

# **THE BUCKEYE BULLETIN**

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## **2008 Dates to Remember**

- Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale:  
**Sunday October 19**

## **2009 Dates to Remember**

- Spring Meeting and Bulb Sale:  
**Sunday April 19**

- OLS Lily Show:  
**Setup – July 3**  
**Show – July 4 & 5**

- Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale:  
**Sunday October 18**

## **62nd NALS Show and Conference**

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**Membership Dues are \$8.00**

Dear Ohio Lily Friends,

The Fall Bulb Sale and meeting will be Sunday, October 19, 2008. . 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, and Mark Mazurek.

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 with more lilies than last year. Congratulations to all our happy ribbon and award winners. Please buy and plant more lilies to show in the **July 4 & 5, 2009**, Forty-fourth Annual Lily show. OLS needs every member's help and entry to have a good looking show. This year we had a new member get his lilies in just in time and he had some winners!

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 Regional medal in 2009. The award will be presented at the Fall 2009 meeting. The medal was established to recognize a member in the regional society who has contributed to the success of the organization. Some contributions might include long and devoted service as a regional officer; good and friendly mentorship to new members; the encouragement of lily enthusiasts to become members of both the regional group and of NALS; excellence of growing and showing lilies; and similar outreach to the community at large. There are undoubtedly many other contributions that could merit consideration for the award. Please send me the name of the member that you would like to nominate and the reasons you believe them worthy. You can email me at [khiggins38@yahoo.com](mailto: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 19, 2008 Bulb sale starts at 12:00 NOON***

Remember, OLS dues are due at the Fall meeting!

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Higgins*

## OHIO LILY SOCIETY MINUTES for Meeting of April 20, 2008

President Kathleen Higgins called the meeting to order at 2:22 PM with 27 members present. President put in a plea for us to give Jan Stein our e-mail addresses as a less expensive and quicker to receive the BULLETINS.

**Minutes were approved** as circulated before and at the beginning of the meeting. The Treasures report was approved as reported in THE BUCKEYE BULLETIN.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Artistic Judge** (for the shows): It was decided one judge will be enough. Membership approved giving an honorarium of \$40 worth of bulbs and if the Judge travels 60 miles or more round trip, to be given \$60 worth of Bulbs.

**The Saturday luncheon** will be arranged by Martha Mead and Rosemary Tanner. They will invite the Judges and Kingwood show staff to join us.

**Today's unsold bulbs were discussed.** It was decided to sell them at the Kingwood Spring Sale on May 3, 2008.

**The North American Lily Society (NALS)** has many regional society affiliates, some who take turns hosting the annual International Lily Conference and Show. We have been asked if we would join two other societies in hosting a Lily Conference and Show to be held in a Pennsylvania venue. They have also asked if they could borrow our lily show vases. No decision was reached at this meeting. We decided that we needed more information on expectations in order to reach a decision of commitment.

Our own Larry Diehl is the NALS Vice President (U.S.) and Nigel Strohmman is the Vice President (Canada). NALS offers several levels of membership. A one year membership is \$20.00 and three years for \$55.00. A few benefits of membership include 4, Color Quarterly Bulletins; A Hardbound Yearbook; Participation in the Seed Exchange; Access to a large lending library; Participation in NALS Shows and a free copy of "Let's Grow Lilies" for new members. Please check out the NALS website [www.Lilies.org](http://www.Lilies.org) This beautiful site has a wonderful Image Gallery, more information about NALS as well as an easy way to join online, just click on the Membership Tab.

**NALS established the NALS REGIONAL MEDAL** to be awarded to a regional society member who has contributed to the success of the organization in a substantial way. Some contributions might include long and devoted service as a regional officer; good and friendly mentorship to new members; the encouragement of lily enthusiasts to become members of both the regional group and of NALS. There are many other contributions that could merit consideration for the award.

OHIO Lily Society Medal Recipients have been:

'03	Sandra Ross
'04	Clarice Lewis
'05	Larry Diehl
'06	Fred Dalzell
'07	none given
'08	need nomination. E-mail to Kathleen or Mark. PLEASE

**The Ohio Lily Society Treasurer is responsible to:** receive and record all memberships; receive and account for all monies of the society and pay all bills approved by the President or the Secretary Juanita Wilkins is now asking to be relieved of the responsibilities of Treasurer. Jane Atkins has volunteered to be Treasure for at least two years, but asked for help with the membership duties. Discussion followed on how to split the job with the possibility of a membership chair to receive the applications and the dues and forward the dues payment on to the Treasurer. Zandra Kaufman offered to help with the membership duties.

***Note: Fall Meeting (October) is the time to renew membership!***

Fall Meeting is when the show chairman and other duties are appointed.

### NEW BUSINESS

**2009 Schedule:** Sunday, April 19, 2009: Spring Meeting

July 4 & 5, 2009: OLS Show with Friday, July 3, 2009 as set up date to bring in entries.

Sunday, October 18, 2009: Fall Meeting - Bulb sale, Carry In Lunch 12:00 NOON, with bulb auction to follow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rusty Wissler

*It is with deep regret that with these minutes, though with respect, fondness and appreciation for all the help and encouragement from you all I will tender my resignation as Secretary. The Health Issues just keep me from doing the kind of job I would like to do. Thank you for the opportunity,*

*Sylvia "Rusty" Wissler*

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## Mark Your Calendars

### 62nd NALS Show and Conference

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### NALS Membership

Contact is: Stephanie Sims, P.O. Box W, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805, 208-267-7257, [Stephanie@lilies.org](mailto: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](http://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.

## Ask Harry

By  
Harry Humus

Dear Harry: When is the best time to cut off lily stems? Should it be done in fall or left to the spring? How short should they be cut? What is the best type of fertilizer to use and when should I apply it? Jan Stein

*Dear Jan,*

*Whoa! Lots of questions. Let me discuss some lily culture thoughts that will hopefully elucidate and enlighten. Since fall is upon us, let me deal first with fall and winter care of lilies.*

*First, it is quite important that you remove all spent lily stems and leaves from your beds as soon as you can get to the task. A stem can be removed any time after it has senesced (turned brown), as it is no longer providing nourishment to the bulb. If the stem is dry it may pull out from the bulb quite easily, and this is the preferred approach. Smooth the soil over where the stem had been. However, be careful! Stems that are still moist will probably pull the bulb out of the soil with them or at least disturb or destroy developing roots. You do not want to disturb your bulb thusly, so your choice then is to cut the stem as close to the ground level as possible. I feel that the remaining stump should be covered over with soil or mulch, as the remaining stem will sometimes dry out and leave a hollow opening directly down to the bulb. You do not want to leave your bulb exposed to insects, critters or freezing conditions in that manner...so cover that stump over! Another technique that is sometimes successful is to stand with your feet on either side of the stem and pull upward or twist the stem out. Frequently this can be done without disturbing the bulb. Your feet pressing down on the soil act to hold the bulb in place. This requires some experience as to when it will work successfully, so it is not for the timid! But if you pull the bulb out of the ground, give it a quick inspection for any damage, perhaps give it a dusting or dip with a fungicide and replant immediately.*

*You may find that if you leave a stump of a cut stem in the ground that it will become a barrier to next year's stem. Usually, the new stem will grow around the stump and mass of stem roots that remains but if you get several years accumulation of this old matter above the bulb it may be necessary to carefully dig it out to clear the space above the bulb.*

*Similarly, if your lily produces a lot of stem bulblets they may form a dense clump over the parent bulb. Fall is the ideal time to dig and remove those bulblets to another location giving both the parent bulb and the bulblets more space to grow*

*and develop. Plant those bulblets at an appropriate depth (the rule of thumb is at a depth 3x the bulb size). Since this is not very deep, a winter mulch is beneficial.*

*Why is fall the best time to remove spent material? Well, it can be pretty hard to not have some cases of botrytis arise in the fall. Stems and leaves left in the bed are harbingers of the botrytis spores and they will provide a source for early botrytis problems next year. It is possible to clean all this up in the spring but even the top layer of the soil can become contaminated with spores if the detritus is not cleared up in the fall. The spreading of botrytis is the reason you should also not compost your lily stems or leaves.*

*What about fertilizer? Lilies are known to be pretty heavy feeders. Doing a soil analysis is always best, but if you are too busy you frequently do not bother. If you prefer to use chemical fertilizers then an application of a balanced fertilizer such as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 in the early spring just as the tips of the lilies are emerging is recommended. A second application around time of flowering can be done as well. The use of high nitrogen fertilizers is not recommended as it encourages weak growth. The use of chemical fertilizers after time of flowering is usually not recommended. If you have noted plant symptoms related to trace element deficiencies, then treat those as soon as they are noticed. I have noticed that Larry sometimes uses a fertilizer with micronutrients as part of the second feeding. Alternately you can use liquid or foliar feeding which usually requires application at something like two-week intervals. If you prefer a timed-release fertilizer than an application of Osmocote (or equivalent) at the first feeding is sufficient.*

*If you prefer to use organic fertilizers a top dressing of well-rotted or composted manure can be applied in the fall. I must emphasize that it must be well aged to be safe! Other organic fertilizers, which break down very slowly, can be applied in the fall or the spring.*

*Getting all this work done before snow begins to fly can be a problem. In this case cleanliness means less problems next year!*

*Harry*

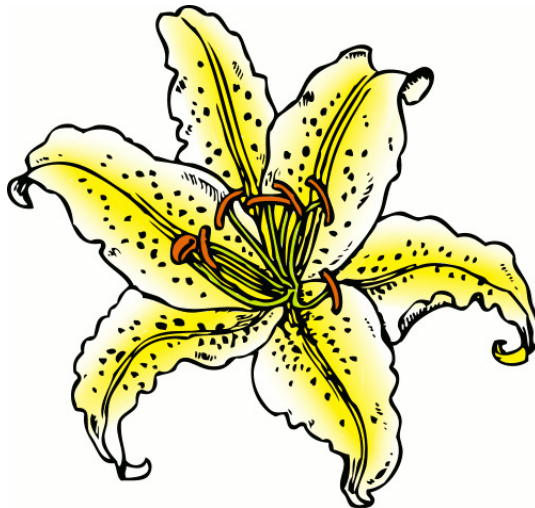
# OLS TREASURER'S REPORT

3/15/08-9/1/08

DATE	Description	PAYMENTS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
03/15/2008	OPEN BALANCE			2,950.86
04/25/2008	Higgins-food for Spring Meet-Ck #572	38.58		2,912.28
04/25/2008	Dalzell – Bulb supplies-Ck #573	127.00		2,785.28
04/25/2008	Stein-Bulletin Expense-Ck #628	58.00		2,727.28
05/09/2008	Chase Card for Lily Nook Bulbs-Ck #574	278.97		2,448.31
05/09/2008	Mak Lilies for bulbs-Ck# 575	328.63		2,119.68
05/09/2008	S W Gardens for bulbs-Ck #576	196.07		1,923.61
05/11/2008	Kingwood Hall Rental-Ck #577	100.00		1,823.61
06/08/2008	Columbia Platte for bulbs-Ck #578	329.50		1,494.11
07/15/2008	Treasurer-State of Ohio-Ck #579	122.13		1,371.98
07/15/2008	Tanner for luncheon food-Ck #580	134.20		1,237.78
07/15/2008	Dalzell-NALS SHOW AWARDS-Ck #582	63.73		1,174.05
07/18/2008	Deposit of Spring Bulb Sale and Auction		1,939.00	3,113.05
09/01/2008	FINAL BALANCE			3,113.05

Scudder fund balance as of 6/30/08

7009.57



## 2008 Lily Show Winners

Ohio Lily Society  
**43rd Annual Show**  
**July 12-13, 2008**

### Major Award Winners

Award	Exhibitor	Entry
<b>Horticultural Awards</b>		
Best In Show	Jan Stein	Conca d'Or
Best in Show Runner Up	Juanita Wilkins	Prince Promise
Sweepstakes (Most 1 <sup>st</sup> place awards)	Kathleen Higgins	
Sweepstakes Runner-up	Juanita Wilkins	
Best Asiatic Hybrid (Section A-Div. 1)	Rosemary Tanner	Citronella
Best Trumpet/Aurelian (Section A-Div. 6)	Larry Diehl	Ortega
Best Species	Betty Packard	L. davidii
Best Flower	Kathleen Higgins	Alchemy
Best C-P Introduction	Larry Diehl	Silk Road
Best Polyploid	Larry Diehl	Ortega
Best Oriental	Jan Stein	Noblesse
Best Collection	Kathleen Higgins	Orania
Best Seedling	Wayne Sollenberger	
Best Trumpet (Section B-Div. 6)	Rosemary Tanner	

### Artistic Awards

Best Artistic of Show	Juanita Wilkins	Baseball
Best Artistic of Show Runner-up	Juanita Wilkins	Cycling
Artistic Sweepstakes	Juanita Wilkins	
Artistic Sweepstakes Runner-up	Johanna Bodiford	

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Horticultural Entries	93	84	87	106
Artistic Entries	15	10	10	10
<b>Total Entries</b>	108	94	97	116