

Gardens Committee: Fall 2014

The gardens committee (Display, Test, and National Collections) took two steps forward and two steps back this year. The chairman has not been able to devote the energy needed do to ill health, and overwork. But there is a rising tide of enthusiasm as more irisarians discover the committee's existence.

National Collections: This was a very promising area early in the year. Presby Gardens had applied to the APGA for status as a National Iris Collection. This would have been the first American National Collection of Iris. Britain has several as described in the Iris encyclopedia. Unfortunately Essex County cut back their budget and Linda Sercus who was spearheading the initiative was cut along with other paid employees.

Display Gardens: Several new display gardens have submitted applications and when enough material (images) are available they will be listed and displayed on the Garden Web of the Encyclopedia.

Test Gardens: This area is still in development.

Initiatives; Currently awaiting help,

1. American Iris Society Display garden Sign
2. QR codes for display gardens

Currently the Gardens Web on the Encyclopedia is in place and further information will be added. Hopefully interested individuals will emerge that will help with the tasks of this committee. The potential for development is huge and the possibilities for involving iris lovers immense.

Respectfully submitted

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