

Grooming Hostas for a Show

1. Look for leaves that are as damage free as possible and that are close to the standard size. List available on American Hosta Society website under [“Show Judging”/ Full Classification List 2022](#). All hostas on this list are registered. (toward the bottom of the page)
2. Use a flashlight or hold the leaf up to the light to see damage. Choose ones with a symmetrical pattern if there is a pattern.
3. Cut the leaf with the longest stem possible at least 3 days before the show. You can write the name on the base of the stem or attach a name label.
4. Float the leaf in cool/cold water until you are ready to clean it.
5. Clean with a drop of Dawn (or the like) in a sink of water. Quickly swish the blue leaves in same and clean very carefully with a tiny brush **IF NEEDED**. Over-cleaning of the blue leaves will rub the wax off and ruin the leaf. Non-blue leaves can be cleaned with Q-tips or cotton balls or brushes. Be sure to clean very well everything that will be above the vase. Dirt on the leaf is a real no-no. Pay attention to the area where the stem meets the leaf and the back of the leaf.
6. The leaf should stand as tall and straight as possible in the vase.
 - Vases and materials will be provided for you at the Krohn.
 - We will help you with the entry tags and anything else!
 - You may enter up to 35 leaves (each a different variety).
 - You may enter a **Container Hosta**—a single registered hosta centered in a clean container of any sort. Just clean the leaves as well as you can.
 - You may enter a **Container Garden**. Hostas must be a strong focal point and may include other plants. These do NOT have to be registered or even named.

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL ME, TEXT ME OR [EMAIL ME!](#)

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING.

It should be a fun day. There will be a hosta show, a design show, a rose show, a PLANT SALE, and the Butterfly Show will still be going on. ALL ON JUNE 4TH!

Pat