

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE 2024

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International Lilac Society  
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## 2024 ILS Convention & Annual Meeting May 2-5

*Claire Fouquet and Mark DeBard, Chairs*



New York Botanical Garden Burns Family Lilac Collection

The 2024 ILS Convention and Annual Meeting will take place in New York City from arrival on Thursday May 2 to departure on May 5, 2024. Many of you will likely want to add on a day before or after to visit the sights or see a Broadway show. For the convention, we will be visiting the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BBG).

We anticipate staying at a hotel in Brooklyn, connected to both gardens by subway, and about equidistant from LaGuardia (taxi: 35 min, \$40), Kennedy (taxi: 45 min, \$50), and Newark (taxi: 1 hour, \$80) airports. Public transportation is about half the cost and twice the time. Hotel and registration details will be available in the next LILACS winter journal. The new 2023 format of spending more time with friends and lilacs was greatly appreciated by the attendees. We will continue to keep meeting and transportation time to a minimum so as to devote our time to lilacs and enjoying each other's company.

The NYBG is the largest (250 acre) Botanical Garden in the US and a National Historic Landmark. Located in the borough of the Bronx, it has over 50 specialty gardens and a million plants. Blooming at the same time as lilacs are hills of daffodils, cherries, magnolias, and azaleas, with a tram to get around the park and lots of indoor exhibits and a giant conservatory.

The entire lilac collection was redone in 2016 as the Burn Family Lilac Collection. The layout was completely redesigned, the giant old lilacs were moved with heavy equipment where necessary, and new lilacs were added, many from Frank Moro in Canada. The lilacs are beautifully arranged on a gentle hill and lower flatter area, with great views. There are over 280 lilac cultivars and over 320 lilac shrubs. One thing I love is the newly cut paths through some old massive lilac groves. Everything is labeled. We will spend a full day there.



Brooklyn Botanic Garden Louisa Clark Spencer Lilac Collection

The BBG is a 52-acre urban garden in the heart of the borough of Brooklyn where we will spend a half day. It has 15 Gardens, 12 major plant collections, and 4 large pavilion conservatories. There is also a great display of late cherry trees nearby blooming at the same time as the lilacs, along with azaleas and magnolias. It has mostly younger lilacs that are nicely displayed and accessible with excellent labeling in a beautiful new setting since 2019. Included in the Louisa Clark Spencer Lilac Collection are over 115 cultivars and over 125 lilac shrubs, all labeled.

## NOTE CARDS



The ILS is selling note cards featuring the artwork by long-time member, Jane Barnes. Jane's watercolors of St. Margaret and President Grevy lilacs are beautifully captured on these note cards. The 4x6 cards (blank inside) are being sold in a pack of 6 (envelopes included) for \$12 (includes postage).

Printing of the cards was graciously donated by two board members so all proceeds benefit the International Lilac Society.

To order, please contact:

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