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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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Membership Dues are \$8.00

Dear Ohio Lily Friends,

The Spring Bulb Sale and meeting will be Sunday, April 20th. Be there early for the best selection of bulbs. Please pre-order to get the very best selection of bulbs. Remember that the bulbs you plant this spring should bloom this summer!

The calendar says this is spring but I'm not convinced. I'm writing this on March 22nd, and we had several inches of snow last night here in northern Ohio. I do have some flower and some garlic bulbs up a few inches in a bed at the west side of the house. We installed several small gardens under trees in the front yard (west side) and then had to baby them through last summer's drought and I am anxiously watching to see if they made it through the winter. Last week it was in the 40s (F) and the back yard (east side) where all the raised beds are was just a waterlogged sponge from snow melt and rain.

The Bulb Committee has chosen many 'new to us' bulbs, member requested bulbs and several old favorites. I did want to tell you more about the "Mostly Miss Libby" lily being offered exclusively to regional societies this spring by Columbia-Platte Lilies, Inc. Judith Freeman, owner of CP Lilies, Inc., and a generous supporter of the OLS Lily Show for many years, named this lily in honor of her friend Libby Mongue. Ms. Mongue celebrated her sixth year free of cancer this summer. Libby has been a diligent fund raiser for the American Cancer Society and Judith is contributing the revenues from "Miss Libby" to that organization in Libby Mongue's name. Judith thinks both of the "Misses Libby" are champions!

I would very much 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 lily society who has contributed to the success of the organization. Please send me any names of members that you would like to nominate and your name and phone number so that we (you & I) can discuss your reasons for the nomination. You may send them to me at khiggins38@yahoo.com.

We will be electing officers at the spring meeting. We will be taking nominations from the floor. Please consider becoming more active in your society. We do need a treasurer. Juanita has found this task to be too much along with her other responsibilities in OLS and in the several other flower groups to which she belongs. Please H E L P us!

Plan on joining us for potluck luncheon after the sale. OLS will provide the meat (ham and turkey), each of us is asked to bring a dish to share plus our own table service. Coffee will be provided.

See you all on April 20th. Bulb sale starts at Noon (or a little earlier!)

Kathleen Higgins

Ohio Lily Society Minutes for Meeting of October 21, 2007

Minutes were not available.

Don't forget to enter the 43rd OLS Lily Show on July 12 - 13 at Kingwood Center. The theme for the show is Olympic Game Events. Please bring a few lily stems and enter the show!

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 out side in the pots. because you will receive them in April.

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

2007 Popularity Poll Winners

1. Iowa Rose
2. Conca D'Or
3. Arabesque
4. Landini
5. Ariadne
6. Sunny Crown
7. *L. regale*
8. Elegant Crown
9. Amethyst Temple
10. *L. henryi* / Embarrassment (tie)

NALS Membership

Contact 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.

Mark Your Calendars

61st NALS Show and Conference

The annual show and conference of the North American Lily Society (NALS) will be held in Sidney, British Columbia, Canada from July 2-6, 2008. Sidney is a suburb of Victoria and a short drive from the world famous Butchart Gardens. There will be many conference speakers as well as great tours. For complete information, please see the web page nals2008.com. Registrations are now being accepted.

Ask Harry

By
Harry Humus

Dear Harry. Last year my white Oriental lily produced an extraordinary stem with what seemed to be twice as many flowers as normal and very crowded together. I thought it was magnificent but my neighbor said it was deformed and should be destroyed! I'm confused. Should I dig the bulb up and destroy it? Flustered in Findlay

Dear Flustered,

Larry had to wake me up to deal with this question as today (March 18th) we still have several inches of snow on the ground. My humusy friends and I are usually sleeping under these conditions.

No, you do not need to dig up your bulb. From your description I would say your lily exhibited a condition known as fasciation. Fasciation in lilies can be fascinating (Ho, ho. I love that human play on words.).

Fasciation is usually characterized by a pronounced flattening of the stem. Sometimes the flattened stem can be 2-3 times wider than what a normal stem width would be. There is frequently a profusion of small leaves and flower buds. The flower buds may be small, barely supported on short pedicels and in this case will usually abort. In other cases, the inflorescence may appear closer to being normally developed except for an unusually large number of branches and flowers. In these cases many of the flowers will bloom, as was the case with your lily, but they will definitely look overly crowded. Occasionally, the flattened stem may split into two or more stems creating the impression that multiple stems are contained in the larger flattened stem. Any or all of these combinations may occur in varying degrees in a fasciated stem. Certain lilies tend to produce slightly flattened stems normally (e.g. 'Tinkerbell') and it can take a practiced eye to differentiate between normal growth and a barely fasciated stem. There is no mistaking a badly fasciated stem!

The causes of fasciation are not well known. Some believe that the condition may be caused by a random genetic disruption or by an infection from the bacterium that is responsible for leafy gall disease. There is also evidence that the condition may result from environmental conditions such as: frost, very warm spring temperatures, insects and mechanical damage. Many observers feel that regardless of the underlying responsible condition(s) that the fasciated stem results from multiple stems fusing together rather than forming two or three stems that would have occurred under otherwise normal conditions.

There does seem to be some genetic disposition towards this condition with the lily 'Edith Cecelia' and its siblings frequently mentioned as being prone to fasciation. The condition is more likely to be seen amongst older, mature bulbs and, surprisingly, among those that are well nourished and growing strongly.

The condition is considered an abnormality and if you should enter a fasciated stem in a show the astute judge will remove it and not judge it.

The good news is that fasciation rarely repeats itself and you should see your lily resume its normal growth pattern this year perhaps with multiple stems! Happy growing!

Harry

**OLS TREASURER'S REPORT
9/16/07 – 3/15/08**

DATE	Description	PAYMENTS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
03/01/2007	BALANCE			2,750.41
10/22/2007	2 books sold		8.00	2,758.41
10/22/2007	Fall Meet Food Expense	39.92		2,718.49
10/22/2007	Buckeye Bulletin Expense	63.05		2,655.44
10/22/2007	Pkg. Supplies Expense	66.67		2,588.77
10/22/2007	Lily Nook Bulb Order	379.73		2,209.04
10/22/2007	U.S. postage expense	16.40		2,192.64
10/31/2007	Mak Lilies Bulb Order	323.65		1,868.99
11/05/2007	Fall Bulb Sales		1,501.25	3,370.24
11/05/2007	Membership Dues		152.00	3,522.24
11/05/2007	Kingwood Hall Rental	100.00		3,422.24
11/05/2007	Ohio State Sales Tax	100.42		3,321.82
11/21/2007	Fall Bulb Sales-Tom Peters		34.50	3,356.32
11/21/2007	Columbia Platte Bulb Order	219.13		3,137.19
12/12/2007	Membership Dues-John Evans		8.00	3,145.19
12/12/2007	Fall Bulb Sales-Doug Cellar		72.50	3,217.69
12/12/2007	NALS Dues	50.00		3,167.69
02/15/2008	SW Gardens	216.93		2,950.76

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