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2007 Dates to Remember

- Spring Meeting and Bulb Sale: **April 22**
- OLS Show: **July 7 & 8**
- Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale: **Oct 21**

NALS 60th Annual Show
Edmonton, Alberta: **July 11-15**

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Important Notices

- The date for membership renewal has been changed to the time of the fall meeting. **Yearly dues 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. See the Treasurer's Report page to see if you are delinquent.**
- Vote in the lily popularity poll. See www.lilies.org

Dear Ohio Lily Friends,

I have been looking for signs of spring in our yard, but the snow cover from the last storm has just been melting the past few days and turning into mini ponds and large puddles. Our raised beds are visible and the newly uncovered grass is green. Some spring bulbs are just poking up through the mulch. I guess we will be planting our peas on St. Patrick's Day after all.

You will notice that we have a new editor of The Buckeye Bulletin; our Past President Jan Stein has agreed to be our new editor. She did a super job as President and will, I'm sure, do a great job as our new editor. Thanks Jan! A special thank you to Larry Diehl who has been our editor since the Spring of 1998. We have enjoyed your many innovations in the newsletter and are grateful for the time you have donated to this and the many other tasks you have successfully pursued for OLS. Thanks Larry!

Our Bulb Committee has ordered some great lilies for the April 22nd 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. The bulb sale will begin at 12:00 o'clock, noon on April 22nd. Be there early for the best selection.

Be sure to take a good look at the schedule for the Forty-second Annual Lily Show. Notice the changes in Sections A, B, and D. Classes are now determined by the orientation of the flower rather than the shape of the bloom. This change should make it easier for each of us to enter lilies in the show with confidence in choosing the appropriate class. However, if you do have any questions, just ask! There is also a change in section F, the challenge Class. The Bulb Committee has decided to limit the challenge class to the membership bulbs presented at the previous ten membership meetings. We hope that more of you will enter this class. Your free membership bulb could win you \$10.00 worth of new lily bulbs. Enter yours in this summer's show.

We would love to have members and friends of OLS enter more of their lilies July 6 & 7 in this year's show. Remember, winners are rewarded with certificates for bulbs of their choice from the next bulb sale. Enter your best lilies and invite a friend to attend the show with you on July 7th or 8th. They may become interested enough to join us at the Fall Bulb Sale and membership meeting in October. If nothing else it should be a lovely day to walk around Kingwood and/or see what's for sale in the greenhouse.

I would like to have another candidate for the NALS medal this year. 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 khiggins@lorainccc.edu, *subject line: NALS medal*, mail me a note at 15101 Quarry Rd.; Oberlin, OH 44074 or talk to me at the Spring 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.

See you on April 22nd!

Bulb sale starts at 12:00 NOON

Sincerely,

Kathleen Higgins

Ohio Lily Society Minutes for Meeting of October 22, 2006

President Jan Stein called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. with 29 members and guests in attendance.

The minutes of the April 3, 2006 meeting were accepted by the membership as published in the September 2006, The Buckeye Bulletin.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the membership as published in the September 2006, The Buckeye Bulletin

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was introduced to adopt the new NALS lily show standard. The new standard requires that for Division 6 & 7 that flower orientation, instead of flower shape, determines the appropriate subdivision. Changing to this standard is not mandatory, but NALS and several regional lily societies are now using it. A decision must be made today in order to incorporate the changes in our 2007 Lily Show schedule.

Motion passed by members present.

Show staff for the 2007 OLS Annual Lily Show has been decided and is as follows:

Dave Ross	the show chairman,
Jan Stein	the writer of the horticulture and artistic schedule
Fred Dalzell	the person responsible for the classification of entries
Dave Ross & Larry Diehl	the people responsible, with Mr. Dalzell, for the placement of entries
Regina Dalzell	the person responsible for preparing the show awards
Jan Stein	the person responsible for obtaining judges for the horticultural entries
Juanita Wilkins	person responsible for obtaining a judge for the artistic entries
Galina Obrynba & Juanita Wilkins	the people responsible for registration, information and hospitality
Regina Dalzell	the person who keeps the record of show winners for the Bulletin
Staging	Kingwood personnel will manage the ribbon attachment and staging

A BIG THANK YOU to Marianne Casey & Russ Wagner for digging, packaging, labeling, and bringing to the OLS bulb sale, bulbs from Ed Soboczenski's garden. Those of us who have done this know what a huge job it is. **Thank you Marianne and Russ!**

NEW BUSINESS

New members, Jane Adkins and Michele Bishop were introduced. Welcome Jane and Michele. We will be delighted to see your entries both to the lily show and to the potluck table.

Larry Diehl reminded the membership that the Martagon CD, Version 2 is now available. Contact Larry for details on purchasing Version 2.

Jan presented each of the officers with The Old Farmer's Almanac, 2007 Gardening Calendar. The calendar is filled with year-round advice, folklore, and gardening secrets. What fun! Thank you Jan.

Congratulations Keith Brown on winning at the 2006 NALS show in Eau Claire Wisconsin. Keith's wonderful stem of Leslie Woodriff received the Isabella Preston trophy for Best of Show.

NALS MEDAL PRESENTATION

President Stein presented Fred Dalzell with the NALS Medal on behalf of the Ohio Lily Society. Fred has been a tireless worker in OLS having taught members lily propagation methods at meetings, judged numerous lily shows, helped show entrants name, classify and correctly label show entries. Fred has also been an active, reliable member of the bulb committee for many years and is currently Chairman. Congratulations Fred!

Members were reminded to stay for the auction following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Higgins, Secretary

GROW ORIENTAL LILIES IN POTS (For longer lasting bulbs)

Lilies in Pots: Use a porous potting soil. Cover bulbs with at least two to three inches of soil.

For large bulbs use one gallon pots. For small or average bulbs use ½ gallon pots.

Fall potting of lily bulbs use potting soil, water, label, and store in garage, shed, barn, etc. and forget until April. Do not water! Orientals do not like to be wet in the winter.

Spring potting is the same as fall potting except that you can put them outside in the pots. because you will receive them in April.

REMOVE THE STEMS AND PUT THEM IN A DRY, COLD STORAGE AROUND OCTOBER 15TH OR LATER DO NOT WATER!!!!

2006 Popularity Poll Winners

1. Anastasia
 2. Iowa Rose
 3. Pizazz
 4. Landini
 5. Citronella
 6. Easter Morn & Starburst Sensation (tie)
 7. Claude Shride
 8. Arabesque & Conca d'Or (tie)
 9. Triumphator
 10. Angela North
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In Memoriam:

Dr. E. Eugene Fox
August 5, 1937 – January 14, 2007

The lily world lost a giant with the passing of Gene Fox on January 14. Gene was a devoted member of NALS, serving as a member of its Board of Directors, President, Publications Chairman, and Yearbook Editor. He was an expert lily breeder, a world authority on martagon lilies, and a dear friend to many. He recently had published a martagon book. Information to order the book is listed below.

New Martagon Book

Noted martagon enthusiast and hybridizer Dr. Eugene Fox has released a new book devoted exclusively to the culture of martagons. At slightly more than 180 pages, this is a very comprehensive treatment of the subject and is certainly the most complete book on the subject that is available. It is highly recommended for those wishing to know more about growing, hybridizing, diseases and pests of both species and hybrid martagons. In fact, owning and reading this book will also enhance your general knowledge of lilies. This is truly a "must have" for your lily book collection. The book may be ordered directly at the NALS web site www.lilies.org. The cost is a very modest \$25 postpaid.

Ask Harry

By Harry Humus

Q. The Bulb Committee has purchased a couple of species lily for the upcoming sale. What can you tell me about species lilies and why I should grow them? Kathleen Higgins

Hello again Kathleen! Enough snow has finally melted that Larry was able to locate me still hibernating under a pile of mulch. There are a lot of good humusy friends there!

As you probably know there are about 100 naturally occurring or species lilies that exist worldwide. The many thousands of hybrid lilies that lily growers enjoy all are derived from these 100. These wild lilies have taken thousands of years to adapt to their own particular surroundings and the process of natural selection has made them well suited to their particular location. These conditions include the particular soil they grow in; the amount of sun, wind, rainfall and frost they experience; and even the presence of companion plants that may contribute to successful growth conditions. If removed from their chosen environment, and say planted in your yard, they may struggle to survive. It is therefore helpful to know something about their natural growing conditions and try to duplicate at least some of them in your garden to maximize your chances of success. Read a book about them or ask one of the OLS members who have had some success with them. One book I can recommend is the book "Lilies A guide for Growers and Collectors" by Edward Austin McRae. (Note there is a rumor circulating that the publisher Timber Press is not interested in reprinting this book so I suggest you obtain a copy if you do not already have it in your lily library). So in summary, you would not want to plant a species lily that desire acidic soil in alkaline soil. You might pot up a lily that normally experiences dry conditions and moderate temperatures during the winter and store it in your garage.

Given that some of these wild lilies are more difficult to grow, why would one bother? Well, most lily connoisseurs feel that the species lilies exhibit a gracefulness of form and a certain inherent beauty that the hybrids cannot duplicate. (I assume you noticed that a *L. canadense* won best of show two years in a row at the OLS show!) Your lily growing experience is not complete without growing at least a few species!

There are some species lilies that are quite adaptable and hardy. *L. henryi* comes to mind. Even the notorious "Black Thumb Larry" has been able to keep his *L. henryi* growing for 30 years. Other species that I have seen in Larry's yard are *L. pardalinum*, *L. martagon* and *L. regale*. Other come and go but still are worthwhile having for the few years that last before eventually succumbing (they are really no worse than Orientals that you attempt to grow outdoors in Ohio). If you are willing to pot them up you can probably duplicate the desired growing conditions of even some of the more difficult types.

So give a few species lilies a try and become a connoisseur!

OLS TREASURER'S REPORT
9/01/06 – 3/01/07

		PAYMENTS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
9/01/06	BALANCE			2179.81
9/26/06	Copies & Postage to J. Wilkins	11.44		2168.37
9/29/06	Membership Dues		24.00	2192.37
10/19/06	Membership Dues		80.00	2272.37
10/27/06	Fall 06 Bulb Sales		2,419.55	4691.92
10/27/06	Membership Dues		112.00	4803.92
10/27/06	Book and Disc Sales		31.00	4834.92
10/27/06	Consignment Sales-J.Wilkins		115.50	4950.42
10/28/06	Mid Atlantic Society Commission	156.75		4793.67
10/28/06	Buckeye Bulletin Expense-L. Diehl	108.73		4684.94
10/28/06	Food Expense – K. Higgins	45.62		4639.32
10/28/06	Bulb Expense – Northwest	435.83		4203.49
10/28/06	Brokerage Expense for bulbs	29.32		4174.17
10/28/06	Mid Atlantic Soc. Commission	36.50		4137.67
10/29/06	Kingwood Center Hall Rental	100.00		4037.67
10/31/06	Bulb Expense – S-W Gardens	670.50		3367.17
10/31/06	Bulb Expense - Lily Nook	170.52		3196.65
11/05/06	Bulb Sales- Fall 06		45.50	3242.15
11/13/06	Membership		8.00	3250.15
11/13/06	Bulb Expense –Columbia Platte	474.13		2776.02
12/23/06	Sales Tax to State of OH	174.69		2601.33
01/15/07	NALS Dues	50.00		2551.33

Memberships due: Dave Ayers, M & M. Tom Beckett, Amy & Nick Childs, M & M. Ed Davis, Paul Downie, John & Eileen Evans, Douglas & Joy Fuhrmeyer, Richard Henley, M & M. Wlm. Hrubik, Karen Koweak, Sharon Kross, Craig LaRobardier, Carol Livezey, Jennifer McAdams, Marilyn McNamee, Shirlee Miller, Paul Nerswick, Tom Peters, M & M. Don Powell, Nancy Reese, M & M. Don Seabold, Russ Wagner, Joyce Wager, M & M Chris Willing

NALS Membership

Effective October 1st, NALS has a new Executive Secretary. She is: Stephanie Sims, P.O. Box W, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805, 208-267-7257, Stephanie@lilies.org. New/renewal memberships at \$20 for one year or \$55 for three years can be mailed directly to her. Or, the NALS web site: www.lilies.org can be utilized to pay membership dues directly by PayPal or to download a membership application blank.

NALS members enjoy:

- Four color Quarterly Bulletins and an annual hardbound Yearbook, covering culture, liliium species, growing from seed, propagation, and hybridization.
- A seed exchange, offering seed from liliium species and hybrids from around the world.
- An annual meeting and lily show, where you can see fabulous lilies, attend educational seminars, and meet like-minded lily enthusiasts.
- NALS also maintains a lending library for member use, funds Liliium research through its Research Trust, and conducts an annual lily popularity poll to identify varieties that perform well for members.