

Hosta Resources

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. 1st Edition. Timber Press, 2004 - Gardening - 407 pages. And *The New Encyclopedia of Hostas* by Diana Grenfell and Michael Shadrack. 2nd 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/>

On-line hosta information and discussion lists:

- Facebook groups for the American Hosta Society and the Ontario Hosta Society
- Internet Hosta forums:
 - 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/>
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>

In addition, many good hosta nurseries in both the US and Canada have extensive web sites with pictures and information about the varieties they sell.

Hostas of the Year

1996 'So Sweet'	2003 'Regal Splendor'	2010 'First Frost'
1997 'Patriot'	2004 'Sum and Substance'	2011 'Praying Hands'
1998 'Fragrant Bouquet'	2005 'Striptease'	2012 'Liberty'
1999 'Paul's Glory'	2006 'Stained Glass'	2013 'Rainforest Sunrise'
2000 'Sagae'	2007 'Paradigm'	2014 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'
2001 'June'	2008 'Blue Mouse Ears'	2015 'Victory'
2002 'Guacamole'	2009 'Earth Angel'	2016 'Curly Fries'

Companion plants

I left the subject of companion plants out of the talk because of time constraints.

Companion plants in the hosta garden include spring bulbs. There will be a messy period until the foliage is pulled out, usually in mid-June, but tulips look lovely with emerging hostas as do other spring bulbs.

I also use various Astilbes, Ferns, Heucheras, Brunnera, Columbine, Campanula, Digitalis and daylilies of appropriate scale. I had Pulmonaria, but tired of picking out seedlings all over my entire garden and have removed it.

For annuals, I've used Impatiens, but don't recommend it at the moment because of fungus problems. I sometimes interplant snapdragons and Coleus.

I have quite a bit of sedum at the edges of my gardens but suspect it may provide a haven for slugs.

Not a plant, but for the hostas in pots, I use decorative rocks on the soil surface to discourage digging squirrels.