

MINUTES - ST. LOUIS HOSTA SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

Phyllis called the meeting to order at 2:10PM. She welcomed everyone. There were approximately 26 in attendance. She thanked Martha for opening her garden to the group. Despite being late August her hostas and companion plants were beautiful.

First Phyllis had a couple of announcements.

Pat Payton passed away this morning. Please keep Jean in your prayers.

Adam Leigh's Mother passed away Saturday. Adam and Josh would appreciate your prayers.

On Sunday, September 19, we will meet at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. In view of all the construction, we will gather out front. The program will be the history of our involvement in the Hosta Gardens at Mo Bot and our future plans.

Phyllis took a flower scape from Martha's garden and explained about the seed pods. If the scape is from a mature Hosta plant you might get seed pods. Some may be fertile some may not. If you find seeds you can plant them and in about 2-3 weeks they should sprout. They will not be like the plant they were taken from. Following that she talked about sports and tissue culture. It is best to buy your hostas from a reputable dealer, such as Bob Solberg in NC, Greenhill Nursery, In the Country Gardens in IA and Hostas on the Bluff across the river in Illinois. (You can find information on these dealers on our website.)

It is always best, if you get a potted hosta, to remove the dirt and repot it in good soil. If you do this you eliminate the chances of getting worms or other undesirable critters in your beds. Check the St. Louis Hosta Society web site for more information.

HVX, how to spot. You can google this and find lots of information on what to look for. There are also test kits you can get to see if any of your hosta have HVX.

There is a lady in Missouri who has been working on a cure for Virus X, but to date it is not ready for distribution, it is still in the testing stage.

Phyllis also announced that the Mudd Grove representative has not contacted her, so no further action has been taken on this possible St. Louis Hosta Society project.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolly Ann Whitener, Secretary