

AHS Hosta Show Classification Lists for 2023 Shows

Includes 140 new registrations for 2022

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PLEASE DISREGARD PRIOR YEAR LISTS!

Notes about the Classification Lists

- The Simplified Classification List includes only Variety Name, 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 These Checklists include names of originator, introducer, geographical data, bloom color, bloom time, etc..
- For some older varieties, the registration data is sparse and possibly inaccurate (i.e. some indicate a margin but do not specify a margin color or, leaf sizes are missing). If you have data on these hostas, please contact the registrar, Gayle Hartley Alley at GiboshiGayle@gmail.com.
- For varieties with multiple entries for Section/Class, or a Section/Class followed by a “(?)”, you may use either designation or corrected designation of your choice. However, 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 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 lists. Also, species names have not been italicized and the single quotes enclosing cultivar names have been omitted.

Notes about Entry Tags

- Complete both the TOP and BOTTOM of the entry tag with Exhibitor Number, name, address, Genus, variety designation, Section and Class. (A standard return address label may be used as long as it fits the space and does not show when the tag is folded.)
- Please use the correct written form for genus, species and/or cultivar name on the tag. Italics are not handwritten but do include “*Hosta* or *H.*” in front of the cultivar or species name. Example of correct form to use is: *H.* ‘Cultivar Name’ or *H. species name*
- Please use the correct form for Section and Class designations. Section designations use Roman Numerals I, II, III, IV, V, etc., while the Class designations use Arabic Numerals 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, etc..
- Reminder. Section = Size Class = Color

- Tags include an “optional” line to include the registered length and width. Use of this information is being evaluated by the judging staff. Please enter this information when completing your entry tags.

Notes About Species

There is considerable variation in the growth habits of species. Thus, the Section assignment is based upon average sizes.

- Species usually grow larger in cultivation than in the wild
- Species have a larger size range of leaves than clonal varieties
- Species leaves should be classified using **ONLY** the designations on this list. This applies even if the specimen presented falls outside the size range listed for each Section.

AHS 2020 Hosta Show Classification List

Includes Registered Species, Botanical Varieties & Forms (including Taxa reduced to Cultivar status) and Registered Cultivars through 2019

Division I – Horticulture

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

The Section number is determined by the number of square inches. This is calculated by multiplying the leaf width times the leaf length provided in the official registration document.

Actual leaf sizes entered may be larger or smaller than the registered dimensions. However, the Section number provided in this list governs show placement. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Section I: Giant-leaved varieties (120 square inches or larger)

Section II: Large-leaved varieties (64 to <120 square inches)

Section III: Medium-leaved varieties (30 to <64 square inches)

Section IV: Small-leaved varieties (6 to <30 square inches)

Section V: Miniature-leaved varieties (<6 square inches)

NOTE: Sections 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)