

2020 Hosta of the Year - 'Dancing Queen'



'Dancing Queen', one of the best yellow hostas on the market, has been named Hosta of the Year for 2020. The foliage emerges in the spring an incredible bright yellow. The leaves are large with dancing ruffles on the margins. Deep veining and some nice corrugation add to its beauty.

Most descriptions you read of 'Dancing Queen' say that it holds its bright yellow color all season. We have found that it

does hold its color well, but generally turns lime green late in the summer.

This variety circles a tree in the area of our gardens we call the Parkway (by the parking lot), where it puts on a great show. As young plants, the ones on the south side of the tree tended to burn a bit in the heat of summer, but as the plants matured, the burning subsided. Naturally, moisture always helps any hosta keep from burning.

We list 'Dancing Queen' as a medium sized hosta, but it is probably on the large end of that range, growing up to 40" wide and 20" tall, with large leaves. Lavender flowers contrast nicely with the golden foliage.

It's an interesting coincidence that both the Perennial of the Year and the Hosta of the Year for 2020 feature bright yellow foliage for shady situations. They are both great choices to add some pop to your shade garden.