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As the snow lay on the ground, one doesn't think of beautiful lilies, however, it is time that we start planning for the new season. We have planned the Annual Meet at Ft. Myer on March 15, 2009, this brunch will start at 11:30am. I look forward to seeing you all there. You will also be given the opportunity to vote on the new slate of officers for the coming term. And please, right now stop, get your calendar, and mark the dates of June 27 & 28 for our 2009 annual Lily Show.

Thank you, one and all for allowing me to serve as you President for the past six years. It has been great.

Harlin Turner

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Have you ever heard of a Ryrube lily? It was a new one to me. The term is used to describe hybrids between *Lilium henRYI* and *Lilium RUBEllum*. This is a cross which parallels the one which produced Black Beauty decades ago. Don't ask me how to pronounce it!

Have you ever seen the Black Heart hybrids derived from, it was long thought, *Lilium henryi*? These hybrids have a dark nectary furrow and have long been championed by Charile Kroell. Leslie Woodriff produced the first ones. There is now speculation that it was not *Lilium henryi* which was the original source of the black heart but rather the similar *Lilium rosthornii*.

Jim McKenney

POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**Ft. Myer Patton Hall Officers Club
Arlington, VA

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, March 15 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 Jim McKenney entitled, "*Summer Dormant Bulbs for the Cold Frame*".

The price for the event is \$22.00 per person. The deadline for reservations is March 9.
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.

PLS Honorary Directors

Alice S. Fenn
 Vicki Bowen
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 David Diller
 Nels Johnson
 James McKenney
 John A. Montgomery
 John Roe
 Joseph Uhring

Kathy Diggs

February 26, 1945 - December 26, 2008

Kathy Digges, a 10 year member of our society who also served as a Director, was my friend and supporter. She always had a wide range of interests and accomplished much in her 63 years. Kathy was the daughter of a surgeon and grew up in Washington State. Kathy trained as a medical doctor at Georgetown and for the last fifteen years lived in McLean with her husband, Robert Digges.

Kathy was a very giving person who had a sincere interest in her friends and affiliations. She graciously offered her home to host a Wednesday evening reception for the 2002 NALS national show. Less than three months before she died, Kathy donated a large sterling silver tray to our society as a perpetual trophy for Best in Show. Up until this past year, Kathy supported the bulb sales and always planted lilies in her large yard. She loved plants, both outdoors and in the greenhouse where she grew many spectacular orchids. Kathy loved to share cuttings and extra plants with her friends.

Kathy was ill for over two years and knew her disease was terminal. She never questioned her fate but fought a strong battle until the end. Over the last year she was forced to communicate only in writing but always welcomed visitors warmly. I'll remember her as one of the kindest, most supportive and most compassionate of people.

Kathleen Hoxie

Virginia Johnson

24 Oct. 1921 to 20 Dec. 2008

It was with much sorrow that we learned of the death of Ginny Johnson just before Christmas. She died of a heart arrhythmia in her sleep at home with Nels. She was 87. Born in Byron Georgia, she began working in 1942 at what became Robins Air Force Base where she met Nels. Married, they moved to the Washington area where she worked at the old Jelleffs Department Store. Following the war, Nels joined the National Weather Service and together they enjoyed posting to such places as Hawaii and Geneva.

The Johnsons were residents of McLean for some 46 years and were active in numerous floral and garden societies over the many years. Ginny was a founding member of The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society and Nels served as ODCS President in the mid 1980's. They joined the Potomac Lily Society in 1992 and Nels became a Director in March 1993. Both Ginny and Nels were elected Honorary Directors in 2007 in recognition of their long and enthusiastic support for PLS.

The Johnsons were married for 65 years. They had two sons, one deceased, three grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

Services for Ginny will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean in mid-May with interment to follow at Arlington Cemetery.

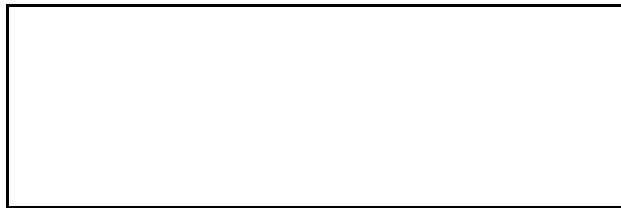
John Roe

Future PLS Flower Shows

June 27 & 28, 2009
 Merrifield Garden Center
 Fairfax, Virginia

June 26 & 27, 2010
 Brookside Gardens
 Wheaton, Maryland

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Potomac Lily Society Dues Payment 2009

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

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