

MAY 2008



**The spring meeting is just around the corner!**

Things to bring:

- Plants for the auction
- A comfortable chair
- Gardening friends
- Annual dues (\$10)



### Spring Meeting Details

**Date:**

Sunday, May 18, 2008

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Location:**

CRK's Attic & Nursery  
344 Cattle Lane  
Lillington, NC

**Hosts:**

Ross & Cathy Kubeny  
Visit the Web site for driving directions:  
[www.CarolinaHosta.org](http://www.CarolinaHosta.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

By this time of year, I'm ready to fast forward to summer. I've had enough of the subtleties of winter and I'm ready for all out lush foliage and floral explosions. But gardening is about patience, enjoying each season for what it has to offer, and hostas are no exception.

As I write this note, most of my hostas (including my potted seedlings) are showing their fresh spring foliage. By summer the hostas will have stretched all the way out. I'll enjoy holding their leaves, admiring and measuring the clumps, and examining the flowers. I love hosta flowers. Summer is also the peak of hybridizing season. I do my crosses early in the morning on the screened-in porch, but crosses can be done any time of day in a "bee-free" environment - even outside if you pollinate before the bees do. Nothing beats watching seed pods form from a cross you've been trying to make - truly a summer delight. With the arrival of fall the tired hostas begin to crash and it's time to say goodbye. Some go out in a blaze of gold while others are a little less graceful. Fall is the time to collect hosta seeds and sow them in pots or flats, turn on the florescent lights, and get excited to see what germinates. Throughout winter I evaluate daily to determine which hostas are keepers, which are burning up, and which ones are destined for greatness. Then it's back to spring and I turn my attention to the garden - my collection, my sanctuary. The freshness and excitement overwhelm me 24 hours a day and the cycle begins again.

Come join us at the Kubeny's place in Lillington on May 18. We'll celebrate spring with our annual plant auction, hosta thoughts from Bob Solberg, and more - not to mention the beauty of a garden in May. You'll find more about the meeting to your right. Or, visit the Web site for full details. ([www.CarolinaHosta.org](http://www.CarolinaHosta.org))

- Simpson Eason

## SPRING MEETING:

### MESSAGE FROM THE KUBENYS

We look forward to seeing everyone at the spring meeting on May 18th, 2008. The azaleas are blooming early this year and we are hoping they will still be in bloom for the meeting. All of the hostas have flushed out beautifully and the daylilies are not far behind. We have added many new items to the nursery over the last year and have finally gotten our greenhouse up and running. Our speaker, Ron Slonka, will tell us all about fire ants and their habits.

### ADDITIONAL LILLINGTON GARDEN TO TOUR

Mr. W.A. Johnson of Lillington has generously offered to have his garden available for us to visit on May 18th as well. His garden was a tour garden during the Hosta Society convention in Raleigh. Mr. Johnson started his garden in 1945 and has been lovingly adding to it ever since. The 2+ acre garden is located at his home one block from the center of Lillington. The garden features formal, cottage garden and natural elements. The garden will be available from 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM so that anyone wishing to visit can see both gardens.

Mr. Johnson's address:  
211 E Front St  
Lillington, NC 27546

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Please expedite.  
Time sensitive material enclosed.

Hope to see you at the Spring Meeting in Lillington May 18th!

### *In loving memory of Jean Henderson and Valerie Hall*

We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,  
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,  
In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,  
For they are now a part of us,  
As we remember them.  
Forever.

~ Anonymous

*Submitted by Willa Dodson Sackfield*

### HOSTA IN THE MOUNTAINS

Rux Gardens in Waynesville, NC, with help from Green Hill Farm and the North Carolina Hosta Society, will host "Hosta in the Mountains" June 21 in the Waynesville-Asheville area. Features include plant sales (including hostas) all day Saturday at Rux Gardens; lectures from Bob Solberg; photography pointers from nature photographer, George Dixon; and nursery tours by Trish and Greg Rux during the afternoon. Free lunch provided for all registered attendees. A hospitality room with free beverages will be available Saturday evening.

Stay overnight and visit the open local gardens as well as many of the public gardens and sights in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

**When:** Saturday, June 21

**Visit Our Web site:**

**Where:**

Rux Gardens  
2930 Old Balsam Road  
Waynesville, NC 28786  
(828) 456-4621

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