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I noticed that the daffodils in my garden have started to emerge from the soil. With day time temperatures above 50 and an abundance of rain, it will not be long before the lilies work their way to the surface. I am sure that all of you who purchased bulbs from our recent bulb order, as well as Dave Willmore who selected the bulbs, are anxious to see how those new additions perform. Hopefully you will be so impressed by them that you will want to display your impressive stems at our 2008 flower show to be held at Brookside Gardens July 11-13. Also, please provide Jack Roe ([jroeboat@msn.com](mailto:jroeboat@msn.com)) with you opinion of the lilies that you selected so that he can take your comments into consideration when he prepares the 2008 bulb order.

Our Annual Meeting with be held at the Fort Myer Officers Club on March 9. We will be joined by Tom and Irene Case, who will share their experiences in collecting and growing daylilies. Reservation information and directions can be found on page two of this newsletter. Note also that Jim posts the newsletter on our website, [www.potomaclilysociety.org](http://www.potomaclilysociety.org), so you can access the information in this newsletter wherever you can connect to the internet.

It is time to renew your membership if your dues were only paid thru 2007. If you receive the newsletter by post, check the mailing label for the year in which your dues are paid thru. Those receiving the newsletter by e-mail will receive a message indicating if their dues are due. The next newsletter will include an updated membership roster.

I hope to see you at the March meeting and I wish you an enjoyable 2008 gardening season.

John

## In this issue of the PLS Newsletter

\*\*\* PLS Annual Meeting March 9 \*\*\*

\*\*\* PLS 2008 Membership Renewal \*\*\*

**POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008**

Ft. Myer Patton Hall Officers Club  
Arlington, VA

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, 9 March at the Ft. Myer Patton Hall Officers Club in Arlington, VA. Events will begin at 11:30 am with a social period featuring free champagne and/or orange juice. At about noon we will attack the buffet line which includes a wide range of breakfast and lunch items. A short business meeting will follow the meal. Members are encouraged to bring a friend to introduce them to our society. The meeting will include a presentation by Tom Case entitled "Discovering the Joys of Daylilies". Tom and his wife Irene have been seriously involved in collecting and gardening with Daylilies since 1996. They are life members of the American Hemerocallis Society, members of four regional daylily groups, and Exhibition Judges. At present, their garden has about 500 cultivars planted or in pots.

The price for the event is \$22.00 per person. The deadline for reservations is March 3.  
Make your check payable to: **Potomac Lily Society**

Send your reservations to:

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**DIRECTIONS:**

**NOTE:** At the gate, you will be asked for your destination (Officers Club) and to provide a picture ID for **EVERYONE** in the vehicle. You will also be asked to open all doors, the hood and trunk, and step out of the vehicle while it is inspected.

**Enter Fr. Myer at either the Hatfield or Write Gate.**

**FROM THE SOUTH ON INTERSTATE 95:**

Inside the Capital Beltway, 1-95 becomes 1-395. Proceed north toward Washington. Take Exit 8A (7 miles inside the Beltway), marked "Washington Blvd., Route 27." Bear left on the ramp, following the signs. Exit Washington Blvd. to the right at the exit marked "Fort Myer Only." Go through gate at top of exit ramp and take second left turn onto McNair Rd. Brucker Hall is the last building on the left before the stop sign.

**FROM THE WEST ON INTERSTATE 66:**

Proceed on 1-66 inside the Capital Beltway. Take exit 26 (7 miles inside the Beltway) marked "Route 110 South, Pentagon, Alexandria." Pass the Iwo Jima Memorial on your right, then immediately turn right onto Marshall Drive and continue 3/4 miles to Fort Myer gate.

**FROM THE NORTH ON THE CAPITAL BELTWAY (I-495):**

Immediately after crossing the American Legion Bridge into Virginia, exit to the right onto the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Exit 14B. Continue to the Exit for Route 50 West which will be just past the exit for the Key Bridge. Proceed west in the right lane to a ramp for Ft. Myer Drive/Meade Street. Make a left turn, pass by the Iwo Jima Memorial on your left, proceed to the stop sign and turn right into Ft. Myer.

**FROM D.C.:**

Take 1-395 out of the city and into Virginia. Pass the Pentagon and take Exit 8 for Washington Blvd. Proceed on Washington Blvd and take exit marked "Fort Myer Only" on the right.

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### PLS Newsletter

As established by the Board of Directors, the PLS newsletter is provided to all active members by e-mail in pdf format. Where e-mail deliver of the newsletter fails, the member will be contacted by telephone and asked to provide a current e-mail address. Members who have not provided an e-mail address will receive the newsletter by post. E-mail address changes should be sent to Muriel Turner (NuNuGlevum@aol.com). Please include your full name in the message.

### Regional Lily Societies

If you are interested in knowing what other lily societies in Canada and the US are doing, visit: [www.lilies.org](http://www.lilies.org), select **Regional Societies**, **Regional Society List** and you will have access to a list of other lily societies and links to their web pages.

### Upcoming 2008 Events

#### PLS 2008 Annual Flower Show

The Potomac Lily Society of America will present its 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lily Show at Brookside Gardens, Maryland July 11-13. More information on the event will be available in the next newsletter and at [www.potomacilysociety.org](http://www.potomacilysociety.org)

#### GCV 2008 Flower Show

The Winchester-Clarke Garden Club will host the Garden Club of Virginia's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Lily Show on June 18 & 19 in Winchester, VA

#### 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](mailto:mjcasey@crosslink.net); <http://www.marls.org>)

#### NLS 2008 International Flower Show

The Victoria Lily Society is hosting the 61st annual NALS Show in Sidney (on beautiful Vancouver Island), British Columbia, July 2-6, 2008. They have a dedicated web page (<http://www.nals2008.org/>) to provide further information about the show.

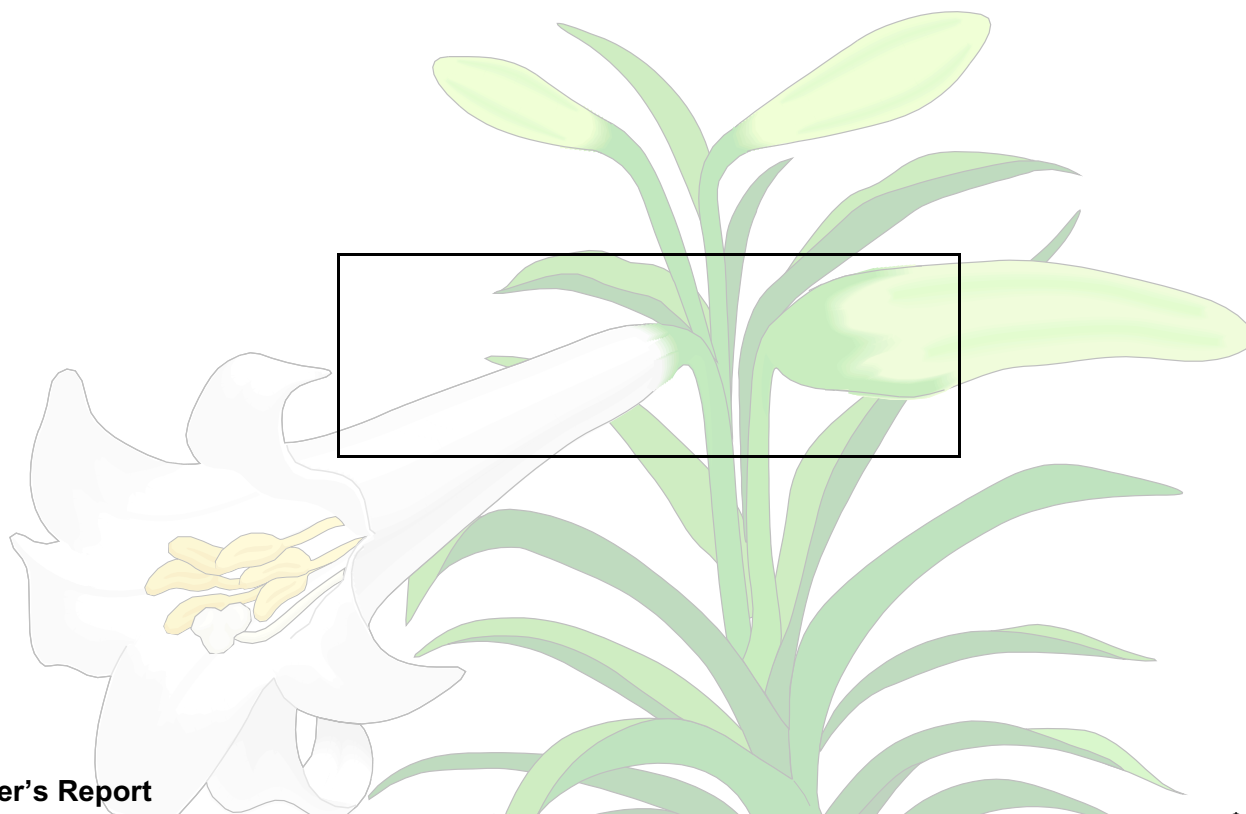
### A yellow-flowered form of *Lilium henryi*

For years I've grown a yellow-flowered form of *Lilium henryi* in my garden. It's a handsome, graceful plant with large soft yellow flowers; there's really nothing else like it among lilies. In common with so many other *Lilium henryi*, it has weak stems and requires staking. I don't know where this plant came from. It just appeared one year in the garden. Years later I dug it and gave one of the two bulbs to the late Virginia Queitzsch. I must have been very busy that year because that was the last time I saw my plant. I probably neglected to replant the bulb. When I told Virginia about my loss, she offered a bulblet from her plant. A year or two later while visiting Virginia, she made good on her offer.

You are not likely to see this one at our local shows: it blooms during late July and early August. What should we call this plant? The old name often used was *Lilium henryi* var. *citrinum*. There are problems with that name, and that's why it's called "a yellow form of *Lilium henryi*" here. Through most of the twentieth century there were probably only a few such yellow-flowered clones. But yellow-flowered plants can be raised from seed, and such seedlings are probably more numerous now than ever. This is an exceptionally graceful and beautiful lily, and it surprises me that this plant has remained so uncommon in gardens. Try to imagine it grouped with blue-flowered hydrangeas or the purple flowers of *Hosta ventricosa*.

Jim McKenney

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**Treasurer's Report**

At the Directors Meeting held January 20, Jack Roe reported that the society ended the year at \$20.6K, about \$1.5K less than what we started the year. We broke even on the bulb sales, the annual meeting cost about \$100 more than was collected, the annual show cost \$1,268, the newsletter cost about \$250, and publication disbursements were about equal to a receipts. At the current rate of receipts vs. disbursements, PLS has a financial life expectancy of about 10 more years.

**Potomac Lily Society Dues Payment 2008**

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 **07** or less. Make your check payable to the **Potomac Lily Society**.

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