

This month we continue our look at some classic hostas and the effect they have had on the production of new and interesting cultivars.

H. 'Sum and Substance' is the focus for this issue and our investigation again includes only on those varieties we hold in our collection. Given this limitation though, it is easy to see what influence a single variety can have...

H. 'Sum and Substance' was registered by Paul Aden in 1980. It is a truly stunning hosta that needs lots of space to grow as we have seen mature examples easily exceed the registered dimensions.

The following table links to sports, crosses and hybrids that have been introduced



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Mound size: 60" wide x 36" tall as registered. **Leaves:** 18" long x 15" wide.

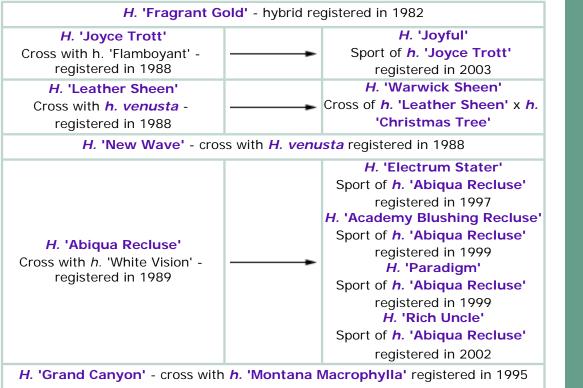
The leaves are of a heavy substance and range from glossy chartreuse to gold. Unlike many hostas, h. 'Sum and Substance' is happy in full sun and shows its best gold in that environment.

Flowers: ivory heads on 72" stems from mid July to mid August.

This is an excellent variety which can provide shade for other hosta varieties in a less shady garden. Due to the number of cultivars that have been produced from *h.* 'Sum and Substance' we only have space to include images of our personal favourites:



H. 'Beauty Substance' Unregistered sport



H. 'Winter Snow' Registered in 2003



H. 'Metallic Sheen' Registered in 1999

H. 'Little Black S	Scape' - hybrid	registered in 1995
H. 'Corona	a' - sport registe	red in 1996
H. 'Domaine de C	Courson' - sport	t registered in 1996
H. 'Lady Isobel B	Barnett' - sport	registered in 1996
H. 'Small Su	m' - hybrid regis	stered in 1996
H. 'Parhe	elion' - registere	ed in 1997
<i>H.</i> 'Bubba'	- hybrid registe	ered in 1998
H. 'Emma' - crossed with a	variegated hosta	a seedling - registered in 1999
H. 'Metallic Sheen' - cro	oss with <i>h.</i> 'Elec	jans' - registered in 1999
<i>H.</i> 'Sum It Up' Registered in 1999		<i>H.</i> 'Friar Tuck' Sport of <i>h.</i> 'Sum It Up' registered in 2005
H. 'Titanio	c' - sport registe	red in 1999
<i>H.</i> 'Kitty Hav	vk' - hybrid regi	stered in 2000
H. 'Sum Cu	p-o-Joe' - regist	tered in 2000
<i>H.</i> 'Lovely Loretta' Cross with <i>h.</i> 'Ginko Graig' - registered in 2002		<i>H.</i> 'Marquette Park' Sport of <i>h.</i> 'Lovely Loretta' registered in 2003
H. 'Golden Decade' - cro	ss with venusta	seedling registered in 2003
H. 'Lakeside Iron Man' - cro	ossed with a hos	sta seedling registered in 2003
H. 'Rayleigh Remembranc	e' - cross with p	lantaginea registered in 2003
<i>H.</i> 'Sum o	of All' - register	ed in 2003
H. 'Winter	Snow' - registe	ered in 2003
H. 'Jaz' - cross	s with yingeri reg	gistered in 2004
H. 'Beauty Su	ubstance' - unre	egistered sport
H. ' Gunther	r's Prize' - unre	gistered sport
H. 'Nancy Gill' - u	unregistered cros	ss with pycnophylla
<i>H.</i> 'Shiny Su	bstance' - unre	gistered sport
H. 'Sumthin	ng Good' - unreo	gistered sport

H. 'Sum and Substance' was the winner of the Distinguished Merit Hosta Award in 1990 and was declared the American Hosta Society's Hosta of the Year in 2004. In 2006, *H.* 'Sum and Substance' was placed 6th in the annual AHS popularity poll and we suspect it will remain highly placed in coming years.

Did you know... we have our blackbirds nesting in *h*. 'Pineapple Poll' Yes, for the second year we will not be able to bring out this cultivar until the eggs have hatched and the fledglings have gone. We are also having to restrict activities in the packing shed as the robins are nesting there at the moment!

Next month: Continuing our series on parentage we focus on H. 'Tokudama'



H. 'Sum of All' Registered in 2003



H. 'Small Sum' Registered in 1996



H. 'Friar Tuck' Registered in 2005



H. 'Titanic' Registered in 1999



H. 'Paradigm' Registered in 1999

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.