



# KUTTING KREW

## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022

### THE UNDERAPPRECIATED HOSTA



I don't know about you, but I spend a fair part of my winter dreaming about warmer days and getting back out in my garden. I think about what plant material I enjoyed last year and start planning for

the season to come.

We've all heard of the hosta and most of us have one, if not a few; so when Keith asked me to write about my favourite plant this year, without hesitation, I came right back to the hosta. Here are a few reasons why...

They come in such a wide range of varieties, from elephant's ear to variegated, each plant has approximately the same great characteristics. They're easy to grow, some can be planted in full sun, partial sun, partial shade, or even full shade, and have a very fragrant bloom at least once a year.

These plants are perfect for our climate/zone. I even manage keeping them alive at our cottage in Minden. I keep them in pots on top of the flower bed and they come back the perfect size, year after year, because they've been "contained!"

Hostas are also very easy on my wallet, as if their hardiness wasn't already enough. It's amazing how they can be divided and transplanted so easily, virtually enabling you to have two or four times as many plants each year.

In addition, because their leaves are so beautifully shaped and shiny, they create the perfect encasement for any cut flowers that I bring into the house. Instantly, a florist worthy bouquet is created. The leaves don't brown easily, so my bouquet lasts longer.

Let's not forget about the tall white, or sometimes purple, flowers, popping out in the summer. They smell amazing and make a great cutting arrangement on their own or with other flowers, as well.

Finally, as someone who likes big pay off for little work - Keith sometimes calls this lazy, while I prefer to refer to it as just working smart - hosta plants are incredibly easy to take care of. Simply cut back the plant once a year before winter and you're good to go. It just doesn't get easier than that!

Thanks for sharing my little hosta appreciation moment. I'd love to hear about your favourite plants and the reasons that make them your favourite.

Let's all enjoy every second of this upcoming season! - Christy



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### SPRING IS FINALLY HERE AGAIN!



With everything going on in the world, it seems like a very long time since the grass was green. Please give us a call if you need some extra garden work done, or want to discuss your services. Last year was a very busy year for gardening. There was a lot of demand for planting and

services last year. It's a good idea to get any special requests in early, so we can get them done in a timely way. Have a great summer! - Keith



# TUBEROUS BEGONIAS



A great addition to your garden, these annuals are good performers in shade, and tolerant of some sun as well. They offer a good range of colour and hold up to the heat pretty well. Although like most annuals, they need regular watering to thrive.

## INFLATION

Unfortunately this year, many expenses from our business have gone up. Primarily hiring good people costs more than it ever did, and gas costs are driving many of our expenses too.

We are also beginning to transition toward more eco friendly equipment, some that is just more fuel efficient, and some electric. The electric is improving in terms of cost and efficiency, but is still much more expensive than our traditional gas powered equipment.

It will take years to work out all the kinks, but electric garden equipment is here to stay. - Keith



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