

INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY

SEASON GREETINGS

During this festive season we should consider the past, present and future of our International Lilac Society. In the past, the lilac's beauty of colors and fragrances induced many of us to organize and develop this Society. That history over these 16 years was not a linear development, but rather a succession of unpredictable creativities. The present and future will continue this as there is much of this creativity amongst all of you. We need to unlock it and share this through more effective communications. On a reluctant visit to our family dentist, I noticed a plaque on his wall with this quotation, "I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant." Our By-Laws clearly state - "By the exchange of knowledge, experiences and facts gained by members, it is proposed that the individual members will increase their knowledge of the lilac and thereby help to promote a broadened public understanding and awareness of the genus Syringa L. The thrust is to be threefold, through education, publication and research."

Have we done this, or rather will we do so more effectively? After all, this is your society and only your input will make it flourish.

Our 1988 Convention will be a returning to our past at Rochester. Trust all of you will attend; the Convention Committee has a fine program which you will not want to miss. Let us achieve our potential.

Best wishes for this Holiday Season and a happy and healthy New Year to you and yours.

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Orville M. Steward, President

THIS LIST MAY HAVE FEW MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL IN PROCESS OF RENEWING
THEIR 1987 ILS MEMBERSHIP. DO NOT FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE, RENEW YOUR
1988 ILS MEMBERSHIP NOW !!!

YOUR POSITIVE ACTION ELIMINATES NECESSITY OF MAILING THE REMINDER NOTICES. SO BE A PRO AND HELP THINGS GO !!!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES ARE LISTED ON THE FRONT-INSIDE COVER OF EACH NEWSLETTER.

U.S. AND OVERSEAS MEMBERS, MAIL CHEQUES TO; Mr. Walter W. Oakes. ILS Secretary,
Box 315, Rumford, ME 04276

CANADIAN MEMBERS, MAIL CHEQUES TO INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY, c/o ROYAL BOTANICAL
GARDENS, Box 399, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3H8

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY.

SUSTAINING MEMBER OR SIMILAR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ILS ARE WELCOMED.

HAVE A FRIEND ? MAKE HIM/HER AN ILS MEMBER !!!

Yours Cordially, Charles D. Holetich, the Membership Chairman

Owen Rogers, Chairman of the Plant Science Department, University of New Hampshire, and his wife, Marie, invite you to join them on an exciting scenic tour

of THE BRITISH ISLES

Just a few of the many highlights...

Visit outstanding gardens

Stay in Stratford-upon-Avon

Dine in medieval splendor in a 700 year old castle

Trainride through the Scottish Highlands

Tour the Wedgewood China factory

