

MINUTES - ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

Our second Garden walk was held at the home of Melinda Ligon on Hawthorne Blvd located in the Compton Heights neighborhood, on the southside of the City of St. Louis. It is a beautiful neighborhood with many elegant homes. We thanked Melinda for having us and thank all of you who attended for braving the heat.

Dave Poos gave the Treasurer Report and handed out copies. He said we are registered with the Secretary of State. Our bank balance 6/20/21 is \$7,711.71.

Our next garden walk will be on Sunday, July 18 and will start at 1:30pm at the home of Karen Frey and move on from there to David Birenbaum. Both homes are located in St. Charles county and more info will be in the July edition of the Shady Notes.

A reminder, the American Hosta Society Convention will be held July 15-17 and will be virtual. Cost will only be \$49. If you want to participate you need to sign up ASAP.

We discussed an August meeting. Group would prefer another garden walk combined with meeting.

Phyllis reported on the Botanical Gardens. The hostas are looking great. Darman said he is taking care of the hostas that have Southern Blight. There are hostas that look strange and Phyllis has purchased HVX test strips and will use them to check if any of the hostas have a virus.

The Kirkwood Historical Society contacted Phyllis about Mudd's Grove. They have an area they want to redo with hostas. They would like to have those that might have been there when built (1800s). Phyllis told them any hosta there at that time would all be green. They do not want those, want the ones that are variegated. She told them we could donate hostas but we do not plant them, dig the holes etc. They said no problem they have plenty of people to do the work. Pat and Jean are downsizing garden so perhaps they could donate some to Mudd's Grove..

Phyllis presented a program on problems in the garden. She brought hosta leaves that had various problems and we tried to identify the problem. Some had slug damage, deer damage, etc. She did not have any with southern blight or HVX, which is a good thing. If you find a plant in your garden with HVX, dig it up and dispose of it in the trash, do not put on compost pile or with yard waste. She explained that if you have Nematodes, you will see dead areas between the veins on your leaves. When shopping at the Big Box stores be really careful what you buy, many of them have diseases. Reputable nurseries are the best places to buy hostas or by mail from places like Solberg etc.

She mentioned that Bob Solberg will be at Hornbaker Gardens in Princeton IL. on July 18.

Melinda told us a little bit about her home. She moved here in the 80's. The yard was only grass but about 8 or 9 years ago she started putting in many shrubs and plants. When she first moved in the third floor was not useable. She has since had wiring replaced and other work done and now she has her bedroom and a bathroom on the third floor. We were invited to look inside her home and many of us took advantage of the invitation. It is a beautiful home, a place to relax and enjoy, both inside and in her garden.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary