

HIPS Northeast Director's Report for 2016

Most of my activity as Northeastern HIPS Director this past year has been in conjunction with the AIS Convention in Newark, NJ, and the HIPS iris rhizome sale. I was privileged to contribute an article reviewing the Presby Iris Garden for "Irises: the Bulletin of the American Iris Society". When it came time to dig for my local AIS affiliate's sale, I included historic irises among my donations. However, the really big dig came for the HIPS rhizome sale, to which I contributed 225 washed, trimmed, and labeled iris rhizomes.

A co-worker discovered a cache of old glass slides in a Cornell office that was being cleaned out earlier this year. Knowing of my interest in irises, he brought them to me, as most of the slides were of irises and iris gardens. I was able to identify John Wister and several other early AIS luminaries in the pictures. It is my hope that these slides can be reproduced for HIPS, and I am currently looking into that.

Respectfully submitted,

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