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**THE POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY
PRESENTS ITS
FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL LILY SHOW
JULY MADNESS**

11 July - 13 July 2008

**Brookside Gardens Visitor Center
1800 Glenallan Ave.
Wheaton, MD**

<http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside/>

Welcome one and all to the 47th Annual Lily Show. We invite everyone to come to see the varied types of lilies grown in this area. Members of the Potomac Lily Society will be showing the best of the season at Brookside Gardens, Maryland, July 12 and 13th. There will be Members at a "Welcoming Table" who will be happy to answer your questions and make suggestions regarding the lilies in your garden.

Lilies is the main attraction, however there will also be floral designs incorporating lilies for your viewing pleasure.

For those with dues due, we encourage you to renew your membership. A renewal form can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Do it now so that you don't miss later issues of the newsletter, invitations to the events sponsored by our PLS, or the "bulb order".

Harlin Turner

Misplaced your newsletter or wondering when the next PLS event will be? Bookmark our web address and you will be a click away from all the current PLS information

www.potomaclilysociety.org

ANNUAL LILY SHOW

The schedule for the Potomac Lily Society's Forty-Seventh Annual Lily Show is included with this Newsletter. The theme for this year's show is "July Madness" and the event will be held at Brookside Gardens Visitor Center, Wheaton, MD.

Set-up for the show will be done between 12:00 - 3:00 PM on Friday, July 11. Horticultural and Design Exhibits will be displayed in the Auditorium. Entries may be made from 3:00 - 5:00 PM on Friday and from 8:00 - 10:30 AM on Saturday, July 12 and must remain in place until 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 13. Assistance with moving your stems, preparation, classification, and staging will be available during these periods. Clean-up begins on Sunday at 4:00 PM. Please be present if you desire to reclaim your entries, otherwise all stems will be donated. We will attempt to collect and mail all ribbons to those who are not present.

Attention Exhibitors. A major change has been made to the schedule.

Section A will now consist of all single stem entries of a hybrid lily you enter which is named whether registered or not. This will eliminate the confusion often experienced in attempting to determine if a particular cultivar has been registered and recognizes that a significant number of the varieties obtained through even our own group order are unregistered. Subclasses will be by cultivar.

Section B will now become exclusively the domain of the many beautiful lilies grown which for some reason either are unnamed or the name has been lost to the grower. These lilies will be entered in the appropriate class and will be judged in the manner determined by the Show Committee which will provide the most equitable consideration. This will normally be by color groups within class. In completing entry cards, it is essential that Section and Class be accurately identified and for Section A that a true name be provided. Entries in Section B should be named either Unnamed or Unknown as appropriate and include the color. **Please fill out both sections of the entry card completely.** Stubs without the name of the exhibitor or lacking full identification of the entry make proper tabulation of show results difficult.

Members are encouraged to enter as many stems as they possibly can, keeping in mind that specimens should be well groomed and which meet minimum judging standards. At least one bloom must be open. You may otherwise groom your specimen in any way which does not alter its typical features. For example, trim brown leaf tips in a fashion that maintains the original leaf shape. Containers will be provided by the Society. For best results, bring along some extra stem material to help wedge your entry in the bottle so that it stands straight.

The Novice Class is open to any exhibitor who has not previously won a blue ribbon. This is a great opportunity for our new growers to gain familiarity with show procedures and to receive the extra assistance that goes with entry into this class. We also encourage everyone to consider the many sections available beyond the single stem or single bloom categories, such as Section F which calls for three stems of the same species, variety, or cultivar or Section G which invites the entry of lilies grown in pots with no protection.

Directions to Brookside Gardens

Brookside Gardens Visitor Center is located at 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD (301-962-1400). Directions to Brookside Gardens from several different points of origin are provided at: <http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/brookside/planning.shtm>

Please check the enclosed show schedule for Committee assignments for the 2008 PLS Lily Show

ANNUAL SHOW - DESIGN SECTION

There will be a total of twenty entries in the Design Section. Note that all five design classes (see enclosed show schedule) are open to any amateur designer. It is important to note that advanced registration is required and must be accepted by the Design Section Chairs, Dolores Felch (703-780-0766) and Charmane Truesdell (301-490-4478). Exhibitors will be responsible for filling the required space, maintaining the exhibit in show condition, and to provide a substitute if unable to participate. See the show schedule for other pertinent information.

Delivering Your Lilies

The exhibition room is located in the Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Stems can be set up in Auditorium kitchen, which is on the right immediately after entering the Auditorium.

Cars cannot be left unattended in front of the building. If you have a lot of items to unload and transport to the exhibit room, feel free to announce in the auditorium that you need assistance unloading your vehicle.

Some Tips on Grooming Show Exhibits

Grooming is the practice of preparing specimens for entry in the show, making them look as good as possible.

Start by selecting your best stems — those which have a healthy, vigorous appearance, free from insect damage or disease. In a perfect world, the stem will have the number of blooms and buds typical for the cultivar, all well spaced and with good color and size. Practically, pick the best stem of each cultivar you have.

Cut your stem in early morning or late evening and immediately plunge it into water for an hour to harden.

When hardened, place in a container which allows you to stage the stem as you will want it.

Remove any leaves that would be in water. Carefully trim leaves to remove any brown tips or insect damage, but ensure that you retain the basic shape of the leaf. If necessary, remove heavily damaged or broken leaves and flower parts. If removing a withered flower, avoid leaving any stub or the pedicle.

Clean each leaf with a wet cotton swab to remove any dirt, spray residue, or insect remains. If cleaning is necessary on the bloom, it is best to use a dry artists brush to remove any dirt or pollen. Treat pollen as the enemy and do all you can to avoid spreading it beyond the anthers.

Place your stems in an appropriate container to transport them to the show. Avoid stems from rubbing together and any contact that could cause bruising or damage to the stem or flowers. If appropriate, cover the anthers with foil cups or tissue to prevent it from staining the tepals.

Finally, stage your stem in the show container so it is straight as possible and check to see that there is sufficient water in the container.

Help for the Lily Show

The success of our show is dependent on our member's participation. Besides submitting your Horticultural and Design Exhibits, help is needed with setting up the show on Friday, July 11. On the morning of Saturday, July 12, Clerks and Runners are needed to provide assistance to the Judges. In addition, while the show is open to the public from Saturday at 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Hosts and Hostesses are needed to greet visitors to the show.

PLEASE HELP!

Listed below are the committee functions and respective contact person. Please call or e-mail the contact person and offer your assistance.

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Hosts & Hostesses for the PLS 2008 Flower Show

Hosts/Hostesses are needed to greet visitors to our show. Duties include answering questions about the exhibits, lily culture, and how to become a member of our society. We will also have copies of "Lets Grow Lilies" for sale.

Below are the times for which Hosts/Hostesses are still needed. Please call Muriel Turner (703-713-0138) to offer your assistance for this important task.

Saturday 12, 2008
1-3 pm - Open
Sunday 13, 2008
9-11 am - Open
11-1 pm - Open
1-3 pm - Open

Board meeting excerpts, January 2008

Treasurer's report

Jack Roe presented a copy of the Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007. The report showed an ending balance in the Sun Trust Account of \$2,649.86 and in the DWS Cash Investment Trust Account of \$17,961.82 for a total in assets of \$20,611.68 as of 12/31/07.

NALS de Graaff award

At the 2008 NALS show, PLS will be the new sponsor of the de Graaff Award. The Jan de Graaff Award is for the Best Single Stem Entry in Section D. In the NALS schedule, Section D is titled **Single Stem Entries of Registered Named Hybrid Lily Clones.**

Other Upcoming 2008 Events

NLS 2008 International Flower Show

The 61st Annual International Lily Conference and Show "Seaside Sensation" will be hosted by the The Victoria Lily Society at the Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue Sidney, British Columbia V8L 1W9 July 2-6. Visit <http://www.nals2008.org> for more information on this event.

GCV 2008 Flower Show

The 66th Annual Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show will be held June 18-19. The event will be hosted by the Winchester-Clarke Garden Club, Winchester, VA. More about the event should be available soon at www.gcvirginia.org

Mid-Atlantic 2008 Flower Show

The Mid-Atlantic Lily Society will hold its 2008 flower show at Longwood Gardens, to be announced. Contact Marianne Casey for more information about their show (mjcasey@crosslink.net)

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Potomac Lily Society Dues Payment

Annual dues (January to December) are \$4.00 for either an individual or couple at the same address. Dues can be paid for multiple years. The year on the upper right of the address label on this newsletter is the year to which your dues are paid. **Dues are due** if the number is **2007**. Make your check payable to the **Potomac Lily Society**.

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