

## **2017 HIPS DISPLAY GARDEN REPORT**

In 2016 the HIPS Display Garden program started with 34 gardens. Three garden owners eagerly volunteered to write reviews of their gardens. Two of these articles appeared in the Spring 2016 edition of ROOTS; another one appeared in the Fall edition.

During the year three more gardens joined the program for a total of 37. In November garden owners were asked if they wished to continue as a HIPS Display Garden in 2017. Of the 37 gardens contacted only 27 responded by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. With the exception of one, all gardens will remain in the program. Follow up on the remaining 10 will continue in 2017.

One of our HIPS Display Gardens asked for an 'official HIPS Display Garden' certificate to put on display beside a certificate issued to them by the AIS Display Garden committee. Cathy Egerer designed one for them.

Sadly my attempt at creating an on-line presence for the HIPS Display Gardens through PINTEREST and Facebook fell flat on its "face(book)". Only one garden sent pictures. As a result I request that I be removed as a moderator for the HIPS facebook page.

There are still about a half dozen HIPS Display Garden signs available through Judy Eckhoff. Does HIPS want to invest in additional inventory for future years?

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