30 – 4 pm.

Friday, 2:00 – 6:30 pm (opening after tour return)

Saturday, 1:30 – 4:30 pm (some opening after tour return)

Auction

Plant receiving, Washington/Lower hallway:
Wednesday, 2 – 6 pm
Thursday, 9 am – 12 noon, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Plant viewing, Washington:
Thursday, 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Friday, 2 – 4 pm.
Plants will then be moved to Grand Ballroom, where they can be viewed.

Auction Part 1: Friday, 5 – 6:30 pm

Auction Part 2: Friday, 8:30 – 10:30 pm (approximate times)

AHS and Convention Business

Board meeting: Wednesday, 2:30 – 5 pm. Summit Room 1.

Newcomers' welcome: Wednesday, 5 – 5:45 pm. Summit Room 5.

Convention Kick-off & Introductions: Wednesday, 6 pm. Grand Ballroom.

Local Presidents & Editors meeting: Friday, 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Summit 6.

Awards & Business: Thursday lunch, Friday buffet, Saturday banquet.

Post-convention review: Saturday, 9:30 – 11 pm (approx.). Summit 5.

General Convention Information

Auction plant receiving has limited hours. Please contact a team member if you need to make other arrangements for dropping off your contributions.

Breakfasts for registered attendees are served Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the Grand Ballroom. Hotel guests staying Tuesday night can purchase breakfast on Wednesday in the Three01 Café.

Bus loading will be outside the convention wing entrance, using both the upper and lower levels as needed. Please be prompt! Buses will be full!

Bus routes are individual for buses on Friday, and traveling in pairs on Saturday. One later-departing bus with slightly shorter garden visits is available Saturday. Please make sure to reboard the right bus! See page 22 for information about Thursday's buses to and from Longwood.

Dress as you are comfortable. For **Wednesday night**, why not wear your local hosta society's shirt if you have one. For **Thursday night**, guests at Longwood might need to dress for cooler evening temperatures, and may choose to sit on the grass for the fountain show. For **Friday night**, wear your favorite convention shirt. And for **Saturday night**, dress to celebrate a Golden Anniversary!

Elevators from the hotel lobby go to your room, but only one of those goes to the Summit level (meeting rooms). The elevator from the lobby level to the lower level requires hotel personnel assistance. Ask us for help.

The **Hosta Show** is split between the Hamilton and Revere rooms in the lower level. Be sure to visit both!

Name badges are *required* attire for boarding buses and eating convention meals. You'll find them in the outside pocket of your tote. Your colored meal ticket indicates your choice for the Saturday banquet. Please **return** your badges after the banquet (or prior to your departure before this).

The **Pool** area is great for hanging out, but not for smoking. Plastic glassware only in this area, please. **Plant cleaning** on Saturday is here.

Vending is in the downstairs Junior Ballroom (Jefferson A/B, and Paine).

Water bottles and totes: In an effort to "go green" for the convention, we will *not* be supplying disposable plastic bottles of water in the gardens. Please take your bottle with you for refilling at each garden's "cooling station." There will be marking pens at registration so you can ID your own. Sponsored by PureGro, makers of NemaStop. As well, please make nice use of your convention tote, sponsored by Cochato Nursery.