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INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY is a non-profit corporation comprised of individuals who share a particular interest, appreciation and fondness for lilacs. Through exchange of knowledge, experience and facts gained by members it is helping to promote, educate and broaden public understanding and awareness.

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MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

Single annual	\$ 5.00
Family	7.50
Sustaining	10.00
Institutional/Commercial	15.00
Life	100.00

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"A MEMBER WRITES"

Dear Editor:

Upon retirement, we (my wife and I) decided to move from our home in Southwest Michigan to the 'Sunshine State' of Florida. However, in so doing we left behind one of our best friends, the beautiful lilacs that we came to enjoy so very much. Here in sunny Fort Myers we were told that we couldn't grow lilacs because it was too hot and too wet. The "upshot" of this latter remark introduced a challenge as we happen to feel that almost nothing is impossible, just a matter that some things take more patience.

In due time we found ourselves in contact with one Walter Oakes who expressed an interest in what lilacs may or may not do here. Walter sent us six (6) cuttings, and of those six two appear to be responding better than the rest - 'Silver King' and 'Glory'. Those showing fair growth - 'Lamartine', 'Marceau', 'Macrostachya' and 'Volcan'. As this is more or less an experimental project to find the best one adapted to this climate, we would surely appreciate all information or help that anyone can offer.

We would like to express our appreciation to Walter Oakes for the interest and help he has extended to us.

Yours truly,

signed: Clarence and Eve Foster
Fort Myers, Florida

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SEEDS - Now is The Time to COLLECT !!!

In an attempt to make the SEED & SCIONS distribution as meaningful as possible I urgently seek your assistance in assembling a reasonable number of seeds in the following categories:

1. Species - while many of these may or may not reproduce true from seed (this can be rather easily determined as the young plants reach flowering size), there is always that challenge of looking for the improved hardiness factor as well as a superior bloom and character derivative.
2. Late flowering double pink forms - the genus is still weak in the pink flower range and good selections would soon find a welcome place among the favorites. A find in this area could bring the reward of a lifetime.
3. Double white selections - seedlings in this category very frequently retain the doubling characteristics of the parent, predominately white, but rarely are they exactly the same as the mother plant.
4. Deep colored cultivars - from these forms one might expect a wide range of both single and double offspring; the color, panicle size, shape etc. can be extremely varied.

Send me seed such as you can collect in the above categories so that I might activate the SEED & SCION Committee in its fullest sense.

The challenge is endless and the person with the patience, time, space and desire to become involved has the opportunity of prospecting - here is a field that has not yet been trampled into the ground by the multitudes. In this sort of exploration

each new blooming season hold high the hope of that yet undiscovered beauty of something NEW.

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MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY
Durham NH June 8, 1979

8:20 A.M. Meeting called to order by President Owen Rogers.

Present:	John Alexander	Travers Hutchinson
	Marie Chaykowski	Winfried Martin
	Father John Fiala	Joel Margaretten
	Sue Ferguson	Walter Oakes
	Charles Holetich	Sally Schenker
	William Heard	William Utley
	Robert Clark	Freek Vrugtman

Minutes - Accepted minutes from Oct. 7, 1978 as circulated.

Treasurers Report - Read by Treasurer, copies distributed. Approved

Executive Vice-President - Report read - accepted

Corporation Secretary - Mr. Oakes handed out new information folders with membership application for inspection - purple paper with white print. He reported 78 new members making a total of 348. He spoke of the difficulty of describing lilacs to prospective new members. Charles Holetich, Freek Vrugtman and Walter Oakes agreed to compile a list of two to three hundred lilacs. This to be available on request. Mr. Oakes suggested articles about lilac Society activities in various papers should be encouraged to stimulate general interest.

Lilac Evaluation - Mr. Holetich reported letter response - from cards sent to various arboretums was slow.

Convention Committee Report - Charles Holetich reported that the 1980 Convention would be held in Ohio and in Iowa in 1981. Would welcome invitation for site after 1981.

Registrar - Mr. Vrugtman reported a revised index of originators in last Lilac Newsletter. In 1978 several new registrations were recorded which will be published.

Editor - Some concern as to the number of old reprints being used was expressed, and members were asked to submit more articles. Fr. Fiala suggested speakers at conventions be taped to be used in Lilac News. William Heard offered to tape talks at this convention. Approved. The President reported that "the Upton Scrap books are in limbo" due to many problems at the UNH printing service office.

Nominations - Mr. Alexander reported total expenses of \$79.14. Mr. Utley proposed acceptance, Mr. Clark seconded. Passed

Elections - Mrs. Schenker reported 101 ballots returned, two not marked, six without signatures. Results to be announced tonight.

By-Law Revision - Mr. Clark moved the revised by-laws be accepted. Seconded by Fr. Fiala. Passed. Any typographical errors should be reported to Mr. Utley.

Budget and Fiscal - Mr. Heard noted that the cost per member for mailing was \$8.26. He proposed a raise in dues. After much discussion it was agreed to present the membership with the situation and recommend an increase.

Mr. Clark read a letter from Dr. Gromov. The President asked Dr. Clark to be the clearing house between I.L.S. and Dr. Gromov.

Meeting adjourned.

Sue Ferguson, Secretary

MINUTES
SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY
Durham NH June 8, 1979

President Owen Rogers in cap and gown called meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. He welcomed members, gave news of missing members, then explored meaning of various parts of the academic regalia.

Col. Schenker gave a preview of the Plant Auction and the names of some of the offerings. A rousing 'thank you' was tendered Hamilton Royal Botanical Gardens for the large contributions brought to the sale by Charles Holetich.

We stood for a few silent moments in memory of Philip Hodgdon. Mrs. Schenker made a report of nomination and election of 8 board members by mailed ballot. The following people were elected to the board of Directors:

Dr. Robert B. Clark
Fr. John L. Fiala
Mr. William R. Heard
Mr. Charles Holetich
Mr. Walter Oakes
Mr. Max Peterson
Dr. Owen M. Rogers
Mr. William A. Utley

Marie Chaykowski gave Treasurer's report, (see June 8th minutes) Mr. Heard gave the Budget Committee's recommendation on improving our financial situation by raising the dues. Members were asked to forward any comments to the Board of Directors. Copies of the revised by-laws were distributed. Mr. Utley commented on the purpose of the changes. Mr. Oakes explained, then passed out new brochures with membership application attached. Credit for assistance in preparation was given to Isabel Zucker. Prints of Syringa meyeri cv. 'Palibin' - a gift from Peter Green and the Lilac stamp, State Flower of New Hampshire, gift of Mrs. Schenker were passed out to all members.

Meeting closed at 8:40 P.M.

Sue Ferguson, Secretary

MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY
Durham NH June 9, 1979

Meeting called to order at 8:15 A.M.

Present

John Alexander	Travers Hutchison
Robert Clark	Winfried Martin
Marie Chaykowski	Joel Margaretten
Nancy Emerson	Walter Oakes
Fr. John Fiala	Sally Schenker
Sue Ferguson	William Utley
Charles Holetich	Freek Vrugtman
William Heard	

Memorial Plantings Letter

A letter from Al Lumley was read with this report. "Two sets of wooden plaques for remembrance of Ray Baker and two for Philip Hodgdon were made up. One set will go to East Burke, Vermont and the other set will be set up at Lilac Land. They are beautiful carved plaques with messages as follows:

In Memory of Phil Hodgdon or Ray Baker I.L.S.

(Tom and I plan to pay for them.)

Al Lumly"

A letter from Clare Short resigning from the board for health reasons; and Lorene Wishart resigning as Vice-President of the Mid-West region, were read. It was suggested that someone from the Northwest region be nominated to the Board. The write-in names of the ballot were read, and passed to the nomination committee. Roger Luce, Elsie Kara, and Lois Utley - present at the convention, were to be contacted as to willingness to serve. Voting to be by secret ballot at 5:50 P.M. before the banquet.

The following slate of officers were elected for one year.

President - Owen M. Rogers

Executive Vice-President - William Utley

Corporation Secretary - Walter Oakes

Rec. Secretary - Sue Ferguson

Treasurer - Marie Chaykowski

William Heard was also nominated for president but declined. The President was instructed to appoint people to the vacancies of Regional Vice-Presidents and re-elect present slate.

Budget - Mr. Heard recommended the dues be raised from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for single member \$10.00 for couples; sustaining \$15.00; Institutions and commercial to \$20.00 and Life to \$150.00. Mr. Oakes suggested a raise to \$10.00. After prolonged discussion in which the possibility of putting out a quarterly instead of monthly Lilac Newsletter to reduce expenses, was considered and rejected. The vote to raise the dues for singles to \$7.50 and \$10.00 for couples, \$15.00 for sustaining, \$20.00 for institution and commercial, Life to \$150.00 was passed; Fr. Fiala making the motion, Sally Schenker seconding.

The budget committee suggested another category-sponsor or Benefactor, and were asked to explore the idea further. The President requested a budget report from each committee at the beginning of each year within one month after the chairman is appointed by the President.

Arboretum and Test Garden - Present committee has not been functional, Freek Vrugtman explained an optimum program: The President is to appoint a committee to explore the setting of such a program.

International Membership - Mr. Holetich explained the categories. Paid-honorary, Complimentary. If papers are received from Complimentary members they will receive Lilac information from I.L.S.. It was suggested a letter be sent to the Complimentary members asking if they appreciated our publication and requesting and contribution of Lilac material they might be able to send us.

Mr. Holetich gave publication budget report and requested payment of projected expenses from June 1979 to May 31, 1980. Motion was made by Fr. Fiala seconded by Nancy Emerson and passed to authorize the money needed.

Canada Regional Vice-President - Travers Hutchison made a report on general membership efforts in Ontario.

Pacific Regional Vice-President - Joel Margaretten remarked about old collections lost due to bulldozing. Wondered if anything could be done about it. All members urged to try and prevent such distruction.

Convention - a motion was made to authorize necessary advance money for the Convention which will be the 16th and 17th of May, 1980. The October board meeting will be dispensed with. The Board will meet Thursday evening the 15th of May in Ohio.

Upton Papers - Joel Margaretten requested a report on this. The President assured him the University of NH will work at it. At 10:00 A.M. the meeting was suspended until evening. At 5:55 P.M. the Board met to elect by secret ballot two vacancies on the board.

Lois Utley, Roger Luce, and Elsie Kara were nominated and signified willingness to serve. Roger Luce and Elsie Kara were elected.

Meeting adjourned.

Sue Ferguson, Secretary

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Test Dates Set For North American Certificate in Gardening

The American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) announce the next written exam for the North American Certificate in Gardening will be given February 8 and 9, 1980. Applicants must be experienced professional gardeners, and should write for information and applications to: Dr. Mildred Mathias, Executive Director, AABGA, Botanic Gardens-Herbarium, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024. All applications will be reviewed by the Certification Committee for eligibility.

The written exam is administered at the applicant's institution and those who pass will be eligible to take the two-day oral and practical exam later in the spring to test their working skills. Those who pass the written exam but cannot travel to the practical exam have three years to take it at another site.

The Certificate is the second of four levels in the North American Diploma in Horticulture Program (NADH). Administered by the AABGA, this program provides a national standard for professional gardeners in arboreta, botanic gardens, parks, nurseries and related horticultural industries.

The final two steps in the program, the Intermediate and North American Diplomas in Horticulture involve both practical and written exams which are open to professionals with several years working experience in horticulture plus previous certification steps. The final Diploma is awarded to those candidates who pass the test for advanced practical and managerial skills and exhibit expertise in the horticultural sciences.

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IN MEMORIAM

Radcliffe B. Pike, 75, professor emeritus at the University of New Hampshire, passed away Aug. 30 at his home in Lubec, Maine.

Dr. Pike was born Oct. 1, 1903. He graduated from Bowdoin College with a degree in biology in 1925, a master's degree in horticulture in 1952, and received his doctorate in plant science from UNH in 1969. During his lifetime he held several extremely responsible positions with great distinction, not the least of which he served as a Director of International Lilac Society.

He is survived and mourned by a sister, Marjorie (Pike) McCurdy, and two brothers, Moses B. and Alger W., as well as a host of friends. He will be long remembered for his sage wisdom and understanding counsel.

Services were conducted at the Christian Temple Church in Lubec on Sept. 2, 1979.