

# International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society Certified Collection Requirements



## 5 Easy Steps to Completing Your Certification:

Please provide:

1. Completed attached Collections Application
2. Current IWGS members with appropriate dues paid
3. Schedule of grooming, fertilization and replanting as needed ensuring a display of healthy plants
4. Plant list with evidence of diversity matching your application category:
  - Merit (25) or more cultivars, varieties, and/or species of *Nymphaea* or *Nelumbo*
  - Distinction (50) or
  - Excellence (75)

In the case of uncertainty or dispute, the cultivars, varieties, and/or species in question must be labeled “tentatively identified as”

5. Photographic or other evidence the collection is well labeled and/or interpreted
  - 3 shots from different angles plus one of the signage and/or labeling supplied in jpeg format with individual file sizes below 2MB
  - Consider sending photos in a separate following email (e.g. "Part 2 of 2") as large file-size emails can sometimes be delayed or bounced

Completed materials can be sent to [certifications.iwgs@gmail.com](mailto:certifications.iwgs@gmail.com)

Thank you again for your interest and participation.

# International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society Certified Collection Application Form



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 (25) \_\_\_\_\_ Distinction(50) \_\_\_\_\_ Excellence(75) \_\_\_\_\_ Other - please indicate below \_\_\_\_\_

*Nelumbo*: \_\_\_\_\_

Merit (25) \_\_\_\_\_ Distinction(50) \_\_\_\_\_ Excellence(75) \_\_\_\_\_ Other - please indicate below \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below include a brief description of 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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Send this application form and your plant list and pictures to [certifications.iwgs@gmail.com](mailto:certifications.iwgs@gmail.com)



## International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society Certified Collections Information

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 of *Nymphaea* and *Nelumbo*.

The collections are critical to the conservation of these genera as they help promote interest among both water gardening and general 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: 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 must be “open for business” a minimum of 30 days per year for IWGS members and the general public, or “open by appointment” to the 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.

The IWGS requires that 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 on the collection's own website. If any contact information changes, prompt notification to the IWGS is required.

Collection holders must be current IWGS members with appropriate dues paid. 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. In addition to the database on the IWGS website <https://iwgs.org/database/> 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
- "*Thai Nationality Waterlily in Pang U Bon*" by Primlarp Wasuwat & Komgrit Chukiatman (2018), Plus Press/[www.thaiwaterlily.com](http://www.thaiwaterlily.com) Thailand
- "*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 [https://www.victoria-adventure.org/waterlilies/waterlilies\\_index.html](https://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.

The 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 annually. 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 labeling 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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