



Suffolk special

This month we feature hosta cultivars, which were introduced by Suffolk growers, and highlight the Suffolk Heritage Garden at the Suffolk Punch Trust. We also revisit the benefits of autumn planting...

A brief history

As many of you probably know, we started collecting hosta in 1976. Back then there were very few different cultivars available and we quickly exhausted those we could identify and purchase within the UK.

At the same time as our interest in the genus was developing there were a handful of growers in the UK, choosing to specialise in hosta. Although our interest was increasing, along with our collection, it wasn't until 1992 that we decided to turn our hobby into a business. Goldbrook and Park Green nurseries had by this time become established in Suffolk.

We have 20 introductions from Sandra Bond, of Goldbrook Nursery, and 4 from Richard and Mary Ford of Park Green Nurseries, in our collection:

H. 'Barbara White'

H. 'Tokudama' hybrid
1990 Bond registration

H. 'Bedford Rise and Shine'



H. 'Little Wonder' x *h. yingeri* hybrid
Unregistered Bond introduction

H. 'Dawn'



Unknown parentage
2000 Bond registration

H. 'Goldbrook Girl'

H. 'Little Aurora' x unknown
Unregistered Bond introduction

H. 'Goldbrook Glamour'

H. 'Wide Brim' x *h. 'Halcyon'*
Unregistered Bond introduction

H. 'Goldbrook Glimmer'

Sport of *h. 'Halcyon'*
2009 Bond registration

H. 'Goldbrook Glory'



Sport of *h. 'Zounds'*
Unregistered Bond introduction

H. 'Green with Envy'



Sport of Dawn
2000 Bond registration

H. 'Little Caesar'



Breeder's Choice hybrid
2000 Bond registration

H. 'Venus Star'



H. venusta hybrid
Unregistered BHHS/Ford introduction

Nursery latest...

As we depart for our last two shows of the season, we enter the best time of the year to plant perennials in the garden. We thought the benefits are worth repeating:

Autumn planting:

- allows perennials, shrubs and trees to establish easier
- ensures plants are less subject to the stresses caused by the heat of summer, and the need for extra watering
- weeds grow less rapidly at this time of year, which means less competition for your plants
- allows time for extra growth during dormancy, which makes for stronger plants once they emerge in the spring
- reduces the amount of work required in the spring when everything is crying out for attention at the same time.

We often get enquiries from gardeners looking for recommendations for areas to plant with hostas. Let us know if you are struggling with ideas - we are always happy to help.

H. 'Goldbrook'



Unknown parentage
1989 Bond registration

H. 'Goldbrook Galleon'

H. fluctuans origins
Unregistered Bond
introduction

H. 'Goldbrook Gayle'

Sport of *h.* 'Zounds'
Unregistered Bond
introduction

H. 'Goldbrook Gaynor'

Sport of *h.* 'Love Pat'
Unregistered Bond
introduction

H. 'Goldbrook Genie'

H. nakaiana hybrid
1989 Bond registration

H. 'Goldbrook Gold'

H. sieboldiana hybrid
1989 Bond registration

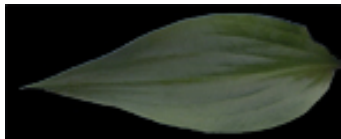
H. 'Goldbrook Grace'

Sport of Golden Prayers
1989 Bond registration

H. 'Goldbrook Gratis'

Sport of Mildred Seaver
Unregistered Bond
introduction

H. 'Goldbrook Grayling'

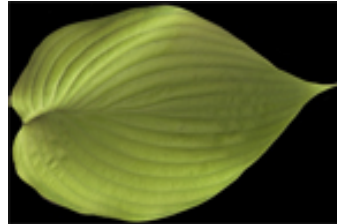


H. 'Happiness' hybrid
Unregistered Bond
introduction

H. 'Goldbrook Grebe'

H. pycnophylla x *h.*
longipes
Unregistered Bond
introduction

H. 'Fran Godfrey'



Sport of *h.* 'Sum and
Substance'
2004 Ford registration

H. 'Gay Search'

Sport of *h.* 'Krossa Regal'
2004 Ford registration

H. 'Royal Golden Jubilee'



Sport of *h.* 'Gold Standard'
2004 Ford registration

Mickfield introductions?

Despite finding many interesting sports over the years, we have only introduced one. This is *h.* 'Pretty Flamingo', which was a selection from seedlings, the pod parent being *h.* 'Venucosa'.

It preceded today's red-stemmed cultivars and was named for its' pink stems and the flower bud, which resembles a birds head. It is a compact plant with neat mid-green leaves and has been popular with customers.



H. 'Pretty Flamingo'

Suffolk Heritage Garden

We will supply divisions of the 'Suffolk Introductions' to the Suffolk Branch of Plant Heritage, for inclusion in a garden under construction at the **Suffolk Punch Trust**

Centre in Hollesley, on the Suffolk coast. The aim of the garden is to ensure the survival of cultivated plants, which originated in Suffolk.

Since tractors became the norm for agriculture, the Suffolk Punch, our unique heavy horse, has declined in numbers, to the point of rare breed status. The Suffolk Punch Trust Was established to address the situation, and now new foals are increasing the stock, each year. They also provide training in the husbandry skills required in the care and handling of these magnificent creatures. The visitor centre is well worth a visit and is only 40 minutes from the nursery.

Next month: [Our review of the 2013 show season...](#)

Our lorry makeover...

After years of abuse, the box on our lorry needs to be replaced. Here are a few pictures (click on them to view) of our replacement lorry box arriving at the nursery and being off-loaded.



This is especially for the 'heavy machinery appreciation society' of which Robin and Roy are lifetime members.



The advice and opinions contained within this monthly newsletter have been formed over more than 38 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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