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Dear 1995 NPA Open Garden Host,

Thank you once again for opening your garden for NPA members this past year. We are in the planning stages for next year and would like to invite you to open your garden again in 1996.

Some garden tour changes are in the works and I want you to be among the first to know what they are. With volunteers lined up to do the computer work, the plan for this year is to publish a booklet of open gardens listed by date open. We are hoping to have a lot of gardens to make our little booklet very fat and fun for all. The ground rules will be a bit looser in that weekday and evening openings are encouraged as possibilities as well as being open more than once during the season.

The last new twist is the one that involves you and your garden most directly. We are encouraging all NPA members to open at least once a year *including everyone who was open last year*. Having lots of gardens open may mean smaller turn outs at any one time, but over time, hopefully more members will get to see your garden. Smaller turn outs, if they develop, will mean you can spend more personal time getting to know other member/gardeners as you show them around personally. The incentive for us as gardeners to open annually is to have a reason to keep the garden in tip top shape each year, one I find very compelling.

I'm not sure where this will lead, but one direction is toward a regional directory, possibly combining with Oregon and BC hardy plant fanatics to add many more touring possibilities.

The January Perennial Post will have an article with more background information and a form to fill out and return to list your garden in the new booklet. We hope you will join with us to make this a huge success. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sue", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sue Moss, Open Garden Chair

OPEN GARDENS SCHEME 1996

It's time once again to plan ourselves a wonderful round of garden touring for 1996 and the winter of 1997. This is a perfect way to share your garden with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Nothing would make the Garden Open Committee happier than to have all of our 800 members open their gardens, including those "in progress". Your garden need not be perfect or finished to be of interest to other gardeners! Nor does it have to be open only on weekends or 9-5. You may be open as frequently as you like for a minimum of three hours (4-5 is better so members can get to as many gardens as possible). Members far from Seattle may want to coordinate open days with other members in their area.

Member Nurseries open to the public year round may wish to feature a specific season or event of interest to members. Wholesale members are encouraged to have open dates for members, not necessarily or only on weekends but perhaps open when gardens in your area going to be open. Please indicate if you have display gardens.

To volunteer your garden or nursery, please fill out this form and mail to:

***** Marilyn Goebel., 4621 NE 107th, Seattle WA 98125 *****

*Please print CLEARLY and return by **FEB. 10TH***

Please indicate below when you wish to have your garden open.

- Private garden**, open on specific dates only (circle below). If open only one day that week-end, circle that date.
- Private garden**, open on specific dates (circle below), and by private arrangement with the owner (these will be listed, with phone numbers, in both the general section and the by-the-date section)
- Private garden**, open by arrangement with the owner only (these will be listed in the front of the booklet with #s).
- Nursery**, open during business hours. Nursery has display garden.
- Nursery** open on specific dates. Nursery has display

CHOOSE YOUR DATES

	<u>2nd Sun. Border Workday</u>		<u>4th Sun. Border Workday</u>	
4/6 & 4/7 (Easter)	4/12 Fri. 4/13 Sat.	4/19 Fri. & 4/20 Sat. (4/21 = NPA Plant Sale)	4/26 Fri. & 4/27 Sat.	APRIL
5/4 & 5/5	5/11 Sat. & 5/12 Sun. (Mother's Day) *	5/18 & 5/19 (Mem. Day.)	5/25 Sat. & 5/27 Mon.	MAY
6/1 & 6/2	6/7 /Fri. & 6/8 Sat.	6/15 & 6/16 Father's Day Study Weekend, Eugene	6/21 Fri. & 6/22 Sat. 6/29 & 6/30 (5th wknd.)	JUNE
7/6 & 7/7	7/12 Fri. & 7/13 Sat.	7/19 Fri. & 7/20 Sat. (7/21 = NPA meeting)	7/26 Fri. & 7/27 Sat.	JULY
8/3 & 8/4	8/9 Fri. & 8/10 Sat.	8/17 & 8/18	8/23 Fri. & 8/24 Sat.	AUGUST
8/31 & 9/1 & 9/2 Labor Day	9/6 Fri. & 9/7 Sat.	9/13 Fri & 9/14 Sat. (9/15 = NPA meeting)	9/20 Fri. & 9/21 Sat. 9/28 & 9/29 (5th wknd.)	SEPTEMBER
10/5 & 10/6	10/11 Fri. & 10/12 Sat.	10/19 & 10/20	10/25 Fri. & 10/26 Sat.	OCTOBER

Nov./Dec. '96. Seasonal interest openings encouraged. Remember, 2nd & 4th Sundays are Border workdays.

Jan./Feb./Mar. '97. Seasonal interest openings encouraged. Remember, 2nd & 4th Sundays are Border workdays. The 3rd Sundays in Jan. and March are reserved for NPA quarterly meetings.

*2nd Sunday Border workers should arrange to work on a 4th Sunday, either April or May.

Other dates (including weekdays, fall and winter): _____

Hours open (including evenings in summer): _____ Minimum 3 hours. More encouraged.)

For retail nurseries, days or time of year open. _____

(OVER)

Name (s) to appear in the book: _____

Business name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Description of your garden or nursery (include features of seasonal interest): Private ___ Nursery ___ Display ___

Directions from downtown Seattle at I-5 . Have a friend check your directions to see if they are complete. Maps cannot be included in the booklet! Feel free to attach a page if necessary. Note any parking restrictions.

Sample Entry

From the HPSO Open Garden Booklet 1995

- May 21 & 22 Roger & Becky Platt (503) 690-9444
17265 SW Lisa St. 12-4 p.m.
Beaverton OR 97006 Private garden
This private garden demonstrates what can be done on a standard suburban lot with limited space, budget and time but a love of gardens. The front garden has taken two years and is now mostly complete. It is essentially a cottage garden with a mix of annuals, perennials, and a small lawn. The back garden, when complete, will be comprised of three small rooms: a working garden, a formal sun garden and a secluded private garden. This is truly a work-in-progress.
Directions:
West on Hwy 26 to 185th Avenue. Left over the freeway, etc. etc.
- May 28 Al and Dot Rogers (phone)
Caprice Farm Nursery 10-2 p.m.
Address
Siberian Iris should start to be in bloom. See May 7 & 8.