

Plant Sale Report for 2018

Our annual plant sale was held on 4/21/18. The day was cool but otherwise sunny and pleasant. As usual we did have plants left over. Some of those will be transported to the Immanuel Old Church event for sale there.

We decided to sell some mushroom compost this year and it was a success. We also expanded our plant clinic / demonstration area and that stayed very busy.

The cold weather this year was not kind to the plants. Most of us lost many of the plants we were fostering. Things were slow to come up and we just didn't have as many plants that were ready to sell.

There were a lot of people who helped make this a success. Here are some of the highlights. Please forgive me if I do not mention you. In no special order...

Pat – our fearless leader. She has been willing to open her back yard to host our potting parties along with fostering plants and making many trips to transport things from her home.

Ginny – spent countless hours checking on pricing and made hundreds of price stickers on Venetian blind pieces. It made it pretty easy when plants arrived on Friday evening. We just had to check the list Ginny had made and put in the correct price sticker. Then at checkout we collect the stickers to help tally up the sales and kept the stickers so that Ginny will not have to reproduce all of them again next year.

Juanita – stored and transported our “yard sale” items. She had the responsibility of pricing them and then finally giving away to Good Will the things that did not sell. We had many gardening books (some of which Pat had stored) and decided to keep what was left to try and sell again next year. We are down to about 3 boxes instead of 8. Also Juanita is our public relations person with the church. She is always there to open the building for us.

Brenda and Juanita – purchased several plants to be donated to the church as a small thank you for letting us use their facilities.

Ed – once again grew hundreds of tomato plants, peppers and herbs. The weather was not conducive to some of the plants and we were missing some of the herbs he usually has such as basil. As always the tomatoes sold very well. You had to be there very early if there was a particular variety you especially wanted.

Wayne – in addition to hustling our perennial area shoveled bag after bag of the mushroom compost. Barb described him as a shoveling dynamo.

Linda – did her usual great job of making sure we were all fed and hydrated.

Pat and Linda – went on a shopping spree at Sandy's and Crowder's. We were desperate for some plants in bloom since many of our home grown plants were still not looking their best.

Lisa – coordinator our plant clinic demonstration area. There were a good many people with lots of questions. We will be posting some of the information they were curious about on the web site.

Barb – got us a great group of vendors. Most of the vendors seemed to do very well with their sales.

Buz - everywhere doing everything. He is now trying to cope with PTTD (Post Traumatic Tent Disorder).

Sandy – hosted a hubcap painting session and also provided some other decorative garden art items.

Bob – donated his wonderful birdhouses, wood planters and benches. They are always very popular.

BJ – put together the row markers which included a picture and description of the plants we expected to get. We also had a display board with everything listed so that people could scan to see what might be of interest and then check to see if it was available (either didn't make it or was sold out). The lists are now posted on the web site so that the customers can read more about their purchases. Some people did comment that they had looked on web site and were looking for plants we expected to have. Unfortunately some of the things we had listed just did not survive or thrive enough to make it to the sale. On the other hand we did have some last minute donations that we did not know about and therefore did not get into our web site lists.

We appreciate those who contributed plants even if they could not be with us on the sale day.

Thanks to all of those who joined in the potting parties and fostered plants. Sorry I don't have a list of names to share.

We had a great group of volunteers some of whom were there on drop-off night, morning setup, both shifts and stayed to help with the clean-up. They include: Wayne, Brenda, Linda, BJ, Ginny, Sandy, Pat, Buz, Barb, Mary, Sharon W., Juanita, Janet, Julie, Kristy, Pam, Pattie, Sammye, Bob, Eleanor, Susie, Sharon L., Kay, Rhonda, Ed, Bonnie, Lisa, Ania, Judy, Nancy, Betsy, Christy, Doris, Sandra.

Bottom line – PROFIT of approximately \$4,000.