

Dear Members

Don't miss our annual tri-club banquet on October 10 at 11am with the Miami Valley Hosta Society and the Central Ohio Hosta Society. It's at the [Wingate by Wyndham in West Chester OH](#).

Jeff Miller, owner of Land of the Giants Hosta Farm, will speak. Jeff is a teacher at Hosta College and speaks to Hosta Clubs across the country. Hybridizing *Hosta* has been a passion of Jeff's for several years. He is also a contributor to our hosta auction each year.

The banquet is only \$25. Send your check, no later than October 3, to Carol Kilberg.

Hope to see you there!

Reservations, Cost \$25.00 per person, make check out to HSGC, includes lunch buffet.

Please send your Check to:

Carol Kilberg,
6735 Gillen Lane
Miamisburg OH 45342

Hope to see everyone there,

Judy

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HSGC bus trip

by Dean Colville & Marvin Collins



June 6, 2015 bus tour to the Columbus area

Our first stop was the Topiary Park (above) which was originally developed in 1992 and is a work in progress. The larger than life size figures depict the characters in George Seurat's painting. We all enjoyed the figures, especially the woman with her pet monkey and toy dog.



Ten minutes away was Franklin Park Conservatory with a special exhibit of giant bug sculptures, making for great pictures (see the spider above).

The tropical room was host to beautiful winged visitors from the Philippines flitting from flower to flower, eliciting oohs and aahs from the visitors. The Dale Chihuly glass sculptures are an incredible addition throughout the conservatory (Carol and Chihuly piece to the right).

The luscious display of food at the Hometown Buffet caused most of us to severely over-indulge. It was a big improvement over last years lunch venue.

On to the Whetstone Rose garden for the magnificent display of roses—a sight to behold.

We ended the day shopping at the beautiful Baker's Village Garden Center and Seeley's Nursery and left many \$\$\$\$\$ behind and stashed many plants

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in the bus.

We were pleasantly surprised to add a stop at Jeanne and Dick Barbee's garden to see their stunning collection of hostas and pick up a few pointers from these masters—particularly that of growing hostas in the sun. Thanks Jeanne and Dick!

all photos courtesy Marv & Dean



HSGC meeting July 11, 2015

Karen Jetter's garden, situated on several rolling acres near the airport in Erlanger, KY, was extraordinary. The relatively modest front of the house gives way to a spacious park-like garden.

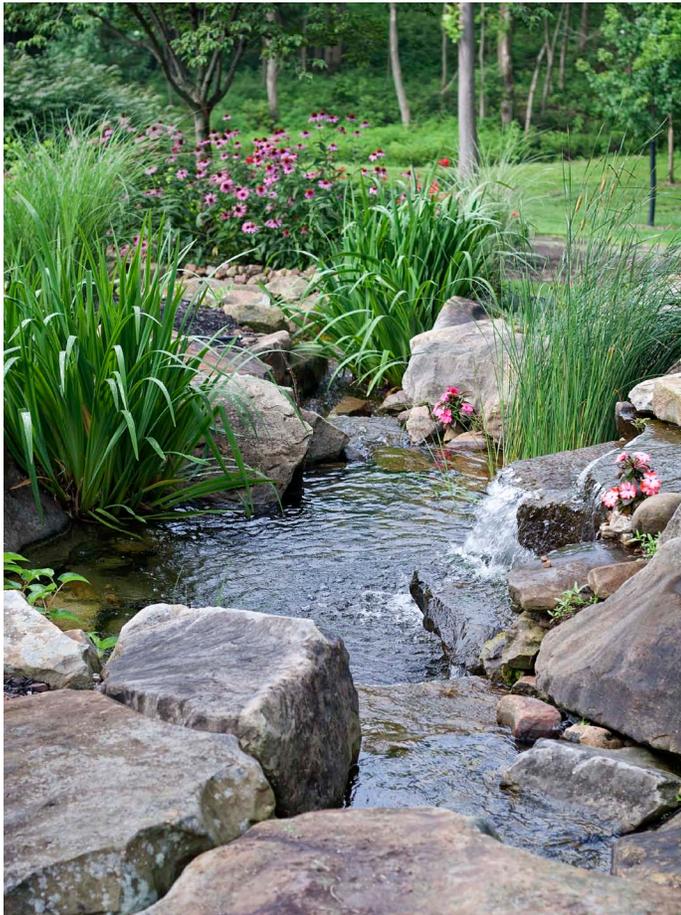
There are plenty of mature trees and hundreds of tons of rocks of all sizes and forms anchoring the beds and surrounding the stream and pond.

Some lucky chickens inhabit the rustic coop on the property.

The lower level of Karen's house looked like it was made for club meetings.



above: Karen Jetter



2016 Hosta of the Year



Hosta 'Curly Fries' (Solberg 2008)

Here's hybridizer Bob Solberg's description. ('Pineapple Upsidedown Cake' seedling) Small, (5" X 16") Just look at the photo. I will add that the agave-looking leaves are stiff as a board and you can see that our award winning 'Curly Fries' is the most unique hosta to be introduced in some time. Best grown in half a day of sun, its highly ruffled narrow leaves emerge yellow and then fade to near white. The scape is deep purple, topped with lavender flowers. It makes a great container plant or grows very well in the garden. You just have to touch it.



Coming Up

October 10 Saturday, 11am - HSGC tri-club banquet
[Wingate by Wyndham](#)

7500 Tylers Place Boulevard
 West Chester OH 45069

Mail check for \$25/person no later than October 3.

With Jeff Miller, owner of Land of the Giants Hosta Farm - Jeff teaches at Hosta College and speaks to hosta clubs around the country.

HSGC meeting August 8, 2015



We were shuttled to Karla & Larry Johnson's garden from the parking lot of a nearby church. The model railroad in the front of the house (see below) was planted with dozens of dwarf conifers. I'm not sure if it's Larry's love of cars or Karla's love of nick-nacks, but the lush garden was decorated with all manner of colorful "stuff"

Larry grilled burgers and hot dogs and there were the (as usual) delicious pot-luck offerings. Our speaker, Bob Iames, talked about dwarf conifers.

This was a very well attended meeting as you can see in the photo below.



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