



# MICKFIELD HOSTAS



## Dear subscriber

Muffled squeals of delight could be heard from the depths of tunnel 2 last week as the first shoots of the spring were clearly visible...

As ever, it is the *H. montana* types ahead of the game but there is lots of others considering breaking through. Whatever your plant of choice, this is a great time of year for the promise that it brings - it never fails to delight us.

## Plant Heritage

Our work in support of Plant Heritage, and our own National Collection, has recently taken the form of supplying data into a new information system, which is being rolled out across the country. Ultimately it will form a central repository of information accessible by all in Plant Heritage, and associated agencies.

We already share a great deal of information through our website, most of which will also appear on the new system. However, as this new system is a database, it is an excellent way for us to better share that data with other agencies.

There are plans to create a web front end to the information system, which enable sharing of selected data, as directed by each Collection Holder, which could be of much wider public interest. We will report back when this eventually comes online.

## Show plans

February is a time of seminars and meetings in the run up to the show season. Mel and David attended the RHS Floral seminar at Pershore, which was a well-attended event and it was good to catch up with lots of fellow exhibitors. There are some exciting plans for new features at the RHS shows this coming season, and a new event at Chatsworth. We decided not to apply for the new show, due to other commitments, but we will be at all the other shows we usually attend.

This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our involvement with Plant Heritage and the focus will be on specific branches of the genus, which are specifically good for growing in UK gardens. Once again we will be supporting the displays with an exciting range of



## Mail order update

Due to the mild weather we have continued sending out consignments across winter and have been fulfilling orders at a steady pace over recent weeks. We have already had to remove a few varieties from availability and reduced some to limited.

To avoid disappointment, if you have any specific requests, remember to get in early, especially if those varieties are listed as having limited availability.

If you are new to ordering from us, check our video clip (click on the image above) for more details of the service we provide, or [click here](#) for terms.

## Hosta Hysteria, the 2017 American Hosta Society Convention

Not that we are advocating you miss the

varieties for sale - all tried and tested as excellent growers.

We will share the displays with you again via the newsletter and YouTube, throughout the season.

### More locally...

We have received notification that our applications for the Suffolk Show and Hadleigh Show have been accepted. We are also in at Creake Abbey, in May, and the Norfolk Plant Heritage Spring Plant Fair at Hethersett at the end of April.

The new season is rapidly advancing and we are in the throes of getting the nursery ship-shape for opening in April, although it may be a while before we manage to get the collection tunnel back in operation. Hopefully, by the time the parent plants are beginning to look fab, we should be back in order.

Time to stop chatting and get back to work...

Speak soon,

Team Mickfield

delights of Gardeners'  
World this year...



From June 7-10, the Indianapolis Hosta Society invites you to experience HOSTA Hysteria at the 2017 American Hosta Society National Convention.

We will share our passion for the genus Hosta with you during four days of amazing gardens; socializing; special surprises, fun and education; plus Hoosier-sized helpings of food and hospitality.