

Niagara College Greenhouse & Nursery Success Sheet No. 130

Hosta 'Paul's Glory'

History

Hostas are a hardy perennial plant thriving in USDA zones 3a-8b. The cultivar 'Paul's Glory' was discovered in 1987 by Paul Hofer in Perry, Ohio. It was found as a mutation of the hosta 'Perry's True Blue.' 'Paul's Glory' was named Hosta of the Year in 1999 and was considered the best new hosta in years.

Description

Hostas are densely mounded plants with large leaves. 'Paul's Glory' has a chartreuse or golden-yellow leaf colour that brightens to a white gold later in the season. The leaf margin is a dark green or medium blue-green. The leaves are heart shaped, with a wavy or corrugated appearance, and are medium sized.

The flowers are bell shaped and a pale lavender colour. They grow on a stalk that can get to be 24 inches tall. The flowers bloom in late spring and are at their peak at the same time as the foliage.

Shade

Hostas like morning sun and filtered or midday shade. 'Paul's Glory' likes the sun in order to develop good leaf colour although intense noonday sun can bleach the leaf colour. This award-winning hosta can tolerate full shade or full sun while changing the intensity of the leaf colour.

Soil

Hostas are very soil tolerant but prefer fertile, moist, well-drained soil. They also require a complete fertilizer program. They require

little water and are somewhat drought tolerant, as long as mulch holds water in the soil.

Plant Care

The bloom stalks should be removed when the flowers have finished blooming. This removal will improve the appearance of the plant as well as allow for a second bloom.

Birds love the seeds, so to encourage birds, leave the stalks on until the seeds have fallen. The plants will continue to grow and widen. If they grow too big for the space, they can be divided and replanted.

Value

Hostas are good as woodland plants or in a mixed border. Their coarse texture works well with fine-textured plants. The low, mounded growth does well in a mixed border, covering the sparse lower branches of shrubs and other plants. The colouring of 'Paul's Glory' allows for an attractive planting.

Pests

Common pests of hostas are snails and slugs, which like the leaves and eat unattractive holes in them. These pests like moist conditions but are easily controlled. Hosta virus X has also been found on 'Paul's Glory.' Hostas can also get leaf spot and crown rot, and be bothered by other chewing insects.

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