

HIPS Awards and Honorariums 2018
Paul Gossett, A&H Chair

The HIPS Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mary Hess, owner of Bluebird Haven Iris Garden, at the 2018 HIPS Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Mary has been a champion of historic irises for many years and a longtime HIPS member. Her collection of historic irises numbers in the thousands and is one of the largest in the world.

Mary was unable to accept the award in person so Jean Richter, former recipient, graciously offered to take it to Mary and deliver it in person.

Congratulations, Mary, and thank you for your work to preserve our iris heritage!