

The Georgia Hosta Society

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‘THE SKY’S THE LIMIT’

Our 34nd Hosta Show & Plant Sale

Saturday, May 10th 2025

(Show Setup – Friday, May 9 1:00pm)

Oak Grove United Methodist Church

Gymnasium, 1722 Oak Grove Road

Decatur, GA 30033

Hosta Show 10:00am to 2:00pm

Free and open to the public

Plant Sale 8:30am to 2:00pm

Including hostas and many other interesting plants

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Hosta show accredited by the American Hosta Society

SHOW RULES

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 9 and from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 10. Entries received after 9:30 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 2:00 P.M.** Entry tags, ribbons, and leaves may be claimed from 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Entries remaining after 2:30 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 Division I (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 exhibit or group of exhibits of a registered cultivar or species constitutes a separate name sub-class. In Sections VI-X, each seedling or sport entry is a separate sub-class and is eligible for any ribbon. For Section XII, each unregistered named cultivar constitutes a separate name sub-class within each alphabetical letter class.
9. For Divisions II, III, and IV, each entry is eligible to receive the ribbon it deserves based on the point score it earns.
10. 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.

SHOW RULES (continued)

11. 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.

12. Division II – Container Grown Hostas

Container-grown hostas must have been grown by the exhibitor and must be established in the containers in which they are grown. **Only registered cultivars or hosta species may be exhibited in this 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.

Only one entry of each Registered Cultivar or Species is allowed per exhibitor.

13. 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.

14. Division IV – Educational Displays

Educational displays must pertain to hostas.

15. 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.

SHOW DIVISIONS

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE (Cut-leaf)

Section I – Giant-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section II – Large-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section III - Medium-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section IV – Small-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section V – Miniature-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species

Section VI – Giant-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports

Section VII – Large-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports

Section VIII – Medium-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports

Section IX – Small-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports

Section X – Miniature-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports

Section XI – Youth Exhibits of Registered Cultivars and Species

Displayed in Alphabetical Order

Section XII – Unregistered Named Hosta Cultivars

Displayed in Alphabetical Order

Entries in Sections I-X are to be displayed using the following Color Classes:

Class 1 – Green (All Shades)

Class 2 – Blue (All Shades)

Class 3 – Yellow (All Shades)

Class 4 – White Margined

a. Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center

b. Green to Blue Center

Class 5 – Yellow Margined

a. Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center

b. Green to Blue Center

Class 6 – Green or Blue Margined

a. Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center

b. Green to Blue Center (distinct from margin color)

Class 7 – Streaked or Mottled

Class 8 – Others (including early season variants)

DIVISION II – CONTAINER GROWN HOSTAS

DIVISION III – TROUGH/CONTAINER GARDENS ARRANGED FOR EFFECT

DIVISION IV – EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Educational displays must pertain to hostas.

DIVISION V – NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY
POINT SCALES FOR JUDGING HOSTA SHOW EXHIBITS

REGISTERED CULTIVARS AND SPECIES CONTAINER GROWN HOSTA DIVISION I - SECTIONS I – V and SECTION XI DIVISION II

Form and Size	30
Color and Pattern	30
Texture and Substance	20
Condition and Grooming	20
TOTAL POINTS	100

Form and Size	25
Color and Pattern	25
Texture and Substance	25
Condition and Grooming	25
TOTAL POINTS	100

**UNREGISTERED NAMED HOSTA CULTIVARS
DIVISION I - SECTION XII**

Form and Size	30
Color and Pattern	30
Texture and Substance	20
Condition and Grooming	20
TOTAL POINTS	100

**TROUGH/CONTAINER GARDENS ARRANGED
FOR EFFECT
DIVISION III**

Variety	20
Condition	30
Arrangement	30
Container Relative to Arrangement	20
TOTAL POINTS	100

**UNREGISTERED SPORTS AND SEEDLINGS
DIVISION I - SECTIONS VI – X**

Distinction	40
Form and Size	15
Color and Pattern	15
Texture and Substance	15
Condition and Grooming	15
TOTAL POINTS	100

**EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS
DIVISION IV**

Educational Value	60
Theme, Originality, Effectiveness	40
Staging Arrangement, Attractiveness, Neatness, Materials Used in Exhibit	
TOTAL POINTS	100

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

DIVISION V

Not Judged - No Point Scale

SHOW AWARDS

Best of Show - Horticulture – Awarded to the best entry in Division I – Horticulture and is selected from the section winners in Sections I-V and Section XI. (Please note that entries in Section XII – Unregistered Named Cultivars are not eligible to receive this award.) **Winner will receive a large triple blue streamer with blue and white rosette, and a prize.**

Best Seedling or Sport Award – Awarded to the best entry in Division I – Horticulture and is selected from the section winners in Sections VI-X. **Winner will receive a large triple green streamer with green and white rosette, and a prize.**

Sweepstakes Award – Awarded to the exhibitor who wins the largest number of blue ribbons in Division I – Horticulture. (In case of a tie, count red ribbons, then yellow ribbons, if necessary, to break the tie.) **Winner will receive a medium triple blue streamer with blue rosette, and a prize.**

Grand Awards – Awarded to the best entries in Division II – Container Grown Hosta, Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect, and Division IV – Educational Displays. In order to win, entries must have scored at least 95 points. **Winners will receive a medium triple purple streamer with purple rosette, and a prize.**

Section Awards – Awarded to the Best of Section winners in Division I. All section award winners must have scored at least 95 points. Winners will receive a single flat purple ribbon. In addition, Section winners in Division I will receive a prize.

Class Awards – Awarded to Best of Class winners in divisions containing classes. All class award winners must have scored at least 95 points. Winners will receive a single flat green ribbon.

The following ribbon awards are awarded in accordance with rules set forth by AHS:

First Place Blue Ribbons Entries must score 90 or more points to receive this award.

Second Place Red Ribbons Entries must score 85 or more points to receive this award

Third Place Yellow Ribbons Entries must score 80 or more points to receive this award.

Fourth Place White Ribbons Entries must score 75 or more points to receive this award.

2025 SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Co-Chairs	Mark Malaguerra and Kendra Spadoni
Awards Chair	Judy Beeler
Classification Chair	Chuck Zdeb
Clerks Chair	Steven Blair
Hospitality Chair	Julia Lyons
Judges Chair	Claudia Walker and Chuck Zdeb
Membership Co-Chairs	Becky Paris and Judy Beeler
Placement Chair	Mark Malaguerra
Publicity Chair	Sandra Bussell
Registration/Exhibitor Assistance Chair	Harold McDonell
Schedule Chair	Harold McDonell
Staging and Dismantling Chair	Dexter Henry
Tabulation Chair	Pam Olive?
Vendors/Show Plant Sale Chair	Greg Ferguson

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

Membership in The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities including a National Convention; two issues of *The Hosta Journal*, each with nearly 100 pages, many interesting and informative articles, and dozens of color and black-and-white pictures which detail all national, regional, and local hosta society activities; and one *Online Hosta Journal* issue each year. Dues are \$30 individual and \$34 family membership per year (U.S.). Membership is on a calendar year basis. Send inquiries regarding membership to:

Barry Ankney – AHS Membership Secretary
1104 Oxford Court, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5249 AHS
Web site – www.americanhostasociety.org

REGION 3 – DIXIE REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY (AHS Region 3)

Members of The American Hosta Society and/or local hosta clubs in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas constituting Region 3 of the American Hosta Society are automatically members of the Region 3 Dixie Hosta Society. It distributes an annual newsletter and it offers an annual meeting which includes judges' clinics, educational seminars, and plant sales. For additional information, please contact:

Bob Solberg - Regional Director
66 Cody's Way, Franklinton, NC 27525-9360 DRHS
Web site - www.dixiehosta.net

THE GEORGIA HOSTA SOCIETY

The Georgia Hosta Society is affiliated with The American Hosta Society. It publishes four newsletters each year and meets four times a year at places announced in the newsletter. It sponsors this Hosta Show each year. All memberships are on a calendar year basis. Individual dues are \$15 per person per year. Family memberships (two or more persons residing at the same address) are \$25 per year. Send inquiries regarding membership to:

Becky Paris – VP-Membership
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