

Regular Hosta Meeting Minutes April 19, 2009

Jeff Hall called the meeting to order at 1:30. Everyone was there basically to pick up club plants that had been pre-ordered and also to purchase plants from vendors.

There was a discussion by Phyllis Weidman about purchases that we have agreed to for Mo-Bot. They didn't want any hostas yet, but prefer to buy two crabapple hybrids: Malus "Orange Crush" and Malus "Royal Raindrops" per Jon Sweeney and Darmon Williams of the garden. Hostas will be purchased at a later date, when the trees are providing shade. These trees are about \$600.00 each to be purchased, dug, and shipped. There will be a list made of hostas to buy in the future.

The next meeting will be on May 31, 2009 in St. Peters, at the home of Jolly Ann Whitener's where there will be a hypertufa trough making demonstration. Directions are on the website and will come later in a newsletter.

Future meetings:

June 6 – Plant sale at MO-Bot, contact Pat Payton to volunteer

June 11-13 - Midwest Regional in Champaign

June 24-27 - National convention in Michigan

July 19 is our plant auction.

September 13 - Mike Shadrack will be our guest speaker, the subject is minis.

October 18 - Melissa Byrd will give us a tour of the National Weather Service at Missouri Research Park in St. Charles, MO.

Pam Wolkowitz talked about the possibility of an overnight bus tour—probably in the spring of 2010. Other ideas were tours of Tower Grove Park and behind the scenes of the Zoo. The Christmas party will probably be the first week of December 2009 at Creve Coeur Government Center.

On Saturday, April 25, there will be a joint hosta sale at Arlie and Nancy Tempel's. The participants will be Nancy and Arlie Tempel, Jean Hudson and Pat Payton.

Jeff Travers discussed the merits of his pesticide product to contend with nematodes and also discussed fertilizer.

Vendors were: Avalon Acres, Homestead, Wildbirds Unlimited, Marcacci Iron Works, The Turf Plan LLC, and Japanese Maples by Kelly Hall.

Barb Moreland served coffee, soda, water and really delicious cookies.

Actual meeting adjourned about 2:15 and everyone proceeded to leave with all their great purchases.

Submitted by Joan Hummel, Secretary