

NV-ASA General Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2024

David Nanney opened the meeting at 2 pm. Twenty-four members were in attendance.

Paul Beck updated the members on the fall plant sale which was held at the Beck home on September 14. Sales totaled approximately \$4,000. The bonsai society accounted for almost half the purchases followed by a large purchase by Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Members accounted for approximately \$1,000 in purchases.

Discussion was held on hurricane damages sustained by friends living in the Asheville area. Most members in that area were okay but sustained property damage and power outages.

Thank you to Sue Hetrick for coordinating the snacks and to members who donated plants for today's plant exchange.

Ric Bauer encouraged early sign-up for the spring convention in Pennsylvania since attendance is limited.

Don Hyatt gave an update on the White Garden situation. He said there was a good turnout at the gathering at White's Garden. The county realizes the plants are neglected and that they are not familiar with rhododendrons and azaleas but are willing to work with interested groups to learn more.

The next meeting will be the holiday social on December 8 from 1-4 pm at Kirkwood Church. Elections will be held. The positions of President and Vice President are open and in need of volunteers.

Ric Bauer gave a presentation on Bob Stewart's hybrids, the characteristics of the plant and a photo and bio of the member for whom it was named. The plant exchange followed.

Submitted by Joanne Neckel, Secretary