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2008 Annual Meeting – Mar. 9, 2008
Ft. Myer Officers Club

47th Annual Show – July 11–13, 2008
Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD.

SOME MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. Directors Meeting. Officers and Directors of PLS met on 22 July 2007 at the home of the president. Minutes are available from the secretary and will not be included in this newsletter due lack of space. The significant item of business was scheduling of future shows, and it was determined that the 2008 show would be held July 11 to 13. This should make it possible to display even more of the interdivisional varieties and other late blooming cultivars.

2. Notice to Members. At the July meeting, the Board nominated John Roe and Jim McKenney to be Honorary Directors for Life in recognition of their long service and contribution to the Society. In accordance with Article 5 of the PLS Constitution, this recommendation will be submitted to the membership for their affirmation at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

3. Containers. The display of Orienpet and other super stems at our show has presented a challenge. Many of the stems will not fit in our traditional gin bottles and are in any case too large to be supported adequately by such a small mass. Many interesting containers were pressed into service to meet the crisis, but most contributed little beyond support. We obviously need to find a uniform container for this purpose. It has been suggested that the nominal gallon size Livingston Wine Bottle might fit the bill and we now have a dozen or so on hand for evaluation. Any member thoughts on this subject would be appreciated and may be communicated to Dave Willmore or an officer of the Society.

4. Showing Lilies. There is no question that the lilies displayed at our recent show were both beautiful and spectacular. Unfortunately some were not shown to their best advantage due to damage in transport or a lack of grooming. While it is difficult to move very large stems and some broken buds are inevitable, proper grooming is possible and should be done as a matter of pride by all who enter. We will try to provide new information, guidance and training in this area in the months ahead.

PLS 46th Annual Show

Our 46th Annual Show was held June 30 & July 1 at the Merrifield Garden Center , Fairfax, Virginia. The later date of the show this year allowed for a much different display of lilies and made for a spectacular show. Our thanks go to all those who worked to make the show a rousing success including judges, their clerks and the hosts/hostesses who watched over things during show hours.

With a theme of "Versatile Lilies," the show attracted a total of 82 horticultural entries from 18 exhibitors and 20 delightful design entries from 15 designers. There were 6 "Best" awards and 22 horticultural blue ribbons awarded. Of particular note is that only two entered stems received no award, a show record low. A complete tabulation summary is available from John Roe upon request.

MAJOR AWARDS:

Best in Show:

Best Interdivisional Hybrid	Robina	John Roe
Best Asiatic Hybrid	Kansas	David & Genie Diller
Best Trumpet Hybrid	Iowa Snowflake	Dave Willmore
Best Species	<i>L. davidii</i>	Mary Queitzsch
Best Design Award	"Colorful Contrast"	Dolores Felch

OTHER BLUE RIBBON AWARDS:

Horticultural Exhibits:

Section A:

Red Velvet	Kathy Welsh
Catherine the Great	Kathy Welsh
Silk Road	John Roe
Yelloween	Rachel Hollis

Section B:

Pink Perfection	Marianne Casey
Weiss Rosa	Kathy Welsh
Bowen Trumpet Tr.	Mary Queitzsch
Madam Butterfly	John Roe
Aladdin's Sun	Suzi Worsham
Orania	John Roe
Satisfaction	Charlotte Allison
Unknown (2)	Dave Willmore

Section F:

Aladdin's Sun	Suzi Worsham
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Section I:

Ed Brooman	Marianne Casey
Grand Teton	Dave Willmore
Orania	Tricia Kincheloe
Silk Road	Carolyn Scott

Design Classes:

Class 64 "Spring Rhythm"	Barbara Shea
Class 65 "Circles"	Charmane Truesdell
Class 66 "Colorful Contrast"	Dolores Felch
Class 67 "Textures"	Muriel Turner
Class 68 "Sculptural Line"	Babs McClendon

Ribbon totals all Horticultural classes:

Blue	22	No Award	2
Red	31		
Yellow	19	Total	82
White	8		

**ANNUAL PICNIC AND BULB EXCHANGE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007**

At the home of John Roe
5801 N 36th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207
703 534-6569: jroeboat@msn.com

Again this year our picnic and bulb exchange will be held at the home of our treasurer. The date is a little later in October than usual, but we did this in the hope that we would have the bulb order in hand for distribution to those attending. The picnic will be a potluck buffet featuring those superb dishes produced by our members and friends. Please call John at (703) 534-6569 to let him know who is coming and what type of food you plan to bring – salad, main course, or desert. Beverages and place settings will be provided. The picnic will go on rain or shine as the Roe residence has a very large covered patio for the picnic and garage for the bulb exchange.

The success of the picnic and bulb exchange depends on the generosity of members in making their surplus bulbs and other plants available to the Society for sale or auction. Please bring all you can spare and plan to take home any number of good buys. We ask that you identify and price the items you bring. There should be some special bulbs available for auction and, as always, a number of left over bulbs from the bulb order that will be looking for a home. Volunteers to help with the sale are welcome. We ask that all those attending respect the timing of the sale and not attempt to arrive early to squirrel items away.

The schedule:	Director's Meeting	12:30 p.m.
	Social Period	1:15 p.m.
	Picnic Buffet	1:45 p.m.
	Sale and Auction	2:30 p.m.

To get to the picnic from Maryland, use Beltway exit 12 to the I-66 feeder. (A left exit.) Exit I-66 at the first Arlington exit (Exit 68) staying right onto Westmoreland Street. At the bottom of the ramp, go left on Westmoreland under I-66. At the first light, turn right onto Williamsburg Blvd. and follow past the traffic circle to John Marshall Drive. Go left on John Marshall two blocks to 36th Street and turn right. 5801 is the 2nd house on your left. As you arrive, you may duly note the "mansionization" of the neighborhood.

For those coming from Virginia, find Williamsburg Blvd. by any route and the John Marshall Drive. If you get lost or just want to confirm directions call (703) 534-6569.

When you arrive, you may place your plant donations in the garage and either give your buffet offering to someone at the kitchen door or bring it around back.

The PLS Bulb Order is a great time to pay your dues if you are in the last year of your membership payment. Just add \$4.00 to your order in the space provided on the form for membership payment. Check your mailing label for the last year that your dues are paid. Please note that Muriel Turner is now membership secretary and is in the process of updating all membership records. If you have any question as to your dues payments or membership status please contact Muriel at (703) 713-0138.

THE 2007 PLS FALL BULB ORDER

Included with this Newsletter is the annual fall lily bulb group order. It is composed of bulbs to be obtained from MAK Lilies of Aumsville, Oregon (formerly Northwest and Pioneer), Columbia-Platte Lilies of Vancouver, Washington and John Scheepers, Inc., Bantam, Connecticut. The order is again late, but we have set the return date to 1 October which should provide ample time to respond. Please note that David Willmore has taken on the task of bulb chairman and the considerable effort it entails. If you need to contact Dave, he may be reached at 703 978-8586 or by E-mail at davidwillmore97@gmail.com.

Overall the list includes 21 Asiatic hybrid varieties, 2 trumpet hybrids, 3 Oriental hybrids, and 16 Orientpets. Note that Leslie Woodriff and Silk Road are available at a very attractive price. No garden should be without either of these super lilies. Overall, there should be enough variety to satisfy most members. The total number of bulbs ordered has been reduced in keeping with the diminishing number of orders received in the past few years. Accordingly, it will be wise to get your order in the mail as soon as possible to stake your claim. Orders are filled in the order received.

Whether you grow for show or pleasure, please do plan to place an order. A major benefit of membership in the Society is the bulb order. We do our best to keep prices low and to make available the best bulbs we can find. Please take advantage of this and order all of the bulbs you can find room for. Bulbs do make good gifts and we encourage our members to invite their friends and neighbors to share in their order. You may also make a copy of the order for a friend and encourage him to send along his own just so long as he includes \$4.00 for dues. By doing so, he will pay for this year and 2008 membership.

A new feature this year will be the availability of pictures of the bulbs offered from MAK and Columbia-Platt on the Society's website – www.potomaclilysociety.org. Pictures of the Scheepers cultivars are available on www.johnscheepers.com.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER ON THE ENCLOSED FORM. Check your addition and keep a copy of what you order. If you will agree to a substitute please so indicate. **Orders will be filled in the order received.** Please try to observe the deadline of 1 October. There is much work to be done after each order is received. Dave will be putting up the order for the first time as chairman and so can use all the help he can get. If you volunteer, you will be called when the bulbs are in hand.

We hope to have the bulbs all packed by the picnic and will deliver to those attending who so request. Otherwise, you will be called as soon as the bulbs are packed and you may pick them up as you can. Please indicate your desired pickup point on the order form. In Virginia, the bulbs will be held by John Roe, 5801 N. 36th St., Arlington (703) 534-6569 and in Maryland by Vicki Bowen, 3 Carter Ct., Rockville (301) 424-8575. If neither of these spots is convenient, please so indicate with your order and Dave will try to work out the best arrangement possible.

IN MEMORIUM

Lucy Radcliff, a long time member of PLS passed away August 15, 2007 after a prolonged battle with illness and a series of accidents. This followed the loss of her husband, Jim, in August 2006. Both were garden enthusiasts and Jim grew some truly majestic lilies in his yard although he never saw fit to exhibit them.

2007 PLS GROUP ORDER – DESCRIPTION OF CULTIVARS OFFERED

KEY: CP = COLUMBIA-PLATT, M = MAK, S = SCHEEPERS

ASIATIC HYBRIDS:

YELLOW

Dreamland – Heirloom (CP). This lily has passed the 25 year test and unfailingly supplies a brilliant display of deep lemon upright flowers with throats of deepest gold. 3'-4', late June.

Eclipse – (M). Cream yellow with dark burgundy brushmarks and speckles.

Romano – (M). Upright bright and clean yellow. Good as cut flower. 45".

Rosie Cheeks – (M). Off yellow with pink tips.

Yellow Whopper – (CP). Strong tetraploid with perfectly sculpted, heavily recurved side-facing flowers of luminous yellow, with hint of gold at throat. 4'

RED

Naomi – (M). Outfacing. Dark stem. Sturdy red flowers have an orange/red blaze. 35".

Plum Burgundy – (CP). Upfacing flowers of deep, rich, burgundy red. Dark stems. 3'-4' late June.

ORANGE

Brunello – (M). Strong and sturdy upright orange. Clean flower. Good cut plant. 45".

Sunset Magic – (M). Side-facing orange with yellow center.

PINK/PEACH

Ariadne – (CP). Dusky rose flowers have *Lilium lankongense's* marbled spotting pattern and light, dusky fragrance. Tall, graceful stems carry an abundance of flowers that will last for weeks. 4' – 6', late June.

Covent Garden – Hugh raspberry-rose outfacing flowers with a large dollop cream and gold at center. A vigorous grower with enormous bud count. 3' – 4', late June to early July.

Doeskin – (CP). Many medium-sized Turk's-cap flowers of spotless peach-champagne, accented with cinnamon-red anthers. Vigorous propagator. 3' – 4', early to mid-June.

Eurydice – (CP). Has a long panicle of beautifully recurved pendant flowers of shimmering raspberry-rose, delicately etched with "rosepoint" markings. 4' – 5', late June. A hybrid from the Czech Republic.

Night's Desire – (M). Magenta with white stripe in center of petal. NEW.

Ruby Tuesday – (M). Bright and shiny pink with a small white edge and center. Some spots. 40".

Sidney – (M). Pink with yellow center. Spotted.

Shirley – (M). Light pink with dark maroon heart.

Tiger Babies – (CP). Large, lightly fragrant, pastel peach flowers with a hint of pink, shading to deep peach throats. This embryo-cultured hybrid combines the longevity of the Tiger Lily with the statuesque size and substance of the trumpet lilies. 3' – 5', late June to early July.

WHITE/CREAM

Navarra – (CP). Beautiful new pure white Asiatic with upfacing wide-petalled flowers. The icy white flowers shade into green at their throats. 4', mid to late June.

Navona – (M). Upfacing clean white/green. Dark foliage and stem. 35".

Sadie – (M). Spotless cream with pink tips.

TRUMPET AND AURELIAN HYBRIDS

Copper Crown – (CP). Long, bronze colored buds and beautiful coppery-apricot fragrant trumpets. 4' – 5', July.

White Henri – (CP). An unfailing classic with white "sunburst" flowers with deep golden orange centers. NALS Hall of Fame. A true clone. 4' – 5', July.

ORIENTPET HYBRID LILIES

Alchemy – (CP). A stunning Orientpet with huge, wide-open flowers of deepest red rimmed with a wide margin of rich coppery gold. Fragrant. 4' – 5', mid-July to early August. Whopper bulbs.

Boogie Woogie – (S). Lemon-yellow with narrow rose-pink edges. 3' – 4'.

Elise – (M). Downfacing orange.

2007 PLS GROUP ORDER – DESCRIPTION OF CULTIVARS OFFERED, cont.

Garden Pleasure – (S). Sultry burgundy-rose with cream white petal edges.

Indian Summer – (M). Downfacing pendent light yellow with darker yellow/orange ribs in the center of each petal, light stenciling.

Leslie Woodriff – (CP). Produced from tetraploid forms of two of Leslie Woodriff's classic garden lilies: 'White Henri' and 'Black Beauty.' It equals its superlative parents in beauty and garden worthiness, with robust stems carrying numerous semi-curved crimson rose flowers with wide white margins. 4' – 6' and taller, late July to early August. Whopper bulbs and special price to celebrate elevation to the Hall of Fame.

Red Hot – (M). Red flushed golden apricot with pale yellow edges, a sprinkling of muted raspberry speckles and a yellow-edged, green starburst center.

Rosselini – (S). Vivid magenta-rose with a narrow, brilliant yellow starburst and white highlights. Upward-facing.

Sabanata – (M). Hot pink. New Mak introduction.

Sarabande – (CP). A sturdy tetraploid with rich crimson "sunburst" flowers with wide white margins and delicate red "whiskers" that accent its deep red throat and shimmering green nectarines. 4' – 6' and taller. Early August.

Satisfaction – (S). Deep raspberry red with a beaming yellow heart and ever-so-narrow yellow-white petal margins. Upward and outward-facing. 3' – 4'.

Scheherazade – (CP). Vigorous hybrid from 'Thunderbolt' x Tetra 'Black Beauty.' Its deep red recurved flowers are edged in gold, shading into white margins, and the throat shows the same dramatic color pattern. Hall of Fame. 3' – 6' the first year, 8' when established. Early to mid-August.

Serrano – (M). White outfacing lily with soft yellow throat. Large blooms.

Silk Road – (CP). Huge white flowers with deep, intensely crimson pink throats, carried on an enormous inflorescence with many well-spaced secondary buds for extended bloom time. 4' – 8'. If you do not have this lily, get it. If you already have it, get some more. Special price.

Snowberry – (CP). Outfacing, round edged flowers as white as snow, with bright berry "whiskers" and a soft luminous pink reverse. Bred from 'Anastasia,' it has large flowers and wonderful fragrance. 4' – 6', mid to late July. Offered as a sneak preview to regionals.

Touching – (S). Soft ivory yellow with rose-red brush marks and raspberry spots. 4' – 6'.

ORIENTAL HYBRIDS

Garden Wheel – (M). Sidefacing pink with spots. A late bloomer.

Medussa – (M). Hot pink with yellow center.

Sapporo – (M). Pure white, big flowers.

2007 PLS LILY BULB GROUP ORDER

ASIATIC HYBRIDS	Price Each	No. Ordered	Amount
Dreamland	4.00	_____	_____
Eclipse	1.50	_____	_____
Romano	1.50	_____	_____
Rosie Cheeks	1.50	_____	_____
Yellow Whopper	3.50	_____	_____
Naomi	1.50	_____	_____
Plum Burgundy	3.50	_____	_____
Brunello	1.50	_____	_____
Sunset Magic	1.50	_____	_____
Ariadne	4.00	_____	_____
Covent Garden	3.50	_____	_____
Doeskin	3.50	_____	_____
Eurydice	4.00	_____	_____
Night's Desire	1.50	_____	_____
Ruby Tuesday	1.50	_____	_____
Sidney	1.50	_____	_____
Shirley	1.50	_____	_____
Tiger Babies	3.00	_____	_____
Navarra	2.25	_____	_____
Navona	1.50	_____	_____
Sadie	1.50	_____	_____

TRUMPET AND AURELIAN HYBRIDS

Copper Crown	3.50	_____	_____
White Henri	4.00	_____	_____

ORIENPET HYBRIDS

Alchemy	8.50	_____	_____
Boogie Woogie	2.25	_____	_____
Elise	2.25	_____	_____
Garden Pleasure	2.00	_____	_____
Indian Summer	2.25	_____	_____
Leslie Woodriff	6.00	_____	_____
Red Hot	2.25	_____	_____
Rosselini	2.50	_____	_____
Sabanata	2.00	_____	_____
Sarabande	6.00	_____	_____

TOTAL THIS COLUMN

May we substitute if a cultivar ordered is not available:

Yes _____ No _____

ORIENPET HYBRIDS	Price Each	No. Ordered	Amount
Satisfaction	2.25	_____	_____
Scheherazade	4.50	_____	_____
Serrano	2.25	_____	_____
Silk Road	6.00	_____	_____
Snowberry	16.00	_____	_____

ORIENTAL HYBRIDS

Garden Wheel	2.50	_____	_____
Medussa	2.50	_____	_____
Sapporo	2.50	_____	_____

TOTAL THIS COLUMN

TOTAL PRIOR COLUMN

GRAND TOTAL BULBS

Let's Grow Lilies @ \$5.00

PLS Dues @ \$4.00/year

TOTAL REMITTED

**Make check payable to:
POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY**

Mail order to:

David Wilmore
10635 Timberidge Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1 OCTOBER 2007

Name _____

Phone(_____) _____

E-mail _____

Please hold bulbs for pickup: VA ___ MD ___ Picnic ___

I volunteer to help pack: Yes _____ No _____

