



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Dear Subscriber

An early exhibiting finish

It is with great relief we have finished exhibiting for this season as our sales plants are showing signs of autumn. Dormancy is still quite a way off but the leaves on many varieties have already done their work for the year and are showing their autumnal hues.

Our parent plants are still looking great, as they are in much more shade than the sales plants, and because they are mature, they take longer to produce their stash of sugars for dormancy. Even the miniatures are still looking fresh. We re-potted all the miniatures in the collection last autumn and they have all done really well this year. We have been updating the parent images on the website as they have looked so good.

The nursery will be open until the end of September, so why not come and see for yourselves how great *Hosta* can look into the autumn?

NOTE: We have added the Autumn Plant Fair at Helmingham Hall to our [calendar](#).

Planning ahead

There is still plenty of time to plant your *Hosta* to get a head start for next year. *Hosta* grow their next season shoots during dormancy, converting the sugars produced during the year to great effect, especially if they have the benefit of being in the ground over winter. Just to tempt you, we have now popped the [plant lists](#) from each of the show displays, on the website. If you have seen a variety in one of our displays but cannot remember the name, this might help you identify it.

It has been a great year for *Hosta* flowers - the image opposite is of *H. 'Arctic Blast'* with its flower scapes towering above the elegantly arching leaves of the plant mound.

Check out our [Hampton Court movie](#) to see more.

Hip-op happy

Yvonne would like to say 'Thank You' for all the good wishes sent for her speedy recovery from her hip replacement. Break dancing is still off limits but gentle office work is helping her to recuperate.

Speak soon

Team Mickfield

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Mail order update

This month our [mini movie](#) explains what we mean by sending out our mail order plants 'bare-rooted'. As you will see, we take great care in ensuring what we send our customers is in the best condition for planting. It is a time-consuming process but so worthwhile because we know we are posting out good, strong plants.

NOTE: Healthy leaves above the soil does not necessarily mean the root system is also good. Inappropriate over-feeding of *Hosta* can produce more leaves, but often at the expense of a strong root system.

