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Family	7.50
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*Mail membership dues to I.L.S. Secretary.

1979 I.L.S. PLANT AUCTION

Four long months of winter have come to Freedom and April is just around the corner. Spring must be coming for Sally is preparing her seed orders. In two months we will be assembling in Durham N.H. (June 8 & 9) for our 1979 annual meeting.

Our 1978 auction was a success, for approximately \$600.00 was added to our treasury. Many thanks to my assistants, to those members and Arboreta who provided plants, and to all who bid for and bought plants. I believe all in attendance enjoyed a fun evening. Certainly your auctioneer enjoyed himself immensely. The can of "Billy's Beer" proved to be "the pause that refreshes" during the break and the empty can brought \$1.00 in the auction.

The availability of exotic, new, old and hard-to-find varieties will stimulate interest, bidding and make our 1979 auction a success. Small numbers (3-6) of many varieties is far more interesting than large numbers (20-30) of a few varieties.

Our eastern members should start thinking about what plants they might donate for our 1979 auction. Our mid-western members should prepare plants this spring and summer for our meeting in Ohio in 1980.

The above is merely a guideline and does not prevent members from all areas donating ready plants to any auction (I.L.S. - that is. Ed).

Will donors of plants please provide me the following information at the meeting prior to the auction:

- a) name of donor
- b) name and age of plant
- c) color; flowers - single or double
- d) blooming season - early, mid, late
- e) other pertinent information (availability, scarcity, etc.) to promote sale

Our 1979 auction will be interesting and successful with the help of all our members.

Hanssen Schenker,
Auctioneer.

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BOOK REVIEW --

Egolf, Donald R. and Anne O. Andrick

The Lagerstroemia Handbook/Checklist: A Guide to
Crape Myrtle Cultivars. American Association of
Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, Inc., Los Angeles,
CA. 1978 - 72 pp., Illus.
\$3.00 (AABGA members), \$5.00 (non-members)

This, the latest in a series of AABGA Handbooks covering selected plant groups, The Lagerstroemia Handbook/Checklist is an excellent treatment of those plants that are symbolically associated with southern gardens much as lilacs are with northern gardens. This handbook represents the culmination of many years of research and effort on the part of the authors and is an invaluable resource for this fascinating group of ornamentals.

Sections of the Checklist include various aspects of cultivation and related ramifications, research developments, a listing of many of the outstanding gardens of extensive Crape Myrtle plantings as well as a complete checklist of named cultivars including both valid names and synonyms. It is an invaluable compilation of pertinent information which will be enjoyed by everyone interested in cultivated woody plants, and a work that will be used by future researchers in the genus. It is a must for those persons living in warm climate where the Crape Myrtles do so well, and also for those who may wish to grow them under glass.

Copies are available from: Dr. Mildred E. Mathias,
Executive Director, AABGA, Dept. of Biology, 124 Botany
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Editor

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1979 Convention

BACK TO COLLEGE

June 8-9, 1979

June is for vacations, outdoor picnics, field trips and late-blooming lilacs. All this and more can be enjoyed at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H. Come and live in a dorm, go to classes, have laboratory exercises -- maybe even sing Gaudeamus Igitur. This, plus all the other popular features such as the plant auction and a few surprises, await at the annual International Lilac Society Convention.

Convention Information

Registration

The registration sheet is included as a separate sheet in this issue of the Lilac Newsletter. It should be sent to Conference Office, NEC Administration Office, 15 Garrison Avenue, Durham, N.H. 03824. Note that a single address will handle both conference and housing applications. The form is arranged so you can choose the package arrangement most convenient to you.

Cost

The basic conference package is \$75.00. This covers room, seven meals, tour costs and all conference fees. We are very pleased to be able to offer this at such a low figure. If you divide it by two, the per-day cost of \$37.50 would not even pay for a hotel room in a city setting. We have a few hotel rooms reserved for people who cannot use dorm facilities. Let us know if you need this option, or have any other special requirements.

Be sure to bring a banner for your room. Empty dorm walls are very bare.

Acknowledgment

As soon as your reservation is received, we will acknowledge it and send you full directions on travel to Durham, complete with maps, limousine schedules and other good stuff on the conference and how to get here.

Durham is very accessible by car (follow map to town -- call if lost), bus (connections in Boston with Michaud Bus Lines), or plane (Logan Airport in Boston and C&J Limo to Durham -- advance limo reservations are a must).

Phone numbers

You can reach us (or people may reach you) at these numbers:

- (603) 862-1205 - Dr. Owen M. Rogers
- (603) 862-2040 - Alumni Center (meeting room)
- (603) 862-2478 - Scott Hall (housing)
- (603) 862-2018 - Conference Office

Rebate Policy

Some of our expenses are fixed, some are based on attendance. Therefore a rebate policy must be established. We can give full rebates until June 1st; after that, only those events which can be cancelled without cost to the Society can be rebated.

International Lilac Society

CONVENTION

Friday - Saturday, June 8 - 9, 1979

Convention Program

Thursday, June 7, 1979

6:00 p.m. Registration desk opens in *Scott Hall

Friday, June 8, 1979

7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast - Scott Hall
Registration desk open

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting - Board Room,
Alumni Center

10:00 - 12:00 noon Talks - Alumni Center
10:00-10:40 a.m. The newest and best of
RBG Lilacs.
Charles Holetich
10:40-11:20 a.m. University of New
Hampshire Lilac
Plantings.
11:20-12:00 noon Lilacs in Test Tubes

Noon Lunch - New England Center Buffet

1:30 p.m. Seacoast Tour (featuring the Governor
Fuller Rose Gardens, the rugged, rock-
bound coast of New England, and the
historical Strawberry Banke area
including the All-America Flower Test
Trial Gardens).

5:00 p.m. Social hour - Scott Hall

6:00 p.m. Supper - Alumni Center

7:30 p.m. Society Meeting - Alumni Center

*Note change from earlier tentative program.

Saturday, June 9, 1979

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental breakfast - Scott Hall
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting - Alumni Center
10:00 - 12:00 noon	Talks
	10:00-11:00 a.m. Lilacs in England - O.M. Rogers
	11:00-12:00 noon Propagation Workshop - J. Alexander
Noon	Lunch - Horticulture Farm
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Lilac Session - Horticulture Farm (including pollination exercises, selection of desirable forms and tours of other fruit and vegetable research)
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Campus tour (featuring computers, lasers, galleries, and other aspects of a modern university).
5:00 p.m.	Social hour - Scott Hall
6:00 p.m.	Supper - Alumni Center
7:30 p.m.	Auction - Alumni Center

Sunday, June 10, 1979

Continental Breakfast and Check Out -
Scott Hall

"A Member Writes"

Mrs. Wilson Stampe of Davenport, IA had a fond wish at least partially realized on November 9th when, as she reports, The Davenport Horticulture Society had a planting bee. And, they made a good beginning in planting the new Lilac Garden there in DUCK CREEK PARK.

They started with more than 40 'Own Root' plants and plans are to add more in the spring. They would like some of the small lilacs to fill out the space already prepared.

Named peonies were included in the planting as well as 4500 spring bulbs. The setting is enhanced by background trees, including a couple of magnificent Beeches (*Fagus*), which the Stampes and other members had helped 'save' earlier.

The November 1978 planting included the following: 'Edith Cavell', 'Capitaine Baltet', 'Diplomate', 'Lucie Baltet', 'Firmament', 'Monge', 'Diderot', 'Marechal Lannes', 'Virginite', 'Vestale', 'Henri Martin', 'Mme. Antoine Bucher', 'Olivier de Serres' and 'Ami Schott'. Two early blooming hybrids, 'Catinat' and 'Assessippi' along with a Preston introduction 'Pocahontas', two species; *S. patula* (syn. *velutina*) and *S. reticulata* as well as the very fragrant early blooming variety of the Korean Lilac, *S. oblata* var. *dilatata*.

Mary C. Smith
Bellevue, IA

Editors Note:

The Davenport Horticultural Society endeavor is a completely NEW effort and they're anxiously seeking assistance in their undertaking. I have been in touch with Mrs. Stampe in an attempt to furnish names of "dwarfish" or low growing forms to fill a particular spot in their plan. I have only recently given them the suggestions of 'True Blue', 'Vesuve', 'Georges Bellair' and 'Reaumur' - if someone among our readers can add to, or comment on these selections your remarks would be most welcome.

Editor

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from the Registrar's Desk

Freek Vrugtman, Curator of Collections, Royal Botanical Gardens,
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Syringa vulgaris 'Pom Pom', Robinson 1937

Through recent correspondence with Mr. Ed Robinson, proprietor of Gaybird Nursery, Wawanesa, Manitoba, Canada, I have learned that 'Pom Pom' is the correct and intended name for this cultivar. The name registered, namely 'Pom', was submitted in error and appeared without description in the 1967 Lilac Registration (ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN BULLETIN 1(2): 19 (April 1967)) and in the Tentative International Register of Cultivar names in the Genus *Syringa* (April 1976), p. 59. The description of 'Pom Pom' appeared in several Gaybird Nursery catalogues in the 1960s as: "... blooms are rounded on good sprays, lilac mauve, fading to pale mauve."

Syringa vulgaris 'Redbud', Robinson 1959

The name 'Redbud' was also registered in the 1967 Lilac Registration (see above) and described as S VI (= single, magenta), "... open pol. seedling of 'Mme. F. Morel', very red in bud stage." Mr. Robinson writes that through unfortunate typing errors the name has appeared in some Gaybird Nursery catalogues as 'Redbird' and 'Red Bird'; these versions are incorrect.

Syringa vulgaris 'Godron', Lemoine 1908

The cultivar name 'Godron' has given rise to some confusion over the years. Mrs. McKelvey (The Lilacs, 1928; p. 308) refers to the misspellings "Gordon" (Turbat catalogue 1910 - 1911, p. 59) and "Godroy" (Journal of the New York Botanical Garden 22:235, 1919). Brand Peony Farms of Faribault, Minnesota, listed "Gudron" (1941 cat., p. 11) and "Gudrun" (Spring 1942 cat., p. 10). Mr. Buckley, in his article on Syringa Taxa Growing in the Plant Research Institute Collections (Greenhouse-Garden-Grass 8(3):1-8 (Fall 1969); reprinted in I.L.S. Newsletter 1(2):11-18 (January 1972)) also lists this cultivar as "Gordon".

INFORMATION WANTED:

Syringa vulgaris 'Eden', Oliver 1939

In Lilacs for America (Wister 1942) this cultivar is listed as S VI (= single, magenta), available from W.B. Clarke Nursery, San Jose, California, and as being in the collection at Highland Park, Rochester, New York. The originator was A.A. Oliver, Mt. Eden, California. --QUESTION: Who is (or was) A.A. Oliver? I am searching for biographic information and would like to hear from anyone who can supply some information or suggest where I could write for information.

Syringa vulgaris 'Charlotte Morgan', Seabury ca. 1928

In Lilacs for America (Wister 1942) this cultivar is listed as D VII (= double, purple), in Lilacs for America 2nd ed. (Wister 1953) it appears as D VI (= double, magenta). Material of this cultivar was received by the Arnold Arboretum in 1928 from Mr. Alton Seabury, Little Compton, Rhode Island. --QUESTION: Who is (or was) Alton Seabury? If you know who he was, or if you have a suggestion on where to find information, please write to the Registrar.

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