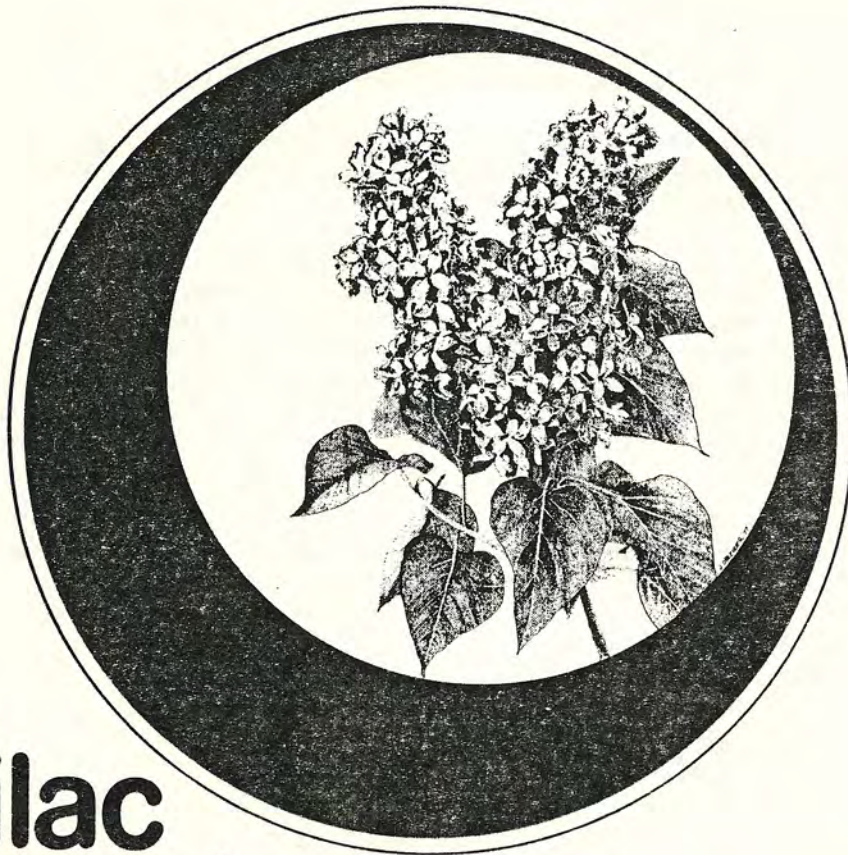


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A SECOND INVITATION
TO THE
TENTH INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY CONVENTION
May 14, 15, 16, 1981 Holiday Inn South
DES MOINES, IOWA

Our tenth Annual Convention is being held in Des Moines this year. We have an exciting program planned for all who attend, which includes some time for you to explore Des Moines on your own! Please put this on your schedule now and plan to join us.

- Thursday, May 14 Evening board meeting, Hospitality Suite open, and places to see for early arrivers.
- Friday, May 15 General Registration, Lunch at New Botanical Center, Tour of Ewing Park Lilac Collection, pass through internationally known Arie den Boer Crabapple Arboretum, President's Banquet and Annual Meeting.
- Saturday, May 16 Lilac Clinic with advice from a panel of experts, Symposium on grafting, budding, and root structure, Arie den Boer Arboretum and Awards Luncheon, Evening Buffet and Awards to Society members, Annual Lilac Auction.
- Added Attractions A report on the study of dormant buds of various lilacs on Scanning Electron Microscope.
- Optional Sunday Open House

Visit to Des Moines Botanical Center
(soon to be featured in a National
Geographic article).

BRING 5 TO 10 SLIDES THAT CAN BE SHOWN!

PREPARE TO PURCHASE RARE LILACS FROM MANY DIFFERENT
SOURCES AT THE ANNUAL AUCTION!

BRING SAMPLES OF PLANTS WITH PROBLEMS!

HEADQUARTERS: Holiday Inn South, Des Moines, Iowa
(2101 Fleur Drive) (515)-283-1711, near
the Airport. Courtesy limousine service
from Airport. Accomodations - Single
\$29.00 Double \$35.00...Write for
reservation.

Registration Fee is \$50.00 per person
(includes 2 lunches and 2 banquets, as
well as transportation and convention
expenses).

Please send your registration fees in
as soon as possible!

Registration form on page 5.

LILACS FOR A HEDGE

by Maud McCormick
Denver, Colorado

*Reprint

Marking the boundary of my garden on the north is a row of lilacs. As a windbreak it can hardly be called necessary as large trees beyond it subdue the force of our prevailing mountain winds. Ever since its planting four years ago it has been eminently satisfactory.

In reality it is simply a long row of individual plants each with enough space between it and its neighbors for its own full and complete development but not enough to leave gaps in the green background. To prevent such gaps the shorter-lived buddleias occupy the space the lilacs will eventually demand for themselves. Incidentally the buddleias or Summer lilacs increase the season of bloom of the hedge.

Practically all the lilacs commonly used in this locality are growing in the hedge, thus providing a Spring succession of bloom from late April until early June. As the late daffodils begin to go, the other lilacs, S. x chinensis, shake out their lacy festoons. Through tulip-time the french hybrids bloom purple, blue and white, double and single; and when the bearded iris make rainbows in the garden, S. Josikaea, the hungarian lilac, comes latest of all into bloom.

It was something of a surprise to me to have them establish themselves so quickly and make a display of bloom their second Spring. The third Spring the succession of bloom was complete, ending with my latest-blooming one, S. Josikaea, whose broad leaves are so unlike those of the other lilacs I know.

* The above article which was first published in HORTICULTURE Magazine (May 1949), is herein reprinted with the express permission of the Editor of that publication.

All Summer long the lilacs provide such an effective background for the perennial border in front of them that I should gladly welcome them for that dark rich green curtain alone. Against it the tall spires of delphiniums, aconite and madonna and regale lilies are masses of beautiful blues and whites and pastel lavenders. Those tall spikes suffer less from our vigorous mountain winds there and staking proves more useful as fewer spikes are broken against the pliable stakes meant to give them support. The lacy branching vesper iris, Iris dichotoma, has bloomed happily there at times. At others, all the rich hues of the newer hemerocallis have glowed even more richly against the green and in latest Autumn the chrysanthemums have taken advantage of its protection. In their seasons the happy hues of pyrethrum and phlox enrich the border and always, here and there, masses of double shasta daisies and white phlox keep the peace among the vari-colored flowers.

The charm to me lies in the fact that, however the border changes and grows, always staunchly behind it will stand the sturdy lilacs, generous in their Spring bloom and in their clean masses of rich green foliage throughout the entire growing season.

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When you argue with a fool, you should make sure he isn't similarly engaged.

It takes a certain amount of courage to admit you have none.

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