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Membership 2011

It's a new year. Membership is at 81. The year ends on December 31. Dues are due by that date for the next year (2011). If you are unsure of your status please contact me. I have either emailed or snail mailed everyone who has dues due, but any questions please call or [email me](#)

Your officers have been working hard to provide a great program for this year. It looks like a lot of fun. I look forward to the spring walk in Joan's garden. I was there once in April and was so surprised. It was like a different garden. She has so many spring blooms. I can't wait to see it again. I think the meetings at the homes of our fellow gardeners are my favorite meetings. I learn so much and enjoy seeing how others garden. I look forward to seeing each of you at the February meeting. Any questions regarding membership please let me know.

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Winter Greetings To Everyone,



Hosta 'Summer Fragrance'

After a very difficult Fall, with high temperatures and no rain, and for us a more difficult than usual problem with the deer, Spring cannot come soon enough. We are checking everyday for those snow drops, winter aconite and crocus to pop up and announce that Spring is just around the corner. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Saturday, February 19th meeting at The Civic Garden Center at 1pm. We will have a chili fest and Jane

has put together a program using pictures from member's gardens. Please mark your calendars now for this years bus trip to Indianapolis. This promises to be a great trip and Darlene Contadino has put together a wonderful itinerary for the day. Our trip will be Saturday, July 9th. Don't forget it is never too soon to start collecting for the auction. This year the auction will be on Saturday, May 21 at Clara Berger's garden. The 2011 Year Books will be available at the February meeting, containing all the upcoming events with more details.

I want to thank many of the members for stepping forward to help with making this a very interesting and fun program for this year. Judy Case, our new vice president, and program chair, has put together a great program for this year. Your Gardening Friend,

John

Single membership

\$12.00 for 1 year

\$30.00 for 3 years

Family membership

\$18.00 for 1 year

\$45.00 for 3 years

[Membership Form](#)

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Coming Up

February 19 *HSGC Meeting*
[Civic Garden Center](#)

March 11-12 *Hosta College*

March 26 *HSGC Meeting*
[Delhi Garden and Flower Center](#)

April 16 *HSGC meeting*
Joan Day's Garden

June 23-25 *National Hosta Convention*

July 7-9 *Midwest Regional Hosta Convention*

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A Word from Judy Case

Hi, I'm Judy Case, your New Vice President. I joined the club in 2006 after visiting Brenda and John's garden. John told me and my friend, Darlene, about the bus trip for the summer and of course we joined immediately. I'm really excited about being part of the executive committee and planning the program for this year. On February 19, 1pm at [Civic Garden Center](#), our speaker will be Jane Kozlowicz who was the founding president of HSGC. Jane will give a power point presentation entitled "Pictures of HSGC."

Chili Fest

Saturday, February 19 - 1pm

There will be 3 different kinds of chili to taste with shredded cheese, onion and crackers. You will be able to vote for the chili you like best. Coffee will be provided. If you want water or soft drinks **please bring your own**

Summer Fun

Bus trip to Indianapolis - July 9

One of the highlights of the summer season is our annual bus trip. This year's bus trip, July 9th, will be to the Indianapolis area. We decided to visit Indianapolis for several reasons. It gives us the opportunity to network with a neighboring Hosta Society, and as a sponsor of the 2007 Hosta convention we knew there would be some wonderful gardens in the area. A few HSGC members attended the 2007 Convention and visited some of these gardens, as one would expect they were spectacular. Two gardens just happen to belong to members of the Indianapolis Hosta Society - Randy Goodwin and Ron Williams.



As luck would have it, a few e-mails later we came to agreement on a date and agenda for the trip. It was decided we would start with Randy Goodwin's garden, lunch and tour Ron Williams' garden and wrap up our trip with a stop at Soules Garden. More information coming soon.

Treasurer's Report

We began 2010 with \$5,519.80 in our checking account. Throughout the year we spent \$4,060.46. Expenses included: yearbook and newsletters - printing and mailing, web design and maintenance, March thru October meetings including bus



trip expenses and banquet expenses, donations and memberships. We also took in \$3,360 from dues, auction, bus trip and banquet dinners. This leaves the HSGC with a balance of \$4819.34 to begin the new 2011 year. Our goals this year are to increase the number of quality plants at the auction to increase the dollars that are raised. We are also going to offer a raffle at each of the meetings. At the January Executive Meeting we came up with a budget to put before the membership at the February meeting.

[Carol Kilberg](#), Treasurer

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Green Hill Hostas Chapel Hill, NC - Thanks, Bob and Nancy Solberg!



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HSGC members - Are you planning a trip to Van's this spring? Could you pick up his plant donations for the club? [let us know](#)