

The  
**The Harshbarger Hosta Society**  
**Proudly Presents**

# *Czech it out*

at the 2014 American Hosta Society National Convention

Marriott Hotel  
1200 Collins Road  
Cedar Raids, Iowa 52402

Wednesday – Saturday, June 11- 14, 2014

**SHOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Thursday, June 12, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 13, noon to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Artistic Design Division is accredited by  
**The National Garden Clubs, Inc.**

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. Wednesday, June 11:  
Entries received from 3:00-9:00 p.m.  
  
Thursday, June 12:  
Entries received from 7 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Entries received after 11:00 a.m. on Thursday will be placed in a non-competitive exhibit area without exception  
Judging will begin at 1 p.m.  
The Hosta show will open to the public at 4 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.  
  
Friday, June 13:  
The Hosta show will be open to the public from noon until 5:00 p.m.  
  
Saturday, June 14:  
The Hosta show will open to the public from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. All entries must remain in place until 11:30 a.m.  
Entries must be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., all entries remaining after 1:00 p.m. will be disposed of by the Staging Committee. Entry tags, ribbons, and awards should also be picked up by 12:45 p.m.  
Any ribbons not picked up will be given to the Show Chair.
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 Chairs, AHS Judges Chair, Judges, 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 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 it judges.
6. Division VI-Artistic Design will be judged by National Council of Flower Show Judges.
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, or 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 all show divisions, provided entries score the minimum points, each sub-class (or class if there are no sub-classes or section if there are no classes) 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 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 any ribbon. For Section XII, each unregistered named cultivar constitutes a separate name sub-class within each alphabetical letter class.
11. **Division I – Horticulture (Cutleaf) Rules**

Containers will be provided by the Harshbarger 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 variety. **Multiple entries of the same cultivar are not permitted.** All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor. **A maximum of 20 leaves from one garden may be entered.**

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.

#### 12. **Division II – Container Grown Hosta 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 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 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**

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 covered with white tablecloths. Back-ground is beige-colored walls. Overlays and accessories are permitted but should not exceed 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.

# SHOW DIVISIONS

## **DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE (Cutleaf)**

- 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 Sports and Seedlings
- Section VII Large-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings
- Section VIII Medium-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings
- Section IX Small-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings
- Section X Miniature-Leaved Unregistered Sports and Seedlings
- 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 HOSTA**

- Section I Container Displays Not exceeding a Total Height or Width of 18 Inches
- Section II Container Displays with Height or Width of Greater Than 18 Inches

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

- Section I Concrete Composite
- Section II Ceramic, Terra Cotta, Bronze and Other Metals
- Section III Plastics and all man-made materials
- Section IV Natural Materials, Stone, Wood, Baskets, etc.

## **DIVISION IV – EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS**

## **DIVISION V – NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS**

## **DIVISION VI – ARTISTIC DESIGN**

### **Class I – ‘Honoring Czech Heritage’ : Create a design featuring Red Stem Hosta leaves**

Czech heritage is an important factor in Cedar Rapids history. It is home to the National Czech and Slovak Museum. Red is an important color design to Czech Heritage

### **Class II – ‘Salute to Gretchen Harshbarger’ : Create a design featuring Yellow Hosta leaves**

Gretchen Harshbarger was a well-known garden magazine editor, garden writer and founder of the local club. She registered H. ‘Blondie’, H. ‘Golden Spider’, H. ‘Treasure’, and H. ‘King Tut’. Gretchen favored yellow Hosta leaves.

### **Class III – ‘Rivers Run Through’ : Create a design featuring Blue Hosta leaves and an artificial water feature**

The cities sponsoring this show (Cedar Rapids and Iowa City) have major rivers bisecting their downtown districts and figures prominently in city development.

### **Class IV – ‘The Sky’s the Limit’ : Create a design representing aviation and featuring Innovative leaves (streaked, splashed edge and/or variegated patterns)**

Cedar Rapids is home to a major aeronautical instrument designer and manufacturer, Rockwell Collins.

Accessories may be used in all classes. Backgrounds and/or Niches may be used.

**Pre-registration is required** for exhibition in this division.

Contact the Design Chairs by **June 9, 2014** to reserve your space.

Peggy Moody (515) 576-6021, e-mail [pmmoody@mschsi.com](mailto:pmmoody@mschsi.com) or Helen Venneman (319) 393-8964

1. Designs must be in place by 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 12, 2014.
2. Space for all exhibits, in all classes, is not to exceed 44” high, 24” deep, and 28” wide.
3. Exhibitors may only enter one (1) entry per class.
4. **Hosta leaves must dominate in all exhibits.**
5. Accessories are permitted.
6. Iowa Conservation Noxious Weeds are not allowed in the Artistic Design.
7. Judging will be by the Standard System. Judges’ decisions are final.
8. The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 Revision with updates, will be the reference for judging the designs by the National Garden Club Flower Show Judges.
9. The property of the exhibitor should be inconspicuously marked with the owner’s name and address. All reasonable care will be taken, but the show committee will not be responsible for any loss.
10. No artificial flowers or foliage may be used in designs.

## 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.) This award is a large triple streamer blue and white rosette and a prize.

**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. This award is a large triple streamer green and white rosette ribbon and prize.

**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. The award is a large triple blue and white rosette ribbon and prize.

**Sweepstakes Award** – Awarded to the exhibitor who wins the largest number of blue ribbons in Division I – Horticulture. (In case of a tie, count red ribbons, then yellow ribbons if necessary to break the tie.) This award is a certificate, a medium triple streamer blue rosette, and a prize.

**Grand Awards** – Awarded to the best entries in Division II – Container Grown Hosta, Division III – Trough/Container Gardens Arranged for Effect, Division IV – Educational Displays, and Division VI – Artistic Design. In order to win, entries must have scored 95 points. For Divisions II and III, Grand Awards will be chosen from the Section Award winners. This award is a medium triple steamer purple rosette ribbon and a prize.

**Section Awards** – Awarded to the Best of Section winners in divisions containing sections. All section award winners must have scored at least 95 points. The award is a medium single streamer purple ribbon.

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

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

### REGISTERED CULTIVARS AND SPECIES DIVISION I, SECTIONS I – V and SECTION XI

Form	15
Size	15
Color and Pattern	25
Texture	15
Substance	15
Condition and Grooming	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### UNREGISTERED NAMED HOSTA CULTIVARS DIVISION I, SECTION XII

Form	15
Size	15
Color and Pattern	25
Texture	15
Substance	15
Condition and Grooming	15
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### UNREGISTERED SEEDLINGS AND SPORTS DIVISION I, SECTIONS VI – X

Distinction	50
Form and Size	10
Color and Pattern	10
Texture	10
Substance	10
Condition and Grooming	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### CONTAINER GROWN HOSTA DIVISION II

Form	15
Size	15
Color and Pattern	25
Texture	10
Substance	10
Condition and Grooming	15
Container	10
<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	50
Theme, Originality, Materials Used	
Staging	50
Arrangement, Attractiveness, Neatness	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS DIVISION V

Not Judged – No Scale of Points

### ARTISTIC DESIGN DIVISION VI

Conformance	20
Design	42
Artistic Concept	12
Expression	10
Distinction	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chair	Katherine Kelly
Show Chair	Betty Kelly
Classification Chair	Robert Hird
Clerks Chair	Becky Micheletti
Design Co-Chair	Peggy Moody
Design Co-Chair	Helen Venneman
Judges Chair	Edwin Schultz
Placement Chair	Cheryl Hird
Registration-Exhibitor Assistance Chair	to be announced
Tabulation Chair	Sally Stewart
Awards Co-Chair	Steve Cunningham
Awards Co-Chair	Betty Kelly

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY

Membership in The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities including a National Convention; three issues of The Hosta Journal, each with nearly 100 pages, many interesting and informative articles, and dozens of color and black-and-white pictures which detail all national, regional, and local hosta society activities. Dues are \$30 individual and \$34 family membership per year (U.S.). Membership is on a calendar year basis. Send inquiries regarding membership to:

Sandie Markland – AHS Membership Secretary  
Post Office Box 7539  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948  
AHS Website – [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org)

### REGION 5

Members of The American Hosta Society in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota and North Dakota constitute Region 5 of the American Hosta Society. For additional information, please contact:

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