

JUDGES TRAINING

The Board of Directors of The North American Lily Society set up procedures and responsibilities for judges training and accreditation at the January 12, 1974 meeting at Mansfield, Ohio.

Responsibilities were delineated as follows:

NALS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Act on procedures by which people may become official NALS judges.

Appoint official judging school instructors.

Approve student judges and judges.

NALS PRESIDENT

Appoint a National Judges Training and Accreditation Chairman.

Present candidates to the Board of Directors for approval.

NALS CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION

Maintain a list of judges and student judges. (This list to be published each year in the March bulletin.) Send a list of current judges to the Bulletin Editor before February 10 of each year.

Be advised by Regionals, Affiliates or other groups when they are planning on holding judges training sessions.

Keep accurate records on applications for student judges and judges as well as all the documentation pertaining to accreditation of an individual aspiring to be a judge.

Present applications for student judgeship and for judgeship to the NALS President before board meetings, so he in turn may present them to the board.

Inform newly approved student judges and judges of their appointment.

REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

Inform the NALS Judges Training and Accreditation Chairman of their intention to hold a judging school.

Set up Judges Training Schools in their Regions and select instructors from the List of Qualified Instructors.

INSTRUCTORS

Cooperate with other instructors in setting up a basic and official course for judges training.

Make out a series of tests based on the courses and determine what satisfactory work will consist of.

Conduct Judges Training Sessions when asked, if possible.

Notify the Chairman of Judges Training and Accreditation of all schools they conduct and of all who participated in the schools and results of tests given.

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Judge at national, regional or other shows when asked to do so, if possible.

Inform the National Judges Training Chairman of any student judges who may have judged with them.

The Board has adopted the following qualifications for judging school instructors.

Instructors of judging schools are people who are specialists in some facet of lily culture, structure, classification or in showing and exhibiting lilies. Official instructors are not required to be judges themselves, but are recognized authorities in their field.

They must have experience in lecturing on their subject and must have the ability to teach the course material effectively

The list of instructors who have been approved by the Board and who have accepted the responsibility of official judging school instructors is appended.

Anyone wishing to set up an official judging school may do so by obtaining at least two and preferably three of the listed instructors to teach the course content of the school. Expenses are borne by the sponsoring entity. All official judges school training sessions must be taught by official judging school instructors.

Names of new instructors may be submitted to the board for approval.

Guidelines for training candidates to become accredited North American Lily Society judges were also approved. These guidelines are as follows:

1. The candidate must have been a member of NALS for at least three (3) years in order to become an accredited judge, and must, thereafter, continue membership to maintain his status as a judge.

Note: A candidate may take a Judges Training session at any time or a member may become a student judge at any time. However, he must be a member of NALS for at least 3 years before becoming a fully accredited judge.

2. Must have grown lilies as a hobby or professionally for a period of at least 5 years, before accreditation.
3. Must have a knowledge of lily species, strains and clones and be able to identify those commonly seen at Lily Shows.
4. Must have exhibited lilies in at least 3 NALS sponsored or approved competitive shows staged by the National or Affiliated Lily Societies.

Other experience might be acceptable if a candidate had a great deal of professional background or experience in areas related to lily growing, exhibiting, or judging other types of plants.

5. In attending a Lily Show, as exhibitor or as a spectator, the candidate must have made an effort to study the mechanics of exhibiting, the arrangement of the schedule, results of the judging, and classification of lilies and the species, strains and clones exhibited.
6. The candidate must have had some experience in flower show management, preferably a lily show, by serving as chairman on a committee.
7. Must fill out a Basic Application Form for Accreditation preparatory to taking a training school course and serving as a student judge.

8. Must complete with a satisfactory grade at least one judges training school as prescribed by N.A.L.S.

9. Must serve as a student judge at three or more N.A.L.S. approved Lily Shows under the guidance of at least three different N.A.L.S. accredited judges, involving experience in judging all classes and types of lilies.

Mr. F. Henry Payne, 533 Piedmont Street, Waterbury, Conn., 06706, has been appointed the National Judges Training and Accreditation Chairman. Affiliates or other groups wishing to hold judging schools should advise Mr. Payne of their intention to do so.

Instructors should send all forms, test results, and sample judging results, to the National Chairman immediately after the event.

Judges should inform Mr. Payne of all student judges who have judged with them at each show where they have judged.

After candidates have become official judges they may retain their status as a judge by judging at N.A.L.S. sponsored or approved Lily Shows, preferably every year, but at least once every three years.

It is suggested they grow a wide variety of lilies, including as many new introductions as possible, and exhibit them at N.A.L.S. sponsored or approved Lily Shows.

Judges are expected to keep up to date on the latest information available on lilies.
