

Central Illinois Hosta Society

Minutes

(Minutes of the founding meeting)

The founding meeting of the Central Illinois Hosta Society was held February 13, 1989 at the home of Mary Pratt, 151 W. Detweiller Drive, Peoria, Illinois at 1:00pm. The weather was cloudy, and it was 37 degrees outside.

Mary Pratt warmly welcomed everyone and invited us to enjoy warm brownies and coffee until all had arrived. At 1:15pm, we all introduced ourselves: Mary Pratt, Ruth Frost, Brenda Keller, Rich Hornbaker, Dolores Lavin, Cindy Nance, and Jan Lee.

The Constitution was read and each Article discussed by the attending group. It was agreed that the name should be Central Illinois Hosta Society as the members already expressing interest in belonging came from the towns of the Central Illinois area.

Article IV (dues) was discussed, and Mary indicated the revenues for the Central Illinois Hosta Society would not be met by the dues paid by the members but rather by plant auctions. It was decided that annual membership dues would \$3.00 per person and \$5.00 per family.

Dolores Lavin suggested that when we have plant auctions and bring plants from our gardens that we set a beginning price determined by half the amount in a selected catalog. The person bringing the hosta would then receive the beginning bid price to purchase new additions for his or her garden.

Article V (government) was read. Officers will serve until the annual meeting. The following officers have agreed to serve:

President – Mary Pratt
Vice President – Nancy Crawford
Treasurer – Janis Lee
Corresponding Secretary – Tracy Heuermann
Recording Secretary – Cindy Nance

Additional officers, as will be defined in the bylaws, are needed. Vice President Membership, Ways and Means, Auctions Chairman, Newsletter, ICC Representative, Luthy Botanical Gardens Representative, Programs Chairman, etc. Dolores Lavin agreed to be the Membership Chairman.

Article VI (meetings). Brenda Keller asked if there would be any evening meetings. Mary said that at this time we would be having just daytime meetings with the exceptions of maybe having gardens open for walks in the earlier evening. The meetings will be held the second Monday of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October. Meeting times will be 1:00pm – unless otherwise announced.

We talked about touring gardens of the members of the Central Illinois Hosta Society and also traveling for tours of gardens in Iowa City, Des Moines, Aurora, Chicago, Jackson, and Michigan.

The meeting concluded with Mary showing slides of her visit to Japan (Kesi Watanabe's Nursery, Gotamba, Japan – Shizyoka-shi).

The meeting for March 13, 1989 will be held at Brenda Keller's home in Peoria, Illinois.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully submitted – Cindy Nance, Recording Secretary