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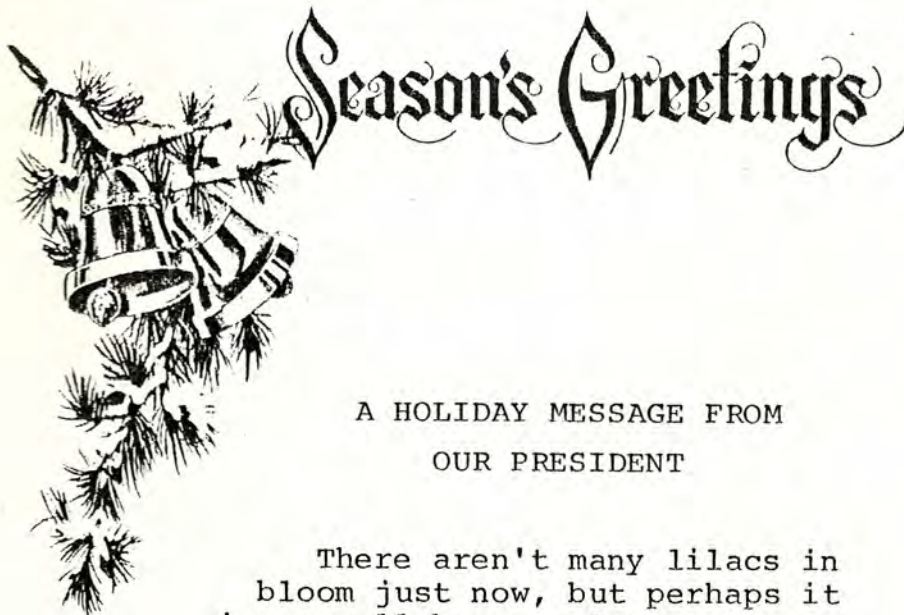
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Season's Greetings

A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM
OUR PRESIDENT

There aren't many lilacs in bloom just now, but perhaps it is as well because I can stop a Minute to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With this poor old world in its present shape we need the message of the holiday season to remind us that we too can renew our strength and start again in the new year.

It's also a time when we can reflect on the International Lilac Society made strong by the contributions of each and every member. I believe that each year we become renewed and, like the lilac, "bloom" again in many, many projects that make the world a little better place to live.

I hope the season finds you comfortably ensconced in a chair by the fire reading about lilacs and preparing your projects for the year ahead. May it be joyous for you and all whom you love -- and all whom you find it difficult to love.

Owen M. Rogers
President, I.L.S.

SEED TIME AGAIN!

If the seed pods were not cut last June then now is the time to collect seeds for the 1982 Lilac Seed Exchange Program.

There is an interest and demand for seeds by members as indicated by the results of last year's requests. Over one hundred packets of thirty seven varieties were mailed. As usual there is a desire for seeds of species as well as seeds of the more choice cultivars.

Due to weather conditions here in Maine last spring very few plants set seeds so I will have few to offer. If you have seeds for the exchange this year, please send them as early as possible so distribution can take place earlier.

Please send seeds and information related to the seed exchange to:

Roger F. Luce
R #1, Box 121
Hampden Highlands
ME 04445
U.S.A.

Comment: This article arrived in time for inclusion into November '81 issue but was misplaced. My sincere apology to Roger Luce and all members who may be affected because of its delayed printing

Charles Holetich

ELECTION OF I.L.S. DIRECTORS

It is that time of the year when the Members of the I.L.S. should start considering whom they would like to nominate to the Board of Directors. The Nominating committee would appreciate suggestions of members that might be considered for nomination.

Please send your suggestions to:

Max Peterson, Chairman
Nominating Committee
R.R. 1, Box 273
Ogallala, Nebraska
U.S.A. 69153

To be assured of consideration, your suggestions should be received before February 1, 1982.

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For the Nomination Committee

Max Peterson, Chairman

BITS OF WIT

You are young at any age if you are planning
for tomorrow.

Quarterback: Coach, this year we're presenting
you with a victory for your birthday.

Coach: Good, I was expecting the usual tie.

HOW TO BRING PLANTS FROM U.S.A. TO CANADA

Are you planning to attend the 1982 Convention in Ottawa?
If so, do you expect to bring any plants with you for the Auction?

Current regulations do not allow free passage of plants across the border in either direction, but it is not difficult to import and export plants.

To bring plants from the U.S. to Canada you need a Canadian Import Permit. If you hope to bring plants, send me the attached form as soon as possible. I will get the necessary papers and send them to you. As the spring work load in our Permit Office is heavy, I must know by the date shown.

Before you leave your home town, contact your local State Agricultural Officer, explain that you want to bring plants to Canada and you need a certificate to say they are free from disease (Phytosanitary Certificate). Bring this with you and the plants to Ottawa.

We will have an inspector at the auction who will issue you a health certificate for plants grown in Canada or a re-export certificate if the plants had been grown in the U.S. You DO NOT need an import certificate to take plants back to your home.

YES: I hope to be bringing _____ plants (approx.) to the I.L.S. Auction in Ottawa. Please send me the necessary papers. I will be entering Canada at _____
(border post/airport).

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS (please print) _____

MAIL BEFORE MARCH 31st, 1982 to:
Trevor Cole, c/o OTTAWA RESEARCH STATION, Bldg. 50 - Central
Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0C6

AN ACROSTIC FOR LILAC ENTHUSIASTS

by James S. Pringle

To do an acrostic: Deduce the definitions and fill in the blanks. Below each blank is a number; when a blank is filled in, transfer the letter to the space in the diagram bearing the corresponding number. (Soon, as words begin to take shape in the diagram, you will be able to reverse the process.)

When the diagram is completed, a quotation can be read from left to right. Shaded squares (but not the ends of rows) separate words. Vertical columns of letters have no significance.

Also, when all the definitions are completed, the first letters of the words filled in will spell out the name of the author of the quotation and the name of the work from which it was taken.

As you can see, some of the clues, and the definitions to which they pertain, relate to lilacs. So, you will find, does the quotation. The answer will be published in the January issue of the Lilac Newsletter.

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A. 273 26 139 264 81 86 157 117 Bargaining

B. 163 5 257 125 270 Vote into office

C. 247 181 278 12 28 161 228 221 292 214 283 123
68 3 252 305 Plant explorer in India (and

Elsewhere); discovered and proposed name of Syringa emodi

- D. $\overline{50}$ $\overline{20}$ $\overline{98}$ $\overline{199}$ $\overline{253}$ $\overline{241}$ Decayed
- E. $\overline{213}$ $\overline{236}$ $\overline{190}$ $\overline{78}$ $\overline{70}$ $\overline{52}$ ---Lilac (Province of China where native)
- F. $\overline{128}$ $\overline{233}$ $\overline{40}$ $\overline{308}$ $\overline{255}$ $\overline{231}$ $\overline{262}$ $\overline{23}$ $\overline{294}$ Bulbous ornamental plants, grown for spring flowers
- G. $\overline{17}$ $\overline{152}$ $\overline{208}$ $\overline{66}$ $\overline{189}$ $\overline{266}$ $\overline{57}$ $\overline{101}$ $\overline{306}$ $\overline{25}$ $\overline{4}$ $\overline{94}$
 $\overline{159}$ $\overline{132}$ $\overline{147}$ $\overline{195}$ $\overline{76}$ $\overline{90}$ Green grow the lilacs...
- H. $\overline{16}$ $\overline{311}$ $\overline{110}$ $\overline{137}$ $\overline{239}$ $\overline{10}$ $\overline{115}$ $\overline{227}$ $\overline{77}$ $\overline{62}$ $\overline{32}$ $\overline{200}$
Inconsistencies that cause problems
- I. $\overline{55}$ $\overline{31}$ $\overline{245}$ $\overline{42}$ $\overline{84}$ $\overline{2}$ Devise, originate
- J. $\overline{175}$ $\overline{185}$ $\overline{143}$ $\overline{30}$ $\overline{106}$ $\overline{184}$ $\overline{173}$ $\overline{303}$ $\overline{192}$ Increase variety in
- K. $\overline{131}$ $\overline{225}$ $\overline{293}$ $\overline{121}$ $\overline{217}$ $\overline{67}$ $\overline{102}$ $\overline{251}$ $\overline{27}$ $\overline{269}$
Syringa subgenus Ligustrina
- L. $\overline{172}$ $\overline{295}$ $\overline{7}$ $\overline{87}$ Cause pain
- M. $\overline{279}$ $\overline{289}$ $\overline{44}$ $\overline{277}$ Chooses
- N. $\overline{148}$ $\overline{49}$ $\overline{313}$ $\overline{240}$ $\overline{145}$ $\overline{169}$ $\overline{300}$ $\overline{284}$ $\overline{34}$ $\overline{210}$ $\overline{24}$ $\overline{167}$
 $\overline{151}$ $\overline{59}$ $\overline{243}$ $\overline{156}$ $\overline{188}$ $\overline{162}$ $\overline{268}$ $\overline{75}$ $\overline{290}$
Registration authority for lilac cultivar names

O. 58 158 242 170 204 272 302 186 154 174 246 6
 Famous navigational aid in Cornwall,
64 235 England

P. 109 296 256 74 150 47 215 194 129 103 237 99
140 21 134 Institution where much research on
 lilacs has been done

Q. 135 122 149 92 301 Superior

R. 9 141 219 286 261 "I served the _____ with a
 smile so bland"

S. 206 138 118 22 Myrmecologists specialty

T. 146 276 211 1 Falls behind

U. 183 71 48 196 310 80 114 144 Canadian town
 where many fine lilac cultivars originated

V. 226 79 280 8 288 41 54 91 136 112 Easy

W. 97 119 61 105 224 281 83 63 130 Insignificant
 person (colloq.); something that does not exist

X. 37 220 82 Strange

Y. 176 209 299 230 259 212 60 166 126 222
 Riparian habitat

Z. 512 124 171 15 127 120 142 250 93 108 205
 Old lilac cultivar, still one of the best with
 pink corollas

- a. $\overline{287}$ $\overline{30}$ $\overline{197}$ $\overline{13}$ $\overline{254}$ Estuary
- b. $\overline{187}$ $\overline{309}$ $\overline{88}$ $\overline{11}$ Rapid
- d. $\overline{238}$ $\overline{29}$ $\overline{248}$ $\overline{232}$ $\overline{275}$ $\overline{51}$ $\overline{207}$ $\overline{307}$ Aubergine
- e. $\overline{19}$ $\overline{249}$ $\overline{218}$ $\overline{104}$ $\overline{36}$ $\overline{95}$ $\overline{282}$ Kind of sparrow;
town in northeastern Massachusetts
- f. $\overline{201}$ $\overline{198}$ $\overline{155}$ $\overline{164}$ $\overline{260}$ $\overline{116}$ $\overline{73}$ -----Lilac = Syringa
reflexa
- g. $\overline{304}$ $\overline{229}$ $\overline{274}$ $\overline{178}$ $\overline{53}$ $\overline{285}$ Tendencies
- h. $\overline{180}$ $\overline{291}$ $\overline{14}$ $\overline{96}$ $\overline{267}$ Remain suspended in air
- i. $\overline{72}$ $\overline{33}$ $\overline{263}$ $\overline{65}$ $\overline{89}$ $\overline{191}$ $\overline{111}$ $\overline{203}$ $\overline{244}$ $\overline{216}$ $\overline{107}$ $\overline{165}$
 $\overline{56}$ Plant explorer in China -- his introductions
included several taxa of Syringa series
Pubescentes
- j. $\overline{258}$ $\overline{223}$ $\overline{179}$ $\overline{113}$ Delicate or unsubstantial object
- m. $\overline{202}$ $\overline{297}$ $\overline{133}$ $\overline{43}$ $\overline{153}$ Unconcealed
- n. $\overline{266}$ $\overline{69}$ $\overline{177}$ $\overline{193}$ $\overline{18}$ $\overline{46}$ $\overline{39}$ $\overline{168}$ Botanical family
that includes the lilacs
- q. $\overline{100}$ $\overline{160}$ $\overline{182}$ Rec room or study
- r. $\overline{234}$ $\overline{298}$ $\overline{85}$ $\overline{45}$ $\overline{35}$ $\overline{271}$ Tourist attractions
(colloq.)

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| T 1 | I 2 | C 3 | G 4 | B 5 | | O 6 | L 7 | V 8 | R 9 | H 10 | |
| P 21 | S 22 | | F 23 | N 24 | G 25 | A 26 | K 27 | | C 28 | | d 29 |
| F 40 | V 41 | I 42 | m 43 | | M 44 | r 45 | n 46 | | P 47 | u 48 | N 49 |
| N 59 | | Y 60 | W 61 | H 62 | | W 63 | O 64 | i 65 | | G 66 | K 67 |
| | H 77 | E 78 | V 79 | u 80 | A 81 | X 82 | W 83 | I 84 | r 85 | | A 86 |
| h 96 | W 97 | D 98 | P 99 | q 100 | | G 101 | K 102 | P 103 | e 104 | W 105 | J 106 |
| f 116 | A 117 | | S 118 | W 119 | | Z 120 | K 121 | | Q 122 | C 123 | Z 124 |
| | P 134 | Q 135 | V 136 | H 137 | S 138 | A 139 | | P 140 | R 141 | Z 142 | J 143 |
| O 154 | f 155 | | N 156 | A 157 | O 158 | | G 159 | q 160 | C 161 | N 162 | B 163 |
| L 172 | J 173 | o 174 | J 175 | Y 176 | n 177 | g 178 | j 179 | | h 180 | C 181 | q 182 |
| - | J 192 | n 193 | P 194 | G 195 | | u 196 | a 197 | f 198 | D 199 | H 200 | |
| T 211 | | y 212 | E 213 | | C 214 | P 215 | i 216 | K 217 | - | e 218 | R 219 |
| g 229 | Y 230 | F 231 | | d 232 | F 233 | r 234 | O 235 | E 236 | P 237 | d 238 | H 239 |
| | e 249 | Z 250 | K 251 | C 252 | D 253 | | a 254 | F 255 | | P 256 | B 257 |
| h 267 | N 268 | K 269 | B 270 | r 271 | | O 272 | A 273 | g 274 | | d 275 | T 276 |
| g 285 | R 286 | j 287 | Y 288 | M 289 | | N 290 | h 291 | c 292 | K 293 | | F 294 |
| g 304 | C 305 | G 306 | d 307 | | F 308 | b 309 | U 310 | H 311 | Z 312 | N 313 | |

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| | b 11 | C 12 | a 13 | | h 14 | Z 15 | H 16 | G 17 | n 18 | e 19 | D 20 |
| 1 | J 30 | I 31 | H 32 | i 33 | N 34 | r 35 | e 36 | x 31 | a 38 | | n 39 |
| 9 | D 50 | | d 51 | E 52 | g 53 | | V 54 | I 55 | i 56 | G 57 | O 58 |
| 7 | C 60 | n 69 | | E 70 | u 71 | i 72 | | f 73 | P 74 | N 75 | G 76 |
| 6 | L 87 | b 88 | | i 89 | G 90 | V 91 | Q 92 | Z 93 | | G 94 | e 95 |
| 6 | i 107 | | Z 108 | P 109 | H 110 | i 111 | | V 112 | j 113 | u 114 | H 115 |
| 4 | B 125 | Y 126 | Z 127 | F 128 | | P 129 | W 130 | | K 131 | G 132 | M 133 |
| 3 | U 144 | N 145 | T 146 | G 147 | N 148 | | Q 149 | P 150 | N 151 | G 152 | m 153 |
| 3 | f 164 | | i 165 | Y 166 | N 167 | n 168 | | N 169 | O 170 | | Z 171 |
| 2 | U 183 | J 184 | | J 185 | O 186 | | b 187 | N 188 | G 189 | E 190 | i 191 |
| | f 201 | m 202 | i 203 | | O 204 | Z 205 | S 206 | d 207 | G 208 | Y 209 | N 210 |
| 9 | X 220 | C 221 | Y 222 | | J 223 | w 224 | | K 225 | V 226 | H 227 | C 228 |
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| 7 | L 295 | P 296 | m 297 | r 298 | Y 299 | N 300 | Q 301 | | O 302 | J 303 | |



from the Registrar's Desk

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Syringa x hyacinthiflora 'Maiden's Blush', Skinner,
1966

When the late Dr. Frank L. Skinner of Skinner's Nursery, Dropmore, Manitoba, Canada, registered his new cultivar 'Maiden's Blush' he listed its parentage as S. microphylla 'Superba' x S. oblata dilatata x S. vulgaris hybrid (ARNOLDIA 26(3):14;1966).

'Maiden's Blush' was one of the lilacs studied by Dr. James S. Pringle at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton. In his recent article "A review of attempted and reported interseries and intersubgeneric hybridization in Syringa (Oleaceae)" (BAILEYA 21(3):101-123. Sept. 17, 1981) Dr. Pringle reports that he has found no evidence for S. microphylla parentage and recommends that 'Maiden's Blush' be classified as a S. x hyacinthiflora cultivar.