



The Pipeline

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NEW OFFICIALS

In the June and July issues the names of your new officers were published. Now here are those of the Regional Vice-Presidents and Committees:

Regional Vice-Presidents

New England	Dr. Owen Rogers	Mid-Atlantic	Frank Neidz
Southern	Dr. Donald Egolf	Midwest	Clare Short
Western	Lourene Wishart	Pacific	Dr. Joel Margaretten
Eastern Canada	Charles Holetich	Western Canada	Dr. William Cumming
England	Dr. Peter Green		

Committees: (standing)

Convention: Charles Holetich, Chairman
Robert B. Clark
Dr. Joel Margaretten

Nominations: John Alexander III, Chairman
Fr. John Fiala
Dr. John Wister

Resolutions: William Utley, Chairman
Fr. John Fiala
Bernard Harkness

Credentials: Walter Oakes, Chairman
Dr. Donald Egolf
Nancy Emerson

Committees: (ad hoc)

Executive: Walter E. Eickhorst, Chairman
Robert B. Clark
Walter W. Oakes
William Utley
Marie Chaykowski

Legal: Fr. John Fiala, Chairman
 Mabel Harkness
 Isabel Zucker
 Lois Utley

Membership: Walter W. Oakes, Chairman
 Dr. Joel Margaretten
 Charles Holetich

Flowering
 Records: Charles Holetich, Chairman
 Dr. Donald Egolf
 Freek Vrugtman

Publications: Robert B. Clark, Chairman
 Dr. Donald Egolf
 Bernard Harkness
 Charles Holetich

Research: Dr. Donald Egolf, Chairman
 Fr. John Fiala
 Richard A. Fennichia
 William Heard
 Dr. James Pringle

Parliamentarian: Fr. John Fiala

Budget and Fiscal: Marie Chaykowski, Chairman
 Walter W. Oakes
 William Utley

Lilac
 Registration: Dr. Owen Rogers, Chairman
 Freek Vrugtman

Promotion &
 Education: Nancy Alexander, Chairman

Color Survey: Frank Neidz, Chairman

Archives: Fr. John Fiala, Chairman
 William Heard
 Dr. John Wister

Seed/Scion
 Exchange: Nancy Alexander, Chairman
 Robert B. Clark

Propagation &
 Distribution: Dr. Donald Egolf, Chairman
 Fr. John Fiala
 William Utley
 Dr. Owen Rogers
 Robert B. Clark

Awards: Dr. Owen Rogers, Chairman
 Charles Holetich
 Al Lumley

Audit: Clare Short, Chairman
William Utley
Winfried K. (Marty) Martin

This is a list you certainly should add to your files so you will know whom to contact should occasion arise.

IMPORTANT PROJECTS

Lilac Performance

The committee previously listed under the name of "Flowering Records" appears to be incorrectly named as the name "Lilac Performance" more nearly suits what the committee is attempting to do. Chairman Charles Holetich has assembled a Lilac Performance Form, both sides of which are reproduced here, one form to be filled in for each lilac cultivar and species, so that in a few years these forms may be collected and compared. Thus a picture of each lilac's performance should emerge in due course of time. Then, there will undoubtedly be a publication to guide members and others who purchase lilacs.

Through correspondence with various botanic gardens and arboreta the interest in this project was judged and performance forms, numbers ranging from 5 to 750 per institution were mailed on April 20, 1976. There were two subsequent requests, both from Canadian institutions.

You can help this project by using the form on the next page for one of your lilacs and asking the chairman for more forms if you have more lilacs to record.

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International Lilac Society, Inc.

LILAC PERFORMANCE FORM

BOTANICAL AND CULTIVAR NAME _____

PLANT OBTAINED FROM _____

LOCATION — Specimen observed at _____

AGE (if known) _____ yrs. Height _____ m Spread _____ m; GROWING SPACE: _____ m.

BRANCHING HABIT: Strongly ascending [] Moderately ascending [] Spreading []

DENSITY: Thick [] Moderate [] Thin []

GROWTH: Long (40+ cm/yr) [] Moderate (20-40 cm/yr) [] Short (1-20 cm/yr) []

PRUNED OR THINNED: Regularly [] Occasionally [] Never []; REJUVENATED Yes [] No []

PROPAGATION OF SPECIMEN: Grafted [] Budded [] On own roots [] Unknown []

FLOWERS: Single [] Double [] Diameter of corolla (average) _____ cm.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF COROLLA LOBES: 4 [] 8 [] 12 [] Other _____

TIP OF COROLLA LOBE: Pointed [] Rounded [] Other _____

SHAPE OF COROLLA LOBES AT PEAK OF BLOOM: Cupped [] Flat [] Reflexed []

FRAGRANCE: Strong [] Moderate [] Slight [] Lacking []

FLOWER CLUSTER: Length _____ cm. Width at the base _____ cm.

Rigid [] Lax [] Dense [] Sparse []

Pointed [] Rounded [] Other _____

VISUAL COLOR DESCRIPTION: _____ Bud _____

Flower cluster in bloom _____

Corolla tube _____ Lobes _____ Lobe margins _____

COLOR CHART DESIGNATION: RHS [] Nickerson [] Munsell [] Other _____ Code _____

AMOUNT OF BLOOM: 40 + clusters [] 20-40 [] Fewer than 20 []

FLOWERING HABITS: Good annually [] Alternately [] Good occasionally [] Unknown []

BLOOMING TIME: from _____ to _____ (from opening of first to fading of last cluster)

LASTING QUALITY OF CUT BLOOM: 5 days [] 3 days [] 1 day [] Unknown []

LEAF SIZE (from medium length shoot): Average length _____ cm. Average width _____ cm.

SOIL AT CULTIVAR SITE: Clay [] Sandy [] Loamy [] Other _____

DRAINAGE: Good [] Poor []; SOIL pH (if known) _____

EXPOSURE: Sunny [] Semi-shade [] Shade []

East [] South [] North [] West [] Level ground []

PESTS AND DISEASES OBSERVED DURING PAST 5 YEARS:

Borer [] Hornet [] Scale [] Mildew [] Other _____

EXTREME MINIMUM TEMPERATURE AT OR NEAR THE COLLECTION _____ °F or _____ °C

AS OBSERVED IN PAST _____ years.

OTHER COMMENTS _____

Completed by _____

Address _____ Date _____

Lilac Propagation Project

Hopefully by the next issue of The Pipeline Dr. Don Egolf, chairman, will have ready a note and questionnaire. Since he feels strongly that the only lilacs that should be propagated for dissemination should be those that are not available from nurseries, he has been assembling a list of Syringa Sources, listing cultivar name and nurseries known to carry it.

He writes that there will be a number of additions to the list given your ed at the Rochester meeting. In mid-June the National Agriculture Library catalog collections were being checked for sources of lilacs.

He also is trying to obtain a report on present lilac propagations for the society and to plan for this season's propagation.

You can look forward to more information on this project.

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A TRIBUTE TO BILL CUMMING

by Freek Vrugtman

William Archibald Cumming, known to many of us as "Bill", retired on November 14, 1975, as head of the Ornamentals and Fruit Section of the Research Station, Agriculture Canada, at Morden, Manitoba.

Bill is a native of Manitoba and a graduate cum laude (BSA '32) of the University of Manitoba.

For the past forty years his career has been horticulturally oriented; it includes work in commercial nursery management, public service and applied research. Bill's outstanding achievements have brought him many honors, including an honorary Doctor Scientiae from his Alma Mater in 1971, an Award of Merit for "outstanding work in promoting and introducing better forms of lilacs" from the International Lilac Society (1972) and an Award of Merit for his introduction, Syringa 'Miss Canada', from the Western Canadian Society for Horticulture (1974).

In the ILS Bill was active as Regional Vice President for Region 7, Western Canada; at the 4th annual meeting in May, 1975, he was elected a "Life Time Honorary Director" of the Society.

Our best wishes go to Bill Cumming, and we hope that, with so much free time on his hands, he will become even more involved with lilacs!

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LILAC PATENTS

Maybe we should say "patented lilacs" for the list of patents granted in the 8/15/76 issue of the American Nurseryman gives no less than four granted to new lilacs: numbers 3885, 3892, 3893 and 3895, all to Walter E. Lammerts, Corralitos, CA, assignor to Hines Wholesale Nurseries, Santa Ana, CA. Dr. Margaretten, how about finding what gives and letting the rest of us know????

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THEY LOVE LILACS

The May, 1976 issue of Yankee magazine includes an article about the Lumley's "Lilac Land" in Pelham, MA, beautifully illustrated in color. Just think, you'll be seeing this garden during the 1977 ILS convention!

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HULDA KLAGER LILAC GARDENS

Bill Heard has sent a copy of a newspaper clipping showing garden club members working in the garden of a house in Longview, WA. With the aid of state matching funds the old Klager home will be purchased and refurbished and gardens restored. About 250 varieties of lilacs developed in years past by Mrs. Klager will be planted here and the Woodland Federated Garden Club members are seeking donations to help restore and maintain the property.

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SWAN SONG

This is this editor's last issue of Pipeline. She wishes to thank all of those who have contributed to the sheet and have made her work less during this past year and a half. In the future please send all material to R. A. Clark, Cattle Landing Rd., R. D. 1, Box 288, Meredith, NH 03253.

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