

MINUTES - ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

Our garden walk was held at the home of Josh Jagger and Adam Leigh. Josh thanked everyone for coming. He enjoys working in the garden. When they first moved into the home, there was a rickety chain link fence that was falling down. There were many bushes including the invasive honeysuckle. The first thing he did was to clear out the back yard and it was amazing how much larger the yard looked once cleared. Next he had to amend the soil. Then he started planting hostas and companion plants. He started in one area and went around the back. He avoids using chemicals. To rid the honeysuckle bushes he cut them down then covered the base with plastic. Their yard is beautiful and very well maintained.

Phyllis indicated that the minutes from the last meeting are on the web site. If you have any questions about them, let us know. She thanked Lynn for all the work she has done on our website. She has done a great job. Be sure to check it out, lots of helpful information.

Next Dave Poos gave the Treasurer's report. Copies were emailed to members. (Copy attached) Our bank balance on 12/31/20 was \$7,679.96. No expenses to speak of but we will probably buy some hostas for the Botanical Gardens. It is in the budget. An audit of the books was done.

Joan Poos continues publishing the Newsletter. She does a great job.

Our next garden walk will be on Sunday, June 20 at Melinda Ligon's home in Compton Heights. Her address is 3080 Hawthorne Blvd, St. Louis, 63014. There is plenty of street parking. This is a city garden and her patio is large, plenty of space for chairs (bring your own). She is checking to see if we can also tour a neighbor's garden. More info will be in the June Shady Notes.

Phyllis said we need a Nominating Committee for officers. This was supposed to be done earlier but because of the pandemic the officers continued in their jobs. Need to know nominees by September. I volunteered to continue as Secretary.

Phyllis said her AT&T land line went down. If you need to reach her call on her cell.

For our program Phyllis gave a demonstration on how to divide a hosta. She brought a potted Mango Salsa (Solberg) to use for the demo. It is better to wait til some of the leaves have unfurled to split them. When the pips are first coming up the plant is not yet growing roots. Several attendees received one of the splits from her plant. It was a very informative session. I think everyone learned a lot, I know I did.

Phyllis told us to be on the lookout for cutworms. She also said that hostas with thin leaves seem to have suffered the most from the short freeze we had in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary