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VALID PUBLICATION OF NEW CULTIVAR NAMES OF LILAC

Freek Vrugtman

In an earlier paper (LILAC NEWSLETTER 10(1):2-4; January 1984) Dr. James S. Pringle discusses effective and valid publication of botanical names under the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature. The basic requirements for valid publication of cultivar names are quite similar, but are governed by the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants, often referred to as the "Cultivated Code".

Valid publication of a new cultivar name requires that such a name be formed in concordance with the Cultivated Code and with Articles 27 through 32 in particular; only the highlights can be discussed here. New cultivar names must be in the vernacular, not in Latin. New cultivar names should consist of one or two words and must not consist of more than three words (an abbreviation or numeral counts as a word). Certain forms of new cultivar names cannot be accepted and would be invalidly published. For instance, the botanical name of a genus or the common name of a species used as a cultivar name may lead to confusion (e.g. Syringa 'Daphne' could be referred to as Daphne 'Lilac'; Syringa 'Daphne Pink' is less likely to lead to confusion). It is unacceptable to combine parts of the Latin epithets of two parent species to form a new name for a cultivar of hybrid origin (e.g. 'Wolflexa' must not be used as a cultivar name for a hybrid between S. wolfii and S. reflexa). New cultivar names should not contain abbreviations, except for the abbreviation 'Mrs.' in English; names likely to be confused with existing names, and excessively long names should be avoided (e.g. 'Kenneth W. Berdeen 2nd' consists of more than three words, contains 2 abbreviations,

is excessively long and could be confused with the existing 'Ken Berdeen'). "In order to be valid, publication of a cultivar name is effected by the distribution or availability to the public of printed or similarly duplicated matter." "In order to be valid, the publication of a cultivar name on or after 1 January 1959 must be accompanied by a description." Such a description may be published in any language, but "it is recommended that, if a cultivar description is in a language not using Latin or Cyrillic script, a translation summary of the cultivar description be provided in a language using one of these scripts." "The description should, when possible, contain particulars to distinguish the cultivar from related cultivars .... Parentage and history of the cultivar concerned and the name of the originator (breeder, discoverer) or introducer should be stated when known." The publication of a cultivar name, on or after 1 January 1959, is valid only if the printed matter, including trade catalogues, is clearly stated. It is recommended that "copies of printed or similarly duplicated matter containing new cultivar names should be sent to the appropriate registration authorities and to suitable libraries."

"Publication of a cultivar name is not valid if against the expressed wish of its originator (breeder, discoverer) or his assignee." "A cultivar name is not validly published and must be rejected if the cultivar of which it purports to be the name neither does nor did exist."

The principle of priority has been accepted also for cultivar names. The general starting point of valid publication of cultivar names is Philip Miller's The Gardeners Dictionary, Ed. 6, 1752. For a number of plant groups separate starting points have been established; at the XII International Horticultural Congress in 1938, in Berlin, McKelvey's "The Lilac: a Monograph", 1928, was designated as the starting point and "proposed as standard of nomenclature" for Syringa.

Two Steps to Valid Publication

of a New Lilac Cultivar Name

1. Submit a proposed new cultivar name to the Registrar of the International Registration Authority (IRA) for cultivar names in Syringa to ascertain that the name is in concordance with the Cultivated Code. It is recommended that the new name be registered.
2. Publish the new cultivar name with the description of the new cultivar, its parentage, history, and the name(s) of its originator (breeder, discoverer) and introducer. Publication may be done independently or it may be effected by inclusion in one of the lists of lilac registrations published periodically by the IRA for Syringa.

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Hamilton, Ontario  
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INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY CONVENTION

May 31 - June 3, 1984

Windjammer Conference Center  
Windjammer Restaurant  
Econo Lodge Motel

Thomas Chieppo - Conference Chairman  
Michael Colbourn - Coordinator

Thursday May 31

3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting  
5:00 pm Registration  
6:30 pm Dinner (on your own)  
8:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

Friday June 1

7:30 am Continental Breakfast, Board of Directors  
meeting if necessary  
9:00 am - Speakers Program - Welcome I.L.S.  
10:30 am Chieppo & Rogers  
"Lilacs Predict the Weather"  
Leonard Perry, University of Vermont  
"Lilacs - Taxonomically speaking"  
Dr. Owen Rogers, University of New  
Hampshire  
10:30 am Leave for Shelburne Museum - guided tour  
12:30 pm Ticonderoga Tour - lunch on board  
2:15 pm Leave for Econo Lodge  
3:00 pm "Breeders Round Table"-What's up in Lilacs?  
Dr. Rogers, Fr. Fiala, C. Holetich, Dr.  
Clark, K. Berdeen, W. Heard  
Showing slides - miscellaneous  
5:00 pm Social Hour - Hospitality Room  
6:00 pm President's Dinner  
8:00 pm Annual Meeting

Saturday June 2

7:30 am Breakfast  
8:30 am - Speakers Program  
10:00 am "Biography of Havemeyer"  
"Lilac Culture" - Dr. Robert Clark  
11:00 am Buses leave for East Burke, Vermont  
12:00 pm Welcome at East Burke - Tom Chieppo  
12:00 pm - Tour of Lumley Walk  
1:00 pm  
1:00 pm Lunch  
2:00 pm Buses leave for Econo Lodge  
5:00 pm Social Hour - Hospitality Room  
6:30 pm Awards Banquet  
8:00 pm Lilac Auction

Sunday June 3

am Sleep in or Church Services  
pm Post Convention Tours  
Dr. Robert Clark, Cattle Landing Road,  
Meredith, NH  
Mrs. Philip Hodgdon, Randolph Center, VT  
Mr. Walter Oakes, Rumford, ME

Other Highlights:

"Lilacs in the Landscape" Mr. William Heard  
"Propagation of Lilacs by the Novice" Mr. Jack Alexander  
"History of ILS: How did it all get Started?" Mr.  
Walter Oakes

LUNCH ON THE TICONDEROGA

A 1984 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT

Shelburne Museum will welcome ILS members with a free ride on the S.S. Ticonderoga. This vessel is the last vertical beam passenger and freight sidewheel steamer intact in the United States. There are marine prints, paintings and photographs as well as a film which is shown daily. In 1963 the Ticonderoga was declared a National Historic Landmark.

Other points of interest at the Museum include: Steam Locomotive 'Grand Isle', a hunting lodge with big game trophies and Indian artifacts, Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shop, a mid-1800 farm home, needlework center with quilts, costumes, embroideries etc., a toy shop and much more!

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MANY RESPONDED - OTHERS WILL FOLLOW

Our Secretary Walter W. Oakes, informs me that response of membership renewal on members own initiative is better than in previous years. Some took the opportunity to help OUR society by taking the Sustaining membership.

As Chairman of the membership committee I thank you for saving YOUR society time and money by eliminating the need of preparing and mailing the reminder notices.

MEMBERS THAT FAIL TO RENEW 1984 MEMBERSHIPS  
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Charles Holetich,  
ILS Membership Chairman.

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Some minds are like concrete, all mixed up and permanently set.

Upper crust: A bunch of crumbs held together by dough.