

Chattanooga Hosta Society
Minutes of the March 1, 2014

Our October meeting was held at the East Ridge Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

Our president Carol Bullard called the meeting to order about 1:05 P.M. Seventeen members and guests were in attendance.

Carol advised that we were honored to have guest speaker Comelia Holland speaking today on Hosta 101. Comelia presented extremely interesting facts and information about Hostas. A summary is at the end of these minutes.

At 2:40 Carol Bullard opened our business meeting

The Bachman Arts and Craft Show is scheduled for April 26, 2014. Booth fees are \$40 this year. Carol solicited members to volunteer to organize this year's attendance and sale of Hosta plants. If no one volunteers we will not attend.

Jimmy Wooten advised that the Rhododendron Society is sponsoring a speaker on conifers that will be presented at Reflection Riding Arboretum on March 15, 2014.

Carol next addressed where we might go on field trips this year. She also discussed the need to hire a driver with a vehicle rather than renting one and experiencing all the problems of insurance, fuel, who will drive, etc.

The Treasurer reported our beginning balance was \$3,041.83. We received \$160.00 from dues. There were no expenses. Our closing balance was 3201.83.

The Reporting Secretary passed out the minutes of our last meeting on December 7, 2013. There were no additions or corrections.

Our April 6, 2014 meeting will be at the Olltewah Nursery.
Our May 3, 2014 meeting will be at Judy Hill's. Bring picnic food and plants for auction.
Our June 1, 2014 meeting will be at the East ridge Community center.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Dobson Reporting Secretary.

Notes from Hosta 101 Presentation
by Comelia Holland

Comelia has a beautiful Hosta garden in the Nashville, TN area. She has been working with the University of Tennessee at Nashville to establish a Hosta garden at the university and in October transferred 300 plants to the new garden.

The genus *Hosta* is named for Nicholas Thomas Host who lived from 1771 to 1834. He was an Austrian botanist and the personal physician of Holy Roman Emperor Francis II. Emperor Francis II ruled the Holy Roman Empire from 1792 to 1806. Host was also the first director of the botanical garden at the Belvedere Palace in Vienna.

Hostas are related to the Asparagaceae and Agavaceae plant families.

There are 25 to 43 species of Hostas originating from Japan, Korea, China and Russia.

Hosta growing period spans from March to November.

Plants require water, heat, wind and morning sunlight.

After a plant flowers it develops new roots.

Hosta fertilizers include time release, 10-10-10, manure, foliar sprays and root stimulators.

Diseases and predators include Crown Root (treat with a 25% Clorox spray), foliar nematodes, Hosta virus X, slugs (treat with 10% ammonia spray), moles/voles, and deer/squirrels.

When planting Hostas in pots put screen wire over the drain hole and don't overdue the mulch.

Hostas come in three basic colors: Green, Blue and Yellow.

Hostas are categorized in five sizes:

Size Name	Leaf Area in sq. inches	Height, in.
Giant	over 120	over 25
Large	64 to 120	19 to 24
Medium	30 to 64	12 to 18
Small	6 to 30	8 to 11
Miniature	less than 6	up to 7

Leaves have various shapes and color. Flower shapes are funnels, bells, spiders or doubles.

Leaf stems vary in color and different shapes. Flower scapes / stems vary in color and shape.