



# MICKFIELD HOSTAS



## Show and tell

We have survived another tough spring to bring together our display in time for the Harrogate Spring Flower Show.

We had more leaf on show than in 2013, but it all came out in the few days before the show, and during the event. As a consequence the leaves were a little soft but they held reasonably well throughout the show, just craning towards the entrance doors for light.

Unfortunately the weather for the show was very challenging, so thank you to all who braved the conditions and came along. It was certainly very cold in the entrance lobby, where our stand was located, but the light was much better than where we were in the pavilion last spring.



## Harrogate Spring Flower Show 2018

We kicked off our 2018 show season at Harrogate last week - click on the image to view our Gold Medal winning display.



Roy's lovely hanging basket stands, and his re-configuring of the three-tiered plant stands into different sections on legs, were much admired.

As I had hoped, many visitors were inspired by the thought of growing *Hosta* in hanging baskets. The video is a quick look as there was little point in dwelling on the plants given their early stage of unfurling. The display was much 'fuller' looking by the end of the four day show, so by Malvern they should be looking lovely.



## Red stemmed *Hosta*

At the Harrogate Show, and the upcoming Malvern Spring Festival, we are focusing on varieties with stems ranging in colour from pale pink through red to purple.

Therefore, rather than feature a single variety this month, we draw your attention to all the lovely cultivars blessed with colourful petioles and flower scapes - keep an eye out for those colours, they really add a special dimension to the foliage.



**Malvern Spring Festival:** if you would like us to take any pre-orders then please let us know before **Friday 4th May**, otherwise you can find us on stand **MFM735**, very close to the centre of the Marquee.

I do apologise for the short newsletter this month but having got home in the wee small hours yesterday, and with only a few days to prepare for Malvern, time is rather short.

Speak soon,  
Team Mickfield Hostas

Check out our [list of varieties](#) with 'red stems' and you will be able to find many of them for sale with us at Malvern.



### **Nursery open for season**

The collection plants are being moved into the re-erected collection tunnel and work continues apace to prepare for opening the nursery this coming **Friday 4th May**.

[Check our website](#) for more details and don't forget to give us a call if you would like to visit outside of the dates we list - we will do our best to fit around you.