

AIS Gardens Committee Report

My two sub-chairman have been active. Progress is slow as we carefully develop this new area. I encourage the board to help enlist gardens in our display garden directory. See reports below.

Bob Pries.

National Collections:

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Bob,

I thought I would update you on National Collections. I have been contacting all of the iris societies trying to set up phone appointments to discuss NC but have had a rather low response rate. I have established that only 3 societies have data chairs and I have found a number of people interested in hosting core collections. One society President emailed me that his society was not interested in participating in a National database, a rather curious response since I hadn't even had opportunity to talk to him about NC.

I expect this to be a several year project getting contacts and infrastructure in place. I hope to convince each society to appoint a data chair and do a survey of their respective class(es) and do an analysis of the data. I think core class collections will get traction/has gotten traction. The beauty is in the simplicity of the focus of the collection.

I have reached out to HIPS and Doug Paschall who initiated the Guardian Gardens program and is also it appears advocating for a more structured approach to preservation. He and I have corresponded.

I am trying to establish contacts in Europe and think I may have found one in Catherine Adams who was the liaison in the shipment of historic Cayeux iris last year.

I will be presenting NC to HIPS in Portland in a couple of weeks as part of a presentation on historic dwarf and median iris. I have been punching numbers and want to show them statistically why we should be able save more iris.

It proceeds slowly and I have lowered my expectations for how much will get done in what amount of time. Things seem to move slowly in the iris world and I don't know if it is all just because we are getting older.

Charlie:

Display Gardens

Chairman George Boyce, Glenara Gardens, PA

A new committee attempted to solve an old problem of "approved" **Display Gardens**.

The approved gardens will be listed on the AIS website. Applications for review and approval are on the website.

Applications are to be sent to me to begin the process for review and consideration. Wherever possible, I am soliciting the RVP's to visit the gardens who apply and offer comments. Photos are most welcome and helpful from the applicants.

A review of the gardens will be required every 3 years and they must be open to the public during iris bloom time.

It is hoped that our affiliate iris groups will use the AIS listing for their display gardens system. I will be attending as many of their meetings as possible over the next few days urging them to do so.

A committee for the **Test Garden** regulations is being formed and will hopefully have a report soon.

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