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# Spring 2020 Hosta Liner List January Availability

Seasons Greetings,

For the last several years we have been offering some of our best new hostas as liners. As our production grows, this year we are able to offer several more cultivars than we did a year ago. Many never before offered hostas will appear on our May list also. We will send you several availability lists of our Classic Hosta Liners<sup>™</sup> this year with different delivery times.

The wholesale hosta market has seen the price for hosta liners fall to extreme lows in the past decade. While this has been good for the consumer, it has also resulted in the demise of two cutting edge liner producers of new hosta cultivars. I think many in our business have forgotten that hostas have value and that they are not inexpensive to produce. Our liner prices are generally one half or less than our bare root plants which in turn are less than half of their retail price. For Example: Our very popular 'Frost Giant' is a \$4.50 liner, a \$10.00 bare root plant for a hosta that averages \$20.00 retail. Yes, we do offer quantity discounts on all our hosta offerings, just ask and we will be glad to work with you as best we can. We want this to be profitable for us all.

- Some quantities are very limited so be sure to order early.
- We do offer quantity discounts on all our hosta offerings.
- The minimum order is 12 per cultivar with a total minimum liner order of 48 plants.
- These dormant hostas will be ready for early spring delivery.

Thanks, Bob Solberg and Erin Parks

#### '1st and Ten'

Very Large (32" x 50") (D. & M. Beilstein 2013) - ('Brutus' x BEV3-MOM seedling) \$4.50



This is a big hosta! It is almost 3 feet tall with very large shovel-like blue-green leaves with good substance. Part of Doug Beilstein's gridiron series, it is a seedling from his very popular 'Brutus'. I love its dramatic leaf veins and upright habit.

'Ambrosia'PPAF

GHF Introduction Large (24" x 54") (Solberg 2015) - (Sport of 'Guacamole') Special \$4.00 each



Ambrosia is "the food of the gods", and this hosta is certainly good enough to eat. It is simply divine. It is a blue-margined, light yellow-centered sport of my own 'Guacamole' that performs just as well in the garden, making a large clump that enjoys bright light. Like ambrosia it is fragrant and may also have the same mythological healing powers. This hosta is close to perfection.

#### 'Aphrodite'

Large (24" x 60") Sport of *H. plantaginea* Special \$3.00



'Aphrodite is the doubled-flowered form of *H. plantaginea*. It has light green, shiny, sun tolerant foliage and large double white flowers that are very fragrant in August.

#### 'Appletini'

Mini to Small, (6" x 14") (M. Zilis, M. Vanous 2009) - (Yellow sport of 'Blue Dimples' X 'Shining Tot') \$3.75



A great new mini, maybe the best of the "tini" series from Mark Zilis, it has the bright yellow color, the shine, good substance, and cute leaf shape to make this fast growing hosta a star in the garden or in a container. It also has nice lavender flowers in July.

#### **'Baby Blue Eyes'** GHE Introduction

Mini-Small (6" x 16") (Solberg 2006) - ('Cody' X 'Dorset Blue') \$3.75



This little hosta is a darling. It is a very cute tight, flat mound of heart-shaped pretty blue leaves that grows fast. Not too big for a large trough, it is also tough enough to show off in the garden. It has light lavender flowers on short scapes in July.

## 'Beautiful Dreamer'

Medium (13" x 30") (D. & J. Ward 2010) - (Seedling of 'Zany Janie') NEW \$5.00



This is one of Dick Ward's best variegated hostas. It is a medium-sized plant with blue leaves with creamy yellow margins. The high vein count really sets off this very elegant color combination. Near white flowers peak in July.

#### 'Black Jack'

Large (24" x 58") (C. Owens 1990) - ('Mira' X *H. sieboldiana*) NEW \$4.50

An "oldie but a goodie", this very large dark green hosta has leaves that are almost round featuring 17-19 vein pairs and is heavily corrugated. It was quite the hit at the 1988 AHS Convention! It has white flowers on proportional scapes in June.

#### 'Blue Lettuce'

Large, (22" x 46" or larger) (M. Zilis 2012) - ('Gold Regal' x 'Blue Vision') \$4.25

I have seen this very popular large blue hosta make a very impressive, sometimes appearing out of control, mound in Wisconsin, larger than advertised. It also has a pretty lavender floral display like its pod parent, 'Gold Regal'.

## **'Blue Perfection'**

GHF Introduction Large, (24" x 54) (Solberg 2015) - (Sport of 'Ambrosia'<sup>PPAF</sup>) Special \$3.00



This is the fast growing, fragrant-flowered blue, yes, blue hosta, for which we have all been waiting. It has very waxy blue leaves that are enhanced when grown in half a day of cool sun. The light lavender flowers that arrive in late July are very fragrant, unlike other "fragrant blue" hostas. You have got to try this one.

#### 'Chili Fries'

GHF Introduction Small, (7" x 16") (Solberg 2019) - (Sport of 'Curly Fries') NEW \$6.00



If you have had your fill of 'Curly Fries', now we also offer 'Chili Fries' on our hosta menu. This dark green-centered sport has a narrow yellow margin and will make the same tight small clumps that you would expect. Give them a try, just for fun.

#### 'Church Mouse'

Mini (7" x 12") (Walters Gardens 2012) - (Sport of 'Blue Mouse Ears') \$4.50



This 'Blue Mouse Ears' sport has a yellowish margin of fast-growing tissue that causes the normally round leaves to be very ruffled and the entire plant more vigorous. This mouse is very well behaved.

## 'Cinnamon Sticks'

Medium, (13" x 27") (R. Herold) - (*H. longipes f. hypoglauca* x 'Maruba Iwa') \$3.75

This hosta is a classic, one of the first and best purple-petioled beauties from Roy Herold. It combines two forms of *H. longipes* to create a tight mound of thick, rich green heart-shaped leaves with speckled reddish-purple petioles. It also has striking purple scapes and bracts in September.

## 'Cookie Crumbs'

Mini, (5" X 10") (Solberg, M. Zilis 2002) - (Sport of 'Tiny Tears') \$4.50



This clean white-margined mini reminiscent of *H. venusta* has become a classic. It has very flat mound of green heart-shaped leaves and a surprisingly wide white margin. It produces purple flowers in June.

#### 'Crumb Cake'

GHF Introduction Small, (4" X 12") (Solberg 2008) - ('Cinnamon Sticks' X 'Cracker Crumbs') \$4.50



This rapidly growing hosta makes a very tight flat mound of honey-gold round leaves with mahogany petioles that are shiny, wonderfully wavy, and have very good substance. Its mahogany scapes have pretty lavender flowers in July. It is a cute little hosta tough enough for the garden but deserving of a very special spot. I just love it!

## 'Doubled Up'

GHF Introduction Large, (20" x 28") (Solberg 2012) - (Tetraploid form of *H. plantaginea*) \$4.00



This sport of *H. plantaginea* found at our nursery has flowers that are larger than species that open wide, with shorter, thicker scapes and the clump is more compact the leaves having great substance. Very Limited.

#### 'First Blush'PP28,920

GHF Introduction Medium, (12" X 24") (Solberg 2015) - (48/49 seedling X 'Beet Salad') \$10.00 each or \$9.50 for 48+



'First Blush' not only has green leaves with red petioles that extend into the leaf blade but also a thin red margin around the leaf, similar but much more dramatic than its parent 'Beet Salad'. However, the most exciting thing about 'First Blush' is that in spring the leaf between the veins will start to "blush" red from the tip of the leaf down toward the base. The leaves remain red here until temperatures surpass 92 degrees, usually into June. The color should persist longer in Northern gardens. Our first red-leafed hosta.

## **'Frost Giant'**

GHF Introduction Very large. (28" x 66") (W. LeFever 2008) - (Seedling of 'Galaxy') \$4.50

This hosta makes an upright stately clump of large pointed blue leaves with bright yellow, not cream, margins. Its moderate growth rate makes it a great nursery plant and is attractive as a one-gallon hosta. It has near white flowers in June.

## 'Frosted Mouse Ears'

Mini (7" x 18") (Zilis, E. & J. Deckert 2006) - (Sport of 'Royal Mouse Ears') \$4.50



This classic white-margined form of 'Blue Mouse Ears' emerges greenish-white and becomes brighter as the summer progresses. It is a very dependable mouse.

## 'Fruit Cup'

Small, (8" X 13") (D. & M. Beilstein 2013) - ([('Minuta' F1 seedling B X 'Shining Tot') X ('Lakeside Looking Glass' op.)]) \$3.75



This almost mini has very round dark green leaves that amazingly are cupped and puckered. It grows pretty fast, too. A great container and garden plant.

#### 'Fruit Loop'

Small, (7" X 13") (D. & M. Beilstein 2013) - ([('Minuta' F1 seedling B X 'Shining Tot') X ('Lakeside Looking Glass op.)]) \$5.00



Not quite a mini, this very small hosta has very bright wide white margins on cute little round leaves that are cupped and puckered. It has good substance and makes a tight, neat clump. It will brighten up any mixed container or trough!

**'Glossy Ruffles'** Large, (24" X 45") (D. Ruff 2016) - ('Invincible' seedling) NEW \$6.00



Do you like your hostas to shine, I mean really shine? This large, fast growing 'Invincible' seedling from Doug Ruff has very waxy ruffled green leaves that look almost wet. Perfect in that sunny corner by the walk. It has white flowers in July.

#### 'Hovercraft'

Medium, (16" X 30") (D. & M. Beilstein 2016) - (*H. laevigata* X op. seedling) \$3.75



I really like this hosta even as a little liner. I like the roundness of the leaves and the nice blue color. It has a large classic form but with a little more open look as the leaves seem to float over their petioles. A fine blue from Doug Beilstein.

#### 'Imperial Palace'

Large, (26" X 48") (D. & J. Ward 2009) - ('Pin Stripe Sister' seedling) \$4.00



This hosta is a striking light yellow-centered, greenmargined beauty that believe it or not is easy to grow. It makes a shining beacon in the garden if given some morning sun. I think this is one of Dick Ward's best.

# 'Itsy Bitsy Spider'

Mini, (2" x 7") (G. Johnson 2004) - (Seedling of 'Hadspen Heron') \$4.50



This very small very narrow leafed blue green hosta makes a very flat mat of wolf spider foliage. It has little light lavender flowers on 8" scapes. The perfect unique trough hosta.

#### 'Jet Black'

Large, (24" X 56") (D. & M. Beilstein 2017) - (Mary Chastain 04 B1 streaked seedling X 'Skylight') \$3.75



This is a very blue hosta that grows quickly into a large mound. It has lots and lots of powdery white wax that softens the appearance of its sturdy cupped and puckered leaves. Near white, nicely proportioned flowers appear in late June. Another great hosta from Doug Beilstein.

#### 'Jetstream'

Medium to Large, (26" X 40") (D. & M. Beilstein 2013) - (Seedling of *H. yingeri* OP seedling) \$4.00



I am a sucker for a waxy blue hosta. I also like hostas that make perfect clumps, with all their leaves neatly arranged in just the right place. This medium-sized hosta, with the help of a little morning sun, is the perfect combination of both. In summer it becomes a very shiny leafed dark green hosta.

'Ladybug'

Mini-Small, (10" X 22") (D. & J. Ward 1996) - ('Vanilla Cream' seedling) \$5.00



I like minis that look a little different. It is an interesting yellow seedling from 'Vanilla Cream' and Dick Ward that has ruffled leaves and a good growth rate. It is a little too large to be a true mini but still a perfect fit with the rest of your little ones.

#### 'Lemon Zinger'

GHF Introduction Mini, (7" X 16") (Solberg 2017) - (Sport of 'Dragon Tails' ) \$5.00



'Lemon Zinger' is my green-margined sport of the increasingly popular 'Dragon Tails'. Its wavy bright yellow leaves are outlined in dark green. It is a vigorous little mini, perfect in a pot. It just might be your cup of tea.

## 'Little Wonder'

Mini, (7" x 14") (W. & E. Lachman 1989) \$3.75 This classic little hosta is

This classic little hosta is perfection with its bright white margins on its green heartshaped leaves. It makes a tight mound topped by rich purple flowers in late July.

## 'Megan's Angel'

Huge, (22" X 54" or larger)

(D. & M. Beilstein 2009) - (Sport of streaked 'Blue Angel') \$4.50



This one of Doug Beilstein's is a sport of the classic 'Blue Angel', named for his daughter. The huge blue leaves emerge with this wide, soft yellow border that will become white by late summer. It grows well and has the same wonderful near white flower display as its parent. It will grow large enough to fill a whiskey barrel.

**'Mighty Mouse'** Mini, (7" x18") (Walters Gardens 2006) - (Sport of 'Blue Mouse Ears') \$4.00



Here is another good growing "mouse" for your mouse nest. This one emerges with nice white margins that hold that color all summer. One of the best.

**'Millennium'** Huge. (36" x 74") (J. & J. Wilkins 1995) - ('Herb Benedict' x 'Sagae') \$3.75



This hosta for the ages has large rounded very dark blue green leaves that form a wide spreading mound eight or more feet wide at times. It has pure white flowers on straight four-foot scapes. This classic hosta grows well almost everywhere.

# 'Orange Marmalade'PP16,742

GHF Introduction Large, (18" x 42") (Solberg 2002) - (Sport of 'Paul's Glory') \$4.50



Breath-taking mound of heart-shaped blue leaves with a center that emerges bright yellow, then turns an orangish gold before becoming pale yellow or white depending on the amount of sun. It has lavender flowers in July. Beautifully variegated all summer! Yes, it really looks orange-yellow or yelloworange, like the Crayola crayons.

#### 'Parthenon'

Medium, (15" x 36") (M. Zilis 2010) - (Sport of *H. plantaginea* 'Athena') \$5.00

This *H. plantaginea* sport has a pure white leaf center and wide dark green margins. It grows better than many of the other *H. plantaginea* sports and has large double flowers with many petals.

## 'Permafrost'

Medium, (14" x 36") (M. Zilis 2010) - (Sport of 'First Frost') \$4.50

This sport of 'First Frost' has very colorful rich blue perfectly heart-shaped leaves with wide yellow margins. It is smaller and slower growing than its parent, but the color combination is better.

#### 'Picasso'

Small, (18" x 8") (M. Zilis 2011) - (Sport of 'Indigo') \$5.00



This sport of Bob Savory's 'Indigo' has beautiful very blue narrow leaves with a yellow margin making this distinct hosta perfect for a container with other minis.

#### 'Pixie Vamp'

Mini (6" x 12") (D. & J. Ward 1996) - ('Pin Stripe' seedling) \$3.75



This very showy mini has wide white margins on its green heart-shaped leaves. It makes very flat tight clumps and will brighten up any container.

## 'Poseidon'

Large (20" x 45") (M. Zilis 2010) - (Sport of *H. plantaginea* 'Athena') \$4.50



This drop dead pure white-margined sport of a doubled flowered *H. plantaginea* 'Athena' is a light and airy addition to the garden. The flowers are great, but the shiny light green variegated foliage steals the show.

## 'Quilting Bee'

Size (9" x 26") (R. O'Harra 1999) \$3.75

I loved this little dark green hosta from the first time I saw it in Russ O'Harra's garden. It has little oval leaves that are heavily "quilted". It makes a very tight clump and grows quickly.

#### 'Road Rage'

Medium, (15<sup>°</sup> x 27<sup>°</sup>) (D. & M. Beilstein 2018) - ('King of Spades' seedling) \$5.00



Some may say this is an ugly hosta, but most of us think it only weird, and weird is good, in this case very good. It has variable green leaves that are puckered but have extra ridges that protrude upward. Yes, weird! It is medium in size and seems to grow very well. From Doug Beilstein, it is certainly a conversation starter.

## 'Ruffles N Ridges'

Huge, (36" x 72") (R. & G. Fox 2018) - ('Komodo Dragon' X 'Powder Blue') \$5.00



If you think bigger is better, this beast is for you. Bob Fox is known for his huge blue seedlings and this is one of the biggest, waist high and almost seven feet across. But it is those huge ruffled round leaves with deep veining that give it its attitude. A cross of 'Komodo Dragon' and 'Powder Blue', yes, it is a true monster.

## 'Sandhill Crane'

Small, (18" x 26") (G. Johnson 2004) - (F-2 seedling of *H. longissima* from Japan) NEW \$3.25



This small, but not mini, hosta has very upright narrow green leaves bordered in pure white. It almost has a sedge-like appearance in the garden and stands out if placed in front of a rock. It has lavender flowers in late July.

#### 'Sno Cone'

GHF Introduction Medium, (10" x 24") (Solberg 2009) - (Sport of 'Night before Christmas') \$5.50



The leaves of this white-centered hosta do not melt out in summer's heat, they tend to become a little greener instead. This hosta is not only a very white beacon in the garden but also grows well.

**'Sun Worshiper'** GHF Introduction Medium, (10" x 22") (Solberg 2006) - ('Whiskey Sour' x 'Whiskey Sour' sibling) NEW \$4.00



This fast growing hosta holds its yellow color very well even in the shade which it prefers. It makes a flowing mound of very yellow, almost translucent foliage in the spring that beckons to garden visitors.

## 'Tears of Joy'

Mini, (4" x 13") (P. Black & T. Johnson, Sebright Gardens 2005) - (Sport of 'Tiny Tears') \$4.50



This little *H. venusta* like mini has green leaves that are folded and twisted when they emerge. It is a fast grower and spreader, perfect for covering a container or trough. The flowers appear to be yellow, lots of pollen but no petals. It is different.

#### 'Titanium'

Medium (9" x 34") (D. Dean 2000) - ('Urajiro Hachigo' x 'Blue Clown') \$4.50



This very waxy blue hosta has nicely ruffled leaves with good substance. It makes a spreading clump of flowing foliage.

## 'Twinkle Little Star'

Small, (8" x 16") (D. Dean 2017) - (['Astral Bliss' X 'Purple Verticulated Elf'] X 'Chabo Unazuki')

NEW \$6.00



This almost mini new from Don Dean has just 4" leaves and stands only 8" tall. It makes a very tight flat mound of wavy very blue foliage that is folded into a star-shaped points. On the other hand, it looks a little prickly, too. Of all his great blue hostas this is my favorite by far.

# 'Twist Tie'

GHF Introduction Small, (10" x 18") (Solberg 2017) - ('Tongue Twister' X ['Iwa' X 'Blue Blush']) \$3.75



'Twist Tie' is a small blue green hosta with very upright twisted leaves. It is from 'Tongue Twister' and like it has very good substance and is one of the last hostas to go to sleep.

## 'Viking Ship'

Large, (33" x 60") (R. Weigand) - ('Komodo Dragon' seedling) NEW \$5.00



This very large upright hosta holds its ruffled, saucerlike blue-grey leaves almost parallel to the ground. It makes an impressive mound topped but white flowers in June.

# 'Wonderful'

Mini, (3" x 6") (G. R. Goodwin 2005) - ('Little Wonder' seedling) \$3.75



This unique true mini from Randy Goodwin has bright yellow tear drop shaped leaves in spring that darken some in summer. It makes a very flat mound only a few inches tall and has orchid colored flowers on short scapes in July. Perfect in a container.

## 'Wonderland'

Small, (7.5" x 14") (A. Malloy 2005) - ('Magic Colors' sport) NEW \$6.00



This generally overlooked hosta is one of the best. It has undulating leaves that pinwheel from the center of its eyecatching mound. The leaves have two colors of variegation, a wide light-yellow margin on the leaf edge with a white line inside of that toward the green leaf center. We are happy to finally offer this nursery favorite.

## 'Woodland Elf'

Mini, (3" x 10") (D. Dean 2005) - ('Little Wonder' x 'Popo') \$4.50



This very cute mini makes a low mound has bright white margins on its rich green leaves. It has nice purple flowers on well-proportioned scapes in June.

## 'X-cellent'

Small-Medium, (11" x 30") (D. & M. Beilstein 2018) - ([Streaked seedling 7 SPEC 149 ED] seedling) \$5.00



This beauty has wide green margins and a strong yellow leaf center that will become white in more light. It makes a tight clump with the strongly veined leaves folded upward. Excellent.

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