

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY

The first annual meeting of the North American Lily Society called to order by the President, Dr. L. H. MacDaniels, at 10 a.m. on July 14, 1948, at Horticultural Hall, Boston, Mass., proved good, with reports on progress and enthusiastic discussion of points for future development. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the acceptance of the Treasurer's report, audited by William Horsford and Carl Wilson and showing a balance of \$1104.19, a nominating committee for officers for the next year was elected. Later the present officers were re-elected for 1948-1949, as follows: President, Dr. L. H. MacDaniels, Cornell University; Vice President, Prof. E. F. Palmer, Vineland Exp. Station, Ontario, Canada; Treasurer, Dr. Philip Brierley, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland; Secretary, Miss Norma E. Pfeiffer, Boyce Thompson Institute, Yonkers, New York. Mrs. H. P. Bresee and Mrs. W. A. Rowell were reappointed as directors. It seemed unwise to change officers and committee at this time when the organization has not been completed.

for the Society

In charge of the Kodachrome collection is Mrs. Helen Harris, 34 North Street, North Quincy, Boston, Mass. The seed exchange is in charge of Mrs. Wallace A. Rowell, 5537 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis 7, Minn., to whom members may send their surplus seed and/or may send requests, accompanied by postage, for desired seed.

The Publications Committee reported through Prof. Slate that the yearbook was assembled and a dummy copy in page proof was available for examination. It was voted to print a thousand copies, financed from the treasury and by private loans. Recent word indicates that the yearbook will probably be in the mails about August 25 for members who joined prior to July 1, 1948. Those joining later are privileged to buy it for \$2.50, while the purchase price to non-members is \$3.00.

The president gave a report on negotiations concerning our relationship to the American Horticultural Society. Free discussion with expression of varying points of view led to a motion empowering the Board of Directors to continue negotiations, to be concluded at their discretion.

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With a vote of thanks and an expression of deep appreciation to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the hospitality and the many favors granted the Lily Society, the meeting adjourned.

#### LILY EXHIBITION

The Lily Exhibition of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society with which The North American Lily Society collaborated was held in Horticultural Hall, July 13 and 14, 1948. Awards of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society included the following which were won by members of the Lily Society.

SILVER MEDAL to Professor George L. Slate, New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, New York, for a collection of hybrid lily seedlings: To Edgar L. Kline, Lake Grove, Oregon, for a collection of lilies.

BRONZE MEDAL to Professor George L. Slate and Dr. L. H. MacDaniels, Geneva and Ithaca, New York, for Miscellaneous collection of named varieties of lilies: To Yerex Bulb Farm, Newberg, Oregon, for Aurelian hybrids, grown at the Waltham Field Station: To Oregon Bulb Farms, Gresham, Oregon, for a display of lilies.

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE to L. Skyrocket, exhibited by Edgar L. Kline, Lake Grove, Oregon: To Oregon Bulb Farms, Gresham, Oregon for L. Enchantment.

AWARDS OF MERIT to L. Cardinal, exhibited by Edgar L. Kline, Lake Grove, Oregon: To Speciosum punctatum, exhibited by Leslie Woodriff, Harbor, Oregon: To Twinkle and Peak's Radiance, exhibited by Leslie Woodriff, Harbor, Oregon: To Aurelian hybrids, exhibited by Yerex Bulb Farm, Newberg, Oregon, and grown at the Waltham Field Station: To L. auratum hybrids, exhibited by Boyce Thompson Institute, Yonkers, New York (Norma E. Pfeiffer): To N. Y. - 17861 Seedling Raspberries, exhibited by New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, New York (George L. Slate).

VOTE OF THANKS to Dr. George O. Clark of Newburyport and Boston, for Lilium regale.

SPECIAL PRIZES to Professor George L. Slate and Dr. L. H. MacDaniels, Geneva and Ithaca, New York.

Display of a collection of lilies 1st Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

2nd Prize: Carl Grant Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio

Display of lilies (25 sq. ft.) 1st Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

Collection of lilies (12 varieties) 1st Prize: Carl Grant Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio

Collection of lilies (6 varieties) 1st Prize: Carl Grant Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio

Collection of lilies (3 varieties) 1st Prize: Herman Young, Perkinsville, Vermont.

2nd Prize: Dr. George O. Clark, Boston and Newburyport.

Specimen lily spike 1st Prize: Herman Young, Perkinsville, Vermont. 2nd Prize:

Carl Grant Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio

Specimen lily spike (North American species) 1st Prize: Herman Young, Perkinsville,

Vermont. 2nd Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

Specimen lily spike (European species) 1st Prize: Herman Young, Perkinsville,

Vermont. 2nd Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

Specimen lily spike (Asiatic) 1st Prize: Louis Vasseur, Milton. 2nd Prize: James

R. Cass, Hyde Park

Specimen spike of *Lilium regale* 2nd Prize: Mrs. Helen Harris, North Quincy

Specimen spike (trumpet lily) 1st Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

Specimen spike of any lily variety introduced since 1943 1st Prize: Carl Grant

Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio. 2nd Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

Specimen spike of any named hybrid lily now in commerce 1st Prize: Herman Young,

Perkinsville, Vermont. 2nd Prize: Mrs. Helen Harris, North Quincy

Specimen spike of any lily not yet in commerce 1st Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

2nd Prize: Mrs. Helen Harris, No. Quincy

Specimen of any lily species or variety 1st Prize: Carl Grant Wilson, Cleveland,

Ohio

Arrangement of lilies 1st Prize: Herman Young, Perkinsville, Vermont. 2nd Prize:

James R. Cass, Hyde Park

Arrangement of lilies and other garden flowers: 1st Prize: James R. Cass, Hyde Park

Arrangement of lilies (Commercial) 1st Prize: Louis Vasseur, Milton

In two classes, display of a collection of lilies (comprehensive, varied, and pleasingly arranged) and one of the Arrangement of Lilies classes, honors went outside the Lily Society to Breck's, the Merrys, and the Symphony Flower Shop. Three

B. C., on August 1, to which the Society was invited by one of its members.

With one more look at the plantings, the group dispersed in the late afternoon well-satisfied with the experience and appreciative of Palmer hospitality.

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