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Lilacs - Lilacs - Lilacs !

Following is the partial list of lilacs that will be auctioned or offered for sale prior to the auction. Sale and the auction is to take place at the Royal Botanical Garden Centre, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Syr. vulg.	'Agincourt Beauty'	.....	Single, purple
-	'Ami Schott'	.....	double, bluish
-	'Andre Csizik'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Bright Centennial'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Carley'	.....	single, white
-	'Charles X'	.....	Single, magenta
-	'Crepuscule'	.....	single, bluish
-	'Dwight D. Eisenhower'	.....	single, bluish
-	'Edward J. Gardner'	.....	double, pink
-	'Excellent'	.....	single, white
-	'Flora'	.....	single, white
-	'Frank Paterson'	.....	single, purple
-	'Glory'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Henri Robert'	.....	double, violet
-	'Jessie Gardner'	.....	single, violet
-	'Kosmos'	.....	single, viol/mag
-	'Krasavitsa Moskvy'	.....	double, white
-	'L'Oncle Tom'	.....	single, purple
-	'Lucie Baltet'	.....	single, pink
-	'Marie Finon'	.....	single, white
-	'Marshal Zhukov'	.....	single, pink/mag
-	'Mont Blanc'	.....	single, white
-	'Mrs. Watson Webb'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Mrs. W.E. Marshal'	.....	double, purple
-	'Nancy Frick'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Night'	.....	single, purple
-	'Pamiat o S.M. Kirove'	.....	double, violet
-	'President Roosevelt'	.....	single purple
-	'Primrose'	.....	single, yel/white
-	'Priscilla'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Reaumur'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Rochester'	.....	single, white
-	'Romance'	.....	single, pink/mag
-	'Saint Margaret'	.....	Double, white
-	'Sensation'	.....	single, purp/white
-	'Silver King'	.....	single bluish
-	'Slatars Elegance'	.....	single white

Syr. vulg.	'Souv. de Mme. Louis Gielis'	.....	single, white
-	'Zulu'	.....	single, purple
Syr. x hyac.	'Anabel'	.....	Double, pink
-	'Assessippi'	.....	single, lilac
-	'Esther Staley'	.....	single, magenta
-	'Maidens Blush'	.....	single, mag/pink
-	'Necker'	.....	single, pink
-	'Pocahontas'	.....	single, purple
-	'Royal Purple'	.....	single, purple
-	'The Bride'	.....	single, white
Syr. x prest.	'Alice Rose Foster'	.....	single, pink
-	'Ethel M. Webster'	.....	single, pink
-	'Nike'	.....	single, viol/blue
Syr. x nanc.	'Floreal'	.....	single pink
Syr. x diver.	'William H. Judd'	.....	single, white
Syringa laciniata	.....	.....	single, pale violet
Syringa reflexa	.....	.....	single, pink

If you can not come to the convention, ask an ILS member from your neighbourhood who is, to buy you a desired cultivar.

Phytosanitary certificate for transport of plants across the border will be made available at the auction.

In Memory

Word has been received of the death on 21 February 1986 of Mr. Travers Hutchison after a short illness.

Mr. Hutchison, from Toronto, Canada was a former Vice President of the International Lilac Society and an active supporter of the organization during its entire history. We will miss him. Anyone wishing to contact his wife, Margaret, can do so at 83 Chatsworth Drive, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4R 1R8.

The best but most expensive means of communicating the characteristics of lilacs is with color pictures. When economic considerations preclude the use of these, we must take command of the language to write descriptions and do the best we can to convey what we are seeing with the eye. This was well-done in some of the old catalogs and to a much lesser extent today. One of the superior old catalogs was published by Mark Eaton who operated a nursery on part of the old Havemeyer estate at Glen Head, New York. Soon after the Society was founded in 1971, Mr. Eaton gave to the Society a supply of these catalogs with permission to use them in any way we saw fit. The nursery offered in the 1954 list 198 cultivars and species - a truly astounding number - with good description.

A very small percentage of these are commercially available today. The catalogs are useful, however, for a reference when shopping in the current listings. (Note that 'ZULU' is single not double).

If you would like a copy of the catalog, please send a stamped, self-addressed, business size envelope to the address below.

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FALL LILAC BLOOM

Editor's Note: In a followup to Sally Schenker's note on a second bloom period on her tree lilac, Nancy Emerson writes "For 2 years I have had a tree lilac bloom in July and then in September. I wonder if this would be a new strain (or caused by) a dry summer."

I (editor) would note that all lilac buds are formed soon after the bloom time. They then stay dormant until they have had a critical number of hours of cold. They are, therefore, ready to expand and bloom the following spring. Occasionally, on all plants, this process is short circuited and the newly formed bud goes ahead and blooms instead of going dormant. In some species (Syringa meyeri and S. julianae) this happens every year, in others such as Syringa vulgaris it is rare enough so that you should call the local newspapers when yours blooms in August. I'm not sure just where the tree lilac falls so comments such as Sally's and Nancy's are important. How does your tree lilac grow? Let us hear from you.

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