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MINUTES

I.L.S. BOARD MEETINGS

Burlington, VT

Excerpts, May 31, 1984

Propagation and Distribution: Mr. John H. Alexander III

There are two continuing problems. The first is getting enough material from rare plants for propagation. The second is finding a nursery willing to do the propagating and to handle distribution. This is a popular program and there are never enough plants to fill the demand.

This year Syringa vulgaris 'Sister Justena' and S. pubescens were propagated by Weston Nurseries with 50% success. Cuttings were provided by the Arnold Arboretum.

Fifty-two plants were distributed on a first come-first serve basis. The profit of \$23.31 will be on account for next year's expenses.

Mr. Alexander reminded the Board that he had resigned two years ago and was only continuing until a replacement could be found. Weston Nurseries did the propagating this year as a personal favor and will not be able to do it next year.

More money is available for the project, but this does not seem to be the problem.

Conclusions of Discussion

1. The members will be asked if they would prefer an older plant at a higher price.
2. It will be necessary to find a nursery to propagate and ship plants; then, if the members vote for larger plants, to grow them on for a year. The nursery should also be willing to ship the plants to the buyers.

3. Mr. Max Peterson and others are willing to grow stock plants, but planning will be necessary to provide enough lead time to develop adequate propagating material.

Editor: Mrs. Mary Smith

The Lilac Newsletter is doing well. Mrs. Smith wishes to be replaced as she is limited in the time she can spend on the publication.

Mrs. Fiala moved that the mailing permit be changed from Medina, Ohio to Spencer, Ohio with Mrs. Fiala in charge of funds. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kara and passed unanimously.

Fr. Fiala moved that the issues of the Lilac Newsletter be reduced from 12 issues per year to 6 larger issues per year. The Board should evaluate this arrangement in one year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Utley. The motion passed with Dr. Eickhorst dissenting.

Lilac Evaluation: Mr. Charles Holetich

A form with criteria has been worked out as requested by the 1982 Board. This is not meant to be in final form, but should be studied by the Board, or appointed committee for suggestions and comments.

Seed Exchange: Mr. Roger Luce

This program has dwindled with few people participating.

The Board accepted Mr. Luce's resignation with regret.

The Board designated the Lilac Newsletter as future clearinghouse for the exchange of seed.

Excerpts, June 1, 1984

Lilac Evaluation: Mr. Charles Holetich

After discussion of the evaluation form an ad hoc committee was appointed to make recommendations for changes to the evaluation form and to make recommendations for the training of lilac judges. The committee will report on June 2, 1984. Members of the ad hoc committee:

Fr. Fiala	Mr. Oakes
Mr. Alexander	Mr. Utley
Mr. Martin	

Election Committee: Mrs. Elsie Kara

Ballots were distributed to those who had not voted previously. 150 ballots were cast. There were no write-in votes.

Results:

The following are the four incumbents elected.

Mr. John H. Alexander III
Mr. Thomas N. Chieppo
Mrs. Elsie Kara
Mrs. Sarah N. Schenker

Non-incumbents elected

Dr. Robert Clark
Mrs. Mary C. Smith
Mr. Daniel K. Ryniec
Mr. Donald Wedge

Mrs. Kara asked for volunteers for officers of the Board. Some offices such as recording secretary and treasurer may be filled by non-board members.

Membership: Mr. Charles Holetich

There has been a greater number of new members this year than ever before. Of 357 members there are 303 from the United States, 43 from Canada and 11 from other countries.

The expiration date of membership is now printed on the address label of the Lilac Newsletter.

The more I.L.S. publicity the more new members join the Society. It should be the goal of each member to publicize the lilac and the Society.

Propagation and Distribution: Mr. John Alexander

This year's propagation was of S. vulgaris 'Sister Justena' and S. pubescens. Orders were received from 22 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Fifty-two plants were distributed on a first come-first served basis.

Members were asked to indicate their preference of small rooted cuttings or of more costly year-old plants. There was an overwhelming vote for cuttings that would be grown on by the propagating nursery for one year.

Mr. Alexander introduced the new chairman of this committee, Mr. John Carvill.

Education and Promotion: Nancy Emerson

An inventory of slides available for loan to members will be published in the Lilac Newsletter. Slide tape programs of approximately 30 minutes duration are being prepared for the use of Garden Clubs and other interested groups. Volunteers are needed to help with this project.

Awards: Fr. John Fiala

Announcement was made of a new award to be presented, starting next year. The award is to be given to the person who has been most effective in promoting the lilac through communications media.

Convention 1985: Mr. Daniel Ryniec

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden will host the 1985 meeting on May 16-19. The Society will meet at the Holiday Inn on 57th Street, Manhattan. Mr. Ryniec announced that the public would be invited to participate in the auction to be held on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Future Conventions: Mr. Winfried Martin

- 1986 - Host: Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- 1987 - Host: Denver Botanic Garden, Denver, CO
- 1988 - Host: Highland Park, Rochester, NY

Announcements:

Criteria is being worked out for grants for lilac research. It is hoped that there will be donations to the education and research fund for these grants.

Publication of the second volume of the Upton Scrap Books is now proceeding as copyright difficulties are being resolved.

Two persons, Mr. Orvill Steward and Dr. Robert Clark, have been voted as Honorary Life Members in recognition of their great and continuing service to the Society. Mr. Steward and Dr. Clark were instrumental in the formation of the Society and without them the Society would never have been formalized.

Excerpts, June 2, 1984

Editor:

Dr. Rogers moved that Mr. Holetich be appointed Editor with the promise that the Board will support him by supplying material for the Lilac Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryniec and passed unanimously.

Nominating: Mrs. Elsie Kara

Mrs. Chaykowski, Treasurer for many years, asked that the Board find a replacement.

Ballots were circulated for electing officers to the Board. A tie for President resulted on the first ballot, necessitating a run-off ballot. The following officers were elected:

President - Mr. Thomas N. Chieppo
Executive Vice-President - Mr. William Utley
Secretary - Mr. Walter W. Oakes
Recording Secretary - Mrs. Sarah N. Schenker
Treasurer - Mrs. Marie Chaykowski

Lilac Evaluation: Ad hoc Committee

The evaluation sheet submitted by Mr. Holetich was amended as per printed sample. (See following page.)

July 1984

I.L.S. LILAC EVALUATION FORM
Draft copy as per ad hoc committee session June 2, 1984

Cultivar name _____
Height _____ m(ft), Spread _____ m(ft), Age (if known) _____
Location Cultivar observed _____ Access.No. _____
Floret Single _____; Double _____; Color (I-VII) _____ if applicable _____

T r a i t s	Points	
	Awarded	Maximum
Unique color (clear blue, clear red, etc.)		10
Amount of inflorescence (% it covers the bush)		10
Bud showiness (very attractive at bud stage)		10
Medium to good quality bloom year after year		10
Unique (recognizable with ease)		10
Inflorescence not concealed by foliage		8
Easy to propagate		8
Landscape value: Medium size shrub in maturity with good (lateral) branching and bloom to ground level		8
Good grower and bloomer at this climatic range		8
Prolonged bloomer (14 days or longer)		8
Good fragrance		7
Non fading color (stable color 12 days or longer, from opening of the florets)		7
Good as cut flower (5 days or longer)		7
Attractive foliar color in autumn		7
Tendency to sucker (score one or other, not both)	moderate to many	5 -3
Susceptibility to frost		-7
Susceptibility to diseases (blight; mildew)		-7

Further comments _____

Note: Inflorescences whether rigid or loose, dense or sparse, upright to reflexed are all nice in their own way, hence not considered in "trait-point" evaluation.
Examples: *S. vulgaris*, *Syr. reticulata*, 'Ivory Silk', *Syr. reflexa* 'Fallens', *Syr. xhyac.* 'The Bride'.
Date observed _____ Observed by _____

For blank forms write to Charles Holstich c/o Royal Botanical Gardens, Box 399,
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3H8

GUIDELINES TO THE I.L.S. LILAC EVALUATION FORM

The purpose of the "Lilac Evaluation Form" is to obtain a uniform merit-value point score for a lilac cultivar's traits at a wide climatic growing range.

Before starting the evaluation, familiarize yourself with quality and quantity of bloom in the collection. (What one may see as "very good" at the starting stage may become of an "average value" when compared against a superior specimen.)

Color recorded should reflect predominant color of the open florets as per field observation. I - white; II - violet; III - blue; IV - lilac; V - pink; VI - magenta (red); VII - purple. Recorded combinations II & III for violet-blue, or IV-V for lilac pink are permissible.

Points awarded may consist of full or fractional number anywhere from zero up to the indicated maximum.

Observation and evaluation of a lilac cultivar obtained during three or more consecutive years by the same observer will be considered more realistic than a single one.

Write in "unknown" for traits the observer has no knowledge of. (Ex.: easy to propagate, good as cut flower, etc.)

Charles D. Holetich
for the I.L.S. Evaluation
committee.

NOTE: If you have any comments on the lilac evaluation form, they should be mailed to Charles Holetich, c/o Royal Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 399, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3H8

SASS LILACS IN MEMORIAL GARDEN

The late Henry Sass' 'Orchid Chiffon', 'Snow Shower' and 'Woodland Violet' as well as Jacob Sass' 'Pink Lace' lilacs are planted in the background of the Sass Memorial Garden at the Strategic Air Command Museum adjacent Offet Air Force Base near Omaha. The garden is sponsored and maintained by Greater Omaha Iris Society and it contains a complete collection of "Dykes Medalists" (highest iris award) of which the Sass brothers, Hans P. and Jacob, received two each: 'Rameses' (1932), 'Prairie Sunset' (1943), 'The Red Douglas' (1941) and 'Ola Kala' (1948). This is the first public display of Sass-bred lilacs, iris, peonies and daylilies.

Robert Clark,
Meredith, NH

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Tee Shirts for sale!!!

Tee Shirts for sale, \$8.00. Orchid with a lilac on it and the lettering "Lilacs Are In". Size Medium and Ex. Large.

If you would like one, send money to Pauline Fiala or Marie Chaykowski.

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