

# **Profile**

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# Jill Stevens

# **Background**

## Strengths

- Has lots of ideas
- o Good sense of humor
- o Good with documents and proofreading
- Can express self with brevity
- Meticulous record keeping

#### Weaknesses

o Can struggle when tired

# **Interested Committees**

- o Award of Landscape Merit Committee
- o Awards Committee
- o Books and Publication Committee
- o Bulletin Committee
- o Convention Steering Committee
- Educational Committee
- Exhibition Committee
- Nomenclature Committee
- o Scientific & Horticultural Studies Committee
- o Social Media Committee
- o Speakers Bureau
- Website Committee

## **Skills and Expertise**

- o "My best assets would be my ideas, friendliness, and knowledge of peonies"
- Would like to develop knowledge in the following areas:
  - Organizing a convention
  - Peony hybridization

## **Connections and Networking**

- Connections with the following:
  - MN Extension Master Gardener Program
  - The West Central Research and Outreach Center
  - MN Landscape Arboretum

# **Passion and Commitment**

- Interest in BOD
  - "Camaraderie. Working together to advance the APS."
- Motivation
  - "Passion for peonies is a strong motivational factor."
- o <u>Time Commitment</u>
  - Works two jobs
  - Works 2.5 hours away from Minneapolis/St. Paul
  - Would need most of the work would need to be remote
- Aspirations
  - Continue and strengthen educating the general population
  - Incorporating younger generations into the APS