

## The Chattanooga Regional Hosta Society Meeting Minutes - 4-1-17

The Hosta Society met at the Barn Nursery at 1:00 p.m. on April 1, 2017.

Craig Walker from the Barn Nursery presented a short briefing on hostas and other plants available at the nursery.

Monrovia Plant Nursery will be providing him a display for the Hostas of The Year going back to 1996 and up to 2017. They will try to make available all of these so you can purchase them. The 2018 Hosta of the year will be **Lakeside Paisley Print**. The 2017 Hosta of the year is **Brother Stefen**.

He then showed us different azaleas, Creeping phlox, foam flowers, and columbines. Craig then advised that the red berries on the Nandina plant have been found to be poisonous to Cedar Waxwing birds.

Our president then opened the meeting by reading the minutes of our last meeting on 2-4-17. They were voted on and accepted.

Next the treasurer read his report stating a current balance of \$3633.47. It was voted on and accepted. Johnny McMasters then suggested that it would be nice if we might purchase nice permanent, magnet affixed name tags for each of our members. We voted on buying them and authorized Johnny to purchase them.

Johnny passed out our new Year Books/ Member Directories and asked each of us to verify that the info was correct. Corrections were given to Johnny. We were advised we have two new members. Tammy advised that she recently visited Bethlehem Gardens and that Ruby has it really looking great with many different hostas available.

We then went over the calendar for the rest of the year:

May 6 --- Picnic at Jimmy Wooten's

June/July --meet at Betty Paterson's garden for a picnic and bring plants for our annual plant auction.

October 7 -- Possibly Reflection Riding Arboretum

Dec 2 -- Annual Christmas celebration at Johnny and Shirley McMaster's home.

On March 4 the club visited Piccadilly Farm in Bishop, GA. Six members attended.

We discussed how best to print labels. Permanent marker fade away. The best way is to use a label maker printing black on white. A graphite lead pencil will not fade out.

Now is the time to fertilize with 10-10-10 or similar fertilizer. Holly Tone can be used to help acidify to soil for azaleas and rhododendron. Jimmy Wooten recommended using Cotton Seed Meal since it is much cheaper. Snail bait needs to be set out now or your hostas will suffer damage.

The Hamilton County Master Gardeners plant sell will be at the Camp Jordan Arena on April 8. Ruby will be selling Hostas there.

We then listed our treasures of Hostas that we live and that grow well in our area.

1. June
2. Fire Island
3. First Frost
4. Stained Glass
5. Cathedral Windows
6. Royal Standard

Next we listed those we find difficult to raise.

1. Fire and Ice
2. Great Expectations
3. Orange Marmalade

Then we listed ones we find most fragrant.

1. Stained Glass
2. Fragrant Bouquet
3. Guacamole
4. Cathedral Windows
5. Royal Standard.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Dobson, Recording Secretary 4- 5-17