

Hosta Haven

Char and Randy Hanson, Windsor WI



Char and Randy moved to DeForest in the Fall of 2005, bringing with us 134 Hosta varieties. Char planted them the following spring in our ½ acre lot which abuts a wooded area. It was also home to Wisconsin's largest black cherry tree (Prunus Serotina). On March 29 of 2006, Hamm's Arbor Care pruned the tree for the first time in its 150-year history complete with local television and newspaper coverage; the Wisconsin DNR supervised. The tree predated the Civil War! Sadly, the tree fell in 2022 due to insect infestation. The part of the tree that fell towards the woods can still be seen and is home to local wildlife. Over time, Char's addiction to Hostas grew and she now has over 775 varieties, from miniatures to giants.

Char's introduction to daylilies blossomed with the friendship of Monique Warnke and Rhonda Veroven and this trio love to go on many adventures together! This garden now has approximately eighty daylily cultivars.

In the winter months, Char spends her time creating whimsical creatures using rocks and bowling balls! Many a live animal can be seen cavorting in the small woods that border the Hanson property.

