

**THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**PLANT COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE**  
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The Plant Collections committee encourages members and groups within The Herb Society of America to develop collections which preserve the germplasm of correctly identified herbs and to provide for education, research, exchange, and conservation of those herbs.

Responsibilities:

- Report to the botany and horticulture chair
- Submit a written report at least one month before each board meeting and the annual meeting
- Organize, by units or groups of two or more HSA members, collections of herbs. These collections of herbs may be by genus, a division within a genus, cultivars within a species, native species, geographical origins, or uses. The collection holder should be sensitive to not only endangered, threatened, and/or rare species but also the distribution of potentially invasive, exotic species.
- Promote parallel, complementary, or duplicate plant collections to cater to the range of climates of members of The Society
- Encourage sharing between and among collection holders
- Encourage commercial affiliation to facilitate distribution of authentically labeled herbs
- Review information, procedures, and guidelines for registration of plant collections annually
- Monitor, as much as possible, conformance of plant collection holders to guidelines established by the committee
- Solicit and review annual reports from plant collection holders
- Prepare a summary of plant collections for distribution to the members of The Society
- Arrange the transfer of any plant collection to another collection holder when and if the need arises
- Encourage the committee to promote its activities to The Society's members (through newsletter articles or presentations at annual and district meetings)