

Membership Application—The American Hosta Society

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The American Hosta Society or Pay by credit card
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Membership:		1 year	3 year	5 year	Life
USA	Individual	\$30	\$80	\$129	\$900
	Family	\$34	\$90	\$146	
Canada	Individual	\$39	\$107	\$168	\$1170
	Family	\$43	\$117	\$185	
Europe	Individual	\$51	\$142	\$219	\$1530
	Family	\$55	\$152	\$236	
Pacific Rim	Individual	\$59	\$165	\$254	\$1770
	Family	\$62	\$175	\$267	
E-Membership		\$20	Receive every thing electronic		

Membership Year = January 1 to December 31
Year to Begin _____

Type of membership: New or Renewal

Hostas—America's most popular Perennial

Hostas are hardy shade-tolerant, perennial plants grown principally for their foliage. While native to Japan, Korea and China they are grown in many parts of the world. In recent years, there has been a dramatic increase in the popularity of hostas in the United States. Why have hostas become the most widely used perennial? First, many exciting new cultivars have been developed in the past two decades, mainly due to hybridizing efforts in the United States and Europe. Second, the availability of these new and unusual cultivars has expanded because of the extensive use of tissue-culture propagation in the genus *Hosta*. Production by tissue culture has also made even the newest cultivars very reasonably priced and affordable.

Hosta leaves are green, blue, white and yellow and may be a single, solid color or variegated. Leaves can vary from the size of a thumbnail to a serving platter. Individual clumps range from fist-size to mounds 43 inches tall and 85 inches across. Hosta flowers are borne on separate scapes and, while less dramatic than many sun-loving plants, add color to a shade garden at a time when few other plants are in bloom.

Growing and caring for hostas is easy. They can be planted any time the ground is not frozen. They will benefit from regular watering to keep the soil moist. Soil can vary from sand to clay loam and is best supplemented with organic material. While hostas are regarded as shade tolerate plants, they will, even in the South, take some morning sun. In the North, where they can tolerate considerable light, it is still best to avoid locations that are sunny in the mid-afternoon. They will also grow more vigorously with some morning sun. Hostas can be divided for purposes of propagation, but unlike some perennials, they do not require regular dividing.