

Gardens Committee Report

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The Gardens Committee comprises three subcommittees

1. Display Gardens
2. National Collections
3. Test gardens

Display Gardens:

As yet we have no system of National Display gardens. While individual sections have display gardens no comprehensive list has been generated of these gardens or any official designation of National display gardens

National Collections:

While there has been a few attempts at creating preservation gardens of this type there has been no recent attempts to my knowledge to create National Collections of Iris consistent with the National collection system for all plants run by the American Public Gardens Association.

Test Gardens:

To my knowledge, the only Test Garden in AIS is the Loomis Test Garden in Boulder Colorado. This has pretty much functioned independently of any national system.

Conclusions:

The AIS Gardens System doesn't exist. There seems to be little interest in functioning as a national organization and most efforts are fragmented and ineffective in producing new knowledge, preservation, or promotion on a national or international level.