

THE CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL HOSTA SOCIETY



THE HOSTA CONNECTION



OCTOBER 3, 2015 MEETING 1 pm. EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER PLANT AUCTION



WHAT TIME IS IT ??? TIME FOR THE PLANT AUCTION.

EVERY YEAR I TELL YOU TO GO DIG IN THE GARDEN AND BRING IN PLANTS FOR THE AUCTION, THIS YEAR IS NO DIFFERENT, SO GO DID IN YOUR GARDEN. THE PLANTS DON'T HAVE TO BE HOSTAS OR SHADE LOVING PLANTS, ALL OF US HAS A LITTLE SUN SO BRING IN A FEW SUN LOVING PLANTS.

WE STILL HAVE SOME HOSTAS LEFT OVER FROM THE 'GARDEN EXPO', SUM AND SUBSTANCE, BRESSINGHAM BLUE AND FEATHER BOA. WE WILL BE AUCTIONING THESE HOSTAS, TOO. SOME OF THESE HOSTAS DID WELL IN POTS BUT SOME NOT SO GOOD. WE'LL HAVE TO DESIDE HOW TO GROUP THEM.

WHEN I WALK THE PATHS IN MY GARDEN, I'M REMINDED OF ALL THE PLANTS I BOUGHT AND WHICH MEMBERS THEY COME FROM. A LOT OF THESE PLANTS I SHARE WITH OTHERS.

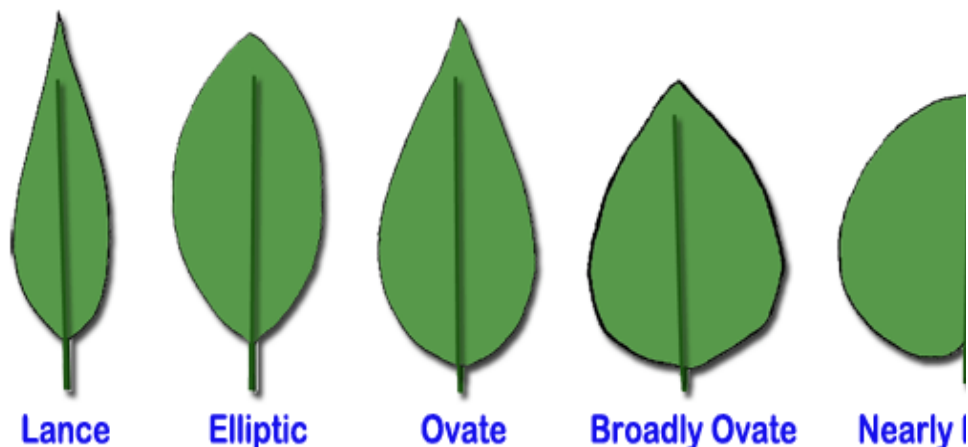
JOHNNY HAS TAKEN ON THE TASK OF DOING THE YEAR BOOK, BETTY DID THE YEAR BOOK FOR THE LAST 10 TO 15 YEARS, THE TIME HAS COME FOR SOME ONE ELSE TO HANDLE IT. (BETTY'S HAVING TROUBLE WITH HER EYES).

WE USUALLY PLAN NEXT YEARS EVENTS AT OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO DISCUSS WHAT WE WANT TO DO IN 2016, PROGRAMS, SPEAKERS, WHO WILL HOST THE PICNIC IN THEIR GARDEN IN MAY OR JUNE.

HOSTA LEAF SHAPES

There are 5 common shapes that can describe the leaf blade of hostas. You should get a handle on the basic five leaf shapes before moving on. Be aware that the leaf shape of an immature plant may vary somewhat from the shape of a mature plant. Shapes listed in most catalogs and references should reflect those of a mature specimen.

[Mark Zilis](#) (page 33 of *The Hostapedia*) shows 15 different shapes that he used to classify hosta leaf blades.



Lance Shaped Leaves - These are leaves that are much longer than they are wide. If you think about an old time spear or "lance", you will get the picture.

Elliptic Shaped Leaves - The planets orbit the sun in elliptical orbits. These are roundish shapes that reach their narrowest points at both the top and the bottom of the leaf blade.

Ovate Shaped Leaves - Broad and rounded at the base and tapering toward the end - Think here in terms of an oval. This shape is rounded at the bottom and comes to a slight point at the top.

Broadly Ovate Shaped Leaves - Picture a fat oval for this shape. The rounded bottom is very broad while the top comes to a small point.

Nearly Round Shaped Leaves - Since there are few perfectly round, 360 degree, objects in nature, about the best we can do is "nearly round" to describe certain hosta leaves. Taken from 'A Rookies Guide to Hostas, Hostas, Hostas'

HOSTA LEAF COLORS

Leaf Colors - The base color of the leaves will cover 60% or more of the leaf surface.

Variegation - Hostas have leaf variegation on the margin and center of the leaf. They also have streaked variegation scattered throughout the leaf tissue.

Seasonal Color Changes - Certain hostas emerge from the ground in one color but, as the season progresses, change to a slightly different hue.

Leaf Tips - Some hosta leaves come to a point while others are more rounded.

Leaf Layers - From the top to the bottom of the leaf surface, there are many layers of cells. Depending on the pigmentation of three of these layers, the leaf will either be of a solid color or variegated.

Leaf Veins - As a monocotyledon, hostas have parallel veins in their leaf blade.

Leaf Shapes - From nearly round to long and narrow, the shape

of the leaf blade of hostas can vary significantly.

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[Leaf Texture](#) - This refers to the visual and tactile texture of the leaf blades of hostas.