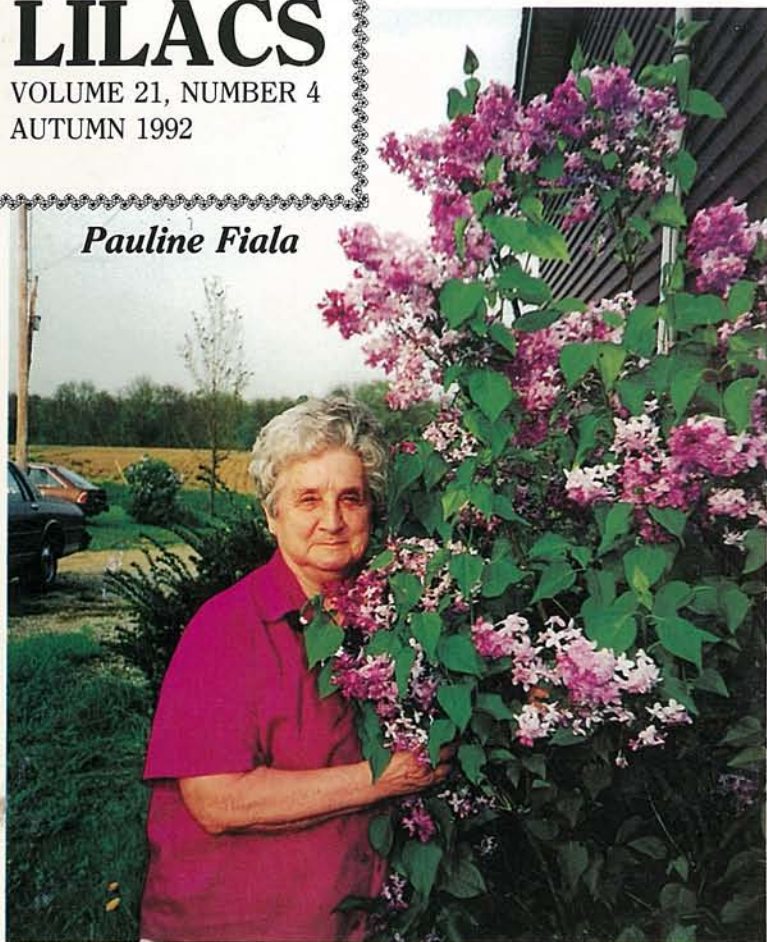


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**This Autumn 1992 Number of *LILACS* is
Respectfully Dedicated to**



Pauline L. Fiala

Pauline L. Fiala, herself a dedicated member who has attended all annual meetings since 1972 at Boston. She is versatile serving the Society as Awards chairperson, auctioneer's assistant and chairperson of Elections committee, as well as several terms on the Board of Directors. Inconspicuous but essential functions are the mailings of *LILACS* to our members which Pauline and daughter Marilyn Bonnett four times each year.

Herewith her testimonial: "I am a mother of eleven and grandmother of thirty-one. I am a retired rural letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office. I'm a domestic engineer, taxi for kids, but most of all a lilac lover. I have always had lilacs in my yard. I live on a farm and have over one-hundred lilacs planted. A lot of them were purchased at the lilac auctions over the twenty-one years that I've been attending. Most of my children also have lilacs."

Bravo, Pauline. A grateful Society salutes you.

On the following five pages are the other board members.



Jack Alexander



Reva Ballreich



R.B. Clark

JOHN H. ALEXANDER, III

Propagator at the Arnold Arboretum, Jack is author of several articles on lilacs in *Arnoldia*. With Nan Sinden he chaired ILS's 21st annual meeting, our second at Boston. He learned his trade from his grandfather whose patronym he bears.

REVA BALLREICH, PRESIDENT

Beverly Hills, CA

I have been growing lilacs since 1980 on my 14 acre retreat in Idyllwild, California. I became serious about collecting lilacs in 1986 when I joined the International Lilac Society. At present, I have 353 correctly labeled cultivars and species. Duplication of a few plants put over-all number at 427. I also have 56 four year old cross pollinated (closed) seedlings of which I am keeping meticulous records.

My hobby is my garden. It consists of old stands of oak trees, pines and cedars. On the shady side of the garden I have planted rhododendrens, azaleas, dogwood, kalmias, etc. On the sunny side are the lilacs, irises, roses, hemerocallis and fruit trees. Tulips, peonies and wisterias are growing in between. A delightful spectrum of color from early spring through most of the summer.

ROBERT B. CLARK

Meredith, NH

Birchwood Gardens, established 1941, intendent in residence since 1972. Two-thirds acre at Lilac Cove, Lake Winnepesaukee, featuring firs (*Abies*), ornamental flowering trees and shrubs including choicest lilacs. Author of "*Flowering Trees*" (van Nostrand). Co-founder of I.L.S., editor of *Lilacs* since 1980.

WALTER E. EICKHORST

Naperville, IL

Has been poking around in the "brush" for about 65 years, served I.L.S. as treasurer since 1986, joined the Society as a Charter member. Has six (6) lilacs, one of which produced 20-trusses this year, while the other five are still "pups" but doing exceedingly well. Has enjoyed watching I.L.S. grow from a small group of Founders to the formidable and meaningful Society of international proportion that it is today.

PETER S. ELY

Seymour, CT

A career Social Worker for the state of Connecticut. Peter is married and the father of two adult children.

Peter's hobbies include geology, photography, horticulture and U.S. travel — especially the National Park system. Peter's interest in lilacs was cultivated 5 years ago by a local member; and has continued through the yearly conventions where he has been inspired by the professionalism, enthusiasm and friendship of the membership of the I.L.S.

BOB GILBERT

Hyde Park, NYC

Here's what the local Hyde Park police blotter has to say about Bob:

Hyde Park native. New York University graduate. WWII veteran.

Retired dairy farmer. Master Gardener. World traveler.

Volunteer guide for National Park Service

Works part-time in wife Sabra's travel agency

Compiler and interpreter of title abbreviations, e.g. "RF" (see above)

Introduced to I.L.S. by Maurice Lockwood

Has about 100 different varieties in collection



W.E. Eickhorst



Peter S. Ely



Robert S. Gilbert

CHARLES D. HOLETICH

University of Zagreb (Croatia) BSc in Forestry

Joined staff of Royal Botanical Gardens, May 1961, assumed charge of arboretum development and maintenance including the Katie Osborne Lilac Collection. Thirty-one years ago the lilac collection consisted of about one-hundred taxa (species, varieties, hybrids and cultivars); today it consists of 783 outplanted specimens with another 100 plants under three feet tall in the nursery. Charles has served I.L.S. in various capacities, as President for two terms, as Canadian Vice President, Editor, and liaison between R.B.G. and I.L.S. auction since 1974 — every position providing a degree of “fun, frustration and challenge.”

DR. JOEL MARGARETTEN

Leona Valley, CA

At age five began gardening under his mother's nurture, whose favorite flower was the lilac.

Practices dentistry (over fifty years in Los Angeles). World War II veteran. In 1947, began clearing hillsides of 200 acre Margaretten Park. Planted three lilacs. Collection now covers eighty acres, growing 50,000 plants, many his own seedlings. Gives seminars throughout the West Coast. Teaching plant lovers how to grow lilacs in a Mediterranean climate is true pioneering. I.L.S. recognized Joel with its most prestigious presidential award for breeding lilacs.

WINFRIED K. MARTIN

Chardon, OH

Retired from the Holden Arboretum after 21 years as Superintendent. A native of Wurzburg, Bavaria, where he was district forester. After WWII, the Martins migrated to Sweden, Canada and finally to Ohio. Marty now finds time to work with plants individually. Hitherto his responsibilities have been administrative, i.e. with people and property.



C.D. Holetich



Dr. J. Margaretten



Wilfried Martin



Dr. O.M. Rogers



Daniel Ryniec

DR. OWEN M. ROGERS

Durham, NH

Holds degrees from the University of Massachusetts and Cornell University and the doctor of philosophy degree in genetics and plant breeding from the Pennsylvania State University in 1959. Retired as major in the U.S. Air Force. Author of numerous scientific papers.

Community and State horticultural services include advisor on lilac plantings and beautification to the State of New Hampshire, advisor to the N.H. Federation of Garden Clubs and consultant on urban tree planting to the City of Portsmouth. Named a Mercer Fellow of Harvard University in 1968 and holds the special achievement award of the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the State Gold Seal and the Presidential Citation of the N.H. Federation of Garden Clubs.

Dr. and Mrs. Rogers are parents of two children.

DANIEL RYNIEC

Brooklyn, NY

Staff member of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden since 1977 and presently Gardener in charge of the Louisa Clark Spencer Lilac Collection and Osborne Gardens.

A Board member and former President of the International Lilac Society.

Horticultural consultant to the Health Science Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Has lectured on lilacs and has published in *The New York Times* and *Fine Gardening* magazine.

Active in community matters. Board member of the Cultural Institutions Health and Security Trust.

Hobbies include visiting gardens and historic houses as well as restoring an 1890 Brooklyn brownstone home with his wife Mary, while collecting antiques and lilac prints.



Sally Schenker



O.M. Steward



Bill Utley

SARAH "SALLY" SCHENKER

Freedom, NH, since 1972

BS is floriculture from University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Married Hanssen Schenker and became army wife who traveled and gardened in many parts of U.S., Germany, Japan and Okinawa.

Served on N.H. Cooperative Extension Advisory Council, retiring as chairman after six years. In 1976 heard Owen Rogers lecture on lilacs, and was "hooked." Attended the I.L.S. Convention at Amherst in 1977, and every one since then. Elected to I.L.S. Board of Directors in 1978 serving as secretary (currently after hiatus of few years).

Lilac collection: 75 plants in 50 plus varieties.

ORVILLE M. STEWARD

Plymouth, Vermont

He takes active part in Plymouth administrative affairs as Lister and J.P. Orville holds important elective offices in several civic and social organizations. Founding president of I.L.S. Received his professional training at the prestigious New York Botanical Garden. Collects lilacs and books. Father of two sons, grandfather of six children.

WILLIAM A. UTLEY

President of Board Directors of Grape Hill Gardens, Clyde, New York. With his late wife Lois he assembled a remarkable collection of lilacs and complementary plants. Co-founder of I.L.S. and holder of several offices from its beginning.

Grafting Lilacs

By Alfred J. Fordham

In lilac propagation, we use grafting to obtain own-root specimens free of the troubles which often beset grafted plants. Understocks are considered as temporary, to function only until the scion has developed a root system sufficient for its own support.

Bud grafting has the disadvantage of buds being placed high on the stock, making it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to plant deep enough to induce the scion to initiate its own roots. We do this, on occasion, as a temporary measure to carry material received too late in the season for cuttings, as soon as possible. This temporary storage of material can be done on any lilac or privet.

Use of *Syringa vulgaris* as a rootstock meets with immediate objection because of its treachery. Most lilacs by nature spread vigorously from suckers and this understock could, unless carefully watched, easily outgrow the scion without ever being noticed.

In the climate of Boston, *Ligustrum ovalifolium* qualifies as suitable understock for this method of producing own-root lilacs. The past winter in this area was one of persistently low temperatures, without snow cover, causing abnormally deep frost and extensive damage to plants. However, on digging several hundred lilacs grafted on *L. ovalifolium* this spring, no injury to the stock was observed. One-year-old rooted hardwood cuttings of *L. ovalifolium* are obtained from nurseries which mass produce them at a cost making it more practical to purchase than to raise them. Storage is achieved by heeling in out-of-doors in a deep frame, cold enough to keep them dormant yet warm enough to prevent freezing of the ground, so they will be readily available when needed.

Scions may be collected anytime throughout the winter as they are to be used, or can be stored in tightly-closed polyethylene bags in a refrigerator at about 40° F. Scions are maintained in a condition as fresh as possible; this method preserves them for many months in a state comparable to newly cut material.

A whip-and-tongue graft is made using a scion about 6 or 7 inches long and an understock perhaps 1½ inches in length. Rootstocks are kept short to facilitate the deep planting imperative with this method. Completed grafts are bound with rubber budding bands and then are placed deep enough to conceal the union in a moistened medium such as sphagnum moss, peat moss or sawdust. This procedure, known as callusing, can be controlled with a variance of temperature. Should a fast knitting of the union be desired, a temperature of 70° F. would create it in ten days. Grafts made early in the season can be callused slowly at lower temperatures. For

example, grafts done in January would require about eight weeks to knit at 40° F. Once callused, they are kept cold enough to prevent further development until planting time.

In spring, when the ground warms up and nursery becomes workable, the soil is prepared with a rotary hoe set at its greatest depth to facilitate deep planting. Budding bands are removed and the grafted plants set in rows spaced a foot apart with unions buried to a depth of about four inches. As with softwood lilac cuttings, grafts too will show variable results. Many grafted scions form roots quickly, some do so slowly and others resist.

In Memoriam

GERTRUDE HODGDON

Charter member Gertrude Sunderland Hodgdon of Randolph Center, Vermont, died on September 25th, one month shy of her 90th birthday. A native of Vermont, Gertrude took an active part in civic and educational affairs. She and her late husband Philip became residents of Randolph Center in 1930 when they joined the faculty of Vermont Technical College. She leaves three daughters, ILS member Jean Kerle of Granville, Ohio, Katherine Smith of Oakland, California, and Ruth Buchanan of NorthPomfret, Vermont, and a brother, Jesse Sunderland of St. Albans, Vermont.



Gertrude's husband, Philip, started Hamesbest Nursery upon his retirement as head of the Agricultural Department at Vermont Technical College. He specialized in landscaping with lilacs, viburnums and dwarf evergreens. After his death, Gertrude opened the Hamesbest Arboretum in Philip's memory and to further the work of the International Lilac Society, of which they were charter members.

In 1981 the Arboretum was opened to the public with sixty varieties of lilacs and the viburnums, azaleas and rhododendrons then existing in the nursery. In the last ten years the number of lilac varieties has grown to one hundred and twenty-five. They are all identified by name and have bloom lasting over a month, beginning with the French lilacs in May and ending with the Japanese tree lilacs in late June. Over the past two years, Gertrude's daughter, Jean Kerle, has relandscaped the area using various perennials.

Philip Hodgdon Memorial Lilac Garden, Randolph Center, VT

<i>Name</i>	<i>Hybridized by</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hybridized by</i>
Adelaide Dunbar	Dunbar 1916	Miss Kim	Meader 1947
Agincourt Beauty	Slater 1968	Mme Lemoine	Lemoine 1890
Agnes Smith	Rogers 1970	Mme Morel	Morel 1892
Albert F. Holden	Fiala 1981	Monge	Lemoine 1913
Alice Eastwood	Clark 1942	Moonglow	Scott 1971
A.M. Brand	Brand 1953	Mrs. W.E. Marshall	Havemeyer 1924
Ami Shott	Lemoine 1933	N.H. Dark Green	U.N.H.
Anabel	Hawkins 1948	Night	Havemeyer 1943
Beauty of Moscow	Russia 1963	Nocturne	Preston 1936
Blanche Sweet	Fiala 1988	Oakes Double White	Meader 1963
Bleuatre	Baltet pre 1897	Oliver de Serres	Lemoine 1909
Bright Centennial	Robinson 1967	Ostrander Cooley	Klager 1928
Buffon	Lemoine 1921	Palibin	China 1966
Captain Baltet	Lemoine 1919	Paul Thirion	Lemoine 1915
Charles Joly	Lemoine 1896	x persica	pre 1928
Chris	Berdeen 1963	Pocahontas	Skinner 1935
Clarks Giant	Clark 1948	Portia	Preston 1966
Congo	Lemoine 1896	President Grevy	Lemoine 1886
Coral	Preston 1937	President Lincoln	Dunbar 1916
Cynthia	Berdeen pre 1970	President Poincaire	Lemoine 1913
Donald Wyman	Skinner 1944	Primrose	Maarsel 1949
Dr. Chadwick	Skinner	Priscilla	Havemeyer 1944
Edmond Bossier	Lemoine 1906	Reamur	Lemoine 1904
Edward J. Gardner	Gardner 1950	Red Wine	Preston 1936
Elinore	Preston 1928	Red Rothomagensis	Baldwin pre 1934
Ester Staley	Clark 1948	reticulata	
Ethel M. Webster	Preston pre 1934	Rochester	Grant 1971
Evangeline	Skinner 1934	Romeo	Preston 1926
Firmament	Lemoine 1932	Royalty	Preston 1935
Fountain	Preston	Rutilant	Lemoine 1931
General Sherman	Dunbar 1917	Saturnale	Lemoine 1916
Glory	Havemeyer 1954	Sensation	Maarsel 1938
Guinevere	Preston 1934	Silver King	Lemke 1953
Hosanna	Fiala 1969	Slater's Elegance	Slater 1974
Hulda	Klager 1928	Sunset	Clark 1949
Isabella	Preston 1927	Superba	Lemoine 1929
James Macfarlane	Yeager 1959	Swathmore	Skinner 1954
Jesse Heppler	Rogers 1967	swegiflexa	
Kapitan Teliga	Karpow-Lipski 1973	Vestale	Lemoine 1910
Katherine Havemeyer	Lemoine 1922	Victor Lemoine	Lemoine 1906
Kosmos	Shtan'ko & Mikhallov 1956	Wedgwood Blue	Fiala 1981
laciniata x pinna trifolia		Wheatly Pink	sport
Lake Bled	Lumley 1968	Summer White	Lape 1965
Leon Gambetta	Lemoine 1907	White Swan	Havemeyer 1943
Leone Gardner	Gardner 1971	wolfii	
Le Printemps	Lemoine 1901	Berdeen Hybrids	pre 1970
Lucie Baltet	pre 1888	No. 1	
Ludwig Spaeth	Spaeth 1883	No. 2	
Lynette Sinsoi	Berdeen	No. 3	
Maidens Blush	Skinner 1966	No. 4	
Marechal Lannes	Lemoine 1910	No. 5	
Marechal Foch	Lemoine 1924	No. 6	
Marie Finon	Lemoine 1923	No. 7	
Maybelle Farnum	Yeager 1961	No. 8	
Minuet	Cummings 1972	chinensis	hybrid
Miss Canada	Cummings 1967	meyeri	species
Miss Ellen Willmot	Lemoine 1903	tigerstedti	species

Fall Color in Lilacs

To the casual observer lilacs would seem to be late springtime plants with masses of sweet smelling and colorful blossoms. Period. The observant gardener knows otherwise. He watches the summertime fattening of flower buds for the following year, the foliage in fall as the sap is withdrawn, and the intricate branching structure during dormancy.

I should like to dwell on the autumn aspect when certain lilacs take on handsome foliage colorings to rival the viburnums. These are chiefly the little-leaf lilacs of eastern Asia: *Syringa patula*, *microphylla*, *meyeri pubescens* and their closely related kin. Given warm sunshine of late September or early October and cool nights their leaves yield the green chlorophyll to subtle shades of violet and claret. Shaded leaves turn pale yellow. The pageant lasts but a few days before rain and wind rip them from the delicate twigs. What a glorious sight during the harvest season.

On the other hand, the foliage of tree lilacs turn soft yellow leaving terminal clusters of plump, shiny fruit pods on sturdy stalks. The bark of Japanese tree-lilac is smooth and glossy speckled with tiny yellowish wart-like lenticels.

The best time to prune lilacs, in my humble opinion, is while the canes are bare. You can study the structure without interference of foliage. Also the season favors outdoor exercise and in northern climates you have at least six months to tackle the chore.

The Balkan lilacs, *S. vulgaris*, also remain green until at last they fall, giving strength to the narrow impression that lilacs are merely one-season plants.

Companion Plants for Lilacs

LILACS, especially cultivars of the Balkan common lilac, *Syringa vulgaris*, familiarly known as French hybrids, by themselves are not exceptionally attractive specimens once blooming is over. The plants are large and often spreading, occupying a radius of eight to ten feet; their foliage is coarse-textured and a rich green until it falls in October. Well-groomed lilacs in winter aspect are as interesting and attractive as native shrubbery. What lilacs lack, except in late spring, is interesting contrasts in fruit and foliage, form, texture and color during the long summer and into autumn while the garden is still inviting.

Happily the French lilac is not the only garden lilac. Four other groups of lilacs are in cultivation, namely, the early hybrids, the littleleaf lilacs, the

late hybrids and the tree-lilacs. In this order they extend the blooming season from early May to late June in north temperate climates. The early hybrids, crosses between SS. *oblata* and *vulgaris*, technically called *S. x hyacinthiflora*, bloom two to three weeks ahead of traditional lilactime. Then, as the French lilacs are fading, the eastern Asiatic littleleaf lilacs come into bloom with their small lavender flowers of exquisite spicy fragrance. These are species or selections of SS. *microphylla*, *Meyeri*, *Julianae*, *patula* and *pubescens*. And these all provide autumn foliage color unique among lilacs. In June the late hybrids begin tentatively blooming until finally the entire huge shrub is covered in white, pink or pale lavender bloom of pungent privet fragrance. And lastly as the foliage of summer encloses the garden the Japanese tree-lilac bloom in large creamy terminal clusters of strong scent in late June or even early July.

The lilac as a member of the olive family *Oleaceae*, has several ornamental relatives: the early flowering white *Abeliophyllum* and yellow *Forsthia*, the delightfully fragrant white flowering evergreen *Osmanthus* of Southern gardens, and the very late misty white fringe tree, *Chionanthus*, as well as the all-too-familiar privet, *Ligustrum*.

The collector-gardener takes pride in amassing specimens of certain plants, lilacs being a challenging group. Too many specimens of one group soon become monotonous. To plant a livable garden the landscape designer is obliged to find plants of various form, size, texture and attractiveness deemphasizing lilacs to the status of filler plants. Perish the thought! Urban American gardens are large compared with city "postage stamp" plots. Space is a given in exurb America. Consequently American gardeners think big. We do not limit ourselves to selecting one lilac over another. Instead we plant both, or several or many. Therefore in place of a few dispensible lilacs we might elect to plant companion plants.

Herewith a short list of complimentary plants which bloom with the common lilac: American mountain silverbell, *Halesia monticola*, Korean mountain-ash, *Sorbus alnifolia*, mouton, *Paeonia suffruticosa*, and creeping bugle, *Ajuga genevensis*. A longer list of complementary plants which provide interest before or after lilactime are: Chinese witch-hazel *Hamamelis mollis*, *Corylopsis* species, numerous flowering crabapples, *Malus* species; then after lilac season flowering dogwoods, *Cornus florida* and *C. chinensis*, viburnum species, assorted hollies both deciduous and evergreen, *Ilex* species, daylilies and phlox, not to overlook certain superb conifers.

Finally we should remember that lilacs grow best in fertile soils, fully exposed to sunshine and requiring abundant rainfall during the growing season. For best results companion plants must conform to these conditions also. Happy gardening.

Lilac Evaluation Committee Report

LACK of funding at the Royal Botanical Gardens postponed the Lilac Evaluation work until next year (1993).

Some close-up lilac photography (approx. 350 slides) was made during May and June of 1992, bringing the current slide library holding to slightly over 5000. As it could be seen from 100 lilacs photo-album which I brought to Boston in May, ILS may take the advantage by making copies of the lilac slides for purpose of creating a comprehensive slide lecture that could be used by ILS Regional Vice-Presidents and/or the Exhibits if presented with a proper narration on a tape.

New contacts were established with University of Moscow representative, as well as the nurseryman from Sapporo, Japan. His daughter visited the RBG in Hamilton and was given the list of available lilacs, addresses, fax and telephone numbers of Congdon & Weller, Wedge and Heard nurseries. From some feedback I am told that some orders are already in place for winter '92/93 shipment.

Mr. Chen Xinlu a lecturer at the Northwestern University of China would like to come for a period of several months to the Katie Osborne Lilac Collection and do some further study on lilacs. Out of five proposed research studies the Chloroplast DNA variation among different *Syringa* species and cultivars was selected. This would tie nicely into continuation or research on lilac fingerprinting presented at Montreal convention. Since RBG has no budget for such research but is willing to offer the facilities, I would like to initiate the approval of donation of \$500.00 U.S. from ILS toward the project. Other participants would be the RBG Auxiliary and the McMaster University where the laboratory work would be done under guidance of Dr. Bradley White, Biology professor and Dr. James Pringle, RBG taxonomist.

University of Edmonton (Alberta) Botanic Garden is working on a new lilac collection at a recently acquired site. Besides display of species the plans are to display number of selected lilac cultivars in sequence of their introduction.

A new supply nursery is building a stock of selected lilac cultivars. With my help they have so far secured propagating material of 160 lilac cultivars. The target is 250-300. Plans are to establish a display collection where a visitor may observe lilacs in bloom before purchasing in the container for the home planting. An excellent combination of business, education and P.R.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Charles D. Holetich,
Chairman

Region 6 and 7 Report

This has been a busy year for me. I gave three lectures with slide presentation to three southern California Garden Clubs. I gave a talk on lilacs at a symposium, U.C. San Diego along with three other speakers who were representing roses, woody shrubs and ornamental fruit trees.

The owner of the Alpine Nursery asked me to speak about lilacs to her landscaping clients who are involved with high elevation landscaping. This I did. Between Father Fiala's Lilac book and my photographs of lilacs, the clients became convinced they should include lilacs in their landscaping plans. They showed much surprise that there were so many cultivars, colors, etc. There were many questions, all valid. As the questions flew around me I could feel the clients developing an awareness of the importance of using lilacs as a first choice spring flowering shrub.

I also held a workshop on how to construct a cold frame, how to prepare a growing mix and how to take tip cuttings and then how to use the cold frame.

I donated 67 mislabeled lilac plants I had purchased in the past to local parks and 20 correctly labeled lilacs to 2 separate universities in Arizona and Northern California which have been planted on their campuses.

In the spring, before the Boston meeting, I visited Woody, Jane and Alice Barnes in Julian, California. Their great number of lilacs were in full bloom and totally gorgeous. Also, I went back to the Descanso Gardens, near Los Angeles, to learn more about the "low chill" lilacs.

After the Boston Convention and taking many notes at the Arnold Arboretum I stopped to see the Havemeyer collection at Shelburne Museum in Vermont. Then on to Royal Botanical Gardens, Niagara Park School of Horticulture, Grape Hill in New York and back to spend three days in the Arnold Arboretum to take more notes and pictures to share with the West coast members.

After the September meeting, Medina, Ohio, I spent a few more days with Peter and Karen Murray in the gardens at Falconskeape, learning more about lilacs and companion plantings.

Good news, I asked Mark Clements of Wrightwood, CA to become the Regional Vice President for the Northwest region and he graciously accepted. I know he will handle this position with professionalism and a conscientious effort to correspond with the regional members and to promote lilacs in this region.

Respectfully Submitted

/s/ Reva Ballreich, President and Regional Vice President to Region 7

TREASURER'S REPORT — Sept. 3, 1992

ILS business transactions that have transpired since the ANNUAL REPORT which was given May 14, 1992 — such Report was for the period of 4/1/91 thru 3/31/92.

Checking Acct. (FIRSTAR NAPER Bank)	\$ 5,617.84
Money Market Acct. (FIRSTAR NAPER Bank)	11,085.05
C.D. (Orig. Invest.) \$25,000 —	
Rolled over 2/12/92 — \$26,511.06	
Undistributed interest herein as of 2/12/92 = \$1,531.06	<u>26,531.06</u>
Total funds available (all accts. except Canada)	\$43,233.95
4/7/92 Funds rec'd fr. (W.W. Oakes) — Dues \$225 — L.M.'s, Erickson \$150, Maloney \$150	\$ 525.00
5/10/92 W.W. Oakes — Dues	475.00
5/19/92 Plant AUCTION Funds	1,573.00
8/19/92 HARVARD Univ. (Conference adv. funds ret.)	1,448.85
8/10/92 David Gressley — Dues	45.00
8/19/92 W.W. Oakes (publications \$37.50 — R. Jensen, L.M. \$150 — the balance was commingled with dues, in which was included a check (\$145 for which I am seeking an explanation)	692.50
Expenditures incurred during this time-frame	
4/7/92 Winfried Martin (labels or postage?)	\$ 4.79
4/9/92 W.W. Oakes (Postage & Printing)	128.23
4/9/92 SEECO (Journal)	1,418.22
5/4/92 Cottage Crest Restaurant (advance)	250.00
Peking Gardens (advance)	200.00
W.W. Oakes (Postage & Printing)	46.95
5/14/92 Robert A. DiNieri (Atty. Fee — legal search)	50.00
Wm. Utley (copy of Lilac 'FIALA' — for R.B.G.)	52.00
5/15/92 Ryder Student Transportation	900.00
5/19/92 MERKA JEWELRY (Awards)	710.60
6/15/92 MERKA JEWELRY (Awards)	123.45
6/16/92 FREEDOM PRESS Associates (typing of Minutes)	87.50
6/22/92 N. Amer. China Plant Exp. Consortium	1,000.00
8/6/92 SEECO (Journal)	1,321.73
8/19/92 W.W. Oakes (Phone, Postage, Stationery, Photo Copies)	94.66
5/16/92 Pauline Fiala (Mailing of JOURNAL) advance (written fr. M.M. Acct.)	1,027.79
5/19/92 WINTHROP Group (Archives project) (written fr. M.M. Acct.)	2,006.69
Interest rec'd from \$25,000 C.D. as of 8/12/92	
Dep'd in M.M. Acct.	\$2,045.49
Interest rec'd from M.M. Acct. (4/26/91 thru 7/27/92 (Dep'd in M.M. Acct.)	654.93

5% Int. earnings credited to various SPECIAL FUNDS — 8/12/92

Color Photo Separation Acct. (Previous bal.)	\$ 533.59
Int. added to Fund — 8/12/92	<u>500.00</u>
New bal. as of 8/12/92	\$1,033.59
Lourene Wishart Acct. (Previous bal.)	\$ 615.00
Int. added to Fund — 8/12/92	<u>31.00</u>
New bal. as of 8/12/92	\$ 646.00
Education & Research (Previous bal.)	\$3,264.50
Int. added to Fund — 8/12/92	<u>163.00</u>
New bal. as of 8/12/92	\$3,427.50
Debit — N. Amer. China Plt. Exp. Consortium — 6/22/92	<u>1,000.00</u>
New bal. as of 8/12/92	2,427.50
Publications Acct. (Previous bal.)	1,802.00
Int. added to Fund — 8/12/92	<u>90.00</u>
New bal. as of 8/12/92	\$1,892.00
John Wister Memorial Fund (Previous bal.)	\$ 357.00
Int. added to Fund — 8/12/92	<u>18.00</u>
New bal. as of 8/12/92	\$ 375.00

Of the total Int. earned (as above), \$802.00 was spread among the various SPECIAL ACCTS. with the bal. of \$1948.42 going into the M.M. Acct. — Int. generated from the L.M. Funds (set aside) are swept directly into the General Acct. to support the normal Cash Flow of the Society.

Balance on Hand in Ckg. Acct. as of — 8/19/92	\$ 4,089.06
Balance on Hand in Money Mkt. Acct. as of — 8/19/92	10,266.04
C.D. re-invested at the FIRSTAR BK. (Naperville, IL) at 4.75% (Aug. 12, 1992 — 2 yr. term)	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Funds available 8/19/92	\$39,355.10

The above figure does not reflect the balance of funds being held in Canada.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Walter E. Eickhorst, Treasurer

Editor's Report

ILS's quarterly journal LILACS brings to the Society's members illustrated feature articles on lilacs and their culture, pictures of lilacs in bloom and in the landscape both in color and in black and white, and lilacdom's news items. The journal is the one source of information between the elected voluntary administration and the society's entire membership. Its pages are open to all members. However the editor holds it his responsibility and duty that the information which is accepted for publication be authoritative and subject to preview by competent scholars. Nevertheless factual errors do creep into the journal's pages for which your editor

assumes full responsibility and craves humble pardon.

Herewith an analysis of the lilac literature already published in the eighty-four pages plus a projection of manuscripts in process of publication for the Autumn 1992 issue of LILACS, volume 21, number 4.

22 Articles on lilacs	43 pages
12 Persons, news, reports, misc.	40 pages
28 Illustrations	15 pages
Unaccounted for	14 pages
Total 112 pages	

Twenty persons contributed manuscripts, twelve under by-line:

Jack Alexander, Arnold Arboretum
Kris R. Bachtell, Morton Arboretum
Ellen Beard, Waverly, Alabama
Campbell Davidson and William Remphrey,
Morden Research Station
Frances Davies, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Alfred J. Fordham, Arnold Arboretum
Marjorie E. Holcombe
Anna V. Pikaleva, Moscow, Russia
Owen M. Rogers, Univ. New Hampshire, Durham, NH
Stephan A. Spongberg, Arnold Arboretum
June Taylor, "The Plantsman"

Your editor thanks each and everyone who helped make volume 21 of LILACS informative and a credit to International Lilac Society.

Respectfully submitted
/s/ Robert B. Clark, Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE

FOR several years lately *LILACS* covers have been in color. Our policy is to feature close-ups, if available, of noteworthy lilacs obtainable through nurseries and garden centers. Henceforth your editor will try to furnish supplemental information about these featured lilacs; however, such information is usually available in horticultural libraries, a facility not readily accessible to your peripatetic editor. Consequently he welcomes assistance from anyone willing to take on this responsibility every three months. If such facilities are available to you and you are willing to be importuned to meet inflexible deadlines, ILS needs you urgently. Equal opportunity employer. No minimum wage.

S Membership Secretary Report

SPECIAL thanks to Lisa Martin for her continued assistance with the membership files which contributes progressively to my functioning as Membership Secretary. Thanks also to Walter Oakes for his vital input. The vast amount of material pertinent to this post remains in Walter's possession. Neither of our schedules permits a personal transfer. I suggest the Society assist with expenses to transfer Walter's records.

My records are thus far up-to-date. I am not familiar with past percentages of membership renewal, but the present renewal rate indicates a lag behind new member enrollment. According to the statistics I compiled, 129 memberships have lapsed since 1991. The number of members added or renewed for 1992 is 241. The Society has 45 life members and 31 complimentary members, giving the Society a total of 317 active memberships. Other renewals may or may not be in possession of Walter Oakes.

A letter from Colin Chapman informs me that Konrad Kircher from Germany and Ole Heide from Denmark are the first two life members received from Europe under Colin. Herr Kircher's membership needs to be acknowledged in the next issue of the *Quarterly Journal of the ILS* since no mention was made in the previous issue. Bob Clark's and Walter Eickhorst's new mailing address needs to be publicized for the board's use.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Dave Gressley
Membership Secretary

In Memoriam

DONALD CAMPBELL MILLER

Donald Campbell Miller of Knowlton, Quebec, died July 2, 1992. Besides membership in ILS, Miller served in Royal Canadian Navy in grade of lieutenant commander. ILS extends sympathy to his widow, Mme. Nelly Dessant Miller, two brothers and two sisters and their families.



Daniel Ryniec, Bill Heard, Walter W. Oakes.

LETTERS . . .

Letter from North Dakota

To the Editor:

May, 20, 1992

I was very interested in the brochure from Wedge Nursery. Alberta Lea is only about 300 miles from Kulm.

Our French lilacs are blooming now. I have five, one of each color and they are about seven years old. They are gorgeous, but this our 3rd day of 90° temperatures and 35 mph winds so they won't last long. It was so cold in April, none of the trees leaved out and now in May, we are breaking heat records left and right. It's tough to be a plant lover in North Dakota! There was an El Nino this winter and that doesn't usually bode well for this part of the country.

About a week ago, my husband Anthony and I planted a 200-foot hedge of 'Pocahontas' lilac. We invested a lot of money, so I hope the wind won't be too hard on it. We also planted two 'Miss Canada' and already have growing a 'Minuet', a 'Donald Wyman', a 'Dwarf Korean' and four 'Miss Kim'.

/s/Sherry Buerkley

P.O. Box 139

Kulm, ND 58456

Thank You

To the Treasurer:

On behalf of the North American China Plant Exploration Consortium, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,000.00. This is to be used to support an expedition into northern China.

The week your check arrived was the week the Consortium had to make a major decision. Because of the delays in correspondence with the Chinese and changes of itineraries, the Consortium thought it would be best to postpone our trip to China. We have a confirmed invitation from the Academy of Forestry in Heilongjiang Province to visit and we have accepted this invitation for the Fall of 1993. We will reschedule a trip into Jilin Province for 1995. This will give us time to get the necessary collecting permits for the Changbai Shan area.

In the meantime, we are making requests from contacts in China to do some custom collecting. I have asked that *Syringa pinnatifolia* be collected from the wild. This is an endangered species in China and will be very difficult to get. If we are lucky, I hope to share seeds or plants with you.

Your check will be deposited in a restricted account at the arboretum and used exclusively for a consortium trip into China. Thank you again.

/s/ Peter W. Bristol

The Holden Arboretum

LILACDOM NEWS

Anyone for Trip to Russia in 94?

Now is the time to plan an I.L.S.-sponsored trip to Russia in May 1994, specifically to view lilacs in bloom and visit horticultural sites in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kiev. Side trips will also be led to major cultural points of interest. This trip hopefully will dovetail with the '94 Durham, NH, I.L.S. convention.

This initial article is to explore interest and ideas from the membership. Additional information will be available in future articles.

I would welcome your initial interest, remarks, suggestions or ideas pertaining to this venture.

Please submit information to: Peter S. Ely
Coordinating Chairperson
57 Squantuck Road
Seymour, CT 06483

Spokane Beckons

Spokane Lilac Society members are very anxious to welcome International Lilac Society members to Spokane. Plan to attend the "Lilac Spree in '93" convention. Besides touring the local lilac gardens, many informative workshops and displays are planned on lilacs. AND — it will all be capped with the viewing of the famous Torchlight Lilac Parade on Saturday night.

See you in Lilac Land — Spokane, Washington. President of Spokane Lilac Society Joan Jans invites all members of the International Lilac Society to save the dates now, May 13-15, 1993.



**Orville
Steward and
Alfred
Fordham,
Dana
Green-
houses,
Arnold
Arboretum.
May 16,
1992.**

Arnold Arboretum Lilac Collection

Albida x Isabella

Carlton

x chinensis

f. alba

Bicolor

f. metensis

President Hayes

f. saugeana

x diversifolia

William H. Judd

emodi

x sweginzowii

Hedin

x henryi

x hyacinthiflora

Lamartine

Assessippi

Evangeline

Pocahontas

Minnehaha

Laurentian

Berryer

Blue Hyacinth

Catinat

Claude de Lorraine

Doctor Chadwick

Esther Staley

Excel

Louvois

Necker

Nokomis

Pascal

Pink Cloud

Royal Purple

Scotia

Sister Justena

Turgot

Vauban

Villars

Josee

josiflexa Fountain

Guinevere

Nellie Bean

Royalty

josikaea

julianae

komarowii

laciniata

x reticulata var. mandschurica

Mary C. Bingham

meyeri

Alba

microphylla x meyeri

Selection A

Superba

x nanceiana Rutilant

oblata

oblata var. dilatata

x oblata

AA 145-81 (undetermined hybrid)

patula

Miss Kim

pekinensis

f. pendula

pinetorum

potaninii

Prairial

x prestoniae

Alexander's Aristocrat

Ariel

Charmian

Dawn

Donald Wyman

Dorcas

Francisca

Handel

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Hiawatha

Isabella

Maybelle Farnum

Miranda

Miss Canada

Nerissa

Nocturne

Olivia

Portia

Romeo

Ursula

pubescens

Pyramidalis Alba x Excel

reflexa

var. alba

reticulata

var. mandschurica

x swegiflexa

sweginzowii

tigerstedtii

tomentella var. rosea

(undetermined hybrid) AA224-79

(undetermined hybrid) AA1258-81

velutina Excellens

villosa

x henryi

(undetermined hybrid) AA444-38

vulgaris

Verschaffeltii

Hyazinthenlieder

Waldeck-Rousseau

Toussaint-l'Ouverture

Vergissmeinnicht

A.B. Lambertson

A.M. Brand

Adelaide Dunbar

Alba Virginalis

Albert F. Holden

Alexander Hamilton

Andenken an Ludwig Spaeth

Andre Csizik

Arthur William Paul

Azurea Plena

Beranger

Bicolor

Bleuatre

Boule Azuree

Boussingault

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Capitaine Perrault

Carminé

Cavour

Charles Joly

Charlotte Morgan

Charm
 Clarence D. van Zandt
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 Crepuscule
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 wolfii var. hirsuta
 yunnanensis



Pauline Fiala, Orville Steward, Al Fordham
 (left to right) at Dana Greenhouse, Arnold Ar-
 boretum.



Gardens at Longfellow Mansion, Cambridge, Mass.



The Lilac Farm

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>Available Sizes</i>	<i>Price Range</i>
Adelaide Dunbar	8 inch to 12 inch	\$ 6.00 to \$12.00
Annabel	1 foot to 2 feet	\$ 8.00 to \$18.00
Belle De Nancy	2 feet to 6 feet	\$12.00 to \$60.00
Charles Joly	1 foot to 2 feet	\$ 8.00 to \$12.00
Charles X.	2 feet to 4 feet	\$12.00 to \$28.00
Congo	8 inch to 5 feet	\$ 4.50 to \$40.00
Edith Cavell	8 inch to 12 inch	\$ 4.50 to \$ 8.50
Hulda	8 inch to 18 inch	\$ 6.00 to \$12.00
Katherine Havemeyer	2 feet to 6 feet	\$12.00 to \$60.00
Krasavitsa Moskvya	8 inch to 18 inch	\$ 4.50 to \$12.00
Ludwig Spaeth	1 foot to 3 feet	\$ 8.00 to \$24.00
Miss Canada	1 foot to 2 feet	\$ 8.00 to \$12.00
Miss Kim	8 inch to 18 inch	\$10.00 to \$15.00
Mme. Lemoine	1 foot to 3 feet	\$12.00 to \$28.00
Monge	2 feet to 4 feet	\$12.00 to \$30.00
Mt. Baker	4 feet	\$20.00
Persian	1 foot to 3 feet	\$12.00 to \$24.00
Pocahontas	2 feet to 4 feet	\$12.00 to \$30.00
President Grevy	2 feet to 6 feet	\$15.00 to \$60.00
President Lincoln	2 feet to 4 feet	\$15.00 to \$40.00
Primrose	8 inch to 2 feet	\$ 4.50 to \$20.00
Sensation	1 foot to 3 feet	\$18.00 to \$60.00
Victor Lemoine	2 feet to 5 feet	\$18.00 to \$34.00

*Common Lilacs are Available at All Prices
From \$0.70 for 1 yr. Seedlings to \$65.00*

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Above: Adelaide Dunbar, Skyland.

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