

2017 HIPS RHIZOME SALE ANNUAL REPORT

The 2017 HIPS Rhizome Sale was another success netting over \$13,700. We had 50 donors that sent in a total of 4,668 rhizomes. This year we made a few changes but kept the same format as last year. The sheer volume of rhizomes continues to be an issue for the team but we have plans to limit the number of cultivars for next year and some new ideas in place to make it easier and less time consuming for us all.

Donor rhizomes were sent in much better prepared this year after a couple of articles on the sale and rhizome prep in ROOTS by Nancy McDonald and a Donor Preparation pack sent out by Cathy Egerer. This saved the shipping team a lot of work and helped get the rhizomes to their new homes in much better condition.

We shipped out over 200 boxes and feedback from buyers was very good. I am confident that the sale will continue to help fund many projects for HIPS in the future. In addition to the sale, I also promoted HIPS in my local clubs, included HIPS brochures in my personal orders, posted historic iris photos on my garden and personal Facebook pages and continue work on some rescues. I am looking forward to another great year in 2018.

Judy Schneider
HIPS Rhizome Sale Chairman