

MINUTES - ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPT 19, 2021

The group met at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in the Hosta area. Phyllis welcomed everyone and explained that there are 800 varieties of hosta in the Hosta Gardens. She thanked everyone for coming to the garden and pointed out all the construction taking place.

Phyllis asked Pam Wolkowitz and David Birenbaum, who served as our Nominating Committee to present the slate. Phyllis Weidman, President (for one more term); Dave Poos, Vice President; David Birenbaum, Treasurer and Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary. Janelle Criscione made motion to accept the slate, Mike Schmitt, seconded. Motion passed.

Phyllis stressed the importance of having younger members ready to take over for us old folks.

Phyllis had a couple of awards from the American Hosta Society to hand out. The President's Wall Award are going to Dave and Joan Poos and are in recognition for all they have given to their local society.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct 24 at 2PM, at Dielmann Recreation Complex, 11400 Olde Cabin Rd, we will be using Dielmann East, (the old Pro Shop) 80 person capacity. The Community Room we previously used is now being used by the Creve Coeur Courts. There will be more information about this meeting in the next newsletter.

Phyllis gave us a brief history on how we became involved with Mo Bot. Back in 2009, when Jeff Hall was President, Mo Bo approached the club saying that they needed help in the Hosta Garden. This area formerly had many crab apple trees, all different types. Farmers could come and see all the different varieties. The Hosta that they had at that time were just green and they kept dividing them and dividing them to fill the area.

We have had nine workdays since then and 336 varieties of Hosta have been added to the garden. Mo Bot wants any hosta they receive to be shipped direct to them from the Nursery. They do not want hostas from private gardens. They have some hosta in pots but Mo Bot does not believe they would last over the winter so they remove them from the pots and put them in the ground. We cannot seem to convince them they would be ok if left in pot and put in sheltered area. We walked the area and discussed disease and weather related problems that the hosta were experiencing.

We have lost 10 members over the last years. Dr. Paul Bonstad, Phil Bammer, Gene Fink, Ray Mueller, Pat Payton, Steve Pozaric, Bob Squire, Arlie Temple, Jim Weidman and Chester Wolkowitz. We then walked to the Kemper Center, which gave us a chance to see more of the Garden. Once there we enjoyed a glass of wine and toasted those who are no longer with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary