

SHOW RULES FOR 2018

1. Anyone who wishes to exhibit may do so. However, section and higher awards are limited to American Hosta Society members. Any exhibitor who is not an AHS member and wins a section or higher award will be asked to become an AHS member. If the winner declines membership, the Show Chair may either present the award to the next qualified entry or leave the award vacant.
2. Entries will be received from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, May 11 and from 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 12. Entries received after 8:30 A.M. will be placed in the non-competitive exhibit area. Judging will begin at 10:00 A.M. Awards will be presented to winners at the awards ceremony at 1:00 P.M. All entries must remain in place until 3:30 P.M. Entry tags, ribbons, and leaves may be claimed from 3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Entries remaining after 4:00 P.M. will be disposed of by the Staging Committee.
3. All registered cultivars and species shall either be listed in the current year's AHS Hosta Show Classification List or have had registration data recorded in an official publication of The American Hosta Society by the date of the show in order to be considered registered for show purposes.
4. Entry tags must be properly completed by the exhibitor. Incorrect entry tag information will be corrected by the Classification Committee, if possible, or returned to the exhibitor for correction. Entries may be disqualified by the committee, at its discretion, if misnamed or if displaying extreme damage or signs of disease. Classification information on the entry tag should be based on the current Classification List only. Current Classification Lists will be on hand at the show or may be found at The American Hosta Society website, www.hosta.org.
5. During the time of judging, only the Show Chair, Classification Chair, Judges Chair, Judges, and Clerks are permitted in the immediate judging area unless otherwise permitted by the Show Chair.
6. Division I - Horticulture, Division II - Container Grown Hosta, Division III - Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect, and Division IV - Educational Displays will be judged by panels of three or four American Hosta Society judges, including one Master Judge per panel. The American Hosta Society Point Scoring System will be used to break a tie in judging major awards. Each panel of judges will be the final authority on each class it judges.
7. All decisions of the judges will be final.

8. For all show divisions (provided entries score the minimum points), each sub-class, (or class if there are no sub- classes, or section if there are no classes), is allowed the awarding of only one blue, one red, one yellow, and one white ribbon. In Division I, Sections I -V and Section XI, each registered cultivar or species constitutes a separate name sub-class. Each seedling or sport entry in Sections VI -X is a separate sub-class and is eligible for any ribbon. For Division I, Section XII, each unregistered named cultivar constitutes a separate name sub-class within each alphabetical letter class.

9. Care will be taken, but no responsibility shall be incurred by any person, group, or organization for accidents, damages, injuries, thefts, omissions or commissions of any kind or nature from this show.

10. Division I – Horticulture (Cut-leaf) Rules

Containers will be provided by the Georgia Hosta Society.

Bloom scapes are not permitted in this division.

Sections I – V (Registered Cultivars and Species), XI (Youth Exhibits) and XII (Unregistered Named Cultivars) require ONE leaf per entry.

Sections VI – X require TWO leaves per entry. Sports shall be indicated on the entry tag as “Sport of (Name of Cultivar).” Seedlings shall be indicated on the entry tag as “Seedling (Hybridizer’s Identifying Number).”

Persons placing entries in Section XI-Youth Exhibits must be 18 years of age or younger as of the date of the show.

All leaves entered should be representative of the plant as a whole and should be taken from plants approaching maturity.

Only one entry of each Registered Cultivar or Species is allowed per exhibitor. Entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.

11. Division II – Container Grown Hostas

Container-grown hostas must have been grown by the exhibitor and must be established in the container in which they are grown. Only registered cultivars or hosta species may be exhibited in the division and only one hosta may be grown in each container. Container and plant must be clean. The plant should be centered in the container. Inner containers or container liners are allowed but must not be visible. Only one type of ground cover material is allowed per exhibit. Ground covers may be any natural non-living material such as bark chips or stones, or an indigenous moss of one variety only.

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12. Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect

Self-contained trough or container gardens of any size may be entered for judging as an arrangement.

Multiple varieties of hostas and other plant material may be used. Hostas must be a strong focal point of the entry. No artificial plant material is allowed. Plants and container must be clean. Accessories are permitted. Individual plants need not be identified. However, if the exhibitor would like to identify the material, an identification ledger card to the side of the exhibit is both acceptable and desirable.

Entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.

13. Division IV – Educational Displays

Educational displays must pertain to hostas.

14. Division V – Non-Competitive Exhibits

Entries in this division are not judged. The exhibit may be a single cut leaf, a hosta bloom scape, a container grown plant, or any other display deemed to be of interest to the show observers. However, the plant material must be hosta predominant, the exhibit must be tastefully presented, and the material must be in good condition. The Show Chair may refuse placement of any exhibit that does not meet these requirements.