

Rod Kuenster Hosta Seed Growers Seedling Competition/Show

Class I	Green (all shades & sizes)	Class VI	Blue (all shades and sizes)
Class II	Margin-variegated (all shades & sizes)	Class VII	Streaked/Splashed/Misted (all shades & sizes)
Class III	Yellow (all shades & sizes)	Class VIII	Small and Mini (all foliage colors)
Class IV	Medio-variegated (all shades & sizes)	Class IX	1st Year Seedlings*
Class V	Red Petioles (all foliage colors & sizes)		

Rules

1. Entry of seedlings in the Rod Kuenster HSG Seedling Competition/Show is open to everyone.
2. All plants must be grown from seed by the exhibitor or originator and be established in their containers. A seedling may be entered into the competition in someone else's name. Any awards or prizes are awarded to the seedling's originator. The person entering this plant would be considered the originator's representative.
3. Only unregistered plants and those not introduced into the trade may be entered in the competition/show.
4. A \$5.00 registration fee per plant is required. All proceeds will go to fund future HSG Seedling Competitions.
5. Each exhibitor may enter no more than 3 plants per class and no more than 15 seedlings total.
6. All plants must be in black pots. Only potting soil and fertilizers are allowed in the pot. Flower scapes may be left on the plant at the discretion of the exhibitor.
7. Exhibitors determine which class each of their seedlings will be entered into.
8. Identifying features of any kind are not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to: paint, markings of any kind, pebbles or fertilizer on the soil surface, perfume, tape, staples, labels or markers and stakes. A plant will not be allowed into the competition with any of these identifying features.
9. No foreign substances may be applied to the plant. This includes dyes, polishes, inks, paints, powders, and perfumes. If any of these are found on an entry, the plant will be disqualified.

10. Plants appearing to exhibit nematodes, viruses or other diseases or pests will not be allowed in the exhibit area. If the plant shows an unusual type of variation that is questionable, a certification that the plant is virus free from a reliable source could allow the plant to be entered. The final decision on this will be made by the HSG board.
11. Touching the plants is not allowed. During voting no talking about the plants to others will be allowed, once your voting is done you will turn in your ballot and leave the room so others may enter.
12. There will be two winners per class for Classes I-VIII: 1st Place, 2nd Place. Each class must have more than one entry for a ribbon to be awarded. Voters will vote for one (1) seedling per class and for one seedling for Best of Show.
13. *1st year seedlings (Class IX) are ones started on or after September 1st of the preceding year. All show rules apply. This class is NOT eligible for Best of Show.
14. The Best of Show winner will be awarded to the seedling with the highest overall number of the popular votes.
15. No person involved in or attending the Rod Kuenster HSG Seedling Competition/Show may discuss a plant or reveal who entered a plant before or during the voting process. If this occurs, the seedling will be removed from the competition.
- 16. When other convention activities are occurring, the Competition Room will be locked. The Hosta Seed Growers board and group assume no responsibility for the seedlings on exhibit.**
17. Times for registration of Rod Kuenster HSG Seedling Competition entries, competition viewing before voting, and viewing after voting will be included in the convention handbook.
18. At the close of the Rod Kuenster HSG Seedling Competition/Show viewing, a time will be set aside to facilitate plant retrieval by competition entrants. Only HSG board members and competition entrants will be allowed in the room at this time.