

2014 Hosta Seed Growers Seedling Competition

Class I	Green (all shades & sizes)	Class VI	Streaked/Splashed/Misted (all shades & sizes)
Class II	Blue (all shades & sizes)	Class VII	Red Petioles (all foliage colors & sizes)
Class III	Yellow (all shades & sizes)	Class VIII	Mini (all foliage colors)
Class IV	Margin-variegated (all shades & sizes)	Class IX	1st Year Seedlings*
Class V	Medio-variegated (all shades & sizes)		

Rules

1. Entry of seedlings in the HSG Seedling Competition is open to anyone attending the 2014 AHS National Convention in Cedar Rapids, IA.
2. All plants must be grown from seed by the exhibitor or originator and be established in their containers. Seedlings may be entered into the competition in someone else's name. Any awards or prizes are awarded to the seedling's originator. The person entering this plant would be considered the originator's representative.
3. Only unregistered plants and those not introduced into the trade may be entered in the competition.
4. A \$5 registration fee per plant is required. 50% of each registration fee will go toward funding future HSG Seedling Competitions and 50% will go to Building A Dream In The Country.
5. Each exhibitor may enter no more than 3 plants per class and no more than 15 seedlings total.
6. All plants must be in black pots regardless of their size with pot size to be determined by the exhibitor. Only potting soil and fertilizers are allowed in the pot. Flower scapes may be left on the plant at the discretion of the exhibitor.
7. Exhibitors determine which class each of their seedlings will be entered into.
8. Identifying features of any kind are not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to: paint, markings of any kind, pebbles or fertilizer on the soil surface, perfume, tape, staples, labels or markers and stakes. A plant will not be allowed into the competition with any of these identifying features.
9. No foreign substances may be applied to the plant. This includes dyes, polishes, inks, paints, powders, and perfumes. If any of these are found on an entry, the plant will be disqualified.

10. Plants appearing to exhibit nematodes, viruses or other diseases or pests will not be allowed in the exhibit area. If the plant shows an unusual type of variation that is questionable, a certification that the plant is virus free from a reliable source could allow the plant to be entered. The final decision on this will be made by the HSG board.
11. Touching the plants is not allowed.
12. There will be three winners per class for Classes I-VIII: Best of Class, 1st Place, 2nd Place. Each class must have more than one entry for a ribbon to be awarded. Voters will vote for one (1) seedling per class.
13. *1st year seedlings (Class IX) are ones started on or after September 1st of the preceding year. All show rules apply. Only 1st Place and 2nd Place are awarded. This class is NOT eligible for Best of Show.
14. The Best of Show winner will be awarded to the Best of Class winner with the highest overall number of the popular vote.
15. **Anyone who chooses to enter seedlings in the competition will be required to pre-register by e-mail or by mail.* Registration deadline is May 31, 2014. No additional entries may be made at the competition.** *(See Registration Form for email and postal addresses.)
16. All seedlings to be entered in the competition must be covered when they are brought to the registration room.
17. No person involved in or attending the HSG Seedling Competition may discuss a plant or reveal who entered a plant before or during the voting process. If this occurs, the seedling will be removed from the competition.
18. Hosta Seed Growers board members will receive entries in the Cedar Rapids Room at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids. The date and time along with further instructions will be emailed to competition entrants one week before the convention.
19. **When other convention activities are occurring, the Cedar Rapids Room will be locked. The Hosta Seed Growers board and group assumes no responsibility for the seedlings on exhibit.**
20. Times for registration of HSG Seedling Competition entries, competition viewing before voting, and viewing after voting will be included in the convention handbook.
21. At the close of the HSG Seedling Competition viewing, a time will be set aside to facilitate plant retrieval by competition entrants. Only HSG board members and competition entrants will be allowed in the room at this time.