

The

**Shades of Green Hosta Society  
Of Southeast MN, Inc.**

**Proudly presents**

# **Hostas on Parade**

**SECOND ANNUAL HOSTA SHOW**

at

Centerstone Plaza Hotel  
Magnolia Room  
401 6<sup>th</sup> St SW, Rochester, Minnesota

July 17-19, 2026

**SHOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday, July 18 and  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Sunday, July 19**

This Hosta Show is Accredited by  
**THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY**

# GENERAL SHOW RULES

1. Anyone who wishes to exhibit may do so. However, section and higher awards are limited to AHS members. Any exhibitor who is not an AHS member and wins a section or higher award will be asked to become an AHS member. If the winner refuses membership, the Show Chair may either present the award to the next qualified entry or leave the award vacant.
2. Entries will be received from 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Friday, July 17 and from 8:30. AM. to 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 18. Entries received after 11:30 A.M. will be placed in a non-competitive exhibit area without exception. Judging will begin at 12:30 P.M. All entries must remain in place until 3:00 P.M. Sunday, July 20.  
  
Entries, tags, ribbons, and awards may be claimed from 3:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Sunday, July 19. Entries remaining after 3:30 P.M. will be disposed of by the Staging Committee.
3. Entry tags must be properly completed by the exhibitor. Incorrect entry tag information will be corrected by the Classification Committee and entries may be disqualified at the discretion of the Classification Committee.
4. During the time of judging, only the Show Chair, Show Co-Chair, Classification Chair, Judges Chair, Judges, Clerks Chair and Clerks are permitted in the immediate judging areas.
5. Divisions I-Horticulture, II-Container Grown Hostas, III-Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect and IV-Educational Displays will be judged by panels of three to four American Hosta Society show judges including at least one master judge per panel. The American Hosta Society Point Scoring System will be used to break a tie in judging major awards. Each panel of judges will be the final authority of each class/section it judges.
6. Division VI-Artistic Design will be judged by Federated Garden Club Flower Show Judges following the rules set forth in the Handbook for Flower Shows by the Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.
7. All decisions of the judges are final.
8. Care will be taken, but no responsibility shall be incurred by any person, group, or organization for any accidents, damages, injuries, thefts, omissions or commissions of any kind or nature from this show.
9. All entries designated as registered cultivars and species shall either be listed in the current year's AHS Hosta Show Classification List or shall have had registration data recorded in an official publication of The American Hosta Society by the date of the show in order to be considered registered for show purposes.
10. **For Division I**, provided entries score the minimum points, each sub-class is allowed the awarding of only one blue, one red, one yellow, and one white ribbon. In Division I, Sections I-V and Section XI, each exhibit or group of exhibits of a registered cultivar or species constitutes a separate name sub-class. Each seedling or sport entry in Sections VI-X is a separate sub-class and is eligible for the ribbon it earns. For Section XII, each unregistered named cultivar constitutes a separate name sub-class, displayed alphabetically. **For Divisions II, III and IV**, each entry is eligible to receive the ribbon it deserves based on the point score it earns. **For Division VI**, each class is allowed the awarding of only one blue, one red, one yellow, and one white ribbon.

## 11. Division I – Horticulture (Cut leaf) Rules

Containers will be provided by the Shades of Green Hosta Society.

Bloom scapes are not permitted in this division.

Sections I – V (Registered Cultivars and Species), XI (Youth Exhibits) and XII (Unregistered Named Cultivars) require **ONE** leaf per entry. Sections VI – X require **TWO** leaves per entry. Sports shall be indicated on the entry tag as "Sport of (Name of Cultivar)". Seedlings shall be indicated on the entry tag as "Seedling (Hybridizer's Identification Number)".

An exhibitor may enter more than one horticultural specimen in a single class provided each entry is of a different cultivar/variety. **Multiple entries of the same cultivar are not permitted.** All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.

Exhibitors placing entries in Section XI-Youth Exhibits must be 18 years of age or younger as of the date of the show.

All leaves entered should be representative of the plant as a whole and should be taken from plants approaching maturity.

Sections I through XII - Each exhibitor is limited to a total of 20 cut leaf entries.

## 12. **Division II – Container Grown Hostas Rules**

Container-grown hostas must have been grown by the exhibitor and must be established in the containers in which they are grown. **Only registered cultivars or hosta species may be exhibited in this division and only ONE hosta plant may be grown in each container.** Container and plant must be clean. The plant should be centered in the container. Inner containers or container liners are allowed but must not be visible. Only one type of ground cover material is allowed per exhibit. Ground covers may be any natural non-living material such as bark chips or stones, or an indigenous moss of one variety only.

## 13. **Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect Rules**

Self-contained trough or container gardens of any size may be entered for judging as an arrangement.

Multiple varieties of hosta and other plant material may be used. **Hostas must be a strong focal point of the entry.** No artificial plant material is allowed. Plants and container must be clean. Accessories are permitted.

Individual plants need not be identified. However, if the exhibitor would like to identify the material, an identification ledger card to the side of the exhibit is acceptable.

## 14. **Division IV – Educational Displays Rules**

Educational displays must pertain to hostas.

## 15. **Division V – Non-Competitive Exhibits Rules**

Entries in this division are not judged. The exhibit may be a single cut leaf, a hosta bloom scape, a container grown plant, or any other display deemed to be of interest to the show observers. However, the plant material must be hosta predominant, the exhibit must be tastefully presented, and the material must be in good condition. The Show Chair may refuse placement of any exhibit that does not meet these requirements.

## 16. **Division VI – Artistic Design Rules**

Hosta leaves must be the predominant foliage in the design. Some dried and/or treated plant materials and hosta blooms are permitted. No artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage may be used. Contrived flowers made from hosta leaves are permitted.

An exhibitor may enter one entry per class. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor but the design work must be the work of the exhibitor.

Staging for all classes will be skirted tables that are 30” deep by 30” wide and covered with white tablecloths. Background is black posterboard (provided by SOGHS). Overlays and accessories are permitted but should not exceed the dimensions set in the class rules. The Artistic Design committee reserves the right to move an entry to improve spacing if the exhibitor is unavailable to do so.

Pre-registration is required. Exhibitors are requested to register their entries in advance with Joyce Rapp [jmrapp20@gmail.com](mailto:jmrapp20@gmail.com), 952-239-9230, Design Chair. The Design Chair will provide additional class definitions, rules and requirements, and exhibition instructions upon registration.

In each class, the designer is asked to interpret the class title.

**17. Division VII – Specialty Division**

*Optional Division – Rules and Regulations approved by the AHS Hosta Shows Chair would appear here if a Division VII was to be included in the show.*

# SHOW DIVISIONS

## DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE (Cut leaf)

Section I	Giant-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species
Section II	Large-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species
Section III	Medium-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species
Section IV	Small-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species
Section V	Miniature-Leaved Registered Cultivars and Species
Section VI	Giant-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports
Section VII	Large-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports
Section VIII	Medium-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports
Section IX	Small-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports
Section X	Miniature-Leaved Unregistered Seedlings and Sports
Section XI	Youth Exhibits of Registered Cultivars and Species Displayed in Alphabetical Order
Section XII	Unregistered Named Hosta Cultivars Displayed in Alphabetical Order

Entries in Sections I-X are to be displayed using the following Color Classes:

- 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)

## DIVISION II – CONTAINER GROWN HOSTAS

## DIVISION III – TROUGH/CONTAINER GARDENS ARRANGED FOR EFFECT

## DIVISION IV – EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

## DIVISION V – NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

## DIVISION VI – ARTISTIC DESIGN

Class I	Marching Band
Class II	Parade Floats
Class III	Drum Major
Class IV	Mardi gras Parade

*Pre-registration is required for exhibition in this division. Contact the Design Chair for additional class definitions and requirements, and exhibition instructions. See attached.*

## SHOW AWARDS

**Best of Show - Horticulture** – Awarded to the best species or registered cultivar entry in Division I – Horticulture and is selected from the section winners in Sections I-V and Section XI. (Please note that entries in Section XII – Unregistered Named Cultivars are not eligible to receive this award.)

**Best Seedling or Sport Award** – Awarded to the best seedling or sport entry in Division I – Horticulture and is selected from the section winners in Sections VI-X.

**Best Artistic Design Award** – Awarded to the best entry in Division VI-Artistic Design. This award is chosen from the Best of Class winners in the division.

**Sweepstakes Award** – Awarded to the exhibitor who wins the largest number of blue ribbons in Division I – Horticulture. (In case of a tie, red ribbons, then yellow ribbons, will be counted to break the tie).

**Grand Awards** – Awarded to the best entries in Division II – Container Grown Hosta, Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect, and Division IV – Educational Displays. In order to win, entries must have scored 95 points.

**Section Awards** – Awarded to the Best of Section winners in divisions containing sections. All section award winners must have scored at least 95 points.

**Class Awards** – Awarded to Best of Class winners in divisions containing classes. All class award winners must have scored at least 95 points.

The following ribbon awards are awarded in accordance with rules set forth by AHS:

**First Place Blue Ribbons** – Entries must score 90 or more points to receive this award.

**Second Place Red Ribbons** – Entries must score 85 or more points to receive this award.

**Third Place Yellow Ribbons** – Entries must score 80 or more points to receive this award.

**Fourth Place White Ribbons** - Entries must score 75 or more points to receive this award.

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## POINT SCALES for Judging Hosta Show Exhibits

### REGISTERED CULTIVARS AND SPECIES

DIVISION I, Sections I – V and Section XI

Form and Size	30
Color and Pattern	30
Texture and Substance	20
Condition and Grooming	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### UNREGISTERED NAMED HOSTA CULTIVARS

DIVISION I, Section XII

Form and Size	30
Color and Pattern	30
Texture and Substance	20
Condition and Grooming	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### UNREGISTERED SEEDLINGS AND SPORTS

DIVISION I, Sections VI – X

Distinction	40
Form and Size	15
Color and Pattern	15
Texture and Substance	15
Condition and Grooming	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### CONTAINER GROWN HOSTAS

DIVISION II

Form and Size	25
Color and Pattern	25
Texture and Substance	25
Condition and Grooming	25
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### TROUGH/CONTAINER GARDENS ARRANGED FOR EFFECT

DIVISION III

Variety	20
Condition	30
Arrangement	30
Container - Relative to Arrangement	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

DIVISION IV

Educational Value	60
Theme, Originality, Effectiveness	
Staging	40
Arrangement, Attractiveness, Neatness, Materials Used in Exhibit	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

DIVISION V

*Not Judged – No Scale of Points*

### ARTISTIC DESIGN

DIVISION VI

Conformance	14
Design	48
Selection of Components	8
Organization of Components	8
Expression	8
Distinction	14
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### SPECIALTY DIVISION

DIVISION VII

**Not offered.**

## SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair	Cindy Tomashek
Show Co-Chair	Mona Keehn
Classification Chair	Mona Keehn
Clerk's Chair	Kathy Rustad
Design Chair	Joyce Rapp
Judges Chair	Cindy Tomashek
Placement Chair	TBD
Publicity Chair	TBD
Registration-Exhibitor Assistance Chair	TBD
Schedule Chair	Cindy Tomashek
Staging and Dismantling Chair	Cindy Tomashek
Tabulation Chair	TBD

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

Membership in The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities including a National Convention; two printed issues and one online edition of The Hosta Journal, many interesting and informative articles, and dozens of color pictures. Dues are \$30 individual and \$34 family membership per year (U.S.). Membership is on a calendar year basis. Send inquiries regarding membership to:

Barry Ankney– AHS Membership Secretary  
[ahs.memberships@gmail.com](mailto:ahs.memberships@gmail.com), 309-678-4119  
AHS Website – [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org)

### REGION 5 MIDWEST REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY

The Midwest Regional Hosta Society distributes two newsletters (Spring and Fall) and it offers an annual meeting which includes judges clinics, educational seminars, and vendor sales. For additional information, please contact:

Fritz Drasgow – Region 5 Director  
(217) 384-4921  
[GrasgowCG@yahoo.com](mailto:GrasgowCG@yahoo.com)

### SHADES OF GREEN HOSTA SOCIETY OF SOUTHEAST MN, INC.

The Shades of Green Hosta Society is affiliated with The American Hosta Society. *It publishes four newsletters each year and meets three times a year at places announced in the newsletter and on its website, [www.soghs.org](http://www.soghs.org). It sponsors this Hosta Show, an annual Hosta Sale and garden tours each year. All memberships are on a calendar year basis. Individual dues are \$10 per person per year or \$15.00 per couple. Send inquiries regarding membership to:*

Joyce Rapp – Membership Secretary

### Division VI – Artistic Design

A parade feels like a moving celebration: organized motion, bright visuals, rhythmic sound, and a shared public moment where people gather to witness something larger than any single participant.

#### Class I - Marching Band

We move in tandem maintaining distance without intersecting. Parallel design (using clear negative space)

#### Class II - Parade Floats

We move along as if on water. Design showing/using water

#### Class III - Drum Major

I am the Drum Major in a fancy hat. The band follows my every move. Circular Design

#### Class IV - Mardi gras Parade

Let the good times roll. Naturalistic or loose design using gold, green and purple

#### Follow Division VI Artistic Design Rules

In addition:

1. Designs must be in place by 11:00 am, Saturday, July 18 and left in place until 3:00 pm, July 19.
2. Background for displays will be provided by the show committee
3. No showing of mechanics
4. The use of the *lilium species* may **NOT** be used due to intense pollen and fragrance issues (this does not include calla, daylilies, waterlily, or cannas)
5. Register with the design chair the number of displays and approximate size you will be bringing so adequate space will be provided.
6. Size of the design should not exceed 28" high x 16" wide x 28" deep
7. Design Chair: Joyce Rapp, (952) 239-9230, jmwraap20@gmail.com