



From Joy Adams' hosta gardens...



...to the Iowa Lions Donor Memorial & Healing Garden...



...to your garden!

***Iowa Lions Eye Bank  
is proud and excited to offer this opportunity  
to purchase Hosta 'Gift of Sight' !!***

**Joy Adams** from Monticello, IA is a **bilateral cornea transplant recipient**. *"In 2008, I was blessed with two cornea transplants at the University of Iowa [Dr. Ken Goins, surgeon] for which I will be forever grateful! I received my sight back so that I could be a caretaker to my husband, see the beauty of each day, walk without my white cane and maintain my large hosta gardens!"*

In gratefulness for receiving the Gift of Sight twice, Joy wanted to honor both of her cornea donors and also thank the **Iowa Lions Eye Bank**, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and the Lions Clubs of Iowa in a very special way. Within her acres of magnificent hosta gardens, she developed and grew a unique seedling hosta plant which was then selected, named and nationally registered with The American Hosta Society as **Hosta 'Gift of Sight'** (\*a link to the international hosta registration web site is included on the next page). Joy generously donated the original plant to the **Iowa Lions Eye Bank**. It was officially dedicated to the Iowa Lions Donor Memorial & Healing Garden during the 2010 Annual Spring Dedication Ceremony. Over the course of the next 2 years, Q&Z Nursery Laboratory in Rochelle, Illinois skillfully tissue cultured the original plant and meticulously grew a limited quantity of **Hosta 'Gift of Sight'** plants, available for purchase through the **Iowa Lions Eye Bank** at a cost of **\$35 per plant**.

Joy sincerely hopes that *"this project will help raise funds so that someday, everyone in need of a cornea transplant will receive the gift of sight as I did, and research will find a cure for eye diseases."*



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\*The Hosta Registry is a service provided by The American Hosta Society in its capacity as the International Registration Authority from the Genus Hosta. Hosta enthusiasts, growers, hybridizers, nurserymen, and horticulturists will find this growing resource an invaluable tool. <http://hostaregistrar.org> [Go to this link, type *Gift of Sight* in the box next to “Cultivar Name,” choose “Anywhere in Cultivar Name” and then click “search.”]

*Hosta 'Gift of Sight'* is an offspring of the giant Sum and Substance Hosta; foliage may eventually reach 3 feet high and several feet wide! The seedling “sport” from this large hosta was chosen as *Hosta 'Gift of Sight'* because of its extreme “resemblance” to an actual cornea; the leaves have a white margin and are slightly rippled. The shape of the leaves is also unique—they cup inward, as hands offering a “gift.”

Hosta is an easy-to-grow, low maintenance, long-lived, shade-loving perennial that grows well under trees, in borders, and as a ground cover. Select a planting site with light to full shade and moist, well-drained soil. Spring is an excellent time to plant any hosta. Plants should be spaced 1 to 3 feet apart. Prepare the garden bed by loosening the soil to a depth of 12 to 15 inches, then mix in a 2- to 4-inch layer of compost. Dig a hole twice the diameter of the pot the plant is in. Carefully remove the plant from its container and place it in the hole so the top of the root ball is level with the soil surface. Carefully fill in around the root ball and firm the soil gently. Water thoroughly. Apply a thin layer of compost each spring, followed by a 2-inch layer of mulch to retain moisture and control weeds. Water plants during the summer if rainfall is less than 1 inch per week. After the first killing frost, cut plant back to an inch or two above soil line. Divide plants every 3 to 4 years as new growth begins in the spring, lifting plants and dividing them into clumps.