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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.

NALS 2010 - EXCURSION TO MARS -

More info at:

<http://www.nals2010.org/>

Learn, have fun and see some beautiful lilies.

- Fall Meeting and Bulb Sale:
Sunday, October 17

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Membership Dues are \$8.00

Dear Ohio Lily Friends,

The Spring Bulb Sale and meeting will be Sunday, April 18th. 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 and now that the snow has finally melted I am delighted. The garlic is well up and daffodils have pushed their leaves up through 5 inches of leaf mulch. I'm writing this in mid-March, and we have had a lovely week of temperatures in the 50's and 60's and much of the snow melt has dried up and the spring rains have begun. I hope that most of you are enjoying warmer weather as well.

The Bulb Committee has chosen several 'new to us' bulbs, member requested bulbs and several old favorites. New from Columbia-Platte is Lake Carey. This Oriental lily has enormous, smooth raspberry pink flowers. Intense color is outlined in a narrow edging of crisp white at its tips. Stunning and heavily fragrant, too. 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 2011. The award will be presented at the 2011 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 or snail mail or phone me. My address and phone number are on the 1st page of this bulletin.

I do want to remind you that OLS will not have a Lily Show this summer. We, The Ohio Lily Society will be co-hosting with the Mid-Atlantic Society, the NALS (North American Lily Society) Sixty Third Annual International Lily show launching from Mars, -----Pennsylvania that is (near Pittsburg). Beginning Friday, July 9th and ending Sunday, July 11th at the Four Points by Sheraton, 910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, Pa, 16046. Registration deadline is June 10, 2010. Please visit the NALS 2010 website: www.nals2010.org. I do want to encourage you to not only attend the NALS Lily Show, but to plan to enter a stem (s) or an artistic arrangement. The schedule of classes will be very much as at the OLS Lily Show including a class for Floral Design "Fantasy Excursion to Mars", that promises to be colorful and creative. There is also a photo contest with two divisions: Division A: for amateur photographers only and Division B: for professional photographers only. The rules and registration information are on the website. Please check out www.nals2010.org, and be part of the OLS contingent enjoying Mars!

Kingwood Center has suffered serious loss of financial support as their investments have taken the same hits as have many other organizations and individuals. Kingwood has had to find new ways to generate income and one of those is to charge a \$5.00 fee per car admission fee. **However members of a club paying room rental fees for a sale may enter the grounds for free on the day of the sale. Just tell the security guard at the gate that you are a member of the Ohio Lily Society and you will be able to park for free.** Do Plan on joining us for our potluck luncheon following the bulb 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 and tea will be provided.

See you all on April 18th. Bulb sale starts at Noon (or a little earlier!)

Kathleen Higgins

President

Ohio Lily Society Minutes for Meeting of October 18, 2009

President Kathleen Higgins called the meeting to order after lunch.

There were no minutes of the April 19, 2009 meeting. The secretary had a personnel crisis and resigned as secretary and membership chair.

The Treasurer's report was not available in time to be reviewed by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the fact that OLS will be co-hosting the NALS 'Excursion to Mars!' with The Mid-Atlantic Society there will be no Ohio Lily Show in 2010. Plan on attending and helping with the event in Mars. You will find all the information regarding convention registration, hotel reservations, Photo Contest entry and the Lily Show schedule on the website: www.nals2010.org Please plan to attend and enter lilies or floral design. We would love to have some OHIO winners.

NEW BUSINESS

NALS Medal Presentation: Regina Dalzell was recognized for her more than 30 years of dedicated service to OLS. Congratulations Regina, we hope to enjoy your friendship for many more years.

Joe Nemmer described the plans for the 2010 NALS Lily show July 7 -11, 2010 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel and Convention Center; 910 Sheraton Drive; Mars, Pennsylvania.

General Registration includes show room entry, welcoming reception, all sessions and hospitality.

There will be an additional fee if you choose to attend the Judges Luncheon and/or The Dinner Buffet and Auction and/or the Garden Tour and Lunch and/or the Awards Buffet Dinner. Please check out the website for the details of this exciting excursion. Marianne Casey has done a wonderful and creative job developing the website. It has everything you need to know about the NALS Convention and the surrounding area. She has built in many helpful links.

Joe reminded us that we still need volunteer help in the prep room and the information desk and probably other little things that will surely pop up.

The garden tours each look tempting, difficult choices must be made! Mars is just a little over a 2 hour drive from Mansfield. We need 180 total room nights in order to get the public spaces that we need to support the show without penalty charges. Come enjoy an International Lily show.

2011 Important Dates

April 17, 2011, Spring Bulb Sale and meeting

July 1, 2, 3, 2011, The Ohio Lily Show

October 16, 2011, Fall Bulb Sale and meeting

Secretary and Treasurer and Membership chair are needed immediately: As no one will volunteer to accept any of these offices it may be time for this society to disband. The six people who are now and have been for many years doing most of the work for this group cannot accept the additional work load of these offices. What would you like to do? I always thought we would disband due to lack of money. It never occurred to me that apathy would do us in. Please consider volunteering for one of these offices.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Higgins

President in absence of a secretary

OLS TREASURER'S REPORT

			\$ 1,854.69
1021	Kathleen Higgins - meat	\$ 32.43	\$ 1,822.26
1022	Jan Stein - postage	\$ 26.25	\$ 1,796.01
1023	Mak Lilies	\$ 417.90	\$ 1,378.11
1024	SW Garden	\$ 153.64	\$ 1,224.47
1025	Ozark Mountain Lilies	\$ 289.00	\$ 935.47
1026	Kingwood Center - hall rental	\$ 100.00	\$ 835.47
1027	Columbia Platte Lilies-bulbs	\$ 259.42	\$ 576.05
1028	NALS dues	\$ 50.00	\$ 526.05
1029	State of Ohio - sales tax	\$ 128.07	\$ 397.98
	deposit - bulb sales		1911.75 \$ 2,309.73
	deposit - dues	\$ 136.00	\$ 2,445.73

Scudder Fund 4/01/10: \$7,111.54

Kingwood Membership information –

Kingwood will now have a parking fee of \$5.00 per car. They are trying to work on different ways to bring more income into Kingwood so that they will not have to close in the winter months.

If you become a member of Kingwood then the parking fee will be waived.

Member - \$40

Family - \$50

Donor - \$100

Patron - \$500

Please help support Kingwood, so that we can continue to hold our meetings and flower show at this wonderful garden.

Results of 2009 Popularity Poll:

1. Conca d'Or
2. Robina
3. Anastasia
4. Ariadne
5. Liliium regale
6. Northern Beauty
7. Mrs. R.O. Backhouse
8. Pizzazz
9. Adios Noninja
10. Kentucky

Ask Harry

By
Harry Humus

Dear Harry: Every year my kind son gives me an "Easter Lily". It has such nice white trumpet shaped flowers. I'm sad when they die and I have to throw the plant away. Is there any way I can plant the lily outside and have it survive? I live in northern Ohio if that is important. By the way, I'm nearly 85 years old and still enjoy my garden! Thanks! Mrs. Mary P. Lanter

Dear Mary. Congratulations on still being an active gardener. As best as I can recall there is at least some part of me is about 155 years old resulting from a piece of bark from the big old oak tree in the property behind Larry's yard. But that's another story...

It is definitely worth giving it a try to see if you can transition your lily to outdoor life. You might be interested to know that your white Easter lily is most likely a type of L. longiflorum, a species lily. There are several varieties of L. longiflorum that have been selected over the years to provide the type of growth habit that is best suited for a Easter pot plant. In fact, since this is such a big business there are probably more named varieties of L. longiflorum than any other lily. My nephew Pete Humus tells me that there is a stretch of land some twenty miles long by a few miles wide on the California/ Oregon border where almost all domestic Easter Lilies are grown (maybe 12 million a year!).

Here are some hints for taking care of your lily. Keep it in bright light but out of direct sunlight in a location free from drafts. Water the soil only when it is dry (but don't let it set too long in a dry state) and, if the pot is covered by foil, make sure water is not accumulating under the pot...remember, lilies do not like wet feet! You can remove the anthers as the flowers open as this will prolong the bloom time somewhat and will prevent pollen from staining anything it comes in contact with. Remove any flowers as they fade. Keep the plant watered until it is safe to move it outside. Once all danger of frost has passed, gradually introduce the lily to outside conditions by moving it outside and providing some shelter so it can acclimate to wind and temperature changes. After perhaps a couple of weeks find a sunny, well-drained location and plant the lily at the same depth as it was in the pot. Neutral to slightly acidic soil is best. Apply a couple of inches of organic mulch. Keep it well watered if required but do not overdo it. When the stem turns brown cut it back to ground level.

These lilies require a very short vernalization time so there is some chance a new shoot may emerge during the current growing season. If this occurs, side dress with a fertilizer suitable for bulbs and hope there is time for the stem to mature (and maybe flower) before the growing season is over. Cut any new stem off when it is brown at the end of the growing season. It is quite possible that the lily will not send up a stem before the next growing season. All of these bulbs are

forced to flower at Easter time and it is hard to predict how they will respond during the immediate growing season after flowering so early in the year. At the end of the growing season, mulch with a few more inches of organic mulch. This should be removed next spring.

L. longiflorum is not reliably hardy in your climate so ultimate success is not guaranteed. In addition, there are ever so slight variations in hardiness between the various longiflorum types so it is even harder to predict success when this factor may come into play as well. Because L. longiflorum seems to require less of a vernalization period they are somewhat notorious for sending up an early stem before the last frost-free date. If such a thing does occur, be sure to protect the stem if frost is expected. Side dress any stem you get with a suitable fertilizer. It may take more than one year for the bulb to fully regain its strength and assume a normal bloom cycle, so be patient.

I've noticed that Larry is perhaps only 50% successful in wintering over one of these lilies when he gives it a try. Of course I must say his soil really could use more humus in it! Even when he is successful L. longiflorum does not seem to persist for more than a few years in his garden. These are a very beautiful lily and well worth the minimal effort required to see if you can acclimate one to your yard. Good luck and enjoy!

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.
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**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!!!!

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!

