

# Indianapolis Hosta Society Hosta Show

May 30, 2026

Carmel Clay Public Library

425 E. Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032

Show open to the Public 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 29 and from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 30, 2026. Entries received after 10:00 A.M. will be placed in a non-competitive exhibit area without exception. Judging begins at 10:30 A.M. All entries must remain in place until 4:00 P.M.  
  
Entries, tags, ribbons, and awards may be claimed from 4:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M. Entries remaining after teardown 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 Hosta, 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 not be used and will be replaced by Division VII-Hosta Trifecta.
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 subclass 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 VII**, each entry is eligible for a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award as merited.
11. **Division I – Horticulture (Cut leaf) Rules**  
  
Containers will be provided by the Indianapolis Hosta Society.  
Bloomscape 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.

Persons 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 Hosta Rules

Container-grown hosta 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 mature hosta plant, which may consist of multiple divisions of that single plant, may be grown in each container.** The container must be clean, otherwise has no bearing on overall judging of the entry. 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. **Hosta must be a strong focal point of the entry.** No artificial plant material is allowed. Plants and containers 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 hosta.

#### 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

Not Used

#### 17. Division VII – Hosta Trifecta

This division raises your leaf selecting skills to a new level as you demonstrate your ability to select and artistically display near-identical leaves of the same hosta cultivar.

1. Only registered hosta cultivars and species can be entered.
2. Each entry **must** contain three mature leaves from one variety of hosta cultivar or species **plus one additional non-hosta plant material**, arranged in one **glass container** for best visual and artistic effect. Leaves should be mature and conform to AHS registration standards for the variety. All plant material should be conditioned and groomed.
3. Hosta leaves must be the predominant element of the arrangement with non-hosta plant material serving as an accent.
4. Three sizes of vases will be available. **If an entry requires an opening larger than 1” to accommodate the petioles, the exhibitor must supply their own glass container.**

5. An exhibitor may enter up to three entries in this division provided that each entry is a different cultivar or species. All entries must be from plants grown by the exhibitor.
6. Entries should be identified on entry tags by Division, cultivar/species name and registered leaf size from AHS Classification List.
7. Each entry is eligible for a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award as merited.
8. Division will be judged by no more than 3 panels. Each member of the judging panel(s) assigned to this division will **independently** evaluate (**without consulting with other judges**) each entry across six categories. Each judge will record their scores on the provided judging form.
9. Final points awarded will be the average of all the judges' scores. To receive an award (Gold, Silver, or Bronze), the Total Score must meet the minimum score for that award; no rounding up or down. Each entry will receive a copy of their final score sheet.
10. Point scoring for **Hosta Trifecta. Total 22 points:** (Cultivar Standards - 3, Symmetry - 3, Comparative Sizes - 3, Color & Pattern-3, Condition & Grooming - 6, Arrangement for Effect - 4)

## SHOW DIVISIONS

### DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE (Cut leaf)

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| 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  
Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center  
Green to Blue Center
- Class 5 – Yellow Margined  
Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center  
Green to Blue Center
- Class 6 – Green or Blue Margined  
Yellow, White, or Chartreuse Center  
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 - NOT USED**

**DIVISION VII –TRIFECTA**

### 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 – Not Used

**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.

**Division VII - Hosta Trifecta Awards** - Gold, Silver or Bronze Merit awards based on judges scoring in 6 categories with a maximum possible score of 22 points. The awards are gold, silver, or bronze medals.

GOLD - Entries must score 20-22 points

SILVER- Entries must score 18-19 points

BRONZE-Entries must score 16-17 points

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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	
Arrangement, Attractiveness, Neatness, Materials Used in Exhibit	40
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

DIVISION V	
Not Judged – No Scale of Points	

### ARTISTIC DESIGN - NOT USED

#### DIVISION VI

### SPECIALTY DIVISION

DIVISION VII- Hosta Trifecta	
Cultivar Standard	3
Symmetry	3
Comparative Size	3
Color & Pattern	3
Condition & Grooming	6
Arrangement for Effect	4
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>22</b>

# SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair Janet Stultz  
Show Co-Chair Amy Anderson  
Classification Chair Laura Anderson  
Clerks Chair Gayle Sanders  
Hospitality Chair Amy Grotland  
Judges Chair Carol Youngblood  
Placement Chair Lana Gersich  
Registration-Exhibitor Assistance Chair Thomas and Priscilla Johnson  
Schedule Chair Janet Stultz  
Staging and Dismantling Chair Ann Eggleston  
Tabulation Chair Laura Anderson

## 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:

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### GREAT LAKE REGION HOSTA SOCIETY

Members of The American Hosta Society in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Western New York and Western Pennsylvania constituting Region 4 of the American Hosta Society are automatically members of the Great Lake Region Hosta Society. It distributes an annual newsletter, and it offers an annual meeting which includes judges' clinics, educational seminars, and plant sales. For additional information, please contact:

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### INDIANAPOLIS HOSTA SOCIETY

The Indianapolis Hosta Society is affiliated with The American Hosta Society. It publishes a yearly membership booklet listing the meetings and activities for the year. Members meet monthly February through December. It sponsors this Hosta Show and garden tours each year. All memberships are on a calendar year basis. Individual dues are \$25 per person per year; Household membership is \$30 per year. Send inquiries regarding membership to:

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