

Garden Committee Report: Spring 2019

Robert Pries, place-holding chair

As I asked at the last meeting I would like if someone would come forward and take over the Gardens Committee.

Display Gardens: Just because this committee has been relatively inactive does not mean it is unimportant. Most sections have seen the value of listing Display Gardens where their particular Iris can be seen and someone could meet a grower of these irises. Obviously a nationwide reference database of Gardens could help people find gardens in their region that display irises.

Test Gardens: Test gardens are a bit more complicated in that they attempt to create in depth descriptions of Irises such that an unknown iris might confidently be identified. They also Evaluate irises for a particular climate area.

National Collections: Attempt to save certain collections of Iris from oblivion.

None of these tasks are really being performed in an integrated way on a national basis by AIS.