

AHS Host Show Classification Lists for 2026 Shows

Includes 106 new registrations for 2025

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PLEASE DISREGARD PRIOR YEAR LISTS!

Notes about Classification Lists:

- 🌿 The Simplified Classification List includes only Variety Name, Section and Class designations.
- 🌿 The full list includes the year of registration which can be used to access the checklists at http://www.hostaregistrar.org/hosta_registration_lists.html. These checklists include names of originator, introducers, geographical data, bloom color, bloom time, etc.
- 🌿 For some older varieties, the registration data is sparse and possibly inaccurate (i.e. some indicate a margin but do not specify a margin color, or leaf sizes are missing). If you have data on these Hostas, please contact the registrar, Gayle Hartley Alley at GiboshiGayle@gmail.com.
- 🌿 For varieties with multiple entries for Section/Class, or a Section/Class followed by a “(?)”, you may use either designation or corrected designation of your choice. However, be consistent within your show. All entries of the same variety should be exhibited in the same section.
- 🌿 Varieties that are both streaked and margined are designated Class 7. However, some with margins in this class may not have a margin indicated in the registration data.
- 🌿 For simplicity sake, the botanical indicator (genus name *Hosta* or *H.*) Has been omitted from the lists. Also, species names have not been italicized and the single quotes enclosing cultivar names have been omitted.

Notes about Entry Tags

- 🌿 Complete both the TOP and BOTTOM of the entry tag with the exhibitor number, name, address, genus, variety, designation, section, and class. (A standard return address label may be used as long as it fits the space and does not show when the tag is folded).
- 🌿 Please use the correct written form for genus, species and/or cultivar name on the tag. Italics Are not handwritten but do include “*Hosta* or *H.*” in front of the cultivar or species name. An example of the correct form is as follows: *H.* ‘Cultivar Name’ or *H. species name*.
- 🌿 Please use the correct form for the section and class designations. Section designations use roman numerals I, II, III, IV, V, etc., while the class designations use Arabic numerals 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, etc.

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- 🌿 Reminder: section = size, class = color.
- 🌿 Tags include an “optional” line to include the registered length and width. Use of this information is being evaluated by the judging staff. Please enter this information when completing your entry tags.

Notes About Species

There is a considerable variation in the growth habits of species. Thus, this Section alignment is based upon average sizes.

- 🌿 Species usually grow larger in cultivation than in the wild
- 🌿 Species have a larger size range of leaves than clonal varieties
- 🌿 Species leaves should be classified using **ONLY** the designations on this list. This applies even if the specimen presented falls outside the size range listed for each Section.

AHS 2026 Hosta Show Classification List

Includes Registered Species, Botanical Varieties & Forms (including Taxa reduced to Cultivar status) and Registered Cultivars through 2025

Division 1—Horticulture

Sections 1 through V are Registered Species, Botanical Varieties & Forms and Registered Cultivars.

The Section number is determined by the number of square inches. This is calculated by multiplying the leaf width times the leaf length provided in the official registration document.

Actual leaf sizes entered may be larger or smaller than the registered dimensions. However, the Section number provided in this list governs show placement. NO EXCEPTIONS.

-  Section I: Giant-leaved varieties (120 square inches or larger)
-  Section II: Large-leaved varieties (64 to <120 square inches)
-  Section III: Medium-leaved varieties (30 to <64 square inches)
-  Section IV: Small-leaved varieties (6 to <30 square inches)
-  Section V: Miniature-leaved varieties (<6 square inches)

NOTE: Section VI through X (unregistered seedlings and sports) are NOT included in this listing. These must be classified at the show in accordance with the show schedule.

Color Classes

Color classes are also shown in the Show Schedule:

Class	Color
1	Green (all shades)
2	Blue (all shades)
3	Yellow (all shades)
4	White Margined a.) Yellow, White or Chartreuse Center b.) Green or Blue Center
5	Yellow Margined a.) Yellow, White or Chartreuse Center b.) Green or Blue Center
6	Green or Blue Margined a.) Yellow, White or Chartreuse Center b.) Green or Blue Center (distinct from margin color)
7	Streaked or Mottled
8	Others (including early season variants)