



The Mid-South Hydrangea Society In Bloom!

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From the President:

Well, its already time for our first annual garden tour and our talented committee has lined up some wonderful gardens for us to visit. This very special tour is for Mid-South Hydrangea Society members (and guests) only, and is one of the benefits of membership. We've had a good winter and spring for optimum bloom, and even in my neglected garden, hydrangeas are showing the best bloom in a long time. I'm so excited about the new varieties, (I confess that some are still in pots on my driveway) such as the stunningly bright leaves of macrophylla 'Sun Goddess', the rosy 'Amethyst' quercifolia, the double-flowered 'Snowflake' quercifolia, and the tiny one-inch leaves of 'Pia Dwarf' mophead (surely this will grow larger.) I'm also mourning the loss of some new varieties for me, such as 'White Moth' paniculata, macrophylla 'Frillibet', and others that didn't make it through my winter neglect. But the gardens we will be visiting on our tour have many old and new hydrangeas, and I can't wait to get out and see you all there.

Several of our members are looking forward to attending the second Hydrangea Conference at the CANR (Center for Applied Nursery Research) in Thomson, GA on May 19-21 and we will give you a review at the October meeting, along with a year-end review of our first year as a society. Don't forget, we will have a regular meeting on October 10, in addition to our special speaker on Saturday, October 22. And get started propagating some cuttings of your hydrangeas to bring to our plant raffles.

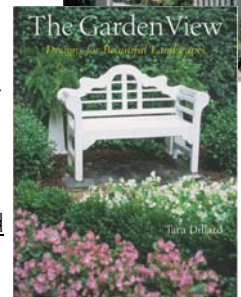
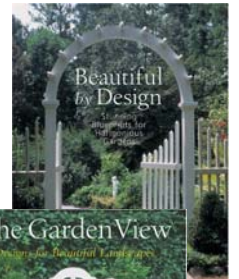
I've had a great time so far this first year of our society, and we're just getting started! See you at the tour on June 4.

Linda

The MidSouth Hydrangea Society's Fall Educational Program Change of Date Notice



Tara Dillard, President of the American Hydrangea Society, will be The MidSouth Hydrangea Society's featured speaker and guest at their first fall educational event. **The event date has been moved to Saturday, October 22nd, 2005.** The location is the Memphis Botanic Gardens from 9:00 to 12:30. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Tara will provide us with 2 presentations both pertaining to hydrangeas and garden design. Members will be admitted free of charge and non-members may attend for a \$10.00 fee. Final details are still in progress; however, we anticipate having vendors selling hydrangeas and companion plants. This will also be a good opportunity for you to renew your membership for 2006.



Tara Dillard will be available to autograph her books The Garden View: Designs for Beautiful Landscapes and Beautiful by Design: Stunning Blueprints for Harmonious Gardens and Garden Paths and Stepping Stones co-authored with Mickey Bassett. These books will be for sale during the event. Please refer to our last newsletter for additional details on her career. Details will be published closer to the date — keep an eye out for articles in your local newspaper. Please tell your friends about the event.

Membership Update: Welcome to our new Mid-South Hydrangea Society members. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events!

Abernathy, Ginger	Duggins, Vicki	Hampton, Kennon & Molly	Stout, Joel
Ahr, Marilyn	Ealy, Mary	Hewitt, Elizabeth	Tobin, Cindy
Berretta, Dr. Brenda	Evans, Elsie	Holloway, Janet	Volgas, Jim
Brown, Jean	Forster, Caroline	Rhodes, Linda	Watkins, Rhetta
Byrum, LeAnn	Foster, Susan	Shelby, Dianne	Williams, Nell
Caplinger, Connie	Goodwin-Gray, Virginia		Ziegler, Marilyn

On the Lecture Circuit. . .

MSHG founding member Anne Riordan received a \$50 honorarium from the English Meadows Garden Club in Germantown for her April 14 presentation on Hydrangeas.

Welcome to the 1st Annual Mid-South Hydrangea Society Garden Tour

Saturday, June 4, 2005 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

All Mid-south Hydrangea Society members and their guests are invited to participate in this special event. We are delighted to present two city and two country gardens for your viewing.

Note that this is a progressive garden tour — the gardens will only be open at the times indicated. The tour will begin at Anne Riordan’s garden, then move as a group to the next garden, and so on. Due to limited parking, car-pooling with other members is encouraged. Maps and instructions for parking are given for each garden below.

9:00 AM City Garden of Anne Riordan
199 North Mendenhall Memphis, TN 38117

Originally the parsonage for the nearby Mullins Methodist Church, the gardens surrounding this 1/3 acre site are fashioned in the English style. Included in the garden rooms and borders are 18 varieties of mophead, lacecap, oakleaf, paniculata, and climbing hydrangea.

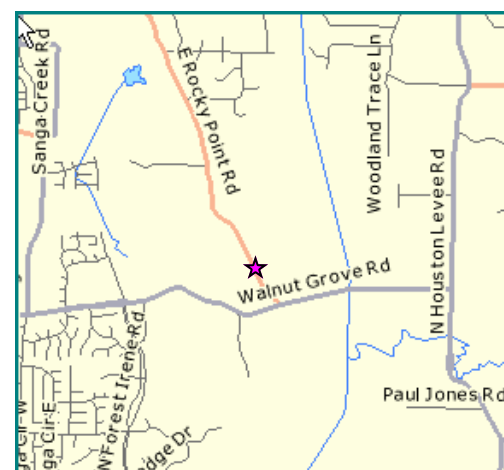
Parking is available on Mendenhall Place, just south of Anne’s house.



10:00 AM Country Garden of Walter Dunn
144 Rocky Point Rd Cordova, TN 38018

Surrounded by the rapidly expanding suburb of Cordova, this 16 acre private retreat features long vistas and huge specimens of hydrangea. Special highlights include a hosta trail surrounding the house and an enchanted woodland water garden.

- * From Anne’s house go South on N. Mendenhall toward Walnut Grove.
- * Turn left on Walnut Grove and go 8.9 miles, then turn left onto E. Rocky Point Rd.
- * Walter’s house is .2 miles on the right.
- * Due to special parking arrangements, it’s important that everyone caravan to Walter’s house.



🐼 11:00 AM City Garden of Linda Orton
 9478 Cedar Glen Cove Cordova, TN 38016

This 1/3 acre casual cottage garden is owned by a true plant collector and includes 40 varieties each of hosta, clematis, and hydrangea. Special features include a hydrangea walk that leads to the garden entry, colorful borders, and a charming shade garden.

- * Travel east on Walnut Grove to Houston Levee.
- * Turn left on Houston Levee to Hwy. 64 (you'll pass Macon).
- * Turn left on Hwy. 64, then turn left on Davies Plantation
- * Cedar Glen is the 4th street on the right.



🐼 NOON Country Garden & "Gardens Oy Vey" Nursery
 of Diane Meucci & Wolfgang Marquardt
 4655 Collierville- Arlington Rd.
 Arlington, TN 38002

Sensational country garden featuring Japanese serrata hydrangeas, specimen trees, native plants, and moss covered trails surrounding a woodland lake. We are delighted to end our tour at this fantastic nursery. Come to see the garden and leave with ideas and the plants to make them real.

- * Turn left on Davies Plantation to Hwy. 64.
- * Turn right on Hwy. 64 to Canada Rd. (Note: Houston Levee changes to Canada Rd. at this intersection).
- * Turn left on Canada Rd. and go to I-40.
- * Enter I-40 towards Nashville to Exit 25 – stay to the right.
- * Exit right onto Airline Rd. (Hwy. 205).
- * Quickly on the left is a sign to the Visitors Center. **Park there to carpool to Gardens Oy Vey. (see on ★ map)**



Hope to see you there!
 For more information call
 Anne Riordan at
 683-7458 or 596-6492

Hydrangea Sale!

Beginning Thursday May 19th, Dan West will have 50 plus varieties on sale at 25% off (VSF Members receive an additional 10% off). Hydrangea Society members can shop Wednesday and get sale prices.

Mark your calendar...

- June 4:** 1st Annual Mid-South Hydrangea Society Garden Tour
- October 10:** Mid-South Hydrangea Society meeting
 7pm at the Botanic Garden — "Year End Review"
- October 22:** Mid-South Hydrangea Society Fall Educational Event
 9:00 am - 12:30pm at the Botanic Garden
 Presentations by Tara Dillard, President American Hydrangea Society

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Call for Volunteer Help

The Mid-South Hydrangea Society's first anniversary will be coming around in October, 2005. I hope you all have had fun, met some new people and learned something new about our beloved hydrangeas. To celebrate the success of our first year, we will be bringing to Memphis on Saturday, October 22nd, a speaker event featuring Tara Dillard, American Hydrangea Society president, horticulturist, garden designer, TV personality and author. As a new plant society on the Memphis gardening scene we want to put forth all the effort necessary to make our first event a big smash, however, the reality is we need your help to make it happen.

The following areas need your support and assistance:

- ☛ A chairperson to coordinate and a crew to man a breakfast bar for our event
- ☛ Members to assist at the registration and membership tables
- ☛ Members to donate plants or garden items for a raffle and/or silent auction
- ☛ Members to assist with sales of Mid-South Hydrangea Society crafts or items

Please don't be shy about volunteering. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know each other. Volunteering to work on a project like this can be very satisfying when you see everything pulled together on the final day. I look forward to hearing from you. You may contact me to volunteer or if you have questions or suggestions.

Linda Orton, at 766-3302 work, 383-4433 home, 356-0830 cell. My E-mail is ortonlm@bellsouth.net or ks_meadowlark@yahoo.com I will be out of town May 18th through May 22nd and won't be able to respond to messages or E-mails until I return.