

## **2018 HIPS DISPLAY GARDEN REPORT**

In 2017 the HIPS Display Garden program started with 37 gardens. During the year one additional garden joined giving HIPS a total of 38 display gardens which are spread throughout 23 states, two Canadian provinces and England.

During the 2018 renewal process two gardens withdrew from the program, The Hillcrest Hall collection in Arkansas and Kanabec History Center in Minnesota which had been a HIPS Display Garden for over 10 years. But as two leave, two more join. Eagle Ridge Iris Garden in Montana joined in February, the first garden in Montana. The Gamble Garden in California has signed up as a new member in order to become a display garden.

With our supply of HIPS Display Garden signs dwindling, it was time to design a new one. Cathy Egerer was instrumental in this effort by finding a sign maker in Texas, putting together designs for me to review and placing the order. It was decided that Display Gardens would be given one sign at no cost. Additional signs will be available for \$15 which includes shipping. Signs picked up at conventions or other events will be \$10. The Display Garden owners have expressed keen interest in the new sign with many liking the fact that the word 'HIPS' displayed on the previous sign was expanded to read 'Historic Iris Preservation Society'.

Cathy would like to see HIPS with 50 display gardens by the end of the 2018 iris season, certainly an attainable goal.

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