

'09 Big Bid Items

These were the items that brought the highest bids at the 2009 AHS On-Line Auction.

H. 'Chatham Harbormaster' (Goodenough - NR)

This is the result of 'Outrageous' x OP. It exhibits excellent seed setting and germination. Large to very large blue blue/green with strong pebbling and streaked with light yellow leaves on an upright clump. Stunning leaves with somewhat wavy margins sums up the picture of this beauty. None of this plant has left Rick's garden. This is an exclusive, first time offering – do not miss out on it! Donation is one good division.



Photo courtesy of Rick Goodenough

H. 'Christmas Tree Gala' Seedling (Van Wyk - NR)

'Christmas Tree Gala' x OP Seedling, 4 yrs old. Very nice large plant with heavy substance, also has nice cream with blue spring color. This plant from 'Christmas Tree Gala' has proven to be a very fertile parent of many seedlings. This plant has not been named yet, so here is your chance to name a hosta and register the plant if you wish. Large one to two crowns of this seedling will be sent. Donated by Bruce and Trudy Van Wyk.



Photo courtesy of Trudy Van Wyk

H. 'Mister Red Genes' (Wrede/Goodenough - NR)

'Mister Red Genes' is donated by Rick Goodenough. It has never been divided and only one other division will leave his garden this spring. 'Mister Red Genes' is a high drama plant with unusual grey waxy leaves held upright/fountain like on bright reddish (almost reddish –orange) petioles. Numerous bold purplish red scapes emerge concurrently for its pre-bloom show. A gift to Rick from Arthur Wrede several years ago out of Art's fabulous red breeding program. It is a 'Miss Suzy' seedling which stands on its own in the garden. According to Art Wrede, 'Miss Suzy' is the best producer in his red program. As a proven breeder, 'Mister Red Genes' also passes strong red color along to its seedlings. One mature division will be donated by Rick to the lucky winning bidder. Rick just keeps giving. You will not have an opportunity for this one in some time to come!



Photo courtesy of Rick Goodenough

H. 'Purple Verticulated Elf' (Benedict - 2003)

'Purple Verticulated Elf' represents one of the best of the best for intense blue color on a plant which holds its color well throughout the season until frost puts it down. Being a rare Benedict plant makes it desirable to the collector, and its high fertility makes it desirable to the hybridizer. Its offspring often carry on the intense blue and also flowers placed 360 degrees around the scape. Once offered in small numbers retail, it was quickly snapped up and has become unavailable once again except from collectors. Last offer brought in the \$300 range at live auction. Do not miss it this time. A strong double or better division with a well balanced root system is offered by Don Dean.

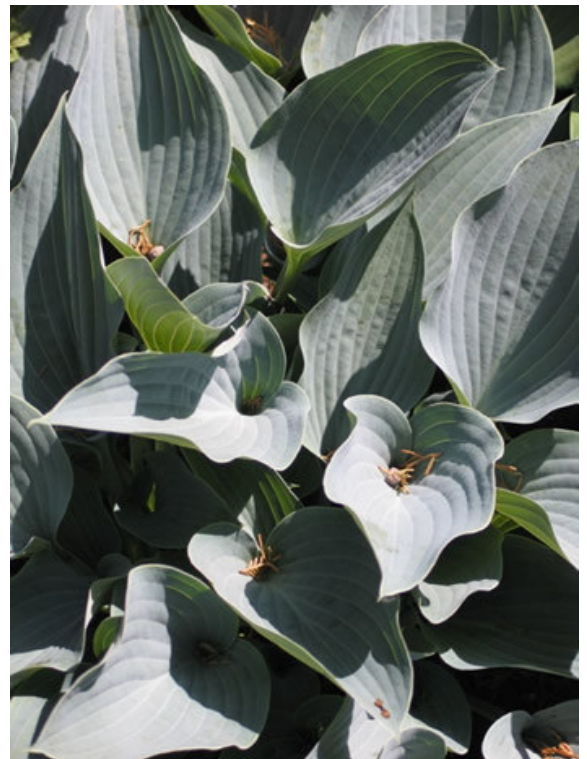


Photo courtesy of Don Dean

H. 'Simply Sharon'

(Benedict/ Kuk - 2004)

This is a medium sized hosta with a ripply blue-green edge that tri-colors to a yellowy/cream center.

'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 rare, "never" offered beauty

will start at a bid of.....and have increases in the amount of Check the availability in your Hosta Finders. It is that rare. Offered up by Jack Barta of Jackens. This is a big, well grown plant!



Photo courtesy of Bob Kuk