





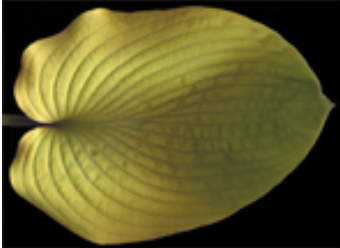



This month we continue to trace the species origin of *h.* 'Dorothy Benedict'...

We also reflect upon the first show of the season, Harrogate Spring, and share some photos of our themed stand.

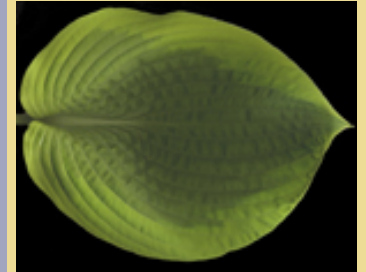
H. 'Frances Williams', the parent of *h.* 'Dorothy Benedict', is a lovely cultivar in its own right, as you can see in the side column.

The list of sports, hybrids and crosses from *h.* 'Frances Williams' are listed chronologically in the table below and again we have only highlighted those cultivars we hold in our collection:

Sports & hybrids		Crosses
 H. 'Golden Nugget'	<p>H. 'Golden Nugget' is a hybrid registered in 1969</p> <p>←</p>	 H. 'Mildred Seaver'
	<p>H. 'Mildred Seaver' is a Breeders Choice cross registered in 1981</p> <p>→</p>	
 H. 'Maple Leaf'	<p>H. 'Maple Leaf' is a sport registered in 1972</p> <p>←</p>	 H. 'Christmas Tree'
	<p>H. 'Christmas Tree' is a cross with <i>h.</i> 'Beatrice' registered in 1982</p> <p>→</p>	
 H. 'Julie Morss'	<p>H. 'Julie Morss' is a hybrid registered in 1983</p> <p>←</p>	 H. 'Helen Doriot'
	<p>H. 'Helen Doriot' is a cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> 'Elegans' registered in 1982</p> <p>→</p>	
 H. 'Golden Sunburst'	<p>H. 'Golden Sunburst' is a sport registered in 1984</p> <p>←</p>	 H. 'Bold Edger'
	<p>H. 'Bold Edger' is a cross with <i>h.</i> 'Beatrice' registered in 1983</p> <p>→</p>	

H. 'Frances Williams' is the pod and pollen parent of *h.* 'Dorothy Benedict'. It shares similar growth characteristics of its parent, *h. sieboldiana* 'Elegans' and has large leaves and ivory flowers.










H. 'Frances Williams'



Registered in 1986, *h.* 'Frances Williams' is a wonderfully textured sport of *h. sieboldiana* 'Elegans'

The sports and crosses from *h.* 'Frances Williams' tend to have an interesting texture to the leaves and many are large cultivars.

H. 'Frances Williams' is a favourite of ours, especially for the subtle colouration and the way the rugosity of the leaves varies from the centre outwards. You can clearly see this characteristic of *h. sieboldiana* 'Elegans' coming through in many of the cultivars derived from *h.* 'Frances Williams' and then into the next generation through *h.* 'Dorothy Benedict'.

	<i>H. 'Hoarfrost'</i> is a hybrid registered in 1986 ←	
<i>H. 'Hoarfrost'</i>	<i>H. 'Quilted Skies'</i> is a cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> registered in 1985 →	<i>H. 'Quilted Skies'</i>
	<i>H. 'DuPage Delight'</i> is a sport registered in 1990 ←	
<i>H. 'DuPage Delight'</i>	<i>H. 'Formal Attire'</i> is a Breeder's Choice cross registered in 1988 →	<i>H. 'Formal Attire'</i>
	<i>H. 'Time Tunnel'</i> is a sport registered in 2001 ←	
<i>H. 'Time Tunnel'</i>	<i>H. 'Robert Frost'</i> is a cross with <i>h. 'Banana Sundae'</i> registered in 1988 →	<i>H. 'Robert Frost'</i>
	<i>H. 'Samurai'</i> is an unregistered sport ←	
<i>H. 'Samurai'</i>	<i>H. 'Maui Buttercups'</i> is a cross with <i>h. 'August Moon'</i> registered in 1991 →	<i>H. 'Maui Buttercups'</i>
	<i>H. 'Cascades'</i> is a cross with <i>h. 'Banana Sundae'</i> registered in 1993 →	
		<i>H. 'Cascades'</i>

Next month we will feature the sibling cultivars of *h. 'Frances Williams'* as we focus on *h. sieboldiana 'Elegans'* in our mini-series tracing the species origin of *h. 'Dorothy Benedict'*.

PSST . . . we have now specified dispatch dates for mail order

When we are away at shows we cannot send out orders so please bear this in mind and select a dispatch date from those [we have listed](#).

Next month: We profile *h. sieboldiana 'Elegans'*, parent of *h. 'Frances Williams'*

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](#).

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Harrogate Spring Show

Our first show of the season was very enjoyable. The showground was bathed in warm spring sunshine for most of the week and there was a good positive atmosphere to contrast the doom and gloom of recent months. This time we created a chinese themed display, which received a Gold Award - click on the images to view:



The display was not without its problems though, as both our ponds decided to leak. Eventually we managed to stem the flow with a strategically placed piece of 2" x 1" batten, avoiding the need to create a moat around the stand.



We found 11p in one of the ponds after the show so perhaps we had managed to achieve an illusion of depth with less than an inch of water!!