

St. Louis Hosta Society

Regular Meeting Minutes April 15, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Pres. Arlie Tempel. Other officers there were Jeff & Kelly Hall, Pam Wolkowitz, Rick Clarkson and Pat Payton.

Arlie apologized for some of the vendors not attending. This was due to freeze damage to their stock and an illness in one family. Our planned speaker sold her house and had to move immediately, so she had to cancel. Homestead Farms was present and had a lot of good plants for sale.

A new member, Kim Seifert, was welcomed into the club.

It was announced that Robert Lynch, a club member, had passed away around the first of March.

Our new 2008 Convention T-shirts were being sold for \$15.00 each.

Our next upcoming event will be the Mo/Bot Sale. Everyone was encouraged to pot up plants to sell. There will also be a leaf show where it will be demonstrated how to prepare a leaf for a show.

We then had a discussion time about Moving Gardens and Freeze Damage. There were different views on handling the damaged leaves from the freeze. Kansas State Univ. said to do nothing. Chip from Mo/Bot suggested cutting them off. Arlie suggested leaving any green on the plant that you could to help rejuvenate the plant. Jeff said that we should use a sharp knife that has been disinfected if we chose to do any cutting.

Jeff & Kelly Hall and Rick & Joan Clarkson have both moved their gardens to a new home. Both families put most of their plants in pots to move.

Fertilizing was also discussed with a lot of different was being shared. One puts 10-10-10 on the whole garden early in the spring and uses a water soluble fertilizer later. Some use Osmocote, which is temperature released and lasts for 4 months. Some are using Bayer Rose food. The best thing you can do to help hostas grow is give them lots of water, especially when they first pop up. Keep watering throughout the season. Whatever you fertilize with, you should stop by August 1.

Remedies for voles ranged from poison plastic worms to X-Lax , rat poison with peanut butter and just having a couple of cats.

Dave informed the club that the garden tour would be June 10, from 1-4:00. Information will be in the next Newsletter.

Pat gave the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$7,068.38 in the Convention account, after the t-shirts were bought. Our regular account showed a balance of \$14,500.97.

We have 2 Hosta Finders left at \$12.00 each.

Gloria McGrath audited our books and found everything in order.

Jim Morris was congratulated on having an article on iris in Fine Gardening.

The raffle prizes of a peony, a hosta and a 2 yard ornaments were given out.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 and members did more plant shopping and picked up their club plants.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Wolkowitz