

You Don't Want To Miss It!



In May of 2025, I attended the IPPS International tour in New Zealand with my companion Annette Hashitate. I have been deeply involved with IPPS all my career, however Annette was not a professional, just a very enthusiastic amateur gardener.

I had never attended an international tour before, and I was very impressed with the experience. The new friends, exposure to another culture, and tour to both production operations and gardens were well worth the time and expense. This combined all the “a-ha” moments that are a normal part of an IPPS tour and conference with international travel.

This year Annette and I are going to the IPPS Eastern Region International tour even though it is in our “home field”. I look forward to seeing parts of the US that I normally do not see plus we will be touring some topflight production operations combined with other cultural and horticultural points of interest.

I look forward to seeing some of my new international friends and making some new ones. I hope to see you there!

Brian Decker

Attending the IPPS tour through New Zealand in 2025 was one of greatest highlights of my life. As an amateur gardener, the trip was both informative and enjoyable. The local guides were not only experts in their field of horticulture, they were well informed about the history, culture and geography of their magnificent country. Their insights enhanced the entire experience. I was also overwhelmed by the friendliness of the staff, volunteers, and other attendees whom I met from across the globe. I cannot wait to attend the next tour, reconnect with them as well as make new friends.

Annette Hashitate