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COME AND CELEBRATE OUR 14TH ANNUAL MEETING. PARTICIPATE IN OUR LECTURES ON LILAC EVALUATION, DISEASE RESEARCH, WHILE TOURING THE LOUISA CLARK SPENCER LILAC COLLECTION OF THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN. OUR AUCTION AND AWARDS BANQUET PROMISE TO BE AS ENJOYABLE AS ALWAYS. SO DON'T HESITATE MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE AND PHONE IN YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION TODAY. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAM ITINERARY NEXT MONTH; SEE YOU THEN.

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* REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES 2 DINNERS AND 2 LUNCHES
ALSO THE COST OF THE HOSPITALITY SUITE.

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PLANT MATERIAL DONATED FOR 1985
I.L.S. AUCTION - MAY 18th

Syringa	No.	<u>Color</u>
chinensis	9	
tomentella	2	
microphylla	3	
Syringa vulgaris		
'DUC DE MASSA'	4	D III
'MME ANTOINE BUCHNER'	6	D V
'LEON GAMBETTA'	2	D IV
'KATHERINE HAVEMEYER'	4	D V
'PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'	4	S VII
'MACROSTACHYA'	7	S V
'MONTAIGNE'	10	D V

'EDITH CAVELL'	3	D I
'LUDWIG SPAETH'	3	S VII
'FIRMAMENT'	3	S III
'PRESIDENT GREVY'	2	D III
'BLEUATRE'	2	S III
'PRESIDENT LINCOLN'	7	S III
'DR. CHARLES JACOBS'	1	S VII
'LILAROSA'	8	S V
'HIPPOLYTE MARRINGER'	11	D IV
'CHARLES X'	2	S VI
'LUCIE BALTET'	3	S V
'PRIMROSE'	6	D I
'VOLCAN'	3	S VII
'SENSATION'	1	S VII
'CATHERINE BUCHNER'	1	D I
'CAPITAINE BALTET'	4	S VI
'DAWN'	2	S IV
'PRISCILLA'	4	S VI
'SARAH SANDS'	6	S VII

Mr. and Mrs. Utley donated a large portion of these lilacs. RBG donated 51 cultivars, but unfortunately many were winter killed. We would appreciate more donations, including rare varieties, species and Havemeyer Introduction. Please let me know if you believe you can donate plants for the auction, I would like to compile a list for the membership.

Daniel K. Ryniec
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Note: If you wish that the picture of lilac cultivar(s) brought by you for the auction is shown on the screen, then send me the list, so that I may bring with me the appropriate slides.

Charles Holetich

MY SEMINAR AT UKIAH

The city of Ukiah California has its own lilac sparkplug in the person of 85 year young Mrs. Leila Romer. Through the years she has been instrumental in promoting lilacs in this beautiful N. California city, finally convinced me to go up there to present a seminar on lilacs. Tita and I flew up to San Francisco on March 20, 1984 where we were picked up at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Manning, had lunch at Fishermans Wharf then headed for Ukiah, passing through wine country and arriving in time for dinner at Ukiah's finest restaurant. The following morning after breakfast we headed for Garden House, to set up for the lecture. The seminar started at 1 p.m. with the mayor, Chamber president, Ukiah officials, faculty and students of the university, members of the Ukiah and surrounding cities' Garden Clubs and the press in attendance. The seminar consisted of a talk for two hours, an hour of slides followed by a question and answer period. One can always recognize the interest generated by listening to the question and answer period.

Mrs. Romer's daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Parducci invited us to a sumptuous dinner at their home, adjacent to their vineyard and winery. The following morning we were picked up by Mrs. Vivian Finne the program chairman, taken on a tour of the various lilac gardens-Mrs. Romer's, Mannings', Stipps' etc. then to dinner at the Stamp Club (my second hobby). We spent the night at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Osborne who returned us to the San Francisco airport the following morning.

The trip was well worth the time and effort. Because it is so difficult to return to the same area the course on lilacs had to be condensed and the material reduced to an outline so that most of the ground covered would be included in the time allotted. The

novices were indoctrinated and those with lilac experience gained additional knowledge to carry on with their work. This missionary work is one of the most important functions of the International Lilac Society.

Dr. Joel Margaretten

WHO WAS CHARLES JOLY?

By Robert B. Clark, Meredith NH

Lemoine's double reddish lilac 'Charles Joly' continues to be offered by nurserymen and planted by home owners and gardeners eighty-eight years after its introduction. Has the lilac outlived the reputation of the man for whom it commemorates? Two or three years ago I was bold enough to ask "who was Charles Joly?" Today I am happy to report a tidbit about his life and fame. For this information I am indebted to my late friend Bernard Harkness, second president of our Society, who left these notes in the Lilac Society's archives.

Charles Joly was born at Nancy in 1818. He took his degree in medicine which he practiced in the United States. Upon his return to France he operated the hotel "DuBois de Boulogne" which he surrounded with ornate flower borders. His interest in horticulture included membership in horticultural societies and he was elected honorary vice-president of the National Horticultural Society of France. Additionally he was interested in heating systems and one of his devices was marketed under his name. This information is taken from his obituary notice published in Revue Horticole, September 1, 1902.

Herewith Bernie's remarks: "So versatile and energetic a Nancy native quite fittingly has had his name made well known by the 1896 introduction of the Lemoine Nursery. It is one of the best known commercially of the double reddish purple varieties."

HIGHLAND PARK LILAC COLLECTION

The complete name of the collection is Monroe County Parks Arboretum-Highland Park Lilac Collection. It is administered from the Monroe County Parks Department offices located at 375 Westfall Road, Rochester, New York, 14620.

John Dunbar, a young Scottish Horticulturist, started the Highland Park Lilac collection in 1892 with a small planting of lilacs in a corner of Highland Park. In 1898, surprised Rochester officials estimated that over 3,000 visitors were attracted to the blooms. This was a real tribute to the lilacs as no announcement had heralded the display. With an enthusiastic community behind him, Mr. Dunbar and his successors increased the lilac collection to its present size covering 22 acres. The collection includes many of the varieties dating back to colonial origins, as well as the most recent introductions. The tradition of their popularity has grown spontaneously and is demonstrated vividly each year at Lilac Time in Rochester, when thousands of visitors from all sections of the United States and Canada come to view the collection with approximately 450 lilac (taxa) varieties, displayed by more than 1600 shrubs.

The collection is open to public from dawn to dark. Majority of lilacs will bloom between May 15 and June 1st. You may check on state of bloom by phoning (716) 244-4640 or write for further information to:

Robert E. Hoepfl, Superintendent of Horticulture
or to James W. Kelly, Taxonomist, at the address
indicated above.

MONROE COUNTY PARKS ARBORETUM

HIGHLAND PARK LILAC COLLECTION

- Syringa chinensis*
f. *alba*
cv. *Bicolor*
cv. *LeTroyes*
f. *metensis*
cv. *Orchid Beauty*
cv. *President Hayes*
f. *saugeana*
cv. *Steencruysii*
S. x diversifolia cv. *Nouveau*
cv. *Wm. H. Judd*
S. emodi
S. x Henry x tomentella cv. *Prairial*
S. x hyacinthiflora cultivars
Alice Eastwood
Assessippi
Berryer
Buffon
Catinat
Charles Nordine
Churchill
Clarke's Giant
Claude Bernard
Daphne Pink
Descartes
Dr. Chadwick
Esther Staley
Evangeline
Excel
Fenelon
Fraser
Gertrude Leslie
Grace
Hazel Opper
Jewel
Kate Sessions
Lamartine
Lavender Lady
Louvois
May Day
Mirabeau
Nokomis
Norah
- Old Fashioned
Pascal
Peggy
Pink Cloud
Pink Spray
Pocahontas
Royal Purple
Scotia
Sister Justena
Splendor
Summer Skies
Swarthmore
Tom Taylor
Turgot
Vauban
S. x josiflexa cv. *Minuet*
cv. *Redwine*
cv. *Royalty*
S. julianae
cv. *George Eastman*
S. komarovii
S. laciniata
S. laciniata x pinnatifolia
S. meyeri
S. microphylla
cv. *Superba*
S. x nanceiana cv. *Floreal*
S. oblata
var. *dilatata*
cv. *Annabel*
cv. *Cheyenne*
S. pekinensis
f. *pendula*
S. x persica
f. *alba*
S. pinnatifolia
S. x prestoniae cultivars
Alice
Calpurnia
Charmian
Donald Wyman
Handel
Hecla
Hiawatha
Nike
Prophecy
Ursula

S. reflexa f. alba	Champlain
S. reticulata	Charlemagne
var. faurei	Charles Baltet
var. mandschurica	Charles Joly
S. rhodopea	Charles X
S. x skinneri	Charlotte Morgan
S. sweginzowii f. albida	Charm
cv. Lark Song	Chris
f. superba	Christophe Colomb
S. tomentella	City of Longview
S. velutina	City of Olympia
cv. Miss Kim	Clara
S. villosa	Clara Cochet
cv. Aurea	Claude le Lorrain
S. villosa x sweginzowii cv. Hedin	Coerulea Superba
S. vulgaris	Colbert
S. vulgaris f. alba	Colmariensis
<u>S. vulgaris cultivars</u>	Col. Wm. R. Plum
Adelaide Dunbar	Comte Adrien de Montebello
Admiral Farragut	Comte de Kerchove
Agincourt Beauty	Comte Horace de Choiseul
Alba Virginalis	Comtesse Horace de Choiseul
Allison Gray	Condorcet
Alphonse Lavalee	Congo
A. M. Brand	Corinne
Amethyst	Crepescule
Amoena	Croix de Brahy
Anna Elizabeth Jacquet	Dame Blanche
Anna Nickles	Dawn
Anne Tighe	Decaisne
Arthur William Paul	De Croncels
Astra	De Humboldt
Aucubaefolia	De Jussieu
Aurea	De Miribel
Azurea Plena	De Saussure
Belle de Nancy	Desfontaines
Beranger	Diane
Beth Turner	Diderot
Betty Opper	Dillia
Bicentennial	Diplomate
Bicolor	Downfield.
Bishop Bernard Mc Quaid	Dr. Charles Jacobs
Bleuatre	Dr. Edward Mott Moore
Blue Delight	Dr. Lindley
Bogdan Chmelnicki	Dr. Lemke
Boussaingault	Dr. Maillot
Calvin C. Laney	Dr. Masters
Capitaine Baltet	Dr. Nobbe
Capitaine Perrault	Dr. Troyanowsky
Carmen	
Caroli	
Cavour	
C. B. Van Nes	

Dr. von Regel
Dresden China
Duc de Massa
Dwight D. Eisenhower
Edith Cayell
Edmond About
Edmond Boissier
Edouard Andre
Edward J. Gardner
Ekenholm
Ellen Willmott
Emil Liebig
Emile Gentil
Emile Lemoine
Erzherzog Johann
Farrionensis
Firmament
Flore Plena
Flower City
Francisque Morel
Frau Bertha Dammann
Frau Wilhelm Pfitzer
Frederick Douglass
Fritz
Fuerst Buelow
Fuerst Liechtenstein
Gaudichaud
Geant des Batailles
Geheimrat Heyder
Geheimrat Singelmann
General Drouot
General Elwell S. Otis
General Grant
General John Pershing
General Sheridan
General Sherman
George Ellwanger
George W. Aldridge
Geraldine Smith
Gigantea
Gloire d'Aalsmeer
Gloire de La Rochelle
Gloire de Lorraine
Gloire de Moulins
Glory
Godron
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Guizot
Hallelujah
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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Henry Ward Beecher
Herman Eilers
Hippolyte Maringer

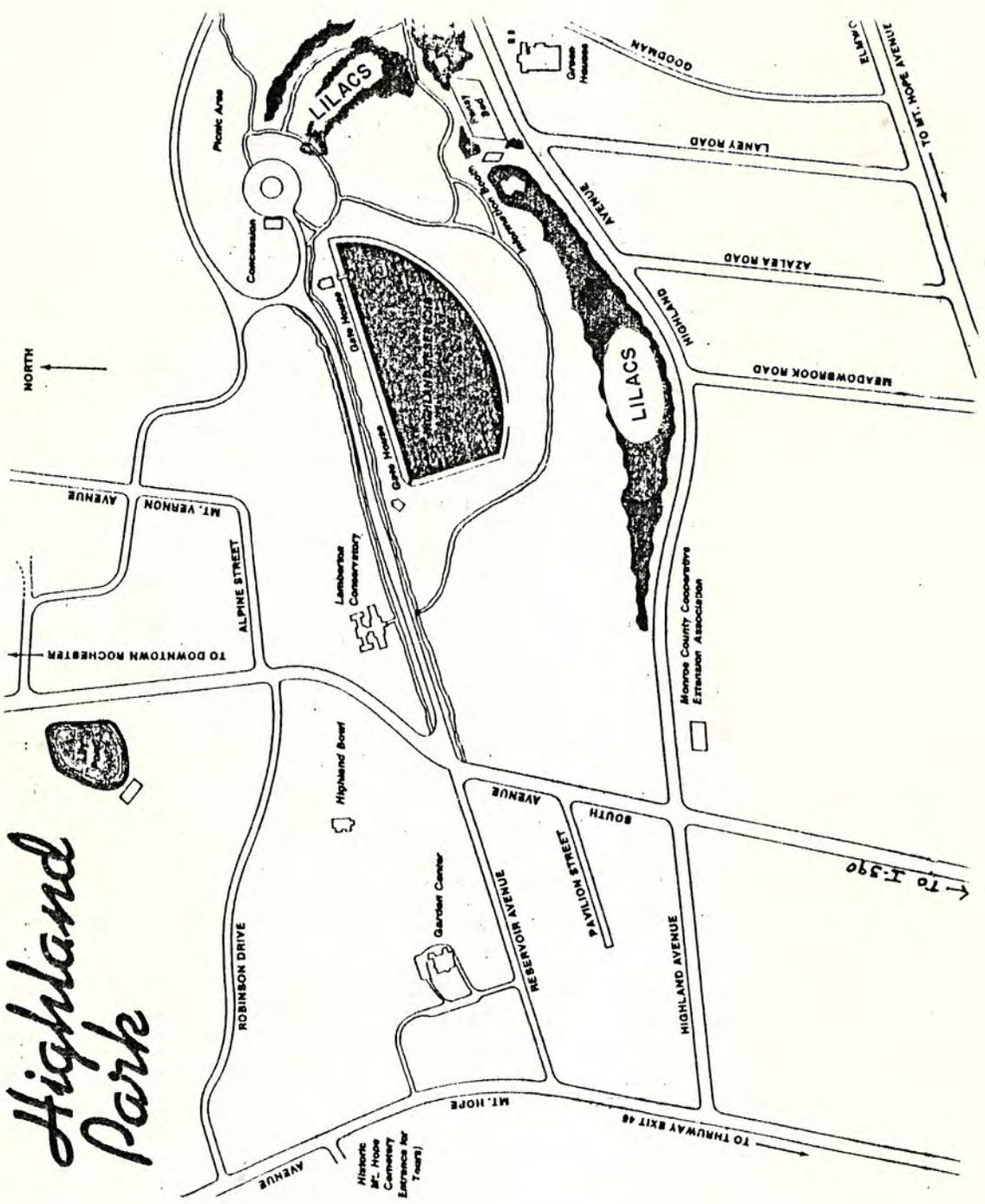
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Jane Day
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Jessie Gardner
Joan Dunbar
Jonkheer G. P. Van Tets
Jules Ferry
Jules Simon
Julien Gerardin
Justi
Kate Harlin
Katherine Havemeyer
Kingsville
Konigin Luise
Krassavica Moskvj
Lamarck
Languis
Le Gaulois
Lemoinei
Le Notre
Leon Gambetta
Leon Simon
Leopold II
Lilarosa
Linne
Lucie Baltet
Macrostachya
Madeleine Lemaire
Magellan
Maiden's Blush
Marc Micheli
Marechal de Bassompierre
Marechal Foch
Marechal Lannes
Margaret Opper
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Marie Legraye
Marlyensis
Marlyensis Pallida
Mathieu de Dombasle
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Mont Blanc
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Mountain Haze
Mrs. Calvin Coolidge
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My Favorite
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Naudin
Negro
Nigricans
Obelisque
Ogni Donbassa
Ostrander
Pasteur
Patrick Henry
Paul Deschanel
Paul Hariot
Paul Thirion
Peau de Chamois
Perle von Stuttgart
Perle von Teltow

Peterson's Unknown
Philemon
Pierre Joigneaux
Pinkie
Pink Lace
Pink Mist
Pioneer
President Carnot
President Fallieres
President Grevy
President Lambeau
President Lebrun
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Romance
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Rubella Plena
Rubra Insignis
Ruhm von Horstenstein
Sarah Sands
Saturnale

Scipion Cochet
Seneateur Volland
Sensation
Sesquicentennial
Serene
Silver King
Snowflake
Sobra
Souvenir de Claudius Graindorge
Souvenir de Henry Simon
Souvenir de Louis Chasset
Souvenir de Simone
Sovetskaja Arktika
Spectabilis
Stadgartner Rothpletz
Sumerki
Taglioni
Taras Bulba
Thomas Edison
Thomas Jefferson
Thunberg
Todmorden
Tournefort
Triomphe de Moulins
Triomphe d'Orleans
Triste Barbaro
Valetteana
Van Aerschott
Vergissmeinnicht
Versaliensis
Verschaffeltii
Vestale
Victor Lemoine
Ville de Limoges
Violacea
Violetta
Virginite
Vivian Evans
Viviand-Morel
Volcan
Waldeck-Rousseau
White Swan
William C. Barry
William Robinson
William S. Riley
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W. T. Lee
Znamia Lenina
Zukunft

Highland Park



Correction in the Proceedings of the International
Lilac Society
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May 13, and 14, 1983

Title: Propagation of Lilacs at McKay Nursery -
Bernard Fourrier

Questions and Answers part. Page 37

Question =

If an application of a bound fertilizer was made just a couple of weeks before the cuttings were taken, would that stimulate rooting?

Answer = Corrected

I do not think so. If you fertilize just a couple of weeks prior to taking cuttings, there is a lot of nitrogen which will not be assimilated. Nitrogen fertilizer affects the utilization of carbohydrates in plants. When nitrogen fertilizers are supplied in large amount, the level of carbohydrates will decrease. Since carbohydrates influence root initiation (from research) a low level of nitrogen and high of carbohydrates will favour rooting.

Our note: Thank you Bernard for bringing the inadvertent error to our attention, especially to those in the world of lilac propagation.

NEW MEDITERRANEAN GREENHOUSE AT RBG

For the second time in five years the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre, located on the border of Hamilton and Burlington Ontario, will undergo major expansion. Construction on a \$1.4 million Mediterranean and Alpine Greenhouse Wing will begin in January 1985. Grants from the federal government (\$600,000), Province of Ontario (\$661,500), Royal Botanical Gardens Auxillary (\$125,000) and Stanely Smith Horticultural Trust, (England) means total funding is in place, prior to the sod turning. Construction is expected to take six months. The addition will quadruple greenhouse facilities at the Centre and will open to the public the vistas of specialized Mediterranean flora giving us a winter exhibition capability for the first time indoors. This new addition will truly make the Gardens 'a place for all seasons' (its motto), indoors and out! Also included in the new wing will be classroom, pantry, storage and washroom facilities as well as a propagation greenhouse.

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PATENT PENDING

HELP ! HELP ! HELP !

Our I.L.S. friend Allan Rogers owner of Caprice Farm Nursery, 15425 S.W. Pleasant Hill Rd., Sherwood Oregon, 97140 has in his collection number of lilac cultivars with limited to non existent information.

They are:

Syringa 'ALLERTON #1', 'BLACK WATCH', 'BLUE JAY', 'BRIGHTON BEAUTY', 'CLARE CLARK', 'COL. BAKER', 'DOVER', 'EDITH GRONEAU', 'ENDEVOUR', 'HARGROVE PINK', 'HARRY GEE', 'LAFAYETTE ESQUEDRILLE', 'LE CARRIERE', 'LOGO', 'LOUISE SOUCHARD', 'M'SELLE BLANC', 'MORIS SWANSON', 'MT. KILAMAJARO', 'PARIS GOWN', 'PERSPERINA', 'PINK PRINCESS', 'TRAFALGAR', 'TRUE PINK', 'VINCENNES' and 'VON PLITE'.

In his letter Allan states the following:

Our lilac collection is due to the kindness of the noted Iris and Hosta hybridizer Chet Tompkins. They (lilacs) come from a number of his old customers and I have not been able to get the background information. Understand many were purchased from "catalogs" 20-30 years ago. I'd be delighted to have any information you could get from Lilac Newsletter readers. (Lilac cultivar) 'Logo' was given to Chet By Sassco of Nebraska (close friend of his). (It was) never registered, but it is an unusually beautiful, mulberry red.

I have asked Allan for propagating material mainly for reasons to evaluate the cultivars against other named cultivars in our collection.

If you have any information about any of the above listed lilac cultivars, please let us know. I will mail the copy to Allan and further inform the readers of any new information received.

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