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2008 Dates to Remember

- Spring Meeting and Bulb Sale:
Sunday April 20
- OLS Lily Show:
Setup – July 11
Show – July 12 + 13
- Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale:
Sunday October 19

The [Victoria Lily Society](http://www.nals2008.org/) is hosting the 61st annual NALS Show in Sidney (on beautiful Vancouver Island), British Columbia, July 2-6, 2008. They have a dedicated web page (<http://www.nals2008.org/>) to provide further information about the show.

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Important Notices

The date for membership renewal has been changed to the time of the fall meeting.

Yearly dues (for 2008) of \$8 are due at the meeting or can be mailed to Juanita.

If you have not already paid your 2007 dues please do so now.

Dear Ohio Lily Friends,

The Fall Bulb Sale and meeting will be Sunday, October 21, 2007. . Be there early for the best selection. Please pre-order to get the very best selection of bulbs. Buy lots of bulbs. Fall is the perfect time to plant!

Our Bulb Committee has ordered some gorgeous lilies for this sale, but in smaller numbers than in earlier years, so be sure to get your orders in as quickly as possible. Orders received by phone, email and snail mail will be filled in the order in which they are received. Several members requested specific bulbs to be purchased for this Fall sale. The committee did a diligent search to obtain as many of these special requests as possible and will keep looking for those that they could not find in time for this sale. If you have a special request, inform one of the committee members. A special request might be a particular lily or a color family or a type (i.e. Asiatic, OT, LA, Upfacing, etc) The bulb committee chair is Fred Dalzell and the members are Regina Dalzell, Larry Diehl, Kathleen Higgins, Mark Mazurek and Dave Ross

It has been predicted that the Fall color will be early this year due to the unusually warm temperatures that we have been having. It also means that we should have more time to prepare our homes and gardens for an Ohio winter!

We had another successful Lily Show in July. Congratulations to all our happy ribbon and award winners. Please buy and plant more lilies to show in the **July 12 & 13, 2008**, Forty-third Annual Lily show. OLS needs every member's help and entry to have a good looking show.

Invite a friend or two (or more) to join you for the bulb sale and potluck lunch at Kingwood. They may become interested enough to buy a few bulbs. If nothing else it should be a lovely day to walk around Kingwood after the membership meeting and/or see what's for sale in the greenhouse.

I would like to have a candidate for the NALS medal in 2008. The award will be presented at the Fall meeting. The medal was established to recognize a member in the society who has contributed to the success of the organization. Please send me the name of the member that you would like to nominate. You can email me at khiggins38@yahoo.com *subject line: NALS medal*, mail me a note at 15101 Quarry Rd.; Oberlin, OH 44074 or phone 440-776-0008 or talk to me at the Fall meeting.

I hope to see you at the Bulb Sale and at the Potluck lunch following the sale. Bring a friend or two, a dish to share and your own table service. OLS will provide ham, turkey, coffee and tea and good fellowship!

See you on Sunday, October 21, 2007 Bulb sale starts at 12:00 NOON

Sincerely,

Kathleen Higgins

OHIO LILY SOCIETY MINUTES for Meeting of April 22, 2007

President Kathleen Higgins called the meeting to order at 1:58 PM with 29 members present. Rusty Wissler is ill and could not attend, and her husband, Bob Wissler, will be the acting secretary and take minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Our newsletter is sent to members by mail and if you have 'E' Mail please give us this address due to the high cost of postage.

The Lily Show will be July 7th and 8th this year and the times to bring in blooms is Fri. between 4 and 7 pm and on Sat. between 8 and 11 am.

Although our brochure indicates that there may be lilies available for arrangements; we know from past years that blooms might not be available.

See Larry Diehl for the new CD on Martagon bulbs.

NEW BUSINESS

The North American Show this year will be 7/11 through 7/15 in Alberta, Canada.

New dates for 2008 are:

Spring meeting and bulb sale Sunday April 20th
Summer Show Set Up - 7/11, Show 7/12 & 7/13
Fall meeting and bulb sale Sunday October 19th

Jan Stein moved that we accept the above calendar, seconded by Clarice Lewis and Motion carried.

It was also announced that we would try to sell the left over bulbs at Kingwood's plant sale the next week end. Members who will man the shifts see Kathleen after today's meeting. It was also suggested that left over bulbs could be donated to Kingwood.

The President also asked for suggestions for the NALS medal awards at the fall meeting.

New members Jerry and Joan Fisher were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Wissler, acting secretary

Ask Harry

By Harry Humus

Q. Several of my lilies exhibited a very strange pattern this year. They grew normally during June but in July they seemed to turn yellow and eventually all of the leaves fell off. Any buds that had begun to form fell off too. The stem quickly dried up after that. The yellowing seemed to start low on the stem and gradually progressed to the top. Will these lilies flower normally next year? Just sign me “Stumped in Strongsville”.

Dear Stumped, there are a couple of possible causes for your dilemma. The most likely cause of your problem is basal rot of the bulb. This disease caused by the fungus *Fusarium Oxysporum* perhaps in combination with one or more other funguses such as *Cylindrocarpon*. The fungus invades the bulb in the basal plate area. The bulb and basal plate disintegrate into a dark brown rot and as the disease progresses the scales may become detached from the bulb. Sometimes a deficiency in iron or magnesium can imitate the early stages of basal rot but your description leads me to believe that there is little left of your bulb by now.

I suggest you dig up the bulb and be prepared to find a rotted blob or, if your soil was very dry, a spongy shell that was the bulb. Sometimes there may be a few scale bulblets that are formed but these need to be closely examined, as they are likely contaminated from the fungus. Stem bulbils may form and these can be saved if they are distant from the bulb and you consider the variety be choice and worth heroic efforts to save. The soil that the diseased bulb was growing in is contaminated and should not be used to grow other lilies. The fungus can survive for a number of years even in the absence of any host. If you wish to use this site to grow lilies the only safe recourse is to remove the soil to a depth of at least six inches or, preferably, a foot deeper than the bulb was planted. Any bulb remnants should be disposed of and definitely not composted.

On rare occasions you may purchase a bulb that shows some signs of basal rot. You should inspect all of your bulbs carefully for signs of this disease before planting them. If you purchase a new bulb and notice early signs of the disease you can cut away any infected material, soak the bulb in a dilute household bleach solution (50% water and household bleach), and treat the bulb with a fungicide specific to *Fusarium*. (When it was available, benomyl was effective enough that it was able to eradicate this disease from infected bulbs). However, you are running the risk that you have not removed all of the infection and that you will contaminate the area you plant the bulb in as well as any nearby lilies if you plant your material close together. By the same strategy, you can attempt to intervene when you first see signs of this disease in a growing lily by carefully digging it up and applying the regimen described above. The yellowing is caused by ethylene gas from the rotting bulb.

Some varieties seem more susceptible to this disease. In beds with growing lilies the best means of control is preventative. Growth of the fungus is aided by increased temperature of the soil (notice the appearance of the disease during July by the questioner) and overly wet soil conditions. The use of mulch and companion plants can help control soil temperature. If you grow lilies in pots (and you should try some that way) find ways to shelter the pot from heating by direct exposure to the sun. Avoid the use of high nitrogen fertilizers that encourage the formation of soft rapid growth of the bulb. If you prefer to use manure, use only well rotted manures and keep it from direct contact with bulbs. Avoid any mechanical damage to your bulbs while planting, digging or transplanting them. Finally, if you have allowed your soil to become too acidic or if you amend with a lot of acidic material such as peat be aware that acidic soil may accelerate the disease.

OLS TREASURER'S REPORT

03-01-2007 through 09-15-2007

Date	Description	Payments	Deposits	Balance
03/01/2007	BALANCE			\$2,551.33
03/12/2007	Membership		\$8.00	\$2,559.33
03/13/2007	Dian a mite - Printing Folders	\$104.00		\$2,455.33
04/15/2007	Membership		\$8.00	\$2,463.33
04/20/2007	Columbia Platte Lilies - Ck # 556	\$342.87		\$2,120.46
04/20/2007	Ed McRae Lilies - Ck # 557	\$109.00		\$2,011.46
04/22/2007	K. Higgins Meet meat - Ck #558	\$38.82		\$1,972.64
04/22/2007	F. Dalzell - Ck # 559	\$73.21		\$1,899.43
04/22/2007	Jan Stein for bulletin - Ck#560	\$35.52		\$1,863.91
04/22/2007	Lily Nook for bulbs - Ck# 621	\$353.35		\$1,510.56
04/22/2007	Northwest for bulbs - Ck#622	\$215.75		\$1,294.81
04/22/2007	Kingwood Center Rental-Ck#623	\$100.00		\$1,194.81
04/25/2007	Memberships		\$44.00	\$1,238.81
04/25/2007	Memberships		\$56.00	\$1,294.81
04/25/2007	Jan Stein Consignment Bulbs		\$74.00	\$1,368.81
04/25/2007	Bulb Auction		\$185.00	\$1,553.81
04/25/2007	Bulb Sales		\$1,262.75	\$2,816.56
05/22/2007	M. Shrimplin Consignment Bulbs		\$89.00	\$2,905.56
05/22/2007	R. Tanner Consignment Bulbs		\$137.50	\$3,043.06
05/22/2007	Membership		\$8.00	\$3,051.06
05/29/2007	Ohio State Treasurer - Ck#625	\$104.92		\$2,946.14
08/30/2007	R. Dalzell NALS Awards-Ck#626	\$63.73		\$2,882.41
08/30/2007	C. Lewis - Show Lunch-Ck#627	\$140.00		\$2,742.41
09/07/2007			\$8.00	\$2,750.41

The 2007 NALS Annual Meeting and Show A Diamond Jubilee Event

The 60th NALS show was held July 11-15, 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. The host regional, The Alberta Regional Lily Society, did a wonderful job of making the event a special and memorable diamond jubilee celebration.

Starting with the show itself, it was a large one, even by NALS standards. There were 604 horticultural entries and 104 artistic entries. This is martagon country, and the 208 martagon entries certainly did not disappoint any enthusiast of this lily variety. The best in show stem was a martagon seedling exhibited by Em and Marie Wenger of Edmonton. I assume you are aware that the Ohio Lily Society sponsors two awards at the show. Barrie Strohmman won the Mears - Mersereau award for the best three stems of a species, variety or cultivar with *L. cernuum album*. Brian Bergman won the Peters - Mooney award for best oriental with a fine stem of 'Bernini'. I'll try to bring some pictures of the winners of our awards to the fall meeting and see if we can post them on our web site.

The 2007 NALS Annual Meeting and Show (continued from page 5)

Featured speakers are a part of the NALS show. Crystal Ernst gave a very informative talk on the lily beetle. In Canada, this pest has invaded Ontario and there are reports of isolated citings in Manitoba and Alberta. In the US, the beetle is a serious pest in New England and has spread as far south as Virginia. The beetle continues to expand its range and I suspect will eventually find its way to Ohio. Terry Willoughby gave a fine talk highlighting the accomplishments of noted Alberta Lily Hybridizers including Fred Tarlton, Fred Fellner, Eugene Fox, Dan Dale and Robert Simonet. Bill Doreen of New Zealand talked about growing lilies “down under” for the florist trade. Ardith Beveridge gave a talk on flower arranging with lilies including demonstrations. I’ve seen her speak before and wish I had even a small amount of her talent in this area.

On Thursday evening participants toured the Devonian Botanical Gardens and enjoyed a buffet supper. On Saturday we visited three private gardens and one commercial grower. Dr. Ieuan Evans’ garden of over three acres features specimens from cherry trees to lots of lilies. His property also features a large pond, or maybe it should be called a small lake! The gardens of Shauna and Terry Willoughby feature many lilies including many resulting from Terry’s hybridizing efforts. The gardens of Wilf Maul are wonderfully laid out and maintained. It is no wonder they have won many awards. The tour of Kevin Frey’s Estate Perennials showed off lily growing on a commercial level and certainly amazed me for what Kevin has accomplished in the short time he has been in operation.

Janet and I stayed on for a week after the show and toured the Canadian Rockies. We had never been to Banff or Jasper National Parks and the scenery is truly magnificent. The area around Lake Louise is particularly impressive.

If you have never attended a NALS show I would urge you to consider it. The 2008 show will be in Victoria, British Columbia, which is a pretty distant location for us, but there are many other attractions nearby as well. The 2009 show is in Springfield, Missouri, which is certainly drivable from Ohio. No location has been set for 2010. NALS is aware that the cost of attending the show has continued to rise and has asked sponsoring regional groups to keep cost in mind when planning future shows.

Let me mention one final thing. Do you purchase books, music, electronics, or other items from Amazon.com? If so consider linking to Amazon through the NALS web site www.lilies.org and earn NALS a 4-6% commission on everything you buy. Yes, NALS has joined the Amazon Associates Program. Links and general Amazon search box are included on the “Other Publications” page of the NALS store, as well as on the “Bibliography” page under the “Resources” tab. Or, put www.lilies.org/amazon in you favorites folder and go directly to a general Amazon search box. There is no added cost to the purchaser and all transactions are anonymous. It is a great way to help support the activities of your national lily society!

Larry

Ohio Lily Society

42nd Annual Show July 7-8, 2007

Major Award Winners

Award	Exhibitor	Entry
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Horticultural Awards

Best In Show	Larry Diehl	'Ortega'
Best in Show Runner-Up	Kathleen Higgins	'Luminaries'
Sweepstakes (Most 1 st place awards)	Kathleen Higgins	
Sweepstakes Runner-Up	Larry Diehl	
Best Asiatic Hybrid (Sec. A, Div 1)	Rosemary Tanner	'Citronella'
Best Trumpet/Aurelian (Sec. A, Div 6)	Larry Diehl	'Ortega'
Best Seedling (Sec. B, Div 1)	Larry Diehl	Orange pollenless Sdlg.
Best Trumpet/Aurelian (Sec B, Div 6)	Larry Diehl	Yellow Aurelian Sdlg.
Best Species (Sec. C)	Rosemary Tanner	L. davidii
Best Flower (Sec. G)	John Stein	'Carte Blanche'
Best C-P Introduction	Kathleen Higgins	'Luminaries'
Best Polyploid	Larry Diehl	'Ortega'
Best in Challenge Class	Wayne Sollenberger	'Elite'

Artistic Awards

Best Artistic of Show	Juanita Wilkins	'Tango – Hernando's Hideaway'
Best Artistic Runner-Up	Juanita Wilkins	'Square Dance – Virginia Reel'
Artistic Sweepstakes (Most 1 st place)	Juanita Wilkins	
Artistic Sweepstakes Runner-Up	Johanna Bodiford	

Entries Summary

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Horticultural entries	116	93	84	87
Artistic Entries	10	15	10	10