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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

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Membership Dues are \$8.00

President's Letter

Spring 2009

Dear Ohio Lily Friends,

The Spring Bulb Sale and meeting will be Sunday, April 19th. 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 in early March, and we are still very cold here in northern Ohio. I do have some flower bulbs and some garlic bulbs up a few inches in a bed at the west side of the house. Last week at this time it was in the low teens (F). It is supposed to warm up beginning late this week and our frozen wasteland will turn to swamp. I'm sure many of you are enjoying similar weather.

The Bulb Committee has chosen many 'new to us' bulbs, member requested bulbs and several old favorites. New from Columbia-Platte is Souvenir. A delightfully different, miniature Oriental with beautiful heart-shaped leaves, compact stems and fragrant out-facing flowers of a luscious sweetheart pink. Perfect for container culture, this is one of the few lilies that can grow and flower inside your home, with adequate light, as well as outside. Only ten bulbs were ordered, so if this sounds interesting to you, pre-order as soon as possible.

I would very much like to have another candidate for the NALS medal for 2010. The award will be presented at the 2010 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 would love to have members and friends of OLS enter more of their lilies July 3 & 4 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 4th or 5th. 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 do want to remind you that OLS will not have a Lily Show in 2010 because the NALS International Lily show will be occurring in Mars, PA (near Pittsburgh) near the dates that we would usually be holding our show. I hope that we will have more information for you at the Spring meeting. I do want to encourage you to not only attend the NALS Lily Show, but to plan to enter a stem or an artistic arrangement. The schedule of classes will be very much as at the OLS Lily Show including a class for Floral Design.

Plan on joining us for our potluck luncheon following the sale. OLS will provide the meat (baked ham and roast turkey breast). 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 19th. Bulb sale starts at Noon (or a little earlier!)

Kathleen Higgins

Ohio Lilly Society Minutes for Meeting of October 19, 2008

President Kathleen Higgins called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with 27 members and guests in attendance.

The minutes of the April 20, 2008 meeting were accepted by the membership as published in the September 2008

The Buckeye Bulletin.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the membership as published in the September 2008, The Buckeye Bulletin.

Old Business

Installment of new officers

Kathleen Higgins, President; Mark Muzurek, Vice President; Jane Adkins, Treasurer; Zandra Kaufman, Secretary

Show staff for the 2009 OLS Annual Lily Show has been decided and is as follows:

Rick Maiella	the Show Chairman
Jan Stein	the writer of the horticulture and artistic schedule
Fred Dalzell and Larry Diehl	people responsible for the classification and placement of entries
Ragina Dalzell	the person responsible for the show awards & printed schedule
Jan Stein	the person responsible for obtaining judges for the horticultural entries
Juanita Wilkins	the person responsible for obtaining a judge for the artistic entries
Doug Cellars, Larry Diehl & Wayne Sollenberger	the people responsible for registration, information and hospitality
Rose Tanner & Martha Meade	responsible for arranging for lunch in the Exhibit Hall building
Joe Nemmer, Rick Maiella, Mark Mazurek	the people responsible for the clean up at the close of the show; others would be gratefully welcomed to help with this 30-minute task. We pull the stems and pack in buckets, empty tubes and pack them for storage.

Kingwood personnel will manage the ribbon attachment and staging

Thank you to Juanita Wilkins and Larry Diehl for taking and selling the left over lily bulbs from the Fall sale.

Dues were paid by members, several new members were signed up for 08-09.

New Business

Calendar for OLS for 2009

April 19, 2009	Bulb Sale, Potluck lunch and Business Meeting
July 3, 2009	4:00 to 7:00 p.m. show entries may be made
July 4, 2009	8:00 to 11:00 a.m. show entries may be made 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. show is open to the public
July 5, 2009	10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. show is open to the public
Oct 18, 2009	Fall Bulb Sale, Potluck lunch and Business Meeting

Looking ahead into 2010

NAL's Show schedule is July 10, 11 & 12 in Mars, Pennsylvania www.lilies.org. OLS considering a Bus organized for transportation to/from show. Discussion & details to follow (?)

NALS Medal nominees for 2009, email write, or phone Kathleen or Mark with nominations and explanation of such

Larry Diehl to repair large stem holders

Informal demonstration to be presented at Spring 2009 meeting on the different ways we each prepare lilies for transport to a show.

Decision was made to pay judges for their mileage; increased amount of bulb "gifts".

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

OLS TREASURER'S REPORT 9/1/08 – 3/18/09

CHECK #	Description	PAYMENTS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
	deposit - initial, from old account to start new account		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
1001	Fred Dalzell-reimburse for bulbs and meeting supplies	\$ 150.98	\$ -	\$ 149.02
1002	Jan Stein - postage	\$ 47.00		\$ 102.02
1003	Kathleen Higgins - meat	\$ 34.85		\$ 67.17
	deposit- \$2,000 from old account, bulb sales and dues	\$ -	\$3,609.00	\$ 3,676.17
1004	Mak Lilies - bulbs	\$ 421.60		\$ 3,254.57
1005	S-W Gardens - bulbs	\$ 202.06		\$ 3,052.51
	deposit - 813.05 remainder of old account, bulb sales and dues	\$ -	\$ 918.55	\$ 3,971.06
1006	Estate Perennials - bulbs	\$ 174.50		\$ 3,796.56
1007	Columbia Platte Lilies-bulbs	\$ 257.13		\$ 3,539.43
1008	NALS - dues	\$ 50.00		\$ 3,489.43

Scudder fund balance as of 6/30/08

7009.57

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.

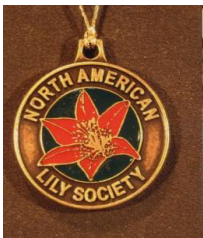
News from NALS - www.lilies.org

The NALS Seed Exchange should be open soon. Check the NALS site often: <http://www.lilies.org> Remember, NALS does not send a paper copy of the seed list unless you specifically requested one.

The NALS Board of Directors met in Springfield in January to review the business of the society. In addition to conducting "lily business," several members explored the area nurseries, garden suppliers, bookstores, the Fantastic Caverns, and the Bass Pro World. The convention center is nice, and everyone looks forward to returning to Springfield in June.

Plans for the 62th Annual 2009 NALS Lily Show and Symposium are well under way, thanks to the Ozark Regional Lily Society. The show, "Lilies! Let's Celebrate!" will be held in Springfield, Missouri, June 24-28, 2009. Mark your calendars for a great time!

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.

Ask Harry

By
Harry Humus

Dear Harry: Last year I purchased some spring lily bulbs at my local “big box” store. They were really cheap but I was disappointed in the results. Many of the bulbs had already sprouted in the bags and I planted them as delicately as possible but I managed to break off a few stems in the planting process. One or two that came up did not seem to be exactly as pictured on the package. What can I expect from these bulbs this year? Sign me as “Cheap and Disappointed”

Dear CD: Well the old adage “you get what you pay for” is appropriate here. That’s not to say you cannot get some quality material at your local store but you really need to be alert as to what you are buying. Keep in mind that lily bulbs are really never dormant and they have no protective tunic like tulips so that the longer a lily bulb is out of the soil the more stressed it can potentially become. Lily bulbs can be held in cold storage at controlled humidity conditions and be in good shape in the spring. The real question then is to answer what conditions has the bulb seen before you buy it in the store? Is it being displayed on a rack in a warm part of the store? Has it sprouted? How much has it sprouted? Bulbs that have the stem curling around inside a plastic bag with the bulb dried up to a shriveled mass are a waste of your money. If you cannot resist purchasing from these sources, look for bulbs that have freshly arrived, are still firm to the touch (not always easy to determine when in their packaging material) and have minimal amount of sprouting. Some lilies will sprout slightly even when in cold storage and many will start growing quickly when they sense a change in temperature. Plant your lily bulbs as soon as possible so they can draw what they need from the soil and establish root systems that enable the bulb to prepare itself for proper growth for next year. If you cannot plant lily bulbs right away, keep them cool to retard their growth. If you determine that your bulbs have dehydrated try soaking them in water with a dilute solution of water-soluble fertilizer for several hours before planting and they may recover...it is worth a try. The best solution is to purchase bulbs from the Ohio Lily Society Bulb sale. It supports your local organization and the Bulb Committee purchases from sources that have properly stored the bulbs up until the time they are shipped to Ohio. The Bulb Committee tries to have wide variety of material with some newer and distinctive varieties that you just will not find locally.

It’s hard to say what you might expect from your last year bulbs. Wait and see and hope for the best. A healthy bulb can tolerate having the stem broken and have enough reserve to send up a weak stem the next year (note: the same thoughts apply to situations where a late frost damages your lily or if you accidentally damage a stem that is just started growth for the year. A healthy bulb may have enough reserve to send up a weaker stem next year. A bulb in poor condition may never recover). Badly sprouted or slightly dehydrated bulbs may recover to their true form in a few years. If your sprouted bulbs were in poor shape then likely they will not recover from losing the stem and missing the opportunity to have the bulb replenished during the growing season.

Mis-labeled bulbs do happen even from the most reliable sources. There are many steps in the harvesting, handling, storage and packaging process where an occasional mix-up can occur. Most of the specialized lily firms guarantee their bulbs to be true-to-name but I doubt that your local Sprawl-Mart would give you any satisfaction when you complained that your red lilies were really yellow. Larry has mentioned to me that the occurrence of such mistakes seems to be more prevalent with bulbs purchased from mass merchandisers.

It is time for spring clean up of your lily beds an application of a bit of fertilizer before the shoots begin to appear. Lilies always appreciate a little top dressing of humus (naturally!!)

Harry

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

**The 2010 NALS Show and Symposium
is coming to us!**

Co-hosted by MLS and Ohio Lily society (OLS)
Let's have some fun planning the NALS 2010

“Lily Odyssey: Excursion to Mars!”

Four Points Sheraton - Mars, Pennsylvania

July 7 – 11, 2010