



# MICKFIELD HOSTAS



## Dear subscriber

Since our last newsletter we have done Hampton Court and Tatton Park shows, both major events and doubly tiring due to the hot weather.

### Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

Once again we staged a Lindley display to celebrate our 10th anniversary of having National Collection status and we enjoyed supporting Plant Heritage, although we were not physically co-located with them in the Floral Marquee.

The length of the show means that the exhibits do not look as fresh as they might come the weekend, and it is so difficult to maintain the high standard we all expect of ourselves for the duration, especially when the weather is hot and dry. The video clip in the side column shows the display on the first morning of the show when it was lovely and fresh.

### Tatton Park Flower Show

Our time at Tatton this year was fraught to say the least. What looked like a great spot in the Floral Marquee turned into a wind tunnel with the result that just as Mel was putting the finishing touches to the display a rather strong cross wind took the display screens down, crushing half the display. It took her and David another 3 hours to rebuild it and arrange to have the display screens erected alongside the display to avoid any issues during the show. The fix was a little ugly and the increasingly bad weather meant they had to secure the screens with guy ropes by the weekend.

The display was awarded a Gold Medal as it was judged to have all the quality required. The fact that the screens were not physically on the display was not deemed any fault of ours. The video clip shows the display post-judging, as the show was opening.

Perhaps the funniest moment was when two ladies decided to sit in between the screens and display to eat their lunch. It looked like they were sitting in the display, with their heads just poking above the plants - a great photo opportunity we let go by to avoid embarrassment.



### RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show 2017

Click on the image above to take a tour of our Hampton Court display. Our stand was alongside the Master Grower display in the Floral Marquee, which we also feature in the video.

A full list of the varieties we used in the display [is available here.](#)



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### Hyde Hall Flower Show...

As you receive this newsletter we are setting up at [Hyde Hall](#) for the last of our multi-day shows this season. This is a lovely, relaxed event which is great for exploring the developing gardens as well as checking out late summer plants from some of the show scene's regular exhibitors. We hope to see you there.

### At the nursery

The 'Liquid Amber' at the nursery is showing signs of autumn colour already. The *Hosta* foliage is joining in and many varieties are looking a little tired now. It has to be expected as the year started so early. Some varieties will automatically produce a second flush of leaves at this time of year and cutting back spent leaves can often encourage this.

There is still plenty of season left before the plants consider dormancy and this is a great time to divide over-sized clumps - visit our [December 2009 newsletter](#) for tips on doing this more easily.

Speak soon,  
Team Mickfield

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### Early closing...

Due to the early onset of autumn among the *Hosta*, we have decided to close the nursery at 5pm on **Monday 4th September.**

If you had planned to pay us a visit after that date, please call **01449 711576** and leave your details. We can then call you to arrange a convenient date to visit.

**Please note: we will continue to send out mail order requests as usual, but will remove spent leaves where appropriate.**