

# '10 Big Bid Items

These were the items that brought the highest bids (\$200+) at the 2010 AHS On-Line Auction.

## **H. 'Black Hills' streaked** (Serafin - NR)

Discovered at Glenbrook Farm a few years ago. This will be the first time the plant will leave here. One eye will be shipped in June so I can be sure to send a nicely variegated one. The winning bidder must agree not to propagate, sell or share the plant without permission. Another great donation from Viktoria!



Photo courtesy of Viktoria Serafin

## **Bob Axmear seedling** (Axmear – NR)

Buckle your seatbelts friends. This plant is offered by our own auction site owner and master, Bob Axmear. If you are not aware or familiar with Bob's work, it is time you know that he is a hybridizer doing an incredible number of seedlings per year, has a great eye and knowledge base, and does not name many for introduction ... they have to be pretty darn good! Take a look at the photo. Bob will hand select ONE, different from the other, from this grouping and as he puts it so well, "I will send some of the best. Something with character and good breeding potential, etc. Ones I could probably be happy naming but seldom do." This is an opportunity to get something unique AND breeder ready!



Photo courtesy of Bob Axmear

**H. 'China Gold'**  
(Goodenough - NR)

Rick Goodenough is donating a single division of his 'China Gold'. 'China Gold' is a medium large seedling out of a large batch of 'Great Expectations' seeds Rick grew from several pods that were striped. 'China Gold' has excellent substance, and is a strong but slow grower with a yellow color that lasts well through most of the season. In addition to its excellent color, the best feature of 'China Gold' is its form with elongated graceful leaves and their pointed and twisted tips. This plant has never left Rick's garden. This is a first and OS division of this plant to be available!



Photo courtesy of Rick Goodenough

**H. 'Cosmic Hippie' F2 seedling**  
(Kuenster - NR)

A 3 year old seedling with 'Dorothy Benedict' genes from Rod's own breeding program is offered here. Like others offered, it has the potential to bring you that substance, color, and streaking that DB offers in the later generations. Each has its own offerings coming from the pollen parent. Beauty of its own and genes to pass on to seedlings is the prize here! Rod has done much of the work to take you two steps beyond DB. Three to four pictures will be sent to you from the group shown above. YOU select which one you want from the pictures sent to you. That is the plant he will then ship. This exciting twist gives you yet one more step in the excitement from your new plant!



Photo courtesy of Rod Kuenster

## **H. ‘Fickle Blue Genes’ x OP**

(Moore – NR)

Welcome new contributor to this annual auction, Jeff Moore. He brings us the first of his seedlings, a *H.* ‘Fickle Blue Genes’ x OP plant. The entire plant and all rights to it (registering etc) go to the winning bidder. *Displaying some very nice streaking this hybrid should be a top notch breeder like its mom. The mom plant is currently turning out some amazing seedlings in many hybridizers programs, and this is a great way to get a unique plant that will get the genes working for you.* This



Photo courtesy of Jeff Moore

third year seedling will be shipped this coming spring by Jeff, so it is likely to be mature enough for the winning bidder to catch the maiden bloom!

## **H. ‘Flamboyant’ x blue seedling**

(Carlson – NR)

Monty Carlson brings us this exclusive first time ever offered hybrid of his creation. Here is Monty’s explanation. “‘Jolly Blue Giant’, just our name, the buyer can use whatever they want. It is a ‘Flamboyant’ x blue seedling. It does give streaky seedlings. One healthy streaky division of this plant will be sent ...” to the winning bidder in the spring by one of the FOO SF crew and Minnesota’s hybridizer.



Photo courtesy of Monty Carlson

**H. 'Galaxy II'**  
(Anderson – NR)



Photo courtesy of Marlys Anderson

This beauty is an open Pollinated 2005 Galaxy Seedling of medium size with good substance, moderate corrugation, a light coating of white on the leaf backs, and dramatic streaking as shown in the photo. It has a good growth rate to boot! Marvelous Marlys has out done her annual generosity of past years this time. Any of us fortunate enough to have grabbed one of her offerings in the past KNOWS she sends BIG divisions! Her own words say it better than I can:

“Perhaps this glorious plant would better be named 'Just Lucky'.

Honestly, this plant was so tiny and so totally solid green when I stuck it into the ground, I didn't really think it would survive the winter. The only reason I planted it was because it was a viable 'Galaxy' seedling and the leaves were perfectly round. I like round cupped leaves. Imagine my surprise the following spring when this baby not only survived but emerged beautifully streaked just like its pod parent. However, the perfect round leaves were no more. That was slightly disappointing, but I truly couldn't believe my eyes with the color. And the plant just gets better every year staying totally 'streaked'. And to make things even better, it sets viable seeds that have produced beautifully streaked babies, too. Oh, yes, it's a good thing. I am willing to share a nice division of my 'Galaxy II' to support "The Hosta Journal" thus the AHS. It will likely be the first and last division of this plant to ever depart my gardens.”

## **H. 'Glen Eyeful Tower'**

(Serafin - NR)

'Glen Eyeful Tower' - this upright beauty clumps up at 3' tall and 4' wide. Scapes reach 6-7' tall with medium purple flowers in profusion. Breeders, this one is very fertile. Blue, slightly cupped and rugose leaves have good substance. Looking for an answer to a plant for a sunny location? This one is very sun-tolerant; always has grown in the sun. 'Glen Eyeful Tower' attains this size with no special care (minimal if any fertilizer and no extra water), so it has a potential to get larger. The successful bidder must agree not to



Photo courtesy of Viktoria Serafin

propagate, sell or share the plant without permission. 'Glen Eyeful Tower' is donated by Viktoria Serafin of Glenbrook Farm. The winning bidder will receive two strong eyes from the original seedling. This is the first division to leave Glenbrook Farm. It is the blue one in the photo looking great next to the color pink. Check out the added bonus of those leaf backs! There is a four-year-old child (Viktoria's granddaughter, another treasure) standing on the right edge of the picture to give a size reference.

## **H. 'Hidden Treasure'**

(van den Top - NR)

Streaked sport from H. 'One Man's Treasure' with beautiful red petioles and nicely streaked leaves...not many of these around! Do not be wishing you had placed a bid and miss the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of and have the opportunity to place some pollen on this one! No confusion here, collectors and breeders should both find this one a prize. This is only the second piece that Jan has release, first in the U.S., and no knowledge of more coming any time soon!! Breeders ... the one many of us wished we had to work with and had to use the parent plant with other sources for variegation. This plant is donated by Jan van den Top through a joint effort with Naylor Creek.



Photo courtesy of Jan van den Top

**H. 'Kathie Sisson'**  
(Goodenough - NR)

'Kathie Sisson' turns heads in Rick's garden and can now turn heads in another lucky winner's garden. A stunning seedling out of 'Sand Pebbles', 'Kathie Sisson' not only puts on a show for garden visitors, but has proven to be a strong producer of handsome streaked seedlings. 'Kathie Sisson' is a streaked blue-green and cream plant with a striking fountain form. It features gracefully waved edges and is a medium/large specimen that sports lavender blooms in mid-summer. Rick is donating a single division of this never before divided beauty to the auction winner.



Photo courtesy of Rick Goodenough

**H. 'Simply Sharon'**  
(Benedict/ Kuk - 2004)

This is a medium sized hosta with a ripply blue-green edge that tricolors to a yellowy/ cream center. H. 'Simply Sharon' may at first glance look similar to some other hostas, but it is unique and highly desired. The division is originator stock which was from Bob Kuk's plant and a birthday present to Sharon Ziarek after which it was named. The plant from collector Ken Ziarek was only once accidentally put on the market at an AHS auction. This is a rare, "never" offered beauty. Check the availability in your Hosta Finders. Offered up by Bob Kuk. This is a big, well grown plant and the last OS.



Photo courtesy of Bob Kuk

## ***H.* 'Subterranean Pool'**

(Dean – 1999)

This cross of 'Urajiro Hachijo' × 'Blue Clown' is a full sibling to 'Titanium' that is scheduled to be released soon. It is a strong blue that holds its color late into the season as do its siblings and was the first to be registered of the group of siblings and close cousins. Never released and not in nor any plans to put into production, this plant was held back primarily due to it being the most willing (easiest) parent of the group. It will be used to help raise funds for the AHS. Leaves are nearly round with undulating



Photo courtesy of Don Dean

edge, intensely blue, of heavy substance and have exceptionally “white” backs. A 5 year mound grown in average conditions grows 11” high by 32” wide. This is the second piece to ever be offered and is obviously OS. In order to allow me to continue to use this as a fundraiser for our plant societies the successful bidder must agree not to propagate, sell or share the plant without permission. A double or better division of field grown mature plant will be sent in the spring.

## ***H.* 'Tsuma Tajima'**

(Benedict – NR)

Rod Kuenster brings an item not seen in an on-line auction and once at a convention auction to my recollection. This streaked plant originating from Herb Benedict's garden represents the second to last of Herb's streaked breeders. Late blooming, of *Hosta longipes* heritage, this streaked 'Maruba Iwa' offspring is rarely offered. Forms a small clump and is fertile. A well streaked division of Rod's plant will be sent in the spring.



Photo courtesy of Rod Kuenster