

2018 HIPS RHIZOME SALE CHAIR REPORT

The Rhizome Sale was larger than expected in 2018 in spite of bad weather across the country that affected the size and number of rhizomes donated. We had nearly 50 donors again. The sale had a high percentage of medians due to a couple of collectors downsizing their gardens. We sold over 500 more individual rhizomes than the prior year and processed over 200 orders. During the bulk box section of the sale we sold nearly 30 boxes and cleared the shipping department of leftover rhizomes. All complete the sale netted HIPS over \$16,200 in 2018, an increase of nearly \$2,500 from last year.

In addition to the sale, I promoted HIPS at the local and regional level by distributing brochures and presenting the "Introduction To Bearded Irises" program featuring historic irises developed by Cathy Egerer to a local club. I also helped coordinate some ID work through inquiries received in my garden or via my website.

Judy Schneider

Rhizome Sale Chair