

The Georgia Hosta Society

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Fifty Shades of Green

2026 Hosta Show and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9, 2026

(Show Set-up: Friday, May 8 1:00 PM)

**Oak Grove United Methodist Church Gymnasium
1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, Georgia 30033**

Hosta Show 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Free and Open to the Public

Plant Sale 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Including many Hostas and Other Interesting Plants

Please see our website, www.gahosta.org, and visit us on Facebook.

This Hosta Show is 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. **All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.**
2. Entries will be received from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, May 8 and from 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 9. Entries received after 9:00 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 upon completion of judging. **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. 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.
4. Classification information on the entry tags for Division I – Registered Named Cultivars and Species entries shall be based on the current Hosta Show Classification List only 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. **For this show, an interim Classification List based on the 2026 pilot show schedule will be in effect. Copies of the Interim Classification List will be on hand at the show and the Interim Classification List is posted on the gahosta.org website.**
5. During the time of judging, only the Show Chair, Classification Chair, Judges Chair, Clerks Chair, Judges, and Clerks are permitted in the immediate judging area unless otherwise permitted by the Show Chair.
6. Division I – Registered Cut-leaf Entries, Division II – Unregistered Cut-leaf Entries, Division III – Hosta Plants in Containers, 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/section/division it judges.
7. All decisions of the judges are be final.
8. For Division I and Division II - Section II, each named cultivar or species constitutes a separate name sub-class and only one blue, one red, one yellow, or one white ribbon may be awarded in each name sub-class, provided entries score the minimum points required for each ribbon. In Division II – Section I, Division III, and Division IV, each entry is judged on its own unique merit and is eligible to receive the ribbon it deserves based on the point score it earns.
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.

SHOW RULES (continued)

10. Division I – Registered Cut-leaf Entries Rules

Containers will be provided by the Georgia Hosta Society.

Bloom scapes are not permitted in this division.

Each entry will require **ONE** Leaf.

Persons placing entries in Section VIII - 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. **Multiple entries of the same cultivar by the same exhibitor are not permitted.**

11. Division II – Unregistered Cut-leaf Entries Rules

Containers will be provided by the Georgia Hosta Society.

Bloom scapes are not permitted in this Division.

Section I - Unregistered Seedlings or Sports 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 Identification Number)."

Section II – Unregistered Named Hosta Cultivars require **ONE** Leaf. Only one entry of each Unregistered Cultivar or Species is allowed per exhibitor. **Multiple entries of the same cultivar by the same exhibitor are not permitted.** All leaves entered should be representative of the plant as a whole and should be taken from plants approaching maturity.

12. Division III – Whole Hosta Plant Displays Rules

Section I – Container Grown Individual Hostas

Container grown entries 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 mature hosta plant, which may consist of multiple divisions of that single plant, may be grown in each container.** The container must be clean, but otherwise has no bearing on overall judging of the entry. 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.

Section II – 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.

SHOW DIVISIONS

DIVISION I – REGISTERED CUT-LEAF ENTRIES

- Section I – Giant Leaf Registered Cultivars and Species
- Section II – Large Leaf Registered Cultivars and Species
- Section III – Medium-Large Leaf Registered Cultivars and Species
- Section IV – Medium Leaf Registered Cultivars and Species
- Section V – Medium-Small Leaf Registered Cultivars and Species
- Section VI – Small Leaf Registered Cultivars and Species
- Section VII – Petite Leaf Registered Cultivars and Species
- Section VIII – Youth Exhibits of Registered Cultivars and Species
(Displayed in Alphabetical Order)

Entries in Division I, Sections I through VII 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 – Lighter Margin, Darker Center
- Class 5 – Darker Margin, Lighter Center
- Class 6 – Variable Colorations

(Only cultivars and species listed in the current Hosta Show Classification List may be entered in this division.)

DIVISION II – UNREGISTERED CUT-LEAF ENTRIES

- Section I - Unregistered Seedlings and Sports
- Section II- Unregistered Named Hosta Cultivars
(Displayed in Alphabetical Order)

DIVISION III – WHOLE HOSTA PLANT DISPLAYS

- Section I - Container-grown Individual Registered Hosta Cultivars and Species
- Section II- Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect

DIVISION IV – EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Educational displays must pertain to hostas.

DIVISION V – NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Any hosta-related exhibit that is not to be judged.

THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY
POINT SCALES FOR JUDGING HOSTA SHOW EXHIBITS

REGISTERED NAMED HOSTA CULTIVARS AND SPECIES
DIVISION I - SECTIONS I – VIII

Form and Size	30
Color and Pattern	30
Texture and Substance	20
Condition and Grooming	20

TOTAL POINTS **100**

CONTAINER-GROWN INDIVIDUAL HOSTAS
DIVISION III – SECTION I

Form and Size	25
Color and Pattern	25
Texture and Substance	25
Condition and Grooming	25

TOTAL POINTS **100**

UNREGISTERED NAMED HOSTA CULTIVARS
DIVISION II - SECTION II

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 – SECTION II**

Variety	20
Condition	30
Arrangement	30
Container Relative to Arrangement	20

TOTAL POINTS **100**

UNREGISTERED SEEDLINGS AND SPORTS
DIVISION II - SECTION I

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	
Staging	40
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 Award – Awarded to the best entry in Division I – Registered Cut-leaf Entries and is selected from the section winners in Sections I – VIII. The winning entry will receive a Best of Show ribbon and a prize.

Best Seedling or Sport Award – Awarded to the best entry in Division II, Section I – Unregistered Seedlings and Sports and is selected from the best entry in this section. Winning entries will receive a Best Seedling or Sport ribbon and a prize. Winner must have scored at least 95 points.

Sweepstakes Award – Awarded to the exhibitor who wins the most blue ribbons in Division I – Registered Cut-leaf Entries. In case of a tie, count red ribbons, then yellow ribbons, if necessary, to break the tie. Winning entries will receive a Sweepstakes certificate and a prize.

Grand Awards – Awarded to the best entries in Division III, Section I – Container Grown Individual Hostas; Division III, Section II – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect; and Division IV – Educational Displays. Winning entries will receive a Grand Award ribbon and a prize. All Grand Award winners must have scored at least 95 points.

Section Awards – Awarded to the Best of Section winners in Division I and in Division II, Section II. In Division I, Best of Section winners are selected from the Best of Class winners in each section. Winners will receive a single flat Best of Section ribbon. All Section Award winners must have scored at least 95 points.

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

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.

2026 SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Co-chairs	Mark Malaguerra and Sandra Bussell
Awards Chair	Steven Blair
Classification Chair	Judy Burns
Clerks Chair	Sandra Bussell
Hospitality Co-chairs	Mark Malaguerra and Scott Smith
Judges Co-chairs	Claudia Walker and Paulette Bolton
Membership Chair	Becky Paris
Placement Co-chairs	Mark Malaguerra and Jeff Potter
Publicity Chair	Sandra Bussell
Registration/Exhibitor Assistance Chair	Harold McDonell
Schedule Chair	Harold McDonell
Staging and Dismantling Chair	Dexter Henry
Tabulation Chair	Scott Smith
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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