

# Membership Application—The American Hosta Society

## Hostas—the most popular Perennial

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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		

Hostas are shade-tolerant, hardy, perennial plants grown principally for their foliage. They are native to Japan, Korea and China. In recent years, there has been a dramatic increase in the popularity of hostas in the United States, where they are grown throughout the country, except in tropical areas. 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. Second, the availability of these new and unusual cultivars has expanded because of the extensive use of tissue-culture propagation in the genus *Hosta*.

Hosta leaves are green, blue, yellow or white and may be a single, solid color (except white) or variegated. Leaves can vary from the size of a thumbnail to a serving platter. Individual clumps range from fist-size to mounds 3 feet tall and 5 feet 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 taking care of hostas is easy. They can be planted any time the ground is not frozen, although it is best to avoid planting when the weather is very hot because there will be poor root growth. If summer planting cannot be avoided, then regular watering is essential 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 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. Hostas can be divided for purposes of propagation, but unlike sun perennials, they do not require regular dividing.

Membership Year = January 1 to December 31

Type of membership: New or Renewal

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