

## Hosta Resources - compiled by Ann Frederking 2015

Nurseries in the Ottawa area (alphabetical):

Budd Gardens <http://www.buddgardens.com/>

Rideau Woodland Ramble <http://www.rideauwoodlandramble.com/>

Whitehouse Perennials <http://www.whitehouseperennials.com/>

Trusted mail order in Ontario (alphabetical):

Hosta Choice Gardens - <http://www.hostachoicegardens.com/>

Goldenbrook Hostas - <http://www.goldenbrookhostas.com/>

Shades of Green - <http://www.shadesofgreenhostas.ca/>

Other hostas nurseries that belong to the Ontario Hosta Society:

<http://www.ontariohostasociety.com/index.php/suppliers>

### Books About Hostas:

*The Book of Little Hostas: 200 Small, Very Small, and Mini Varieties.* Michael Shadrack, Kathy Guest Shadrack and Diana Grenfell as a Consultant Editor. Amazon.ca price \$22.02. 205 pages. Published 2010 by Timber Press. This book focuses on the many small or mini hostas available and offers chapters with an introduction to hostas, special tips on growing and creating spaces for little hostas and companion plants. It includes many beautiful photographs and is completely indexed. If your garden is as full as mine, this is highly recommended.

*The Color Encyclopedia of Hostas* by Diana Grenfell and Michael Shadrack. 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. Timber Press, 2004 - Gardening - 407 pages. And *The New Encyclopedia of Hostas* by Diana Grenfell and Michael Shadrack. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition published 2009. Barnes & Noble shows it at \$39 US. Other Internet sources might vary.

*Field Guide to Hostas* by Mark Zilis. This book presents a totally revised and expanded version of the immensely popular 'Hosta Handbook', published in 2000. Mark Zilis' FIELD GUIDE TO HOSTAS ©2014. 7 1/2" by 8 7/8", 428 pages, 1200 colour photos, laminated soft cover, ring binding for ease of use and durability. ISBN # 978-0-9679440-2-9. Available through Shades of Green ( and likely other Hosta Nurseries) for about \$60 plus shipping and handling.

*The Hostapedia, An Encyclopedia of Hostas* Mark Zilis. Published 2009 by Q and Z Nursery. The following ISBNs are associated with this title: ISBN - 10: 0967944015 and ISBN - 13: 9780967944012. Price 79.95 US plus shipping. I would search Internet for it. Chapters has a few for order. Many hosta nurseries carry it.

*Timber Press Pocket Guide to Hostas* by Diana Grenfell and Michael Shadrack. Published 2007. Prices on ebay.ca from \$8.80 - \$23.00. A much smaller book - only 212 pages, but it still touches on over 800 hostas and included 302 photographs. The first 27 pages are devoted to general hosta topics including lists of hostas for specific purposes including lists of various colour categories, outstanding flowers, ground cover, and edging. The hosta descriptions are alphabetical and the final 14 pages are devoted to nursery sources, a glossary and an index.

Hosta Societies:

American Hosta Society - <http://www.americanhostasociety.org/>

Ontario Hosta Society - <http://www.ontariohostasociety.com/>

Internet Hosta resources:

Facebook groups for the American Hosta Society and the Ontario Hosta Society

All Things Plants - <http://allthingsplants.com/forums/view/funkia/>

ATP Hostas Database - <http://allthingsplants.com/plants/group/hostas/>

Hallson Gardens discussion forums - <http://www.perennialnursery.com/forums/>

Hosta Library - <http://www.hostalibrary.org/>

Hosta Registry - <http://hostaregistrar.org/>

MyHostas database - <http://myhostas.be/>

My Hosta Reference Library <http://myhosta.com>

Many good hosta nurseries in both the US and Canada have extensive web sites with pictures and information about the varieties they sell. Google "Hosta nurseries".

Don Rawson's Hosta lists - <http://www.hostalists.org/index.php>

American Hosta Society's Popularity Poll listing popular hostas -

<http://www.americanhostasociety.org/Publications/PopularityPollAllYears.htm>

My photo albums - I've been tracking my hostas since 2008 -

<http://violaann.smugmug.com/Garden/Hostas>

Hostas of the Year - as nominated by the American Hosta Growers Association. The list is a marketing tool, but many of these plants are stellar cultivars.

1996 'So Sweet'

1997 'Patriot'

1998 'Fragrant Bouquet'

1999 'Paul's Glory'

2000 'Sagae'

2001 'June'

2002 'Guacamole'

2003 'Regal Splendor'

2004 'Sum and Substance'

2005 'Striptease'

2006 'Stained Glass'

2007 'Paradigm'

2008 'Blue Mouse Ears'

2009 'Earth Angel'

2010 'First Frost'

2011 'Praying Hands'

2012 'Liberty'

2013 'Rainforest Sunrise'

2014 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'

2015 'Victory'

2016 'Curly Fries'

2017 'Brother Stefan'