

ED ELSLAGER SEEDLING COMPETITION : RULES & REGULATIONS

Please enter only plants of distinction.

Plants may be checked in Wednesday, June 10, 1:00PM to 7:00PM & June 11, 7:00AM to 9:00AM. Kildare Boardroom. Judging will take place immediately following the leaf show judging (June 11, approx.. 11:30AM). Attendee voting will end Sat. 9 am, and Awards placed. Plants must be removed Sat. June 13th between 3:00PM and 4:30PM.

1. Entry of seedlings in the Ed Elslager Hybridizing Society Seedling Competition is open to everyone.
2. Exhibitors must indicate on the Convention Registration Form the total number of plants they will be entering (the limit is 10 total plants with a maximum of two in any one Class)
3. If you are not attending the convention, you must notify Lisa Quiggle Lisa.I.Quiggle@gmail.com of your total number of entries by May 15th, 2026.
4. If not attending the convention, your acknowledged representative may enter your plants. Any awards won will be awarded to originator.
5. A maximum of 150 plants will be exhibited and judged. Management has the right to further reduce the limit of entries per exhibitor if entries exceed 150 plants.
6. A minimum of two crowns are required, all of an identical type shall be entered. Bloom scapes may be removed or left intact at the discretion of the exhibitor.
7. All plants will be exhibited in a plain black plastic pot, pot size to be determined by the exhibitor. Any foreign substances on plant will result in disqualification. Only potting soil is allowed in pot. No taping, staking or other means of support or repair is allowed
8. Only unregistered, unnamed seedlings are eligible.
9. All Seedlings entered in this competition must be of Registrants' own crosses or selected OP-seeds from their garden. Seedlings grown from other sources may be used as a pod or pollen parent for your crosses.
10. Plants appearing to exhibit nematodes, viruses or other diseases or pests will not be allowed in the exhibition room. Decisions on this will be made by the hosta show chair or the person designated by the show chair.
11. Touching the plants is not allowed during viewing and judging. During voting no talking about the plants to others will be allowed, once your voting is done you will turn in your ballot and leave the room so others may enter.
12. All plants must remain in the exhibition area until clean up Saturday.
13. Each class must have more than one entry for an award to be awarded. Attendees' will vote for one (1) seedling per class and for one seedling for Best of Show.
14. Each Class will have two winners, one chosen by attendees' popular vote and the other by the Competition Judges, independently.
15. Two Best of Show winners will be awarded, one to the seedling with the highest overall number of the popular votes and the other by the Completion Judges, independently.
16. Ballots for attendees will be issued inside Kildare Boardroom. One ballot per attendee equated to convention registration number or exhibitor number.
17. An attendant will be in exhibition area during viewing times but the convention assumes no responsibility for exhibits.

Seedling Classes	Description (Rules and Qualifications above)
Class 1	Green (all shades, shapes & sizes)
Class 2	Yellow (all shades, shapes & sizes)
Class 3	Blue (all shades, shapes & sizes)
Class 4	Margin-variegated with lighter margin (all shades, shapes & sizes)
Class 5	Medio-variegated with lighter center (all shades, shapes & sizes)
Class 6	Small and Mini (all foliage colors, shapes & sizes)
Class 7	Streaked/Splashed/Misted (all foliage colors, shape & sizes)
Class 8	Best Use of Red (petioles, veins, blushes – all colors, shapes & sizes)

Ed Elslager Seedling Competition Criteria 2026

POINT SCORING FOR THIS DIVISION (Judges)

Distinction	60 points
Color and Pattern	10 points
Form	10 points
Substance	10 points
Condition and Grooming	5 points
Clump size (includes number of divisions)	5 points

TOTAL 100 points

Since each plant in this division is a unique entry, the judges are to evaluate each plant on the above point system. Please note the number of points for distinction.

JUDGING TEAM (three members)

consist of the following three category members (all non competing individuals)

- 1 two (2) known hybridizer of hosta
- 2 a nurseryman / grower / hosta expert / gardener

AWARDS

- Class I
- Class II
- Class III
- Class IV
- Class V
- Class VI
- Class VII
- Class VIII

Best of Show Judging Team

Peoples Choice Best of Show (attendees and seedling registrants only)