



# Hosta Happenings

**East Tennessee Hosta Society**

**December 2022**

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting November 20, 2022

President Fred Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. Seventeen members were in attendance.

President Anderson welcomed everyone to the annual social.

In order to continue with the merriment, a short business meeting was held. Five items were discussed.

1. In Treasurer Gina Buffum's absence, President Anderson reviewed the financial report for the 2022 year. The report is attached to the minutes. With the Hosta Convention in Knoxville this year, more activity was noted. Janie Bitner moved to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report as written. Maria Gall seconded. Members voted and the motion carried.
2. President Anderson suggested that the annual

membership fees change to \$15.00 which would be for both individual and a household of two. The fees were \$12.00 for single and \$18.00 a couple. The \$15.00 would split the difference and make dues collection for the treasurer easier to record. Bob Goltz moved to change the membership fee schedule to \$15.00 annually. DeeDee Blaine seconded. Members voted and the motion carried. Elin Johnson requested that the new Treasurer's address be included in the Newsletter so that members will know where to send their money. She also added that dues include insurance for events.

3. President Anderson noted that the bank account currently has an excess of \$2,500.00. Since the society is a nonprofit, it was determined that funds

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### 2022 Officers

President Fred Anderson  
 Vice President Bob Goeltz  
 Treasurer Gina Buffum  
 Secretary Wanda Taylor  
 Communications Mary Albrecht  
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should be distributed to area gardens. The breakdown proposed:

- a. UT Gardens - \$1000.00
- b. Ivan Racheff House and Gardens - \$500.00
- c. GATOP ( part of UT now) -\$500.00
- d. Knoxville Botanical Gardens -\$500.00

Following discussion, Mary Albrecht moved to dispense the funds as proposed. Maria Gall seconded. Members voted and the motion carried.

- 4. Nominations, for the 2023 officers were called from the floor. A proposed slate was announced:

President – Fred Anderson

Vice President – Beverly Smith

Treasurer – Liz Etnier

Recording Secretary – Wanda Taylor

Newsletter/Communications – Mary Albrecht

Janie Bitner moved to accept the slate of officers.

Mary Albrecht added to cast a unanimous ballot.

The membership voted and the slated was approved.

President Anderson then requested everyone to gather for a group photograph.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. by President Anderson.

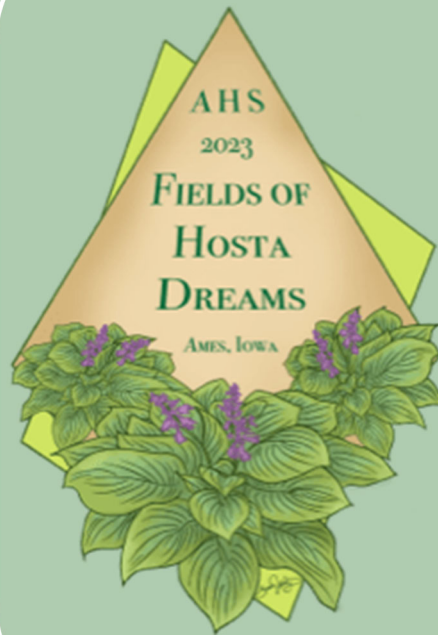
Wanda Taylor

Recording Secretary

*Editor's Note:* Gina Buffum has notified the outgoing officers and incoming treasurer that the checks have been sent out (email dated December 10, 2022).

## Dues are Due

See membership form on next page. New rate: \$15 for one or two members in a household. Just give both names on form and both emails for each to receive the electronic newsletter.



2023  
National  
Convention  
June 7-10,  
Ames IA  
Registration  
is now open.

## Local Garden Events

Keep an eye out for events at the Greater Knoxville area public gardens:



# In Case You Were Wondering: How Growers Learn about New Varieties

There are trade magazines available to greenhouse growers, garden centers, and nurseries that profile new varieties being introduced to the gardening public. These trade magazines actually introduce them to the growers before the public finds out. One major event that allows industry members learn about new varieties is the California Spring Trials where breeders get to showcase the new materials ready for introduction or plants that they are considering for the future. You can read all about this at this link: <https://www.nxtbook.com/greatamericanmediaservices/GPN/gpn-new-varieties-digital-guide-2023/index.php#/p/1>. It is best viewed on a computer where you have a larger screen than tablets or phones.



## ETHS Membership

Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone (Include Area Code)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Second Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a    Hosta Beginner              
                  Hosta Addict                      
                  Somewhere in-between   

Approximately how many different Hostas do you have:

Fewer than 10      
10-50                      
Over 50                   

Would you like your garden to be considered for an open garden tour by ETHS?

Yes      
No      
Maybe

Would you like to volunteer for an activity in our club?

Yes      
No      
Maybe

Annual dues for a household membership (maximum of 2 members) is \$15. Membership is based on a calendar year.

Mail application and check payable to **East Tennessee Hosta Society** to:

ETHS  
c/o Liz Etnier  
1405 Whitower Dr  
Knoxville, TN 37919

**Invite a friend to join!**