

Databank Chair 2018 Annual Report

The past year saw an exponential increase in databank reports received, with increased reports coming from display gardens, garden partners and Guardian Gardens members.

Communication of databank reports in almost exclusively conducted by email

- Cathy Egerer, along with Nancy McDonald and Laetitia Munroe, supported many outreach efforts by ensuring requests for lists appeared on the HIPS website, the e-newsletter, ROOTS editions and at the annual AIS conference.
- Only 1 reporting member does not have an email address.

169 total reports were submitted, up from 135 in 2017

- 50 new lists were submitted for the first time (up from 26 in 2017)
- 40 lists were updated on an annual basis, from 2017 (up from 29 in 2017)
- 24 lists were submitted in 2017 and have not been updated
- 54 lists date from 2016 growing season, 12 of which are critical to update (late 2015/early 2016)

6180 cultivars are or have been grown by HIPS members, up from 5599 in 2017

418 cultivars in the databank are no longer reported as being grown

Top Ten most grown cultivars

70	Wabash
59	Indian Chief
57	Immortality
56	Quaker Lady
54	Florentina
54	Loreley
51	Swerti
49	Helen Collingwood
46	Flavescens
46	Ola Kala

Goals for 2019:

- continue campaign by email for updated inventories
- continue submission of inventories by display gardens
- continue collaborative work to harmonize member, commercial and GG lists

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