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HOSTA 2010 LIST

Hostas, also known as Plantain Lily Hybrids, are one of the best and most popular perennials for shady sites. Most flower in the summer, but they are thought of more fondly for their outstanding foliage. Although often considered common plants, savvy gardeners around the world appreciate the subtle variety of color, texture, shape and size. They make excellent groundcovers, border plants and do wonderfully in container gardens. Hosta will grow in most any soil but perform best when planted in moist well-drained soil in part shade. Considered a shade plant by most, many hosta varieties tolerate more sun than given credit. Hostas are members of the Lily family and named for royal physician Nicholas Host (1761 – 1834). Below is a list of hostas we plan on having available this spring, others will be available as the season progresses.

HOSTA – Plantation Lily

Part Shade to Shade

plantaginea 'Aphrodite': A scented, bloom worthy hosta! The double-flowered hosta is a plant whose time has come! The perfect complement to the insignificantly-flowering hosta varieties in the shade garden, it transforms midsummer into a sweetly-scented, colorful scene with huge (by hosta standards!) 3 1/2-inch white blooms atop glossy green foliage! Reaches 15 to 18 inches tall and about 2 feet wide. Happiest in full shade, although some morning sun is acceptable in the northern portion of its hardiness range. An invaluable specimen for the patio, border, or even container, it is also content in a mixed hosta planting or among the ferns and epimediums of the deep shade garden.

'Avocado': Sport of H. 'Guacamole' with much wider green margins, gold center, fragrant pale lavender flowers, fast growing, 24".

'Blue Angel': Perfect specimen plant with the largest blue leaves of all heavy textured leaves, 12" across by 16" long. Mounds to 4' with similar spread. Nearly white flowers on 36-44" scapes, late summer-early autumn.

'Blue Hawaii': This upright vase-shaped blue hosta from Olga Petryszyn displays wonderful blue corrugated leaves with the classic heart-shaped leaf. White flowers top the clump in early summer.

'Blue Ivory': This sport of H. 'Halcyon' produces medium-sized mounds with thick, spaced-shaped, glaucous leaves that have very wide, white margin. With summer, the center deepens in color creating a striking, high contrast display. An added bonus is that the thickness of the leaves makes it more resistant to slugs. Pale lavender flowers bloom on 20-24" scapes in July. Grows 16" tall and 30" wide.

'Blue Mouse Ears': Who couldn't fall in love with a cute little hosta with the name like that? Small round gray-green leaves are comprised of a substance so thick you have to feel it to believe it. Lavender flowers on short scapes proportionate to the clump top in midsummer. A must have hosta for the collector and rock garden enthusiast.

'Captain Kirk': Whether you like science fiction or not this whimsically named hosta that can provide rich green and gold tones to your shade garden. 17-24" height, 3' wide, and pale-lavender flower.

'Earth Angel': **2009 American Hosta Growers "Hosta of the Year"!**

From the beloved classic 'Blue Angel' come 'Earth Angel', a wonderful variegated form. Large heart-shaped blue=green leaves have a wide creamy-white border. Pale lavender flowers top the clump in early summer.

sieboldiana 'Elegans': Large blue corrugated leaves, white flowers.

'Empress Wu': Hosta Empress Wu is truly the **LARGEST** hosta we've **EVER** seen! 'Empress Wu' will form a massive upright clump measuring 3-4 feet tall by 4-5 feet wide when mature. Huge, thick textured, slug-proof green leaves measure over 18" across. Soft violet flowers in midsummer. If Adam & Eve could only pick one leaf, this is the one!

'Fire and Ice': This spectacular sport of 'Patriot' has pure white centers and very dark green margins. The leaves are heavy with substance. Lavender flowers are produced on white flower stems. A flashy hosta that contrasts nicely with 'Patriot'.

'Fire Island': Brilliant yellow leaves have pale red petioles leading up into the base of the leaves. The intense spring color makes this a popular choice of the garden. Foliage darkens to chartreuse in the summer. Lavender flowers bloom in the summer. Good slug resistance! Grows 10-14" tall and up to 20" wide with a moderate growth rate.

'Fragrant Blue': A nice blue hosta with lightly fragrant flowers. Light white flowers on sturdy 18" scapes. 12" wide clump of smooth textured, powdery, chalky blue leaves keeps sending up new leaves all summer.

'Francee': Green leaves with narrow, clean white margins, lavender flowers, mid-summer, 24".

sieboldiana 'Great Expectations': Thick variegated foliage, center yellow in spring changing to white mid-summer, white flowers.

'Guacamole': Large, chartreuse-green leaves with dark green margins. Large fragrant, white-lavender flowers in summer. Grows 24" tall and 54" wide.

'Halcyon': Lanced-shaped thick blue foliage, violet flowers, 1-2", Blooms August.

'Hanky Panky': New sport of the very popular H. 'Striptease'. Dark green center surrounded by a wide light green margin with dark green veins and the typical, fairly unique, white H. 'Striptease' pattern. There is also a concentration of green near the leaf tip. The margin (.50"-1.0") changes to creamy-white, and the center becomes a creamy yellow as the season passes. This fast grower is topped with pale lavender flowers in July. Very unique!

'Ice Prancer': Very thick frosty blue leaves that are heavily rippled make this a unique standout, forms medium to large clump, very slug resistant, 20"

'June': A striking sport of h. 'Halcyon'. Leaves with blue gray margins and bright cream interiors, ringed by splashes of lime-green form dense mound, 16" x 37". Pale lilac flowers on 20" scapes mid-summer.

'Key West': A member of the 'Americana Series', this very large, fast growing hosta is a cross between *Hosta* 'Elatior' and 'High Noon'. *Hosta* 'Key West' is a lovely plant with its smooth heart shaped leaves and pleasing gold color. Bright filtered shade will produce a more intense gold color and lavender flowers are formed in early summer. Late spring, early summer, yellow leaves, lavender flower, and 30" height and 3' plus wide.

'Krossa Regal': Outstanding frosty-blue leaves in tall, vase shaped clump, tall lavender flowers, mid-summer, 2-3'

'Little Sunspot': A Sport of H. 'Little Aurora' featuring petite mounds of slightly cupped, heart-shaped leaves with yellow centers and contrasting, wide, green margins. White-pale lavender flowers bloom on 12-15" scapes in summer. Grows 6-10" tall by 12" wide. It's size lends itself nicely to containers or borders.

'Loyalist': A sport of 'Patriot', 'Loyalist' reverse variegation with bold white interiors and green margins. Forms 2' wide clump. The tubular flowers are lavender.

'Pamela Lee': The sport H. 'Radiant Edge' comes from our friend and Hosta aficionado, John O'Brien. It has unique, dark green leaves with green edges and boasts a much darker coloration than its parent. Small mound grow 10" tall and 24" wide.

'Orange Marmalade': Sport of H. 'Paul's Glory', bright gold center, wide blue green margin, pale lavender flowers, 20".

'Pandora's Box': A must have dwarf hosta! White centered leaves with dark green margins. A lighter green area appears where the white center meets the margin. Grows 8" x 10". Lavender flowers in early summer.

plantaginea (grandiflora): 3-4" fragrant white bells on 3' stems, Aug-Sept. Pale green, heart-shaped leaves.

'Paradise Expectations': Large heart-shaped powdery blue leaves with wide yellow margins, beautiful sport of 'H. Great Expectations', nearly white flowers.

'Patriot': This sport of 'Francee' has the same dark green centers and beautiful form but it has a much wider margin that is striking and crisp. Lavender flowers early to midsummer.

'Paul's Glory': Gold heart-shaped leaves bordered by a blue-green streaked margin. Center fades to white in the summer. Lavender flowers.

'Rainforest Sunrise': This sport of H. 'Maui Buttercup' comes from our friends at Winterberry Farms and has a sturdy, glossy, golden leaves that have narrow dark green edges. Give it a little sun if you like even brighter gold coloring! Grows 8-10" tall by 16" wide. Pale lavender flowers boom on 24" scapes in mid-summer. Good slug resistance!

'Red October': A much saught after Roy Herold introduction with bright red, leaf petioles. Very impressive in early fall, with red-purple flowers topping 2' wide clump.

'Stained Glass': This H 'Guacamole' sport has all the great qualities of its parent but it shows variegation earlier in spring with its vibrant gold coloring going strong all season. It has the nice mounding habit and vigor of ***'Guacamole'*** and gets its name from the distinctive veining pattern on its leaves. Grow 15" tall and 3-4" wide with fragrant, near white flowers in late summer.

'Sum and Substance': Huge, chartreuse-green, rounded leaves with thick substance. Light lavender flowers in late summer. Grows 24-30" tall with leaves up to 2' across. Extremely pest and sun resistant.

'Sun Power': One of the very best gold hosta. Large gold leaves that appear chartreuse at the base. With wavy, pointed leaves that gracefully arch, this hosta is a beacon of light in a shady garden! Quickly maturing and easy to grow.

'Vulcan': This sport of H. 'Captain Kirk' has bright white leaves with green margins, some gold yellow streaks in the center, vigorous medium-sized clump. 18".



Hosta 'Patriot'



Hosta 'Stained Glass'



Hosta 'Fragrant Blue'



Hosta 'Fire Island'

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