



'Tiara' series

This month we look at a mini-series of cultivars that originated from the species, *h. nakaiana*.

The 'Tiara' series of cultivars share a distinctive leaf shape and habit that is quite easy to recognise...

H. 'Golden Tiara'

The series begins with *h.* 'Golden Tiara', a hybrid of *h. nakaiana*.

The table below chronologically lists all cultivar sports and crosses registered in the Tiara series, together with their sports.

Varieties we hold in our collection are linked to more information:

 <p><i>H.</i> 'Golden Scepter', 1983</p>	 <p><i>H.</i> 'Emerald Tiara', 1988</p> <p><i>H.</i> 'Silver Tiara', 1988</p>
 <p><i>H.</i> 'Diamond Tiara', 1985</p>	<p><i>H.</i> 'Margaret Mary Tiara', 2001</p>
 <p><i>H.</i> 'Platinum Tiara', 1987</p>	 <p><i>H.</i> 'Platinum Tiara' has a much lighter green leaf with narrow white margins and grey-green streaking. Excellent contrast for blue varieties.</p>

H. 'Golden Tiara'

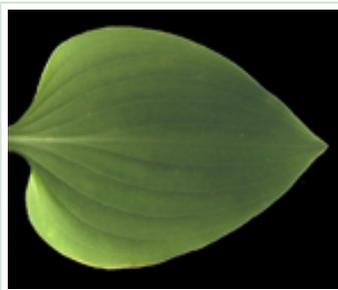
Registered by Savory in 1977, this medium-sized hosta grows slightly beyond the registered dimensions, forming a lovely open clump of delightfully heart-shaped, leaves.



All cultivars in the Tiara series share a similar habit, they only vary slightly in mound size. This makes them excellent planting partners for each other. They also look good planted among blue varieties for contrast.

August is here...

... and not a moment too soon. What a season it has been so far, especially weather-wise. The long cold, dry winter and spring, followed by bakingly high temperatures and continued lack of rainfall has given us many challenges. However, it seems the hostas are coping far better than us. Some miniature varieties are already producing a second flush of leaves to replace ones dying back in the heat.



H. 'Jade Scepter', 1988



H. 'Royal Tiara',
1988



*H. 'Paradise
Goldheart'*,
unregistered

*H. 'Royal
Charm'*, 2003



H. 'Grand Tiara', 1991



H. 'Amber Tiara',
1998



H. 'Flame Tiara',
2004

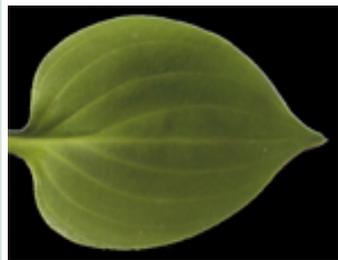
H. 'Crystal Tiara', 1998

H. 'Gilded Tiara', 1998

H. 'Grand Prize', 1998

H. 'Heavenly Tiara', 1998

H. 'Topaz Tiara', 1998



H. 'Teaspoon', cross
with *h. 'Birchwood
Parky's Gold'*, 1998



H. 'Teaspoon' is a very popular member of the Tiara series. It is a fast growing, prolific producer of serrated-edged leaves.

H. 'Emerald Scepter',
2003

H. 'Glen Tiara', 2003

H. 'Sunny Tiara', 2006

Show feedback

We are delighted to report that our **Plant Heritage** exhibit at **Hampton Court Flower Show** was very well received.



Apparently more signage on the exhibit would have earned us a Gold. We had anticipated being judged in the Lindley category (for educational displays) so made full use of our display boards, which should have been judged as an integral part of the stand. Unfortunately, the judging panel used the Floral criteria to judge in Plant Heritage!



We have just returned from the **Tatton Park Flower Show**, where we were exhibiting in the Plant Heritage Marquee. The show content had shrunk considerably since last year, which was a shame for all the visitors. Given the lovely location and ease of access, it surprises us that this show is not more popular.

Coming up...

The nursery will be open throughout August. We will be doing a lot of dividing and re-potting of both sales and collection plants this month, so why not give us a visit and see a working nursery in action.

We will also be exhibiting at the Hyde Hall 'Celebration of Plants' event during the month, and preparing for the Wisley and Harrogate Autumn Flower Shows in early September - see our [show calendar](#) for more information.



Next month: We look at the breeding of tetraploid cultivars

The advice and opinions contained within this monthly newsletter have been formed over more than 30 years of experience with the Hosta genus. We are constantly learning and refining that knowledge and would welcome any suggestions that readers of this newsletter would like to make so please [contact us](#).