

MINI HOSTAS

AHS Mini Hosta Criteria

In October 2008, The American Hosta Society adopted the following requirements:

▶▶▶ *Leaf blade area* no greater than about 4.0 square inches (26 square cm.)

▶▶▶ *Leaf blade length* no greater than about 4.5 inches (11 cm.)

Both requirements must be met. There is no restriction on clump spread.

The AHS Nomenclature Committee has responsibility for determining which hostas are minis. For registered hostas, dimensions given in the official registrations are used: leaf blade area (leaf blade length multiplied by leaf blade width) and leaf blade length. Kevin P. Walek, International Hosta Registrar, has this information online: <www.hostaregistrar.org>.

Definitions for Terminology:

- Leaf blade area is defined as maximum leaf blade length multiplied by maximum leaf blade width.
- Leaf blade length does not include length of petiole (leaf stem).
- Preferably, several measurements should be taken on several of the largest, typically representative leaves and then averaged.
- Measurements are to be made on mature plants. As a general rule, *mature* is defined as at least 5 years of good growth from liner or plug size. (These are the small plants wholesaled by tissue-culture [TC] laboratories.)
- *About* is prefixed to the dimensions. This gives a bit of “wobble room” to the dimensions. Highly precise measurements are not required and likely impractical. Of prime importance is good practical judgment in selecting which representative leaves to measure, in making measurements and in analyzing the dimensional measurements.
- AHS Mini Hosta Criteria apply to both species and cultivars, both registered and unregistered varieties.
- “Mini” and “mini hostas” are the preferred terms. The hosta size designations “tiny” and “dwarf” are discontinued.
- “Mini” is the preferred descriptor in nursery catalogs and lists. “MN” (or “Mn”) and “m” are alternatives if space is limited.

Mini Hosta Lists

The AHS Nomenclature Committee maintains two lists: One comprises registered and species minis satisfying the AHS Mini Hosta Criteria. These hostas are candidates for the AHS Mini Hosta Popularity Poll, tabulated by Bob Olsen, editor of *The Hosta Journal*, and published annually in the *Journal*. The other comprises unregistered minis complying with the AHS criteria. At regular intervals both lists will be up-dated on this site.

Additions, removals and corrections are indicated in blue.

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AHS Registered Mini Hostas

Candidates for 2008 AHS Mini Popularity Poll

Compiled by the AHS Nomenclature Committee (January 2009)

(Note: All have conditional status)

- H.* 'Abba Little Showoff' (P. Aden - 1990)
- H.* 'Abiqua Miniature' (Walden-West - 1998)
- H.* 'Academy Verdent Verge' (S. Chamberlain - 2003)
- H.* 'Alakzaam'^{PPAF} (R. Livingston - 2008) – added Jan 2009
- H.* 'Asahi Comet' (Mr. Kato & W. Zumbar - 1984)
- H.* 'Baby Doll' (D. Van Eechaute - 2008) – added Jan 2009
- H.* 'Birchwood Gem' (F. Shaw - 1989)
- H.* 'Bitsy Gold' (R. Savory - 1985)
- H.* 'Bitsy Green' (R. Savory - 1985)
- H.* 'Brooklynn's Baby Doll' (S. DaPra - 2007) – corrected cultivar name Jan 2009
- H.* 'Captain Atom' (A. Malloy - 1999)
- H.* 'Carolingian' (A. Malloy - 2003)
- H.* 'Cassandra' (W. Wagner - 1985)
- H.* 'Cat and Mouse' (H. Hansen - 2007)
- H.* 'Cherish' (H. Hansen - 2002)
- H.* 'Cherry Tomato' (Walters Gardens - 2008) – added Jan 2009
- H.* 'Concordia Petite' (U. Syré-Herz - 1996)
- H.* 'Cookie Crumbs' (M. Zilis & R. Solberg - 2002)
- H.* 'Cotillion' (W. Zumbar - 1995)
- H.* 'Country Mouse' (H. Hansen - 2007)

***H. 'Daisy Doolittle'* (G.R. Goodwin - 2003) – corrected cultivar name Jan 2009**
H. 'Daniel' (H. Weissenberger - 1986)
H. 'Dapra's Delight' (S. DaPra & W. Zumbar - 2000)
H. 'Dim Sum' (Belle Gardens - 1994)
H. 'Elfin Cup' (W. Zumbar - 1988)
H. 'Emerald Gem' (D. Stone - 1991)
H. 'Estrellita' (W. Zumbar - 1995)
***H. 'First Class'* (G. Kamp - 2001) – corrected registrant's name Jan 2009**
H. 'Flat Clyde' (C. Crockett - 1997)
H. 'Floradora' (P. Aden - 1978)
H. 'Footlights' (J.W. Wilkins - 1995)
H. 'Fukurin Ko Mame' (Japan, P. Ruh - 2005)
H. 'Gaijin' (M. Zilis & W. Zumbar - 1995)
H. 'Geissler's Edge' (J. Geissler - 2005)
H. 'Genesee Splashing' (P. Brandt-Sorheim - 1999)
H. 'Golden Hawk' (R. Benedict - 1984)
H. 'Golden Spades' (R. Kuk - 1986)
H. 'Golden Tiers' (R. Kuk - 1990)
H. 'Goody Goody' (R. Benedict - 1987)
H. gracillima
H. 'Green Eyes' (R. & D. Benedict - 1990)
H. 'Green Quarter' (R. Kuenster - 2008)
***H. 'Greenie Weenie Bikini'* (V. Wade - 2007) – added Jan 2009**
H. 'Grey Poupon' (W. Zumbar - 1995)
H. 'Grim Grinning Ghost' (J. Stadden - 2003)
H. 'Gummy Bear' (V. Wade - 1999)
H. 'Hart's Tongue' (R. Kuk - 1987)
H. 'Herbie' (R. & D. Benedict - 1995)
H. 'Honey Do' (Belle Gardens - 1994)
H. 'Hope' (H. Hansen - 1999)
H. 'Humor' (L. Davidson - 1998)
H. 'Hush Puppie' (T. Avent - 2005)
H. 'Iced Lemon' (H. Batten & R. Bowden - 2005)
H. 'Imp' (H. Hansen - 2006)
H. 'Itsy Bitsy Spider' (G. Johnson - 2004)
H. 'Jadette' (K. Anderson - 1982)
H. 'Jennifer Bailey' (E. Lachman & T. Schmid - 2001)
H. 'Kifukurin Ko Mame' (Japan, P. Ruh - 2002)
H. 'Kinbotan' (Japan, P. Ruh - 2002)
H. 'Kiwi Minnie Blue' (B. Sligh - 1999)
H. 'Kiwi Minnie Gold' (B. Sligh - 1999)
***H. 'Ko Mame'* (Japan, P. Ruh - 2002) – corrected cultivar name Jan 2009**
~~*H. 'Lahn'* (H. Klose - 2005) – removed Jan 2009~~
H. 'Lakeside Baby Face' (M. Chastain - 1997)

H. 'Lakeside Bugaboo' (M. Chastain - 2000)
H. 'Lakeside Cricket' (M. Chastain - 2003)
H. 'Lakeside Down Sized' (M. Chastain - 2003)
H. 'Lakeside Elfin Fire' (M. Chastain - 2000)
H. 'Lakeside Lime Tart' (M. Chastain - 2002)
H. 'Lakeside Little Gem' (M. Chastain - 1993)
H. 'Lakeside Little Vamp' (M. Chastain - 2006)
H. 'Lakeside Neat Petite' (M. Chastain - 1991)
H. 'Lakeside Paddywack' (M. Chastain - 1993)
H. 'Lakeside Ragtime' (M. Chastain - 2000) – corrected cultivar name Jan 2009
H. 'Lakeside Scamp' (M. Chastain - 2005)
H. 'Lakeside Slick Chick' (M. Chastain - 2004)
H. 'Lakeside Toy Treasure' (M. Chastain - 2006)
H. 'Lap Dance' (G. Johnson - 2004)
H. 'Lauren' (D. Heinz - 1991)
H. 'Lemon Delight' (R. Bowden - 2005)
~~H. 'Lemon Fizz' (M. Fransen - 2005) – removed Jan 2009~~
H. 'Lemon Sorbet' (P. Warmerdam - 2003)
H. 'Leprechaun' (D. Stone - 1991)
H. 'Lillie' (C. Lantis & K. Squires - 1999)
H. 'Little Ann' (D. Stone - 1988)
H. 'Little Bit' (A. Malloy - 1999)
H. 'Little Caesar' (I. Chrystal & S. Bond - 2000)
H. 'Little Dragon' (P. Lydon - 1999)
H. 'Little Fellow' (C. Owen - 1990)
H. 'Little Jim' (R. Benedict - 1986)
H. 'Little Jay' (J. van den Top - 2004)
H. 'Little Lulu' (A. Malloy - 2003)
H. 'Little Maddie' (T. Van Wyk - 2006)
H. 'Little Razor' (M. Zilis & D. Lohman - 1968)
H. 'Little Red Joy' (D. Van Eechaute - 2004)
H. 'Little Red Rooster' (D. Van Eechaute - 2002)
H. 'Little Wiggler' (W. & E. Lachman - 2005)
H. 'Littlechap' (G. Johnson - 2004)
H. 'Lorna' (R. Benedict - 1983)
H. 'Louie' (Missouri Botanical Gardens - 1996)
H. 'Lovin' Spoonful' (T. Avent - 2007)
H. 'Lynne' (H. Weissenberger - 1986)
H. 'March for Life' (R. Synder - 2001)
H. 'Magic Carpet' (R. Duback - 1998)
H. 'Margaret' (D. Stone - 1987)
H. 'Margey' (P. Banyai & C. Helsley - 1998)
H. 'Margie Weissenberger' (H. Weissenberger - 1986)
H. 'Mini Mouse' (G.R. Goodwin - 2006)
H. 'Minimoon' (W. & E. Lachman - 1992)
H. 'Minnie Bell' (R. Benedict - 1985)

***H.* ‘Missy’ (D. Heinz - 1992)**
***H.* ‘Muffie’ (G.R. Goodwin - 1996)**
***H.* ‘Nippers’ (R. Goodenough - 2006)**
***H.* ‘Noel’ (R. Benedict - 1983)**
***H.* ‘Pandora’s Box’ (H. Hansen - 1996)**
***H.* ‘Pipin the Short’ (A. Malloy - 2003)**
***H.* ‘Pitter Patter’ (T. Avent - 2007)**
***H.* ‘Popo’ (R. O’Harra - 1993)**
***H. pulchella* [a.k.a. *H.* ‘Bedspread’]**
***H.* ‘Rock Island Line’ (G. Rasmussen - 2001)**
***H.* ‘Rock Master’ (P. Aden - 1982)**
***H.* ‘Rocknoll Blue Dwarf’ (B. Saur - 1996)**
***H.* ‘Rosanne’ (R. O’Harra - 1999)**
***H.* ‘Saw Mill’ (A. Malloy - 1999)**
***H.* ‘Shark’s Tooth’ (F. Nyikos - 2005)**
***H.* ‘Shirofukurin Hime Iwa’ (K. Watanabe & P. Ruh - 2002)**
***H.* ‘Silver Mine’ (A. Malloy - 1999)**
***H.* ‘Small Parts’ (D. Van Eechaute - 2006)**
***H.* ‘Small Talk’ (P. Ruh - 1991)**
***H.* ‘Smiling Sailor’ (C. Seaver - 1996)**
***H.* ‘Spingarn’s Japan’ (J. Spingarn & A. Malloy - 2000)**
***H.* ‘Stephen’ (H. Weissenberger’ - 1986)**
***H.* ‘Surprised by Joy’ (A. Malloy - 1998)**
***H.* ‘Suzuki Thumbnail’ (K. Suzuki - 1987)**
***H.* ‘Tears of Joy’ (T. Johnson - 2005)**
***H.* ‘Teeny-bopper’ (E. Elslager - 2001)**
***H.* ‘Teeny-weeny Bikini’ (E. Elslager - 2000)**
***H.* ‘Thumb Nail’ (P. Aden - 1982)**
***H.* ‘Tic Tac’ (G. Johnson - 2004)**
***H.* ‘Tiny Tears’ (R. Savory - 1977)**
***H.* ‘Tot Tot’ (P. Aden - 1978)**
***H.* ‘Trixie’ (D. Dupré - 2006)**
***H.* ‘Tucker Tiny Tot’ (R. Stephens - 1995)**
***H.* ‘Tucker Wave’ (R. Stephens - 1995)**
***H.* ‘Turtle Dove’ (D. Savory’ - 2000)**
***H.* ‘Tweeny’ (V. Heller & P. Banyai - 1989)**
***H.* ‘Valley’s Secret Cove’ (J. Linneman - 2008)**
***H.* ‘Valley’s Small Change’ (J. Linneman - 2008)**
H. venusta
***H.* ‘Wagner’s Petite’ (W. Wagner - 1985) – corrected cultivar name Jan 2009**
***H.* ‘Whippersnapper’ (Belle Gardens - 1994) – corrected cultivar name Jan 2009**
***H.* ‘White Swan’ (R. & D. Benedict - 1995)**
***H.* ‘Wizard’s Turban’ (J. Hadrava - 1996)**
***H.* ‘Wonderful’ (G.R. Goodwin - 2005)**
***H.* ‘Woodland Elf’ (D. Dean - 2005)**

- H.* 'Xerxes' (A. Malloy - 2002)
H. 'X-rated' (R. Simmering - 2001) – corrected cultivar name
 Jan 2009
H. 'Yellow Eyes' (P. Ruh - 1999)

AHS Unregistered Mini Hostas

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- H.* 'Ah-So' (Japan, D. Herzog) *
H. 'Akikaze' (Japan) [*H. longissima* sport]
~~*H.* 'Alakazaam'^{PPAF} (R. Livingston) – removed Jan 2009~~
H. 'Amethyst Gem' (W. Zumbar) – corrected introducer's name
 Jan 2009
H. 'Awesome' (R. Benedict)
H. 'Baby Kim' (origin unknown)
H. 'Baby Sunspot' (D. Herzog)
H. 'Bedspread' (Japan) [*H. pulchella* selection]
H. 'Bitter Lemons' (S. Schulte)
H. 'Blue Beard' (R. Benedict)
H. 'Blue Hearts' (R. Benedict)
H. 'Boyz Toy' (A. Scheer)
H. 'Cat's Eye' (Japan, D. Heims)
H. 'Cat Scratch Fever' (M. Zilis)
H. 'Cathy's Clown' (C. Wasitis)
H. 'Chickie Dix' (S. Schute)
H. 'Chishima Iwa' (Japan)
H. 'Collector's Choice' (B. Janssen)
H. 'Crater's Center' (Japan) [*H. venusta* sport]
H. 'Crater's Rim' (Japan) [*H. venusta* sport]
H. 'Crepe Soul' (Naylor Creek Nursery)
H. 'Curley' (Japan) [*H. venusta* selection]
H. 'Dragon Tails' (W. Zumbar)
H. 'Fiddle-e-dee' (D. Herzog)
H. 'Fairest Maiden' (J. Schwarz)
H. 'Ga Ga' (R. O'Harra)
~~*H.* 'Green Weenie Bikini' (V. Wade) – removed Jan 2009~~
~~*H.* 'Goober' (unknown origin) – removed Jan 2009~~
H. 'Iszat U Emmerson' (R. Benedict)
H. 'Kii Hime' (Japan) [*H. sieboldii* selection]
~~*H.* 'Kinakafu Otome' (Japan) ** [*H. venusta* sport] – removed
 Jan 2009~~
H. 'Kifukurin Ubatake' (Japan) [*H. pulchella* sport]
H. 'Kitty Cat' (V. Wade & W. Zumber)
H. 'Kiwi Golden Thimble' (B. Sligh)
H. 'Lakeside Zing Zang' (M. Chastain)

***H.* ‘Liliput’ (H. Klose)**
***H.* ‘Little Devil’ (H. Gowen)**
***H.* ‘Little Jill’ (R. Benedict)**
***H.* ‘Little One’ (M. Zilis)**
***H.* ‘Little Patriot’ (W. Zumbar)**
***H.* ‘Little Princess’ (V. Wade)**
***H.* ‘Little Stiffy’ (R. Benedict)**
***H.* ‘Little Streaker’ (V. Wade)**
***H.* ‘Little Treasure’ (J. van den Top)**
***H.* ‘Little Willie’ (W. Zumbar)**
***H.* ‘Manzo’ (Japan) [*H. longissima* sport]**
***H.* ‘Mini Face’ (J. Anderson)**
***H.* ‘Mini Man’ (J. Anderson)**
***H.* ‘Mishima Fukurin’ (Japan, T. Avent)**
***H.* ‘Miss Petite’ (P. Aden)**
***H.* ‘Mount Kirishima’ (Japan)**
***H.* ‘Munchkin Madness’ (V. Wade)**
***H.* ‘Uzu-no-mai’ (Japan)**
***H.* ‘O’Harra’ (R. O’Harra)**
***H.* ‘Ogon Otome’ (Japan) [*H. venusta* sport]**
***H.* ‘Orphan Annie’ (Japan, H. Hansen) [*H. venusta* sport]**
***H.* ‘Otome-no-mai’ (Japan)**
***H.* ‘Oze’ (Japan, Mr. Nora, M. Zilis)**
***H.* ‘Paradise Puppet’ (M. Fransen)**
***H.* ‘Pearl Buttons’ (R. O’Harra)**
***H.* ‘Pixie Power’ (P. Aden)**
***H.* ‘Red Tubes’ (Japan) [*H. venusta* selection]**
***H.* ‘Rock Princess’ (Japan)**
***H.* ‘Shikow’ (Japan) [*H. venusta* sport]**
***H.* ‘Short Folks’ (J. Goodman)**
***H.* ‘Silver Halo’ (Japan)**
***H.* ‘Stormy Dance’ (F. Smith)**
***H.* ‘Tet-A-Poo’ (P. Aden)**
***H.* ‘Tom Thumb’ (M. Fransen)**
***H.* ‘Uzu-no-mai’ (Japan)**
***H.* ‘Yakushima Mizu’ (Japan)**

* Available in the trade with incorrect name *H.* “Sp. Japan”

~~** Available in the trade with incorrect names *H. venusta* ‘Ki Nakafu Otome’ and *H. venusta* ‘Ki Nakafu’. – removed Jan 2009~~