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Family	12.50
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Life	150.00

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Season's Greetings

At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth;
But I like each thing that in season grows.

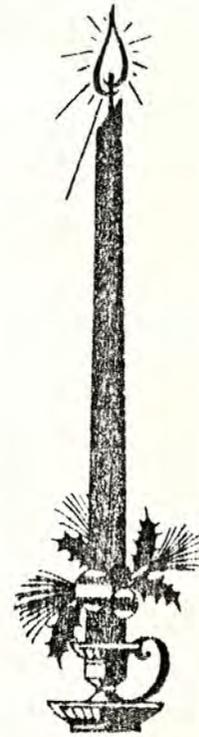
William Shakespeare

Do you, ILS members have a favorite time of Year? Perhaps it is Lilac Time. I agree with Shakespeare to the extent that every season of the year is my favorite as it comes along. Were I able to grow Christmas roses that would bloom in December in Iowa they would be most welcome, but because I cannot have them throughout the year I appreciate my tea roses all the more in June.

The Christmas Holiday Season is the time, a favorite time for most of us, when we can take inventory of our life, our work and our progress in the past year, when we write long letters to loved ones and when we open our homes to those persons who pass through our lives. It is a restful and welcome respite from the busy world of the Lilac Gardener.

Dear Friends, may this Christmas Season bring you the blessings of love, joy, peace and good health.

Mary C. Smith
Editor.



HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR SOCIETY?

There are a number of volunteer workers within I.L.S. donating their time and knowledge to keep the Society in progress. The rate of our, or any Society's progress is directly related to the enthusiasm and the support of its members. Knowing that, make a pledge of your own that you will earnestly do your fair share.

It does not have to be big, nor small, but comfortable and satisfactory to you.

The following is the list of a few activities from which you may either select one that you wish to pursue, or use it as an inspiration to think of one on your own; perhaps the one that you were going to do but never found the time:

- buy an I.L.S. membership as a Christmas present for a friend, or even better, talk him/her into buying one on his/her own.
- write a short story for the Newsletter about things happening in your area. Let us know about the joys, the accomplishments, the difficulties, the successes and the failures. We just love to hear from you, read about you, and share knowledge with you.
- say what you like or dislike about I.L.S. Ask questions. Offer constructive criticism. Offer ways for improvement of our Society.
- take pictures, preferably slides, of lilacs in landscape settings and also closeups to show color and floret size.
- in the spring time, about time of lilac blooming, contact local newspapers to give ideas about a lilac story--just anything about lilacs so that it brings lilacs to the attention of the public. And, of course, inform the reader of the I.L.S.
- with a purple crayon mark your 1984 calendar to note Convention dates (include dates and place) as well

as the date I.L.S. dues should be paid.
-arrange to present a program at a local garden club
on: pruning, varieties, sources, care, etc. of
lilacs.

Charles Holetich.

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LILACS PRAISED - WANTED

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Russian Lilacs not only have beautiful flowers,
but are not troubled with powdery mildew. Even the
foliage is clean and beautiful.

In 1978, from J. Herbert Alexander, I was able
to get 'Krasavitsa Moskvyy', 'Ogni Moskvyy' and
'Nadezhda'. Unfortunately, he was unable to get
'Mechta' for me.

WANTED: Russian Lilac 'Mechta'.
Can anyone supply me with a plant?
Thank you.
Sincerely,

Olga Rudenko
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CT

October 30, 1983.

MAKE YOUR DOLLAR RUN A LITTLE FURTHER

Mailing of the reminder notices about unpaid membership dues is costly and time consuming.

You are in a position to help your Society save time and money by renewing your membership on your own initiative.

The address sticker reveals your membership expiry date, while inside cover of your monthly publication will help you select the desired membership category.

Members from U.S.A. and International (other than Canada) mail membership to: Walter W. Oakes, Box 315, Rumford, Maine, 04276.

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Make cheque payable to INTERNATIONAL LILAC SOCIETY.

It takes 3-6 weeks to process and update your membership.

Some membership classifications may appear on the address sticker in abbreviated form: (L=Life; H=Honorary; C=Complimentary; F=Family).

Charles Holetich.

IN MEMORIUM

We are saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. A.T. (Louise) Wilder which occurred on June 3, 1983 on Long Island, New York.

Mr. Wilder, who predeceased her, and Mrs. Wilder were Founding Members who were present at the organizational meeting at Bayard Cutting Arboretum in May, 1971. They later became Lifetime Members. Their financial and technical support were critical through the incorporation procedures and arrangements with Internal Revenue for tax-exempt status. We will always be grateful for their interest and support.

Mrs. Wilder was an activist in the best meaning of the word. She had great hopes for scheduling an Annual Convention at or near Bayard Cutting Arboretum soon. She immediately began to offer her help and to make suggestions for possible sites and points of interest for members to visit. She was ready to begin planning straightaway. She would not allow diminished physical endurance and failing eyesight to curb her enthusiasm or dull her intellectual processes.

We mourn the loss of yet another of our Great I.L.S. ladies.