

AHS Hosta Show Classification Lists for Use at 2019 Shows

Includes 96 new registrations for 2018

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👉 PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PRIOR YEAR LISTS! 👈

Notes about the 2018 Classification Lists

- The **Simplified** Classification List includes only Variety Name and Section and Class Designations.
- The **Full List** includes the year of registration, which can be used to access the Checklists, at http://www.hostaregistrar.org/hosta_registration_lists.html. The Checklist includes names of originator, introducer, etc., as well as geographical data, bloom color, time, etc.
- The **2018 New Registrations** shows only those newly registered.
- We continue to correct some long-standing errors. These corrections are noted with an asterisk (*) with an explanation included elsewhere on the listing. See the printed “2018 Registrations” for more information.
- For some older registered varieties, the registration data is incomplete, and possibly inaccurate, i.e., some indicate a margin, but do not specify a margin color; size is missing, etc. If you have data on these hostas, please send to Hosta Registrar: registrar@americanhostasociety.org
- For hostas with Section/class followed by a “?”, you may use either designation, however, you should be consistent within your show. All entries of the same variety should be exhibited in the same section.
- Varieties that are both streaked and margined are designated Class 7. However, some hostas with margins in this class may not have a margin indicated in the registration data.
- For simplicity’s sake, the botanical indicator (genus name *Hosta* or *H.*) has been omitted from the list. Also, species names have not been italicized and single quotes have been omitted around cultivar names. N.B: The **correct form** for writing hosta names is: *Hosta* ‘Cultivar Name’ or *H.* ‘Cultivar Name.’
Or *Hosta species name* or *H. species name*

About Entry Tags:

- **Complete both top and bottom of the entry tag with your Exhibitor Number, name, address and Genus and variety designation, as well as Section and Class.**
(You may use a standard “return address” label, as long as it fits the space, and does not show when tag is folded up.)
- Please use the correct written form (see above) for genus, species and cultivar name on tag.
(Italics are not handwritten, but please include **Hosta** or H., in front of the cultivar or species name.)
- Also, make sure to write the correct form for:
Section (Roman Numeral: **I, II, III, IV, V**, etc.)
and **Class** (Arabic: **1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b**, etc.)
- **Remember: Section = Size; Class = Color**
- An optional line has been added to this year’s entry tags to show the registered length and width. We are assessing the use of this information to assist with judging. Please enter this information when completing your entry tags.

About Species:

There is considerable variation in the growth of species.

Thus, the Section assigned to each species is based on an *average* size.

- Species will usually grow larger in cultivation for obvious reasons.
- Species have a much larger size range of leaves than clonal cultivars.
- Species leaves should be classified **ONLY** using the designations on this list.
This applies, even if the specimen falls outside the size range listed for each section, per the AHS Judges Handbook.
(Also shown on Page 3.)

AHS 2019 Hosta Show Classification List

Includes Year 2018 Registered Species, Botanical Varieties and Forms
(including Taxa reduced to Culta) and Registered Cultivars

Division I – Horticulture

Sections I through V are Registered Species, Botanical Varieties and Forms and Registered Cultivars.

The Section number is determined by the number of square inches,
calculated by multiplying the width x length, given in the original **registration document**.

**Actual leaf sizes entered in the show may be larger, or smaller, than registered
however, the Section number given in this list governs show placement. No exceptions.**

- Section I:** Giant-Leaved Species and Varieties and Registered Cultivars - (120 square inches or larger)
- Section II:** Large-Leaved Species and Varieties and Registered Cultivars - (64 to < 120 square inches)
- Section III:** Medium-Leaved Species and Varieties and Registered Cultivars - (30 to <64 square inches)
- Section IV:** Small-Leaved Species and Varieties and Registered Cultivars - (6 to <30 square inches)
- Section V:** Miniature-Leaved Species and Varieties and Registered Cultivars - (<6 square inches)

NOTE: Section VI through X - unregistered seedlings, and sports are NOT included in this listing.
These must be classified at the show in accordance with the show schedule.

Color Classes

Color classes are also shown in the Show Schedule.

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)

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