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**THE POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY  
PRESENTS ITS  
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL LILY SHOW**

**VERSATILE LILIES**

**30 June - 1 July 2007**

**Merrifield Garden Center  
Fair Oaks location**

**12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA**

[www.merrifieldgardencenter.com/v.php?pg=49](http://www.merrifieldgardencenter.com/v.php?pg=49)

Those of you who did not attend the Annual Meeting at Fort Myer missed an excellent presentation. Nick Webber of Heritage Rosarium gave a very informative presentation on heirloom roses. Just two or three slides into his talk and the projector lamp blew. That barely phased Nick, he cheerfully continued on to describe the characteristics and benefits of a number of heirloom roses. I believe we have Kathleen Hoxie to thank for arranging for Nick's presentation.

This year at the Annual Meeting, a new slate of officers was elected to serve our society. Harlin Turner, Jack Roe, and Tricia Kincheloe were reelected as President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively. Newly elected are John Lydon, Vice President, and Muriel Turner, Membership Secretary.

Our 46th Annual Flower Show, to be held at Merrifield Garden Center, is only two months away. It will be interesting to see what impact the later show date has on the selection of stems exhibited. Most of the arrangements for the show have been made. However, show Aids and Host & Hostesses are still needed. Aids assist the judge the Saturday morning of the show and Hosts & Hostesses greet the visitors to the show once it is open to the public. Please consider volunteering for one of these important functions. To do so, contact Mary Queitzsch (Aids) or Carolyn Scott (Hosts & Hostesses). Their contact information is listed on the next page. I look forward to seeing your beautiful entries at the show.

John Lydon

## ANNUAL LILY SHOW

The schedule for the Potomac Lily Society's Forty-Sixth Annual Lily Show is included with this Newsletter. The theme for this year's show is "Versatile Lilies" and the event will be held at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks location, Fairfax, VA

Set-up for the show will be done between 12:00 - 3:00 PM on Friday, June 29. 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, June 30 and must remain in place until 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 1. 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.

In completing entry cards, you must fill out **both** parts of the form and follow the schedule in classifying your entry. Try to arrive with the name of your cultivar. Classification will help if it can, otherwise, it will be necessary to enter your stem as "Unknown" and it will be judged with other orphans of the same type. In completing entry cards, it is recommended that you use pre-printed name and address labels. Note that two are required per card. Also, please ensure that section, class, and variety information is complete on the bottom stub, as this is the source of information for tabulation of show results.

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.

### 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, June 29. On the morning of Saturday, June 30, help is needed to provide refreshments for the Judges, show committee participants, and Aids. 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

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## 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) before June 15, 2007. 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 on the second floor of the Garden Center. An elevator is located inside the sales room near the main stairway, which is located directly across from the information desk. Stems can be set up in the break room, which is on the right at the top of the stairs.

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.

Please check the enclosed show schedule for Committee assignments for the 2007 PLS Lily Show

### 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.

### Directions to Merrifield Garden Center

Merrifield Garden Center is located at 8132 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042 (703-560-6222). Directions to the Garden Center from several different points of origin are provided at: [www.merrifieldgardencenter.com/v.php?pg=49](http://www.merrifieldgardencenter.com/v.php?pg=49).

### Other Upcoming 2007 Events

#### **NLS 2007 International Flower Show**

The Alberta Regional Lily Society is hosting the North American Lily Society International Lily Show and World Convention 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta, July 11-15. They have a dedicated web page (<http://www.nals2007.org/>) to provide further information about the show. This is the 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Show

#### **GCV 2007 Flower Show**

The Annual Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show will be held June 20-21. 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](http://www.gcvirginia.org)

#### **Lily Judging School**

The Garden Club of Virginia (GCV) and the North American Lily Society will sponsor a Lily Judging School beginning this June in connection with the GCV annual lily show. The first two parts of the course of study will be taught on the afternoon of June 18 and the morning of June 19. It will include a written test on June 19. The instructor will be Ron Chiabotta, assisted by David Diller. The location will be Blandy Farm, the state arboretum of Virginia, which is just off U.S. Rte. 50, some 6 miles east of Winchester, Virginia (the location of the lily show). All students must have studied the latest edition of **A Handbook for the Judge and Exhibitor**, published by the North American Lily Society. A review of **Let's Grow Lilies** would also be very helpful. The remainder of the Judging School will be completed in 2008, also in the Winchester area, but not necessarily at Blandy Farm. For further information, contact the Harvey Thompson ([marynel47@hotmail.com](mailto:marynel47@hotmail.com)) or to David Diller ([dillerjd@earthlink.net](mailto:dillerjd@earthlink.net)).

#### PLS 2007 Membership Roster

Please review the enclosed PLS 2007 Membership Roster for accuracy and completeness. Notify Muriel Turner ([NuNuGlevum@aol.com](mailto:NuNuGlevum@aol.com)) if any changes and/or additions are needed. An electronic version of the roster is available in pdf format. Notify John Lydon ([j.lydon@verizon.net](mailto:j.lydon@verizon.net)) if you would like to receive the electronic version of the PLS 2007 Membership Roster.

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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 **2006**. Make your check payable to the **Potomac Lily Society**.

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### Some Lily Relatives

Modern lily growing began, it seems to me, sometime between the First and Second World Wars. In the early days of both the British and American lily societies, there was an emphasis on growing species lilies. It was hardly a matter of preference: there was little else available. Few nurserymen grew lilies from seed back then: vegetative propagation was the rule. As a result, such hybrids as existed were so badly infected with virus that even before viruses were "officially" recognized, it was realized that those lilies were not right.

Few of us would regret the loss of those virus-infected stocks. But there is something else we have lost: growers of lilies back then were also likely to be growers of those plants closely related to lilies such as *Fritillaria*, *Nomocharis*, *Notholirion*, and *Cardiocrinum*. Back then, few American growers had experience with any of these genera, although British growers have long nurtured frits, *Cardiocrinum* and, at least in the north, *Nomocharis*. Many of these are now readily available to American growers. Here in my garden I have over three dozen species of *Fritillaria*, one well established *Cardiocrinum* which has bloomed twice and might be about to do it again this year, and one *Notholirion* on trial. We American growers have a lot of catching up to do, and some of us are pursuing it enthusiastically. -- Jim McKenney

### Web Site: [www.potomacilysociety.org](http://www.potomacilysociety.org)

Wanted: photos from the spring luncheon. Did anyone take digital pictures at the spring luncheon? If you did, and you would like to share them, please get in touch with Jim McKenney ( [jimmckenney@jimmckenney.com](mailto:jimmckenney@jimmckenney.com)) and arrange to have them posted to the website. Do you have other photos which might be of interest to our membership? Let Jim know.

Here's something else to think about: how did you get interested in lilies? What are some of your earliest lily memories? How did you come to join the PLS? The answers to these and other questions might make an interesting addition to our web site. Be thinking about it: someone might be contacting you in the future to see what you have to say.

