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2009 Dates to Remember

- Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale:
Sunday, October 18

2010 Dates to Remember

- Spring Meeting and Bulb Sale:
Sunday, April 18

63rd NALS Show and Conference –

The annual show and conference of the North American Lily Society (NALS) will be held in Mars, PA from July 7-11, 2010. **Hosted by MLS and OLS.**

- Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale:
Sunday, October 17

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Membership Dues are \$8.00

Dear Ohio Lily Friends,

The Fall Bulb Sale and meeting will be Sunday, October 18, 2009. . 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.

We had another successful Lily Show in July with more lilies than last year and more artistic arrangements than in recent years. Congratulations to all our happy ribbon and award winners. Congratulations to Curt Wilkins of Wapakoneta, Ohio. This was his first show and he won Sweepstakes for the most blue ribbons. Please buy and plant more lilies to show in the **July 2010 NALS show in MARS, PA. We would enjoy seeing a good showing from the Ohio Lily Society!!**

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 2010. The award will be presented at the Fall 2010 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 *subject line: NALS medal*, or 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 18, 2009 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 19, 2009

Minutes were not available at time of printing.

OLS TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was not available at time of printing

Ask Harry

By
Harry Humus

Dear Harry: I've heard that the best time to move lilies is in the fall. Is this so? Should I dig and separate my overcrowded clumps now? I've also heard they can be moved any time. How can a spring sale work if fall is best? I'm confused. G. Lilium

Dear G. What a nice last name for this question...you wouldn't be putting me on would you?

First, let me make a radical statement: Lilies can be moved at any time! However, since lilies are never really dormant your goal should be to do it at the time that provides the least disturbance to their natural growth cycle. Can they be moved any time? Yes, if you take care to move them with enough dirt that you minimally disturb their root system. Generally this means that disturbing them during their peak growth is done with some risk but can be done if need be (e.g. moving to a new house and you want to take them with you ...assuming the sales agreement allows that).

Practically speaking fall is the best time as the bulb's activity is confined to root growth and preparing itself for next year. When to dig? Well, any time after the lily has senesced (leaves turned brown) is good and probably the sooner the better. The sooner you get to the task the more time the bulb has to establish new root growth and anchor itself for next year. Remember the lily bulb is never truly dormant nor does the bulb have any protective cover, or tunic, such as tulips or daffodils, so you should absolutely minimize the amount of time out of the ground. So get to it and divide those clumps! Also, be on the lookout for small bulblets that are evidenced by single leaves coming from the ground surrounding the stem. Occasionally enough bulblets can form that they form a mass that blocks the mother stem from growing directly upward. Fall is a good time to remove and move those bulblets which, given room, will grow into flowering duplicates of the mother bulb.

A spring sale of lily bulbs has been made possible by the use of refrigerated storage that keeps bulbs at the proper temperature and humidity such that they are in good condition to be planted and grown next spring. According to Larry, The Bulb Committee buys spring bulbs that have been properly stored and are ready to be planted. If you have purchased spring bulbs you probably note that in some cases the bulbs develop sprouts rapidly and can be damaged if not handled carefully. Occasionally, spring planted bulbs do not flower up to expectations. You have to

appreciate that in some cases the bulbs do not have time to establish a massive root system and initiate stem growth simultaneously. They then suffer in comparison to their fall planted kin. Under these conditions varieties that develop strong stem roots sometimes fare better than those that do not. (You do know the difference between stem roots and basal roots right?) Also, late maturing varieties may not be ready to be harvested, cleaned, graded and prepared for shipment in time that fall shipment is possible. Given the variety, or weather conditions for the year, spring shipping may be the only way those types may be available. In general, spring planted bulbs do quite well even if the timing is not optimal.

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.

News from NALS - www.lilies.org

Congratulations to Larry Diehl for being the new president of NALS!

Jan Stein was elected to be on the Board of Directors for NALS.

The 2009 Hornback Winner, awarded to the lily showing the greatest advance in hybridizing was a new lily called Liliium 'Kushi Maya'. The lily was bred by Richard Hyde in the United Kingdom. It is a hybrid between Liliium nepalense and a Hybrid Oriental lily. Both types which are so distantly related to each other that they don't usually hybridize at all. Thanks to embryo rescue techniques a seedling developed.

The huge flowers are white at the edges of the petal, shading to green, with a darker green streak through the center of each. The center is a deep crimson and has a wonderful fragrance. 'Kushi Maya', is a name give to female Nepalese children, it's English translation is 'Happy Love'.

Other highlights for the 2009 NALS Convention in Springfield, Missouri:

The Peters-Mooney award (Ohio Lily Society) was awarded to Brian Bergman for best oriental lily – 'Mr. Big'

The Mears-Mersereau Award (Ohio Lily Society) was awarded to Arthur Evans for best three stems of the same species, variety or cultivar – 'White Triumphator'

Nominations for NALS Regional Medal

It's time to nominate the next recipient of the NALS Regional Medal. Bring your nominations to the meeting or notify Kathleen Higgins. Any member of the society can make a nomination. Nominees should be an OLS member who has demonstrated outstanding and selfless contributions to the society. The medal will then be awarded at the fall Meeting in October.

Lily Judging School

The Ontario Lily Society is going to sponsor another judging school with the first part being sometime in March of 2010. Details have not been finalized yet. If you are interested, then watch for more information on the ORLS web site (<http://www.orlds.ca>) or call Ross Martin (905-692-3222) or Brian Bergman (416-614-6394).

Sad news from Oregon –

We were saddened to hear of the death of Lucy Hinman who was a long term member of OLS. Lucy and her husband Don had moved to Oregon several years ago.

**The Mid-Atlantic and Ohio Lily Societies Invite you on the
Excursion to Mars!**

NALS 2010 Lily Odyssey

(Mars, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. July 7-11, 2010)

Yes, there really is a Mars, Pennsylvania. It is located about 20 miles north of Pittsburgh, in Butler County and was founded in 1873.

Plan on attending and helping with the event!!!!

The organizing committee for the NALS 2010 show is looking for clear gin bottles 750 ml or 1.5 L. Clear wine bottles (e.g. Corbet Canyon) also are acceptable. We would probably have to collect any donations of bottles at our spring meeting.

North American Lily Society Annual Show & Symposium

We'll launch from the Sheraton Four Points Convention Center, Mars, Pennsylvania, just outside the major hub of Pittsburgh. Accommodations, meals and exhibits will be under one roof at the affordable but full scale Convention Center.

The Symposium will host speakers from other "galaxies" in the lily world: Europe and the Washington D.C. area. Study local lily life on garden tours that will highlight *Lilium superbum* and other species, Orientals, and Interdivisional hybrids grown so well by Joe Nemmer and lily society members in the USDA Zone 5 and 6.

This site will be updated periodically with details on the symposium and show, area attractions, and travel directions. Start planning your excursion to Mars now for the 2010 NALS Show.

Join us and boldly go where no Lily Show has gone before!



Ohio Lily Society
44th Annual OLS Show
July 4-5, 2009

Major Award Winners

Award	Exhibitor	Entry
<u>Horticultural Awards</u>		
Best In Show	Betty Packard	I. davidii
Best in Show Runner Up	Bob Wissler	Seafarer
Sweepstakes (Most 1 st place awards)	Curt Wilkins	
Sweepstakes Runner-up	Larry Diehl	
Best Asiatic Hybrid (Section A-Div. 1)	Kathleen Higgins	Red Velvet
Best Trumpet/Aurelian (Section A-Div. 6)	Jan Stein	Madam Butterfly
Best Species	Betty Packard	I. davidii
Best Flower	Larry Diehl	orange seedling
Best C-P Introduction	Bob Wissler	Seafarer
Best LA	Kathleen Higgins	Suncrest
Best Polyploid	Kathleen Higgins	tetra white trumpet
Best Oriental	Doug Cellars	seedling
Best Collection	Curt Wilkins	Prince Promise
Best Seedling	Curt Wilkins	melon seedling
Best Trumpet (Section B-Div. 6)	Curt Wilkins	melon seedling
Novice Award	Curt Wilkins	Quintessence

Artistic Awards

Best Artistic of Show	Juanita Wilkins	A Chorus Line
Best Artistic of Show Runner-up	Juanita Wilkins	Oklahoma
Artistic Sweepstakes	Juanita Wilkins	
Artistic Sweepstakes Runner-up	Johanna Bodiford	

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Horticultural Entries	93	84	87	106	108
Artistic Entries	15	10	10	10	19
Total Entries	108	94	97	116	127