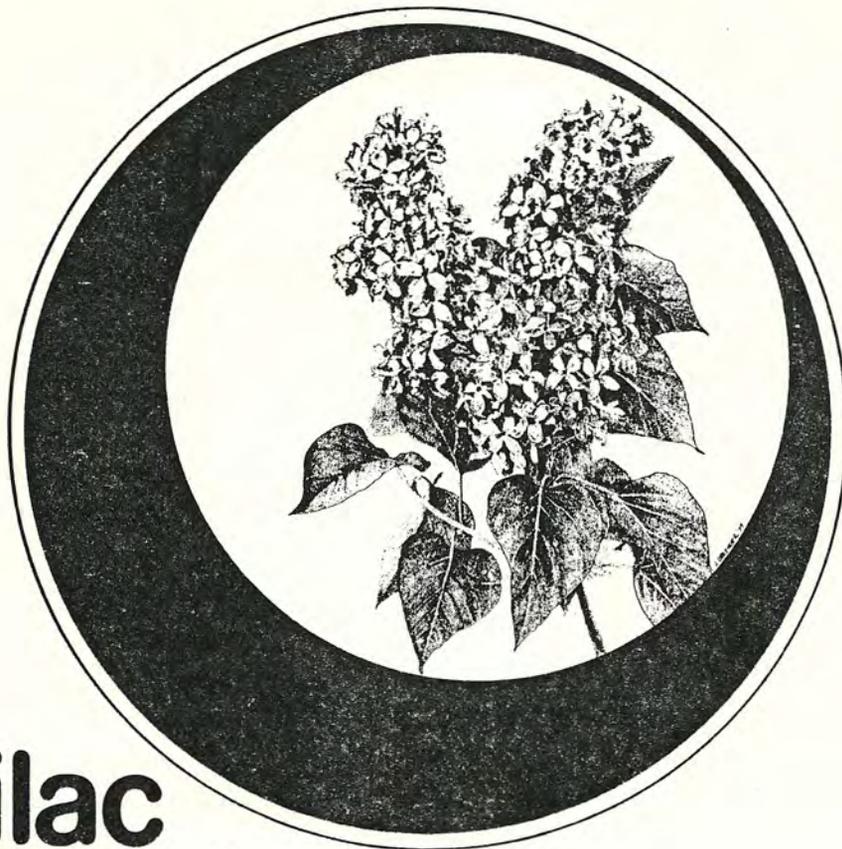


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NINETY-FOUR - - - Work'n Toward NINETY-FIVE

As of March 19 we (the entire ILS MEMBERSHIP) would extend to our "Founding Father" (Dr. John Wister) a most Sincere and Warm HAPPY BIRTHDAY. "Jack" as he is known to his many, many friends, has in his long span of years probably cranked out more for the good of horticulture thru his untiring service to a multitude of plant Societies than any other individual living today - he is indeed a 'plugger' in the deepest sense, never giving up a good idea if in his own mind he feels that there is a need that will serve a cause. ILS was one of those long nurtured hopes which this year will celebrate it's 10th Anniversary in the Annual Meeting to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, with no less purpose than to observe a Lilac Garden designed and to some extent planted by "Jack".

Dedicated in purpose, strong at heart and sincere in spirit John Wister is a man that knows not the meaning of the word quit. His encouraging drive imparts to those around him the desire to push ever forward in an attempt to reach the high goals of success. The road to that end may often exhibit a rough and winding course, but with "Jack" at the helm any endeavor becomes only one more challenge that will someday be met.

Our Sincere Wish for you, friend John, on this Special Day is that you will be ever Blessed with the Best of Health, Clearness of Mind, Comfort in the utmost, and Godspeed.

Editor

LILAC SEED EXCHANGE, 1981

All seed offered is from 1980 open pollinations with sources listed. Since some seed lots are limited, quantities of seed per packet depends on quantity of seed available. Sincere appreciation is extended to those individual contributors who collected, cleaned and sent seeds. Without their efforts there would be no seed exchange. Hopefully the number of contributors for next year will be increased.

TO ORDER: Record number and name of seeds desired, include self-addressed envelope, and mail to:

Roger F. Luce
RFD #1, Box 121
Hamden Highlands, ME
U.S.A. 04445

All orders should be received by May 1, 1981.

SEED AVAILABLE:

COLLECTED BY:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. S. pekinensis (#21635-B) | Jack Alexander
Arnold Arboretum |
| <hr/> | |
| 2. S. patula (velutina) | |
| 3. S. meyeri (023012) | |
| 4. S. vulgaris 'Sweetheart' | Lyle Littlefield
University of Maine |
| <hr/> | |
| 5. S. patula ('Miss Kim') | |
| 6. S. reticulata | |
| 7. S meyeri 'Palibin' | |
| (seedlings may be albino and die) | |
| | Owen Rogers
University of New Hampshire |

8. *S. x prestoniae* 'Miss Canada' Walter Oakes
Rumford, Maine
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Species:

9. *S. komarowi*
10. *S. julianae* 'Hers Variety'
11. *S. josikæa*
12. *S. reticulata*
13. *S. wolfii*

Specie Hybrids:

14. *S. yunnanensis* 'Prophecy'
15. *S. meyeri* 'Palibin'
16. *S. sweginzowii* 'Albida'
17. *S. x prestoniae* 'Ursula'
18. *S. x josiflexa* 'Royalty'
19. *S.* 'Spellbinder' (*komarowi* x *wolfii*) Fiala
20. *S.* 'Dancing Druid' (*toментella* x *komarowi*) Fiala
21. *S. x josiflexa* 'Agnes Smith'
22. *S. x henryi* 'Summer White'

vulgaris

23. *S.* 'Dwight D. Eisenhower'
24. *S.* 'Sesquicentennial'
25. *S.* 'Porcelain Blue' (Rochester Sdg.) Fiala Int. in 1981
26. *S.* 'Flora'
27. *S.* 'Carley'
28. *S.* 'Mrs. John Davis'
29. *S.* 'Maud Notcutt' Fr. John Fiala
Falconskeape
Medina, Ohio
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30. *S. vulgaris* 'Anne Shiach' Peter Bristol
Holden Arboretum
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A LETTER FROM AFAR

January 12, 1981

Dr. Owen M. Rogers
University of New Hampshire
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Nesmith Hall
Durham, N.H. 03824

Dear Dr. Rogers,

With many regrets I inform you that prof. L.I. Rubtsov and Curator of Lilac collection of our Botanical Garden Valentina Zhogoleva passed away last year.

I ask you, Dr. Rogers that all information literature of the International Lilac Society be sent to my address. I ask you to keep for me until July 1981 the 1st volume of Edward A. Upton Scrapbooks of Lilac Information because we cannot pay earlier.

I shall be glad to help you in the activity of the International Lilac Society.

Yours sincerely,

Vassily Gorb
Curator of Lilac Collection
The Central Republican Botanical
Garden of the Academy of Sciences
of the Ukrainian SSR, 252014 Kiev
Timiriazevskaya street, 1 USSR

.....and the reply

February 13, 1981

Mr. Vassily Gorb
The Central Republican Botanical Garden
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Timiriazevskaya Street, 1 USSR

Dear Mr. Gorb,

I am very sad to hear of the death of Professor L.I. Rubtsov. However, I am pleased to hear that you have been promoted to the position of Curator and that the Lilac collection will be continued. We will be able to hold a copy of the limited edition of the Upton Scrapbooks until after July 1, 1981. These budget problems are universal.

I will also ask that your name be put on the mailing list to receive the International Lilac Society information. We would also be happy to hear from you. In particular, we would like a list of the lilacs you have in your collection. Perhaps we could publish it, or a condensation of it, in the Society Newsletter as a means of sharing information with a world-wide audience.

Very truly yours,

Owen M. Rogers, President,
International Lilac Society.

THE SPOKANE LILAC FESTIVAL

by Linnabel Kinney

*reprint

The Spokane lilac festival is a well established annual event, as indicated by the enthusiasm of the year. The lilac bride luncheon at the Davenport Hotel was attended by 250 women and the lilac parade of 96 units, reviewed by 50,000 spectators proved to be the longest non-military parade ever staged in the city.

But the unique part of this festival was the lilac show where lilacs truly predominated. A rich panorama of exquisitely arranged lilacs and spring flowers filled the main floor of the Civic Building with their beauty and perfume. Patterned to display the lilac to its utmost were colored niches, each with its own distinctive arrangement. The walls of the room were lined with furniture settings accented by lilac arrangements.

On the balcony crowds gathered to examine the display of specimens where lilacs of all varieties were exhibited according to classification. There were species and hybrids which included *Syringa x chinensis*, the Persian hybrid and French, which included over fifty named varieties. 'Vestale' the earliest single white and a loosely formed panicle in the shape of two tall spires, drew much attention. 'Mme. Lemoine' was a popular double white. In the single blues 'Decaisne' and the new 'Firmament' brought enthusiastic comment as did 'Alphonse Lavallee', a double blue characterized by its pointed petals. Among the pinks honors always go to 'Macrostachya' and 'Lucie Baltet', a real salmon pink, and 'Mme. Morel', the largest single red and a variety which was identified last year received a high rating.

A group of trained experts stood by throughout the day to help identify lilacs for exhibitors and assist in selecting varieties according to form, color and habit of growth. It is safe to say that many new lilac gardens were born as a result of this show.

Anyone who visited the show must have been convinced that "Spokane's Best When Lilac Drest".

* The above article appeared in the University of Washington Arboretum Bulletin, Vol. XI, No. 2 (Spring 1951) and is here-in reprinted with the express permission of the Editor of that publication.

ADD A NEW LILAC TO YOUR COLLECTION

This year your propagation and distribution committee commissioned a commercial nursery to root lilac cuttings. The cultivars chosen for propagation were 'Jesse Hepler' and 'Krasavitsa Moskvyy'. Rooting percentages of 'Jesse Hepler' were outstanding. 'Krasavitsa Moskvyy' was less successful and unfortunately those cuttings that did root are nowhere to be found, either dead or lost. But we do have for you 100 rooted cuttings of 'Jesse Hepler'. These are in peat pots and can be picked up at the convention, but you must order now. If you would prefer to have your plants shipped via UPS we can arrange that too. All orders must be received by April 15, so that we have time to ship them before the convention.

Remember, a rooted cutting is only a few inches high and should be planted in a protected site until it gains some size.

Syringa x josiflexa 'Jesse Hepler' is the most recent introduction available from the breeding program of the University of New Hampshire. I.L.S. president Owen Rogers is to be credited with the origination of this, the latest blooming lilac, excepting the tree lilacs. In Durham, N.H., it bloomed one year as late as June 25th. 'Jesse Hepler' has light lavender flowers that never produce seed and therefore do not need to be deadheaded (the removal of spent flowers). It also has a compact habit of growth that does not need a lot of pruning to control its growth.

If you decide to have your order shipped, note that it costs no more to ship two plants than it does to ship one, and only 25¢ additional postage for each plant thereafter. Why not combine your order with a friend's to save on shipping and handling.

Send your order today to Jack Alexander, Chairman ILS Propagation and Distribution Committee, P.O. Box 309, Middleboro, MA 02346. Make cheque payable to ILS.

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ORDER FORM

Yes, I would like to purchase _____ rooted cuttings of lilac
'Jesse Hepler' at \$2.00 each _____ total.

_____ I will pick up my plant at the convention. (No postage or
handling charge required)

_____ Please ship my plant. I am including \$3.00 for postage and
handling and 25¢ per plant for each plant over two.

Ship to: Name _____
Street (for UPS) _____
Town, State, Zip _____

Plants \$ _____

Postage _____

Total \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to ILS