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FALL BULB AND PLANT AUCTION

DATE: October 9, 1971, 12:00 noon

PLACE: Home of:
Mr. & Mrs. Robt. C. Haring
136 Northrop Road
Woodbridge, Conn.

Anyone who has seen Bob and Aleta's charming home and gardens knows what a lovely setting it will be for this combination picnic-bulb auction-meeting. Bring your own lunch (coffee available), lawn chairs if convenient, all your extra lily bulbs, any excess spring bulbs, other plants suitable for fall moving, and of course MONEY and several friends. Bring a lot and be prepared to buy a lot.

DIRECTIONS (See map below): Take Exit 59 from the Wilbur Cross Parkway (Conn Rte 15). The exit ramp circles back as it goes down. At the stop sign at the bottom, turn left, go 0.1 mile on Rte 69 to Lucy Street. Turn left on Lucy Street, 0.1 mile to traffic light. Turn right on Rte 63, go 1.1 miles, and turn left on Rte 114. Go 2.1 miles on 114 to first stop sign. Turn right on Rte 313. Go 0.4 mile on 313 to top of hill. Turn half left just past red mailbox and BIG oak tree. Go 0.1 mile to stop sign. Turn left on Northrop Road and go 0.2 mile to Haring home on right.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

As always, the October issue contains Show news. This year, instead of one individual's impressions, we have reports from five of our members.

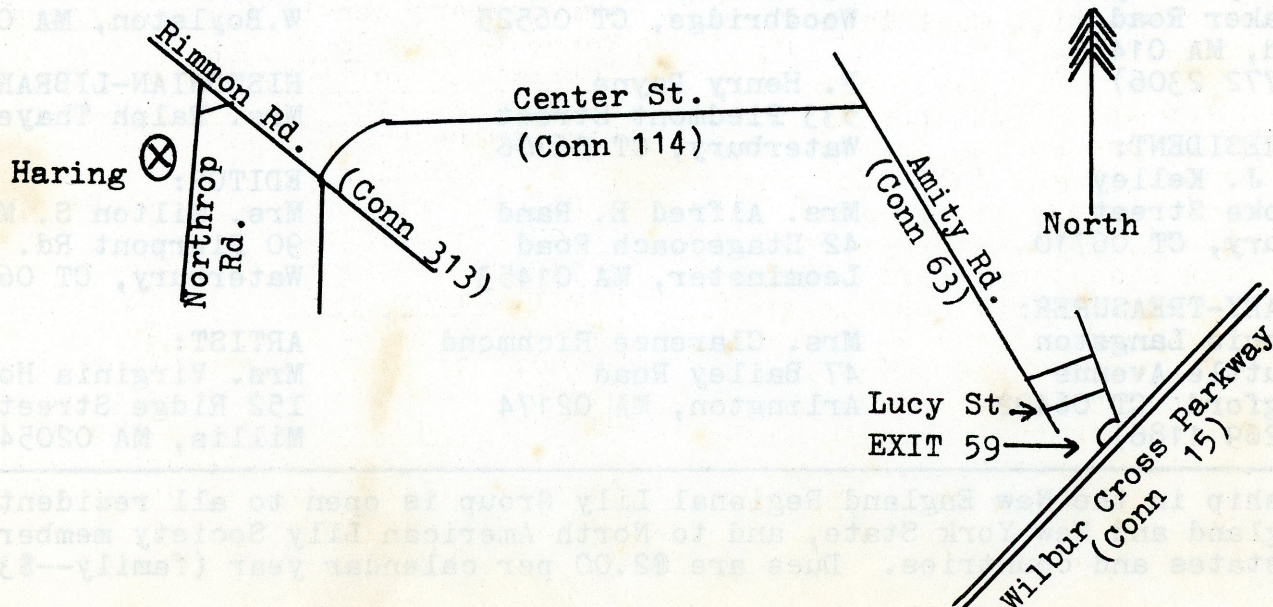
We are pleased to announce that our own Bob Haring, past President, present Director, and lily hybridizer and grower par excellence, is to be the new Editor of the NALS Quarterly Bulletin. Certainly he will do a fine job and congratulations are extended from us all.

Henry Payne reports that publication of the Royal Horticultural Society's "Lily Year Book" will be continued after all. (The possible discontinuance was reported in Bull. No. 83, March '71.) A letter to Henry from Mr. David Parsons, a member of the RHS Lily Committee, says in part, "I don't know whether you have heard, but for economy reasons the RHS have decided to discontinue the handsome Year Book and we shall probably be producing something like your excellent NALS Year Book." It is good to know that this fine British publication will be continued, in whatever form. (RHS is reportedly considering the same step for its "Rhododendron Year Book," for similar reasons.)

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DECEMBER MEETING

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in West Boylston, Mass., on December 4. Details in next issue.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (Held on August 14, 1971, at the home of Mrs. Henry Marshall, Melrose, Mass.)
By Janis Langston.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 pm by President Connie Thayer. Mrs. Thayer read a letter from Henry Payne, Secretary-Treasurer, who was unable to be present. He stated that so far no bills had been received pertaining to the 1971 National Show. It was also noted that there are 41 members who have not paid their current dues. Mrs. Thayer read the minutes of the meeting at the Richardson's on May 15, 1971, which were accepted as read with a minor amendment. The financial report was accepted as read.

Ernie Stokes reported on the financial situation of the Show Fund. \$2,027.19 (\$2.19 interest) was received and \$1,825.72 was dispersed with \$201.47 on hand at the present time. There are still several outstanding bills, but all in all we did very well. There were approximately 300 paid admissions at the Show and these will be used against any bills that the Mass. Hort. Soc. may have in relation to the Show.

A rousing vote of thanks was given to the Committee members who worked on the Show, and Mrs. Thayer gave her personal thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stokes for all their help.

Mrs. Thayer announced that Mrs. Fred Abbey has been ill and a get-well card was passed around for all to sign. [The latest news from the Abbey's is that Jessie has improved and is feeling better, but still must take very great care.--Ed.]

The weekend of July 8-9, 1972, was suggested for the NERLG Show. This is a Saturday and Sunday and was suggested because it was felt that there would be more people in Elizabeth Park (Hartford, Conn.) to see it.

Bob Haring read the report of the Nominating Committee (a copy is att.). The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate of officers.

It was announced that Bob Haring is the new Editor for the North American Lily Society's Quarterly Bulletin.

Two new members were introduced: Selma Dick of Brookline, Mass., and Ruth Carpenter of Lexington, Mass.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm, with a vote of thanks to the Marshalls for the use of their lovely back yard.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of judging Oriental lilies. This was conducted under the able leadership of Ernie Stokes and Connie Thayer. After discussion of each lily or group of lilies, ribbons were awarded. All those present had an enjoyable and informative day.

REPORT OF THE 1971 NOMINATING CTTE.

For President -- Mrs. Ralph Thayer
For Vice-President -- Edward Kelley
For Secretary-Treasurer --
Miss Janis Langston
For Director -- F. Henry Payne

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Haring
Mrs. Alfred Rand
Mrs. Clarence Richmond

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REPORT ON NALS 1971 SHOW

It was a good show, as attested by reports from five of our members following. In spite of the hot weather, the tours were enjoyed by all who took them. Our two dinner speakers, George Pride of the Arnold Arboretum, and Ray Allen of Kingwood Center, were entertaining and informative.

NERLG members were well represented among the winners. Two of the major awards were won by Henry Beracha, three by Herman S. Young, one by Merritt E. Cutting, and two by Robert C. Haring. Andrew Simoni and Stone & Payne were awarded the NALS Certificate of Commendation, and the NALS Award of Merit was given to Stone & Payne for 'Connecticut king.'

For her outstanding educational exhibit, Ginny Howie collected the Mass. Hort. Soc. Gold Medal and the National Council of State Garden Clubs Bronze Medal. The MHS Silver Medal was awarded to Norma Simoni for a stunning exhibit of books and prints on the subject of lilies, and to Stone & Payne for their fine commercial exhibit.

Connie Thayer was given a NALS Special Award (ribbon) for her eye-catching exhibit showing the variations in 'Orchid Queen' seedlings.

A listing of NERLG winners is found on page 6. The complete list of winners will, of course, be printed in the next NALS Quarterly Bulletin.

COMMENTS ON THE SHOW FROM:

Bob Haring. There are several things I liked about the Boston Show. Some of them are particular to this show; others are true for any lily show.

I think the first item has to be lilies. By this, I mean the chance to see lilies from all over the U.S. and Canada, especially varieties that are new to me. Since I have been growing lilies only eight years, there are many varieties that I haven't seen. But even more important than seeing the named varieties, to me, is to have the opportunity to see the seedlings that other people are growing. This gives me a chance to compare what I am doing, and thus to be "tougher" in my discarding!!! This is what the hybridizer must do, even though it is very hard -- discard more than 90% of his seedlings, just saving a few of the best.

The next thing I liked about the show was the opportunity to talk to other people about lilies. In addition to seeing and talking with many people who have been friends for several years, I had the chance to meet and talk with Leslie Woodriff. Having admired so many of his lilies, and having heard so much about him, this was one of the major highlights of the Boston Show.

Next, I must admit that, although the show was a lot of work for many people, I did enjoy helping to put on the show. It was fun to work with my committee, and then to pass on their work to the main Committee.

Finally, I liked the fine cooperation we had from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and especially the fine array of Medals they provided as trophies for the show.

Ginny Howie. It's difficult to report on a Show that you've participated in and taken some responsibility for; it might seem like bragging.

O.K., let's brag! It was a good show! Connie and Andy and their committee worked like beavers. If certain things didn't go just right (the weather, for instance ... Gosh, was it HOT!!), it wasn't because of lack of effort; I'm sure they would have imported an iceberg had it been possible.

But I haven't much space to praise and congratulate, except for the staff of Mass. Hort. -- they were GREAT! The scheme of inviting the Ikebana group brought in more visitors and added interest and variety. Also the birds -- what an inspiration that was! A huge decorative cage with exotic birds to amuse the kiddies, and others, while those really interested prowled about and took notes.

Always one part you wished could be changed -- I wish name tags could be written larger, or maybe we should have a uniformed butler standing at the door to announce distinguished visitors in a loud voice. So many people told me they would have liked to have met folks like Dave Starr, Herman Young, etc., who just seemed to slide in, arrange their lilies, take numerous prizes, and then disappear. Incidentally, Herman Young and his wife, Marcia, from Perkinsville, Vt., are charter members of the NALS and our Group; at least I found Herman listed as a many-prize winner at the first NALS Show in Boston (along with Jim Cass who won several awards too). You can read all about that in the NALS Yearbook for 1949.

Highlights of the Show were numerous. Especially interesting was to meet the visitors from Australia, Mrs. Biddle and Miss Dosseter. I thought the Stone and Payne exhibit, always artistically arranged, looked especially crisp and trim this time! It was Mrs. Biddle's touch; she worked for hours helping Henry set up. It was good to have such fine lilies to show to people who wished to know if lilies really grow well in New England.

Attendance was off some due to the heat, but those who came seemed fascinated, asking heaps of questions and taking reams of notes.

Connie (I can't imagine how she ever got so much done!) had an unfortunate experience with her lilies. The Orchid Queen seedling bulbs that were grown at Oregon Bulb Farms from Ruth Clas'

seed, then distributed to the various regionals for auctioning, arrived too late for our sale, so Connie planted them to save for this year. They bloomed early and were so lovely and varied, Connie decided to cut the stalks (short) and bring them to the Show for all to see. A local florist stored them for her, but for some reason took them out of the cooler two days too soon. When Connie got them they were ... (sigh!). But you know lilies; Connie cut the stems, popped them in water and they still made a very good showing. [They won a NALS Special Award for an exhibit showing variations in 'Orchid Queen' seedlings.--Ed.] I'm eagerly awaiting the auction!

Ruth Clas (golly, was she missed!) had another of her lilies there, and it nearly won the Hornback Award, although it was but one blossom. This was from her unusual cross of 'Alexandra' X speciosum, called 'Easter Bunny.' Ed McRae (OBF) had grown this specimen and it was the final bud on a sturdy stem of fifteen (17?) flowers. The lily is hardy outdoors in Albany, N.Y., but Ruth has lots of trouble with mice, so she insures the safety of desirable clones by sending propagations to friends around the country. 'Easter Bunny' is a beautiful thing, bowl shaped and devastatingly flushed with pink. Hopefully someone can bring a complete stem next year.

Henry Payne. My impressions of the Lily Show at Boston came piecemeal. The only exhibit set up when we arrived was the very wonderful commercial display of the Oregon Bulb Farms. All the other entries came in slowly, including the artistic arrangements which were in the Ikebana style. A number of arrangers begged lily blooms, and lilies were featured heavily in their exhibits.

Mrs. Catherine Biddle, of the Australian Liliun Society, helped us to place Stone & Payne's exhibit. Joe Mattas strolled over, noticed one of our miniature lilies, and promptly gave it a name. [Henry neglects to say what the name was.--Ed.]

Ray Whitcomb and Ed McRae, of OBF, stopped by our display, and then invited me to see some of their

beauties. Naturally, I was especially interested in their Connecticut King hybrids. Ed has some very nice seedlings from this source, notably a vivid orange with a green throat. Among others, OBF showed a vigorous, beautiful red, called 'Burgundy;' a large up-facing white; and an up-facing pink from Ruth Clas' 'Orchid Queen' cross. Of special interest to me was one designated "B-11" by OBF, which I had noticed at Norfolk, Va. The bloom is a yellow of good substance, but actually it was the pubescent leaves, held close to the stem, also pubescent, which was of great interest. I understand it is half Tigrinum flaviflorum, The other half possibly contributing the form of the plant. "B-11" is only one indication of what makes the Asiatic hybrids attractive. I called Leslie Woodriff's attention to this lily; he remarked that we should pay more attention to the beauty of stem as well as to flower.

And so, on the last day of the Show I tried to take one last look at all the blooms, and finally to say good-bye to our dear friends.

Florence Shaw. There were so many lovely lilies at the Boston Show that I came home with a long list of "wants." Among them are 'Peach Star,' 'Primrose Marvel Strain,' and two seedlings I especially liked, Nos. 67-17 and 64-1-1. 'Nightingale' and 'Robin' are two I added last fall.

The Committee deserve much credit for setting up such an attractive show. Few people outside the Group realize the time and effort that goes into a project such as the NALS Lily Show.

Last, but not least, it was a pleasure meeting old friends again.

Mary Windus. My husband [NALS President Wallace Windus--Ed.] and I arrived home this afternoon with many happy memories of the fine NALS Show co-sponsored by the New England Regional Lily Group and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. We realize how much work it is to put on such a show and thank you all.

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And so it is all over until next year. SEE YOU IN DETROIT IN 1972!!

NERLG WINNERS AT NALS SHOW - 1971

SECTION A -- AMATEUR GROWERS ONLY

Class 2. Collection of 12 lilies, one stem each.

1st - Herman S. Young

Class 4. Collection of 6 lilies, three hybrids/three species.

1st - Herman S. Young

SECTION B -- OPEN TO ALL GROWERS

Class 6. Three stems of a new clone, not previously exhibited under name.

2nd - Stone and Payne
(Sdlg. 67-37-7)

Class 7. Three stems of a North American species lily.

1st - Merritt E. Cutting

(L. canadense)

2nd - Herman S. Young

(L. canadense)

3rd - Andrew Simoni

(L. canadense)

Class 8. One stem of an artificially produced polyploid lily.

HM - Andrew Simoni

(L. longiflorum
tetra)

Class 10. One stem hybrid lily of New England origin.

1st - Robert C. Haring
(Sdlg. AR-1)

2nd - Robert C. Haring
(Conn. Yankee)

3rd - Milton S. Mulloy
(Mystic Glory)

HM - Edward J. Kelley
(Intrepid)

Class 12. One stem nodding, reflexed flowers; species or hybrids.

2nd - Merritt E. Cutting
(Harlequin Hybrid)

Class 14. One stem of Asiatic hybrid of New England origin.

1st - Robert C. Haring
(Sdlg. EE-61)

2nd - Robert C. Haring
(Conn. Yankee)

SECTION C -- UNNAMED HYBRID SEEDLINGS,
GROWN FROM SEED BY THE EXHIBITOR

Class 15. Single stems of hybrid seedlings.

A. Orange/yellow upfacing Asiatics

1st - Stone & Payne
(Sdlg. B-43)

2nd - Robert C. Haring
(Sdlg. EE-16)

3rd - Robert C. Haring
(Sdlg. EE-80)

B. Other upfacing Asiatics

1st - Stone & Payne
(Seedling)

C. Outfacing Asiatics

1st - Robert C. Haring
(Sdlg. EC-6)

2nd - Mrs. William Tarr
(Seedling)

3rd - Wallace Windus
(Sdlg. of Batik)

D. Pendant Asiatics

1st - Robert C. Haring
(Sdlg. EE-59)

2nd - Henry Beracha
(Tiger sdlg.)

3rd - Robert C. Haring
(Sdlg. EC-1)

SECTION D -- SINGLE STEM ENTRIES OF
NAMED HYBRID CLONESDIVISION I -- ASIATIC HYBRIDS1a -- Upfacing flowers

Class 17. Yellow.

1st - E. E. Richardson
(Mystic Pyramid)

2nd - Milton S. Mulloy
(Conn. King)

3rd - Milton S. Mulloy
(Mystic Glory)

HM - Stone & Payne
(Lady Fair)

Class 18. Orange/Orange-red.

A. Enchantment

1st - Janis Langston

2nd - E. E. Richardson

3rd - Walter Langston

B. Other

1st - Stone & Payne
(Conn. Bronze)

Class 19. Red.

- 2nd - Virginia Howie
(Challenger)
3rd - E. E. Richardson
(Byams Ruby)

Class 20. Others.A. Rosabelle

- 1st - Virginia Howie
2nd - Milton S. Mulloy
HM - Jessie Cutting

1b -- Outfacing flowersClass 21. Yellow.

- 1st - Milton S. Mulloy
(Conn. Maid)
2nd - Stone & Payne
(Aureola)
3rd - Stone & Payne
(Conn. Maid)
HM - Henry Beracha
(Apricot Delight)

Class 22. Orange/Orange-red.

- 3rd - E. F. Stokes
(Edna Kean)

Class 23. Red.

- 3rd - Jessie Cutting
(Maroonshine)

Class 261c -- Pendant flowersClass 26. Yellow.A. Nutmegger

- 1st - Wallace Windus
2nd - Henry Beracha
3rd - Barbarajoan Barbera

Class 27. Orange/Orange-red.A. Talisman

- 1st - Virginia Howie
2nd - Barbarajoan Barbera
3rd - Robert C. Haring

B. Connecticut Yankee

- 1st - Janis Langston
2nd - Stone & Payne
3rd - Robert C. Haring

C. Other

- 2nd - Stone & Payne
(Persimmon)

Class 28. Red.

- HM - Andrew Simoni
(Black Butterfly)

Class 29. Other.

- HM - Robert C. Haring
(Ginger)

DIVISION II -- MARTAGON HYBRIDSClass 31. Light.

- 2nd - Merritt E. Cutting
(Slate's Martagon)

SECTION E -- SINGLE-STEM ENTRIES OF
NAMED STRAINS, HYBRID GROUPS, AND
UNNAMED SEEDLINGS NOT GROWN FROM
SEED BY THE EXHIBITOR

Class 48. Asiatic Hybrids, unfacing.A. Milk and Honey

- 2nd - Henry Beracha
HM - Stone & Payne

B. Other.

- 2nd - Edward J. Kelley
(Seedling)
HM - Henry Beracha
(S&P Sdlg.)
HM - Milton S. Mulloy
(S&P Sdlg.)

Class 49. Asiatic Hybrids, outfacing.

- 2nd - Ronald Thayer
(Orchid Queen sdlg.)

Class 50. Asiatic Hybrids, pendant.

- 1st - Ronald Thayer
(Orchid Queen sdlg.)
2nd - Ronald Thayer
(Orchid Queen sdlg.)

Class 53. American Hybrids, Bellingham

- 1st - Edward J. Kelley
2nd - Milton S. Mulloy
3rd - Janis Langston

Class 54. Trumpet Hybrids, Chinese.

- 1st - Henry Beracha
(Pink Perfection)
HM - Barbarajoan Barbera
(Pink Perfection)

SECTION F -- SINGLE ENTRIES, SPECIESClass 62A. L. canadense

- 1st - Merritt E. Cutting
2nd - Andrew Simoni
3rd - E. E. Richardson
HM - Andrew Simoni

Class 62B. L. callosum flaviflorum.

- 1st - Andrew Simoni

SECTION G -- THREE STEMS OF ANY NAMED
HYBRID CLONE, NAMED STRAIN OR SPECIES

Class 63. 1st - Robert C. Haring
(Conn. Yankee)
2nd - Virginia Howie
(Rosabelle)
HM - Robert C. Haring
(Bellingham Hybd.)

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WORCESTER, MASS., LILY SHOW

The Lily and Delphinium Show, sponsored by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, held at Horticultural Hall on July 15, was a most excellent exhibit. In addition to lilies and delphiniums, there were lovely displays of other garden flowers, fruits and vegetables, table decorations and arrangements, and as usual it was fun to work with the nice folks of Worcester Hort., who always make you feel welcome.

The three top awards were:

ELIZABETH R. BISHOP AWARD (for best unnamed seedling spike grown from seed by the exhibitor -- Bronze Medal) -- won by Robert C. Haring.

WORCESTER COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOC. AWARD (best spike of a named clone) -- won by Merritt E. Cutting.

ARMAND A. BENOIT AWARD (best non-commercial display -- Silver Bowl) -- won by Emerson N. Robarge.

Other blue ribbon winners in various classes included Virginia Howie, Janis Langston, Mrs. P. H. Flaherty, Stone & Payne (best commercial display), Milton Mulloy, and others; if you were a winner, and your name does not appear here, blame your editor, who was witless enough not to get the complete record of winners while at the Show.

An interesting sidelight reflecting the general toughness of the genus *Lilium*: lilies air shipped from Oregon for OBF's display at the NALS Show, were kept in his cooler by Andy Simoni, and brought to this Show still in good condition, where they again made an impressive display.

EDWARD A. BIGELOW FUND

Benny Benoit sends a copy of the Worcester County Horticultural Soc. Newsletter (Sept.-Oct. 1971), containing an item about the establishment of this prize fund by members of his family, in honor of a long-time member of WCHS. The income from this fund will be used for prizes for lilies.

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SEED EXCHANGE

It is not too soon to think about sending your excess lily seeds, carefully cleaned and accurately labeled, to the NALS Seed Exchange. The chairman of the exchange is Mr. Kurt Kopitz and he will be happy to receive your seed at 8 Crossman Ave., Middleboro, Mass., 02346

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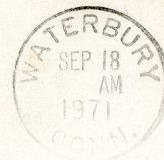
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