



International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society

Certified Collections

The purpose of the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society (IWGS) Certified Collections is to provide international recognition to collections of *Nymphaea* and *Nelumbo* around the world. In return the collections offer an opportunity to IWGS members and the general public to experience and reference the diversity of the genera *Nymphaea* and *Nelumbo*.

The collections are critical to the conservation of these genera as they help to promote interest among gardening enthusiasts. Some of the Certified Collection sites may work with the IWGS to conduct plant trials and grow out the New Waterlily Competition plants for judging. The IWGS Certified Collection sites will have the full endorsement of the IWGS in projects that are related to its mission, as interpreted by the IWGS board of directors, e.g. letter of recommendation for grants/ funding; networking with hybridizers and growers; help in sourcing plants; displaying New Waterlily Competition Lilies at certified sites, etc. The IWGS Certified Collections will be advertised on the IWGS website and in other appropriate publications as one of the IWGS Certified Collections of *Nymphaea* and/or *Nelumbo*.

Collection Regulations

The following are requirements of a collection for certification

Collections must be:

- Well maintained - Collections should receive the highest quality of horticultural care as they reflect the collection site, the potential of the plant, and (through its endorsement) the IWGS. A regular schedule should be followed of grooming, fertilization, and replanting as needed to ensure the display of healthy plants
- Diverse - At least 25 different cultivars, varieties, and/or species of *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo*
- Well labeled and/or interpreted - The plants in the collection must have one or more of the following: legible sign labels, accession tags, booklet/pamphlet, interpretive map/sign, or a knowledgeable docent during times of public display to help in the identification of plants
- Open to visitation - Collection sites either be “open for business” a minimum of 30 days per year for to the general public, or “open by appointment” to general public. The collection site must be open at reasonable hours e.g. 9 a.m. - 5p.m. with a minimum of a consecutive 4-hour time period.

Collection sites provide up to date information on its contact information, the times open to the public, any fee charged for entry, and the address or directions to reach the site. If any information changes, prompt notification to the IWGS is required.

Collection holders must be current IWGS members and in good standing. Collection sites' recognition will be rescinded if they discontinue membership and/or fail to meet the intention of the IWGS Certified Collections based on the mission, vision, and values of the IWGS as interpreted by the IWGS Board.

For collections the following categories of certification are available for recognition:

- Certified Collection of Merit - A collection of 25 or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of ***Nymphaea*** or ***Nelumbo***
- Certified Collection of Distinction - A collection of 50 or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of ***Nymphaea*** or ***Nelumbo***
- Certified Collection of Excellence - A collection of 75 or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of ***Nymphaea*** or ***Nelumbo***

Cultivars, varieties, and/or species are to be clearly labeled or interpreted to visitors. Information on sources/provenance should be retrievable, and every effort made to ensure the accuracy of the identification of each plant. References to varieties include the following authoritative sources:

- "***Encyclopedia of the water-lily***" by Charles O. Masters (1974), T.F.H. Publications
- Image galleries at <http://www.seerosen.org/Default.aspx> by Henner Breukel
- The International Waterlily Collection Website <http://www.internationalwaterlilycollection.com/>
- "***International Water Lily Society: Identification of Hardy Nymphaea***" by R.G.A.Davies (1993)
- "***Lotus Flower Cultivars in China***" by Wang Qichao and Zhang Xingyan (2005), China Forestry Publishing House
- "***Lotus - Les connaître et les réussir sous nos climats***" by Yann Mumber & Gerard Malinvaud (2017), Ulmer
- "***Seerosen***" by Dieter Bechthold & Harro Hieronimus (2006), Dähne Verlag
- "***Seerosen: winterharte und tropische Nymphaeaceen***" by Karl Wachter (1998), Ulmer, Stuttgart
- "***Water Gardening: Water Lilies and Lotuses***" by Perry D. Slocum and Peter Robinson with Frances Perry (1996), Timber Press
- "***Waterlilies and Lotuses: Species, Cultivars and New Hybrids***" by Perry D. Slocum (2005), Timber Press
- The Waterlily Image Galleries at http://www.victoria-adventure.org/waterlilies/waterlilies_index.html

In the case of uncertainty or dispute, the cultivars, varieties, and/or species in question must be labeled "tentatively identified as". Records should note a reference of tentative identification that can be retrieved upon inquiry.

For the Northern Hemisphere a list of the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display, the application form, and photographic evidence* of the collection on display within the last 12 months must be sent to the IWGS by March 1st each year. Only the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display can be counted for collection status.

For the Southern Hemisphere a list of the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display, the application form, and photographic evidence* of the collection on display within the last 12 months must be sent to the IWGS by September 1st each year. Only the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display can be counted for collection status.

*We are flexible on photographic evidence, but three shots of each collection from different angles plus one of the signage and/or labelling used, should suffice as a representation of the standard of the collection in the previous year. These should be supplied in jpeg format and resized if necessary, to keep individual file sizes below 2MB. Please send photos in a separate following email (e.g. "Part 2 of 2") as large file-size emails can sometimes get delayed or bounced.



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Certified Collection Application Form

This application form is available in both pdf and .doc formats and can be returned as a scanned jpeg or doc file. Send all completed materials (see checklist which follows) by March 1st for locations in the Northern Hemisphere and September 1st for Southern Hemisphere to the IWGS at collections.iwgs@gmail.com. Include "Certified Collection Application" in the message title.

Organization Name: _____

Organization Representative's Name: _____

Representative's Email(will not be shown on IWGS website): _____

Phone number (will not be shown on IWGS website): _____

Physical Address: _____

Website Address: _____

Operating Seasons/Hours: _____

Select Collection Interpretation:

Signage _____ Docents _____ Brochure _____

For which collection and certification category are you applying?

Nymphaea: _____

Merit _____ Distinction _____ Excellence _____ Other - please indicate below _____

Nelumbo: _____

Merit _____ Distinction _____ Excellence _____ Other - please indicate below _____

In the space below please describe your collection including the number of cultivars, varieties, and/or species and if you think the collection should be recognized as representing any particular theme e.g. "Old varieties pre-1950", "Specializing in cultivars originated by hybridizer John Doe" etc.



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Certified Collections Application Checklist to Completion

- Completed PDF Collections Application via online PDF or Doc
- Evidence of IWGS membership at appropriate level for your facility
- Schedule of grooming, fertilization, and replanting as needed to ensure the display of healthy plants
- Plant list with evidence of diversity matching application category:
 - Merit (25 or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo*)
 - Distinction (50) or
 - Excellence (75)

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- Photographic or other evidence the collection is well labeled and/or interpreted. The plants must have one or more of the following: legible sign labels, accession tags, booklet/pamphlet, interpretive map/sign, or a knowledgeable docent during times of public display to help in the identification of plants
 - 3 shots of each collection from different angles plus one of the signage and/or labelling used should suffice as a representation of the standard of the collection in the previous year.
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For the Northern Hemisphere the application form, evidence of membership at appropriate level, schedule of grooming, fertilization and replanting, list of the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display and photographic evidence of the collection on display within the last 12 months must be sent to the IWGS by **March 1st each year**. Only the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display can be counted for collection status.

For the Southern Hemisphere the application form, evidence of membership at appropriate level, schedule of grooming, fertilization and replanting, list of the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display and photographic evidence of the collection on display within the last 12 months must be sent to the IWGS by **September 1st each year**. Only the cultivars, varieties, and/or species on display can be counted for collection status.

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Thank you again for your interest and participation.