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DECEMBER 20, 2018

[Please send photos + articles]

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Matthew's Purple at ECR
Botanic Gardens

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Final Message from Nicole Jordan

Dear Lilac Friends,

Ce n'est qu'un Au Revoir! You are I'm sure aware that we now have a new president. Dr. Robert Zavodny is taking over the leadership of ILS. He was elected by the ILS Board in Riverside, CA. The Board did me the honor of awarding me the title of President Emeritus.



I certainly appreciate the compliment. As I step down, I am reflecting on the past twelve years. Being asked to be ILS president and accepting to serve the society was the easy part. Little did I know, that my mandate would last 12 years. I must admit that I knew very little about the ILS. But I soon found out that there was work to be done. The web page was in its infancy; the first order of business was to find a capable web master. Imagine we had no email available, something we take for granted today.

To communicate with the board, I set up phone conferences. I also set up the International Lilac Robin so members could share information about lilacs. It was the modus operandi. Still functioning today, the Robin is fulfilling its role as a member only site. Once these two were established, the society members were empowered and communications facilitated. A big step when news was mostly related by snail mail and our journal.

Over the years we saw the Journals being posted on our web page. Thank you to the late Joan Speirs, a dedicated ILS Canadian

member, who diligently worked to make it happen. We did other things of importance as well. In 2012, we had our first convention on the European continent. Going to Nancy, France to see the Lemoine's lilacs in the Jardins Botaniques du Grand Nancy was the first time we had a convention outside the North American continent. I would like to see ILS conventions held in other countries around the world: China, Japan, England, France, Germany, Poland etc. Our visit to Russia in May for the Syringa Symposium was extraordinary. I wish more of us from the USA and Canada could have attended to experience the lilac world in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Our Russian members welcomed us with open arms to their beautiful country and showed us an unprecedented dedication and enthusiasm for lilacs. At the University of Moscow, outstanding lectures were given by many speakers doing lilac research on all aspects of breeding, culture etc., and also by those managing lilacs collections around the world. Thank you to The University of Moscow and Dr. Vladimir Choob for welcoming us. Representatives from 14 countries were present and we heard from all of them about their lilac projects.

Throughout my twelve years as president, I saw the board being reduced to twelve members, making it a more manageable number in view of the difficulty to find candidates. I have also seen a drop in ILS memberships, a trend with many societies. Of course that is not an excuse and we need to aggressively work on building our membership back up. How to attract new

members is probably our biggest challenge. The publication of the ILS coloring books will hopefully engage children and their parents, with the latter joining our society.

As time passes, new challenges will present themselves. Our new president will have new ideas to resolve them. He is bringing a new energy and enthusiasm to the presidency. We joyfully transferred 'power' in Moscow. Give Robert Zavodny all your support!

Before I close, I want to say thank you to Bradley Bittorf, ILS

Executive Vice President, for his unfailing support. He is one of the most knowledgeable members of our society. He knows all aspect of the regulations, By-Laws, guidelines etc... thank you Brad. I also like to thank Karen McCauley, ILS Treasurer. She has been managing our finances with a firm hand, keeping us in the black over these last twelve years. Thank you to Kent Millham, our long time editor, who is now retired. I also want to say thank you to all of you the members of the ILS for supporting me during this journey. You have been Great!

In closing, I would like to see our society grow in importance in the world of horticulture, lilacs identified by their DNA, something that is being done but needs to be expanded, lilacs planted in more public places, parks and in private gardens, children being involved with lilacs, private lilac collections protected from being eradicated without warning. And finally, I would like to see a Lilac Hall of Fame established to recognize the many contributors to the advancement, development, maintenance, and creation of collections, etc. These individuals from all over the world deserve to be acknowledged as they are part of the history of lilacs.

There is a lot more to accomplish. As for me, I will stay involve with ILS. First, of course, because of the beautiful fragrant Syringa that I love, but also because of the many friends I have made around the world because of them...

Ce n'est qu'un Au Revoir! I'll see you on the Lilac Trail.

Mes amities and again thank you.

Nicole Jordan

ILS President Emeritus

Message from the New ILS President

Dear Lilac Enthusiasts of the ILS,

Hi. I would like to introduce myself to everyone. I am Dr Robert A. Zavodny. I am a Dentist in Akron, Ohio, USA. I was born in Independence, Ohio; a suburb of Cleveland. I lived my first two decades of my life there. That house had three lilacs: two were the common purple and the other was a Syringa Persica. The Persian lilac was moved

to the new house as several starts. When my family moved in the fall of 1985, they purchased an old Historic House and Garden in Kent, Ohio. I got to tour the property several times before the purchased it.

This Wolcott Lilac Garden had succumbed to thirty years of neglect. Most of the garden was lost. Since it was a "home" garden, there weren't any plot maps of what or where plants were placed. Of the original 100 lilacs, only 70 were still alive. Now only thirty-one those are still alive. That winter was a mild one, I remember coming home for winter break. I set out to clear some of the over-growth. I found an old machete and chopped of maple trees 1 -3 inches in diameter. I could recognize the lilacs by their trunks.

That spring, when my parents came to bring me home from college, my Mom had cut a lilac from every bush that was blooming. I had never seen so many colors and doubles. This sparked my interest in lilacs and the restoration of the Wolcott Lilacs Gardens. The



original lilacs arrived in 1920, as a gift from Daisy Wolcott's uncle, Col. Plum of Lombard, IL. This were mainly the Lemoine hybrids. I have since created a collection of more than 230 varieties in a 1.67-acre Garden in the center of Kent, Ohio. Most of my new ones haven't bloomed as of yet. I get excited to see one of the new lilacs blooming for the first time. I am still a novice in the cultivation of the genius syringa; so, if I mess-up a name or something regarding lilacs, please be patient with me. I will learn more with time and experience.

I am enjoy going to the ILS Conventions, where I have learned about propagation, seed gathering and disease control. I love collecting the rare and unusual varieties. The ILS auction has been a great way to add to my collection. I encourage everyone to join us at a future Convention. This year was my fourth Convention. It was held in Riverside, California. Our local Hosts, Dr Giles Waines and Mr. Gary Parton, provided us with an informative and well-organized event. Thanks again Karen McCauley for also organizing our Convention. Huntington Library in San Marino, CA was a spectacular garden with a wonderful collection of art (The Blue Boy is there). The next day, we went to Idyllwild, CA, where Alpenglw Lilac Gardens is located. Reva Ballreich was its inspiration. There were many amazing lilacs located in the garden, several surviving and flourishing in the shade of large pine trees. An outstanding lunch was served in the garden, followed by the lilac and plant auction.

During the general lectures, the speakers/presenters had discussions from lilac diseases to lilac hybrids for warmer climates. The Awards Banquet key-note speaker was Dr Darleen DeMason – "Victoria Avenue – Riverside's Historic Six-Mile Long Street Park". It's too bad our country no longer plans new Garden Streetscaping.

In late May, I had the privilege of going to Russia to attend the International Syringa 2018 Symposium, a scientific study of the genius syringa. Its was an amazing week of lectures and sessions, presented by people from around the world. At this symposium, I

was fortunate to meet many of the up and coming people who are influential in lilac cultivation. Eighteen counties were represented in attendance at this meeting. The symposium was set to honor the 125th birthday of L.A. Kolesnikov. He was an outstanding Russian Hybridizer of lilacs. One of his goals was to hybridize a five-petaled lilac, considered to be a lucky lilac. Folk lore was that if you find a five-petaled lilac and eat the flower, it would bring you luck. Rumors were that he was successful in doing so, but it was lost.

The conference sessions had six main topics: 1) Lilac- history and people, 2) Lilac species and cultivars in collections and gardening, 3) Modern directions of selection and hybridization of lilac, 4) Peculiarities of lilac propagation, 5) Cultivation and ways of protection against diseases and pests, and 6) Lilac in education, enlightening and art. I met many new friends and look forward to future international conferences.

With my Presidency, I hope to re-invigorate our Society. I plan on establishing a Lilac Hall of Fame, where we can place one or two lilacs of notoriety per year. This can coincide with the release of this information to gardening magazines, growers and nurseries. This will need to be done several years in advance, so enough plants of blooming size can meet the demand of the lilac(s). in conjunction with this, I want an ILS label on the plants with planting and care instructions and our website information. I would like this labeling on all lilacs being sold; this will get the word out about our society. So, I would appreciate growers and sellers of lilacs to get in contact with me or board members regarding this matter. My email is: lilacgardenskent@gmail.com. I would also call on other members willing to help me with this matter or having knowledge or sources of label manufacturers. The future is now.

Best Regards,

Dr. Robert Zavodny
ILS President

Convention Corner Calendar

Up Next: 2019 Annual Convention

Save the Date: May 2 – 4, 2019 Des Moines, Iowa
[Details will be in the Fall Journal]

The 2018 Annual Convention in Riverside, CA

We would like to thank Giles Waines and Gary Parton for hosting the 2018 Annual Convention. With almost perfect Southern California weather and accommodations in one of the most historic hotels in the country, we drove to the coast and enjoyed the fabulous Huntington Gardens and then up the hills to visit Idyllwild Lilac Gardens. Although attendance was low and lilacs were not in full bloom, we managed to make \$3335 at our auctions. Again, kudos to Giles, Gary & Knight hollow Nursery for all of the auction plant donations, and of course our very generous bidders. *The International Lilac Conference is dedicated to the 125th Birthday Anniversary of Leonid Kolesnikov – outstanding Russian lilac breeder.*

The 2018 International Syringa in St. Petersburg, RU

CONGRATULATIONS and thank you to the Russian Organizing Committee for developing and executing an extremely successful conference in May. The weeklong event, held in Moscow and St. Petersburg, had 130 attendees from over a dozen countries. Forty one of the attendees are also ILS members. Please visit the ILS website for links to program details and photos.

Thank you to all of the ILS volunteers that donate their time, and money, to make these events happen. If you would like to host an upcoming convention please contact me. Thanks for your cooperation.

Karen McCauley

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The 2018 Annual Convention in Riverside, CA
Photo by Frazier Drake



The 2018 International Syringa in St. Petersburg, RU
Photo by Tatiana Polyakova

International Lilac Society Convention 2018

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

by Myrna Wahlburg

The International Lilac Society has enjoyed its 48th consecutive annual Convention since its founding in 1970. As in years past it was a pleasurable experience to meet again with fellow-member lilac lovers who understand our love for lilacs as no one else can. The founding members would surely be pleased and proud to know the society is healthy, going strong, continuing the traditions that they started and promoting lilacs as intended. Lilacs are continuing to be developed and some with less need for cold dormancy so they can extend former zone limits and perform well in warmer climates.

Will we ever have a convention earlier than April? Will we ever have lilacs that perform well in Florida and bloom in February or March? As lilacs increase their range we can enjoy them more than once in a year if we are willing to travel to other zones.

California in April fulfilled this northerner's longing for spring. What a striking contrast to our hard, cold, on-going winter. It was a treat to wear spring clothes, see palm trees, greenery and bougainvillea in bloom, shrubs waking up and annuals being planted. Lilacs were also starting to bloom. What an encouraging sight to see coming from an extraordinary long winter.

How informative it is to have lilac conventions in the different zones to understand the experiences of our fellow members. May we continue to push the limits where lilacs can grow.

On day one, Thursday, we stayed at the magnificent historic Mission Inn and Spa all day where we had lectures on lilac related topics. The Inn, considered a living museum, was a mini vacation in itself if you spent time viewing all its priceless treasures and artifacts decorating every possible nook and cranny. We arrived



Mission Inn Hotel
Photo by Tom Gober



Artist at Huntington Gardens
Photo by Tom Gober



Huntington Gardens
Photo by Tom Gober



Huntington Gardens
Photo by Tom Gober

early at the meeting room to be greeted by Woody Barnes' bright welcoming bouquet of lilacs. The first sight of fresh colorful lilacs instantly thawed this member's frozen northern eyeballs. THANK YOU WOODY! You know how to set a happy tone for an event!

We had our usual Board Meeting in the morning while registration continued until lunch. In the Afternoon we had three interesting speakers. The first was William McNamara, Executive Director of Quarryhill Botanic Garden (quarryhillbg.org) in Glen Ellen CA on "Plant Hunting on the Edge of the World". It was a lively talk with slides of the findings accompanied simultaneously with slides of local residents adding authenticity and interest to the remote areas that they had searched.

Dr. Matt Daugherty, Cooperative Extension Entomologist, U of California, Riverside CA presented "Pierce's Disease Bacterium (*Xylella fastidiosa*) a Major Insect-Vectored Disease of Lilacs and Olives in Sunbelt and Southern States". Let us hope the bacteria will find the north where lilacs grow too cold.

Our third speaker, John Schoustra, Lilac Breeder ('Snowy Beach Party'), and Founder of Greenwood Nursery (greenwoodgarden.com) in Southern CA presented "Dormancy Denial: Breeding Lilacs and Other Genera for a warmer world". With global warming we may all be looking for more dormancy denial in plants.

After the speakers we had our general meeting, supper on our own and the rest of the evening in the hospitality room with much lively interaction among members, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Early Friday morning we boarded a bus for San Marino home of the Huntington Botanic Garden, Library and Art Collection. There was far too much to see and experience in one short visit. We had a guided tour of the Chinese Garden and Rose garden, then we toured on our own as much as was possible in a short time. It is worth a visit to the web-site Huntington Botanic

Garden (huntingtonbotanicgarden.org) to get an idea of its history and vastness. On the way back to our hotel we stopped at the University of California Riverside (<https://gardens.ucr.edu>) to see the lilacs that Giles Waines (our gracious host and organizer of the convention) is involved with. It was interesting to see how they were trying to balance enough sun for lilacs to bloom with enough shade to protect them from the heat of summer. In the evening we had the Presidents Dinner in a Spanish inspired 'Café Sevilla' a pleasant three block walk in spring like temperatures from our hotel. After the walk back many again retired to the hospitality room to continue the camaraderie of lilac aficionados.

Early Saturday morning (after the board meeting where we elected a new President) we again boarded the bus to go to the Village of Idyllwild, San Jacinto Mountains 5,500 feet elevation, our destination Gary Parton's beautiful Alpenglowl Lilac Garden. (<http://www.alpenglowlilacgardens.com/>) It was an interesting drive in the dry countryside viewing tall yuccas in bloom in their native landscape. Yuccas do well in northern winter climates and are a popular plant in our gardens. We had a brief tour through the village of Idyllwild and a short bus ride to our destination. Gary explained Reva Ballrich's influence on him and his garden (Reva Ballrich was a former president of ILS). His garden is nestled under very tall trees and the lilacs are grouped by breeder. In one area he has a large circle of lilacs consisting of three lilacs repeating all the way around the circle. Unfortunately they were not in bloom (but close) however one could imagine having refreshments, in that secluded area bathed in lilac fragrance, surrounded by an abundance of blooming lilacs.

In the front garden under the shade of the big trees, Dr. Ben Rangel gave a talk on two new techniques for lilac propagation. Then we had a delicious Californian buffet lunch in the shade of the trees in the back garden.

After lunch, we had the usual entertaining cut-throat lilac auction with Bruce Peart as auctioneer doing a fine job. Many of the lilacs (all donated by Gary) were in high demand which always leads to



Igor and Natalia Savenko
Photo by Tom Gober



Dr. J Giles Waines
Photo by Tom Gober



Karen McCauley, Bruce Peart,
& Margaret Walton
Photo by M. Debard

serious bidding and greatly helps fill our coffers for another year. We spent a very pleasant day in Gary's garden.

At the Awards Dinner in the evening in our hotel, Dr. Darleen DeMason gave a talk: "Victoria Avenue - Riverside's Historic Six-Mile Long Street Park". Unfortunately our busy itinerary in travels did not take us through it. The new president was announced, Robert Zavodny, and was encouraged to give a speech as Nicole Jordan had graciously relinquished responsibilities to him. The announcement was made for next year's Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Hope to see you in Des Moines!

A big Thank You to the organizers and hosts, especially Giles Waines and Gary Parton for creating for us a very enjoyable and inspiring Convention!

Myrna Wahlburg
Canada Regional Vice President



Dr. Ben Rangel
Photo by Tom Gober



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Photo by Tom Gober



Irene Stark & Bill Horman
Photo by Tom Gober



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International Lilac Society Awards

April 19-21, 2018 AT RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

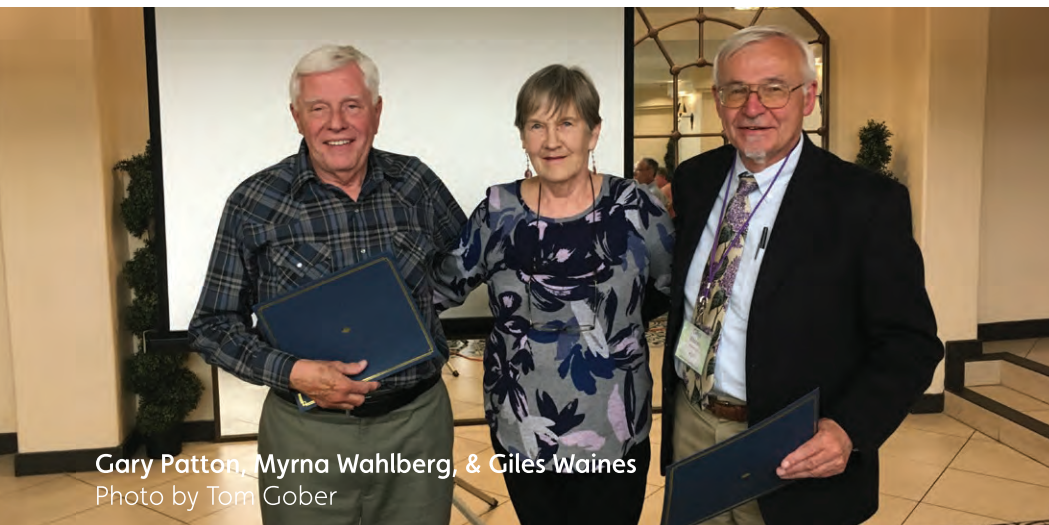
AWARD OF MERIT

> **Dr. J. Giles Waines - Department of Botany and Plant Sciences; U of CA Riverside, CA**

For planning and hosting the 2018 ILS convention. For serving as chair of the ILS Education and Research Committee. For generous donations of lilacs for the lilac auction, and for his longtime contribution to ILS serving as RVP for the Pacific region and as member of the board.

> **Gary Parton - Alpenglow Botanic Gardens**

For planning and hosting the 2018 ILS Convention. For organizing annual Lilac Festivals at Alpenglow Gardens. For promoting lilacs and encouraging their planting on a grand scale, for his generous donation of lilac cultivars to the ILS auction and for serving on the ILS Board.



Gary Patton, Myrna Wahlberg, & Giles Waines
Photo by Tom Gober

> **Ekaterina Romanova**

For promotion of lilacs by developing , organizing and conducting outstanding excursion programs on the basis of the Botanical Gardens of the Biological Faculty of Lomonosov

Moscow State University lilac collection.

For dedicated work to unite plant breeders, collectors and lilac lovers from all over the world at the International Conference “Syringa 2018” (Moscow-Saint Petersburg, May21 – 28, 2018)

> **Maxim Leshchinsky**

For outstanding work on the popularization of lilacs in Saint -Petersburg.

For the love and devotion to lilacs.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

> **The State Museum-Reserve “Pavlovsk”**

For holding annual festivals “Lilac Promenade”, for popularization of lilacs and for organization and holding the International Conference “Syringa 2018” in Saint-Petersburg.

Botanical Garden of Peter the Great of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences

For spreading innovative ideas and activities in promoting, popularizing and horticulture of the genus Syringa.

For organizing and holding an International Conference “Syringa 2018 in Saint-Petersburg.

HONOR & ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

> **Tatiana Polyakova**

In recognition of truly outstanding promotion of lilacs through writing and photography. For maintaining an active blog “All About Lilacs” and creating books on lilacs. For recruiting new members as RVP for Russia and Asia.

For participating in the creation of new lilac varieties, planting lilacs and replenishing older collections. For participating in lilac events, giving presentations on lilacs and for involvement in the preparation of the International Conference dedicated to the 125th anniversary of L.A. Kolesnikov.

International Lilac Society 2018 Annual Meeting

Transcript from April 18, 2018 in Riverside, California

- > Nicole Jordan, President, welcomes the group.
- > Present: 22 members. Not a quorum. Note that meeting can take place and all reports will count. No official actions can take place without a quorum. Meeting minutes will be in journal and on ILS website.
- > Nicole thanks both Gary and Giles for planning the convention.
- > Results of election for Board of Directors is announced. Mark DeBard, Jack Alexander, Tim McCauley and Giles Waines will serve on the BOD until 2021.
- > Karen reviewed the Treasurer's report. \$6000 research grant on powdery mildew was paid. Coloring book was completed and all attending members were given a copy. Info will be in journal on how to obtain additional copies. We hope that this will bring in additional members.
- > Megan Mathey, Susan Kean, Christine and Colin McArdle, Aimee Thompson, Sue Wilson were welcomed as new members. Also attending from Russia were Natalia and Igor Savenko.
- > It was announced that next year's convention will be in Des Moines, IA on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- > Tom Gober, Editor, is asking for more photos and articles from our members.
- > John Kirk, Secretary, welcomed our new members. Tatiana has added 15 new members in her region. We now have members in 20 different countries.
- > Nicole reminded everyone that May is international lilac month.
- > Meeting adjourned.

International Lilac Society 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

Transcript from April 19, 2018 in Riverside, California

Present: Nicole Jordan (President), Karen McCauley (Treasurer), John Kirk (Secretary), Tom Gober (Editor), Dr. Giles Waines*, Woody Barnes*, Myrna Wahlberg*, Tim McCauley*, Bruce Peart*, Dr. Robert Zavodny*, Dr. Mark DeBard (member).
[*Member of Board]

- > Nicole Jordan, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM Pacific Standard Time. Robert Zavodny confirmed that a quorum was present.
- > Nicole asked if everyone has read and agrees with 2017 minutes.
- > Robert Zavodny made a motion to accept minutes. Motion passed.

President's Report – Nicole Jordan:

- > ILS remains on a straight course - Upgrading the Certificate of Incorporation is still pending, Tom Gober is improving the journal and modernizing the look, Facebook page has 202 members.
- > Membership remains a concern. US is up by 5 members. Tatiana has done a great job and recruited 9 new members from 2017. We need to come up with innovative ways to grow our membership.
- > We lost long time member Ted Collins (Doc lilac) this year and recently learned that Dr. David Highshue (former board member) passed away in 2015.
- > Tom Gober is working on a new logo and will hopefully ask board members to vote on a new one this summer.
- > A Lilac Hall of Fame is being discussed to honor people who have done significant work in the world of lilacs.
- > Tom Gober developed rules for the facebook page.
- > Several people are looking forward to going to Russia to attend their symposium.

> A fall or winter Lilac Symposium was discussed. Karen – Members did not want a fall convention. Robert – Members cannot attend the spring convention because it is their busy season. John – Will talk to Jack to see if plans can be made to advertise in Summer Journal. Woody – Spreading it too thin.

Executive VP Report – Brad Bittorf:

> Unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

> Updating our non-profit is still unresolved with the State of New York. Has not had time to work on it but we do need an agent that resides in New York. If there are any active members that reside in NY, who would volunteer please inform us. The role would be to pass along any communication to the board or a designated member of the Executive Board.

> Dr. Li has been paid for his research proposal grant. We will await the results of Dr. Li's study.

> The lilac 'Laura L Barnes' has been located in Ohio. Dave Gressley and the owner are working together to develop a cutting or propagated plant that can be shared with the Barnes Arboretum via Ann Dixon. The lilac current does not exist in the Barnes Collection.

> 'Mrs J. Herbert Alexander' was located at the Denver Botanical Gardens two years ago. It is a rare lilac and desired in several places including Harvard. Brad will follow up on this with the principal destination being the Arnold Arboretum.

> Electronic voting has become more routine.

> It's has been a weird year for lilacs in Arizona at Brad's home.

> Brad plans to attend the lilac festival in Taos, NM to see if it could possibly be a future convention site.

Treasurer Report – Karen McCauley

> The ILS income increased a little over 2017. A full balance sheet is available and will be printed in the Summer Journal.

> Woody Barnes made motion to accept Treasurer Report. Robert Zavodny seconds motion. Motion Passed.

> \$6,000 research payment was made.

Treasurer's Report 2018

Treasurer's Report 2018	
Fiscal Year 4/1/17 - 3/31/18	
KeyBank Checking Account Balance 4/1/18	\$ 19,469.87
Edward Jones Company Investments:	
Miami-Dade Cnty Aviation 4.25%	5,000.00
Tennessee Valley Auth Gbr Pwr 4.65%	20,000.00
South Broward HDFB Municipal Bond 6.978%	5,000.00
Franklin Adj US Govt Secs .04%	27,054.37
TOTAL	\$76,524.24
Special Accounts (Included in the above total)	
Life Member/Endowment Fund	\$ 40,944.57
Plant Propagation Fund (Laurene Wshart)	2,093.87
Education & Research	0
Youth Program Fund	0
Total Funds in Special Accounts	\$43,038.44
Total Funds in General Accounts	\$33,485.80
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$76,524.24
Income	
Membership Dues	\$ 5,928.56
Life Members Endowment	\$ 500.00
Interest Income	1,520.31
Auction Income	3,378.00
Misc Income (Royalties, Lilac Bklt sales, Advertising)	192.16
Convention Income (2017/18 Registration fees)	14,036.09
Total Income	\$25,555.12
Expenses	
Journal	\$ 6,976.06
Postage	2,497.00
Bank Fees	431.44
Web site expenses	0.00
Insurance	417.50
Misc (\$6000 Research, \$600 Coloring Bk)	6,761.10
2017 Convention Payments	7,022.33
Total Expenses	\$24,105.43
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,449.69
Submitted 4/15/18 by Karen McCauley, ILS Treasurer	

- > Tom has increased the size of the journal. He will work with Karen to determine optimum size so that it is easier to budget. Size of journal also affects postage especially overseas.
- > Membership Secretary Duties previously assigned to Assistant Treasurer, have been relinquished by John Kirk and assigned to Karen against her wishes. New to resolve handling of money from membership dues.
- > Karen handed everyone a new coloring book. They will arrive soon for distribution. To cover some of the costs if a member wants 10 or less then they are \$1 each. More than 10, they are \$.50 each.
- > Myrna motions to accept these prices. Woody Seconds. Motion Passed.
- > Karen updated Retail and Wholesale lilac sources on the webpage.

Editor Report – Tom Gober

- > Tom continues to learn with the publication of each journal. We went to a new printer for significant savings. Tom will work to standardize the size of the journal to be able to better budget for the journal.
- > On a personal note, Tom had shoulder surgery this winter. The recovery and his ability to get work done during that time proved to be more difficult than he expected so the journals this year have been delay.
- > ILS Brochure – Tom wants to revise this year but would like a new logo approved beforehand.
- > ILS Logo/Branding – Tom would like to update the logo. The logo is a little outdated and he would like to refresh. Samples will be sent to the board members for voting.
- > Facebook – As a moderator, Tom suggested that rules be put in place so that all members of the group are treated equally and fairly. In addition, it allows for members to understand the intent of the page (which is to promote the ILS and not for personal or business gain). Rules were reviewed with board.
- > Tom motioned to accept the rules as written. Tim seconds. Motion Passed.

Membership Secretary Report – John Kirk

- > Currently 276 members in over 20 countries.
- > We need RVP to determine if Life Members are still alive. They should engage members in their region.
- > Need more clarification on Life Membership.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee – Myrna Wahlberg

- > Myrna announced the awards for 2018 that will be given out in Riverside, and also in Russia.

Lilac Preservation Committee – Tim McCauley

- > Over several years Tim has worked to create a database of lilac cultivars in the United States. He has lists from over fifty of the largest and most important public and private gardens. Tim feels that he has taken this project as far as he can so he officially resigns as chairman. Tim wants someone to take over that can take this project to the next level and will offer support as he is able.
- > Tim emphasized that in some cases, lists from private collections are not to be shared and the owners divulged their lists with the understanding that it was for committee use only.
- > Discussion continued about how to take to the next level. Many of the lilacs are in Highland Park.
- > Bruce wants to get a collection of Frank Moro's together and is in discussion with Sara. More discussion took place on how do we preserve the work of a hybridizer?

Research Committee – Dr. Giles Waines

- > Dr. Jianhua Li's research project on Powdery Mildew was funded (approved by the board in 2017). The check was sent in early 2018.

Publicity – David Gressely

- > Publicity comes from varied sources to spread the word on lilacs:
- > Tatiana Polyakova shares the new introductions from Russia. She is one of our best promoters about lilacs as she shares her love of lilacs through beautiful photos through the internet.

- > Coloring Book developed by Kelly Applegate
- > Mark DeBard has given a fresh voice to lilacs in the Midwest with his enthusiasm for lilacs.
- > ILS Facebook Page currently has 202 members

Archives – Jack Alexander

- > More than 28 boxes are stored at the Arnold Arboretum. The ILS has to be careful not to duplicate what we already have. There is a list that is not up to date but it does list most of what we have in archives.
- > Jack listed several questions to the board about what should be in the archives.

Long Range Committee – Robert Zavodny

- > Robert re-asked some questions that Frank Moro sent out to board members in 2008 as well as some new questions. The board agreed that it is a good report and possibly share it with members through a journal article.

Regional Reports

Russia/Asia – Tatiana Polyakova

- > Tatiana's report shows us the amazing work that she is doing in Russia and beyond.

South/South Central/Northwest – Nicole Jordan

- > Nicole gave a report on what she has done to promote lilacs mostly near her home in Virginia. We do have a few members in states where lilacs will not grow but those are typically members who have retired in the south.

- > We also discussed what lilacs are available at local nurseries.

International Cultivar Registration – Freek Vrugtman

- > Freek's report includes notification that the Royal Botanical Gardens will discontinue its function as ICRA sometime in the foreseeable future. The search for a new ICRA has been launched.

New Business

Expanded Lilac DVD Project – Mark DeBard & Charles Holetich

- > Charles and Mark are working on a new vision for Mark's project which is to create an online database for lilacs.
- > Board agreed that data base is a great idea. New committee to do this project will be chaired by Mark DeBard.
- > Bruce makes motion for forming Data Base Committee. Tim seconds the motion. Motion Passed

Jane Barnes Watercolor – Nicole Jordan

- > Nicole shared the painted that Jane did for Nicole. Nicole suggested that we have cards made from the painting as possible fundraiser.
- > Motion to adjourn meeting made by Robert Zavodny. Woody seconds the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

ILS Photo Database

At the suggestion of Charles Holetich, the ILS has formed a Photo Database Committee chaired by Mark DeBard. The purpose is to gather pictures of every lilac species and cultivar in a central database to share with members on our website and through other media. Currently, we have over 5100 photos of 966 lilac cultivars and species. There are about 2600 known cultivars, though many are extinct. The current plan is for the database to go live on the ILS member website by May 2019.

If you would like to contribute your photos to the ILS Photo Database, please contact Mark DeBard at MLDeBard@gmail.com to arrange for your donation. Thank you!

—
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International Lilac Society 2018 Board of Directors Meeting (Newly Elected Board)

TRANSCRIPT FROM APRIL 21, 2018 IN RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Present: Nicole Jordan (President), Karen McCauley (Treasurer), John Kirk (Secretary), Tom Gober (Editor), Dr. Giles Waines*, Woody Barnes*, Myrna Wahlberg*, Tim McCauley*, Bruce Peart*, Dr. Robert Zavodny*, Dr. Mark DeBard*.
[* Member of Board]

- > Nicole Jordan, President, called the meeting to order. Tom Gober, Editor, confirmed that a quorum was present.
- > The Board approved the results of the Board of Directors election, that elected the following members for the 2018-2021 term:
 - Dr. Mark DeBard
 - Dr. Giles Waines
 - Jack Alexander
 - Tim McCauley
- > Motioned made by Bruce Peart, seconded by Myrna Wahlberg. Motion Passed.
- > Elections. The following officers were elected:
 - President: Robert Zavodny
 - Executive Vice President: Brad Bittorf (Term ends in 2020)
 - Secretary: John Kirk
 - Treasurer: Karen McCauley
 - Editor: Tom Gober
- > Regional Vice Presidents:
 - New England: Jack Alexander
 - Atlantic: Kent Milham
 - South: Nicole Jordan
 - Central: Connie Simmonet
 - Plains: Max Peterson
 - North West: Nicole Jordan

- Pacific: Nicole Jordan
- SW Mountains: Brad Bittorf
- South Central: Nicole Jordan
- Canada: Myrna Wahlberg
- Europe: Elke Haase
- Asia & Europe: Tatiana Polykova

- > Woody Barnes made a motion to award Nicole Jordan the title of President Emeritus based on her being the longest serving ILS President. Giles seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- > Preservation Committee – Tim has resigned his role as Chairperson as he feels he has taken it as far as he is able. Robert and Nicole will work to find someone to replace Tim.

New Business

- > Mark DeBard has personally translated Frank Moro's book into English. The original publisher is only interested in selling the rights to an English version to a publisher or an organization. Mark made the motion to investigate the cost of publishing the book in English through the ILS. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- > Bruce Peart discussed that he has been in contact with one of Slater's grandchildren regarding Aigencourt Beauty. They are in possession of one of the original plants and are interested in propagating it. It is a dark purple with a very large bloom and one of the best in Bruce's opinion. Tissue culture is approximately \$1000 to start the process, \$1/liner with a 200 minimum. Bruce made a motion to investigate this further. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- > Nicole motions to adjourn the meeting. Robert seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Auction Results

Sc Duplex	\$15	Sv Pauline Fiala	\$60
Sc Duplex	\$30	Sv Pauline Fiala	\$60
Sh California Rose	\$15	Sv President Lincoln	\$20
Sh Declaration	\$20	Sv Sarah Sands	\$110
Sh Descanso Princess	\$35	Sv Sonia Colfax	\$40
Sh Excel x Pochahontas	\$40	Sv Vesper	\$70
Sh Ramona	\$140	Sv Victor Lemoine	\$105
Sh Ramona	\$115	Sv Yankee Doodle	\$20
Sh Rosy Beach Party	\$40	Sv Znamya Lenina	\$40
Sh Rosy Beach Party	\$25	Sv Znamya Lenina	\$35
Sh Royal Purple	\$35	Sv Znamya Lenina	\$35
Sh Sister Justina	\$30	Sv Znamya Lenina	\$25
Sh Snowy Beach Party	\$50	So Betsy Ross	\$10
Sh Snowy Beach Party	\$25	Sh Grace Mackenzie	\$55
Sh Snowy Beach Party	\$20	S. Polly Hill	\$105
Sv Blue Delight	\$20	S. Rose Inferno	\$50
Sv Aucubaefolia	\$50	S. amurensis	\$10
Sv Bardwell	\$40	S. josikaea	\$150
Sv Esther Staley	\$15	S. microphylla	\$10
Sh Gertrude Leslie	\$30	S. oblata	\$55
Sv Glacier	\$25	S. wolfi	\$10
Sv Glacier	\$25	Misc non lilacs(11)	\$160
Sv Idyllwild	\$45	TOTAL	\$2975
Sv Katherine Havemeyer	\$55		
Sv Komsomolka	\$110		
Sv LECburg	\$30		
Sv Letha House	\$30		
Sv Letha House	\$40		
Sv Lourene Wishart	\$150		
Sv Mother Louise	\$60		
Sv Night	\$65		
Sv Pat Pesata	\$200		
Sv Pat Pesata	\$115		

Lilac in the Botanical Garden of Peter the Great of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN LILAC POPULARIZATION

—
by Yury Kalugin, Deputy Director

The Botanical Garden of Peter the Great BIN RAS is the oldest Garden in Russia with more than 300 years of history. The development of the collection of representatives of the genus *Syringa* L. in our Garden has been going on for several decades.

To the present date, 14 species of the genus *Syringa* as well as over 120 cultivars of *Syringa vulgaris* L. are grown in the Garden's collection. The collection is constantly replenished.

Educational activities are conducted in several directions:

1. Creation of several expositions of lilac cultivars in the park-arboretum of the Garden;
2. The collection replenishment is carried out not only through beautiful and popular, but also rare cultivars, as well as cultivars reflecting the history of hybridizing within the genus *Syringa*;
3. Selective work – in recent years, the cultivar *S. vulgaris* 'Золотой Амур' ('Zolotoi Amur'), Kuklina and Firsov 2008, has been patented. Now on approval there is a beautifully flowering cultivar *S. vulgaris* 'Красавица Петербурга' ('Krasavitsa Peterburga', a bud mutation of 'Krasavitsa Moskvyy');
4. Excursions to the collection;
5. Every year more than 25,000 people visit the spring bloom of the lilacs;
6. Consultations on the practice of growing lilacs for amateurs and professionals;
7. Master classes on propagation by cuttings and grafting and on pruning of lilacs are conducted;
8. The Botanical Garden of Peter the Great is the only Garden that, commencing in 2016, arranges a lilac festival not at the



Botanical Garden of Peter the Great
by Irina Kudryavceva

time of bloom, but during the coldest month of the year -- February (The February Lilac Project).

Botanical Garden of Peter the Great for many years has been developing scientific methods of educational activities in botanical gardens of Russia. In 2013, a cultural and educational center was established, which began to pay serious attention to individual collections of ornamental and wild plant species, as well as to find new approaches in the delivery of educational and promotional material.

The festival "February Lilac" is a comprehensive approach to educational activities. This approach is reflected in the following:

1. Different public and private organizations, such as Peter the Great Botanical Garden, International Lilac Society, Guild of Perfumers, bring their contribution to the organization of the event. The event is supported by the administration of St. Petersburg (the Committee for Culture).
2. A temporary exposition of flowering lilacs is being created – a great show. In 2018 in February, at -20°C on the street, 30 lilac bushes of different cultivars blossomed in the room. Selection of plants in containers and varieties for distillation is carried out in the nurseries of St. Petersburg during the whole summer. Shoots with generative buds are prepared. Specially cleared greenhouse areas and flower forcing in winter is carried out.
3. The lecture hall conducts its work, where specialists talk about the technics of growing lilacs, about lilacs in the ethno-culture of different regions of the world, about lilac color, fragrance, etc. A special place in the lecture hall is attended by accompanying lectures from specialists of related museums, public and private institutions, informing about the lilac as an object of culture. So, high interest was shown to the reports "Lilac in Russian poetry", "Lilac style from A to Z", "Lilac color in precious stones", "Collection of bottles with lilac notes", "The age of Russian lilac in perfumery", etc. During the festival, 37

lectures were read.

4. A meeting of specialists in the field of lilac breeding is held at the event. So in 2017 the Botanical Garden was able to gather for this holiday almost all curators of lilac collections from the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries. Ten curators of collections from Belarus, Kazakhstan, various regions of Russia, as well as Germany came to the presentation with speeches.

5. The interaction of visitors and specialists at the event promotes general interest and the exchange of expert knowledge. The format "Question - Answer" or "Specialist - Visitor" gives an opportunity for active knowledge in the field of lilac culture.

6. For children and adults, an educational program is conducted: master classes in pruning and cultivation technics, painting and drawing (the theme is lilac), creating perfumes with lilac flavors, creating flower compositions based on lilacs (floral works and Ikebana), demonstration Japanese art "Furosiki" on the basis of lilac scarves and fabrics, as well as with drawings of lilacs.

7. An exhibition of works by artists dedicated to lilacs is organized. Various societies of artists working in various techniques are involved.

8. Before the event begins, a contest of poems about lilacs is organized (each year a different version of versification is chosen) and by the beginning of the event a gallery of poems is created on the walls of the halls.

9. Diplomatic missions are invited to participate in the event. The most significant moment was the participation of the Consul General of France in St. Petersburg. In February 2017 he was awarded a certificate for a new cultivar of lilac 'Нормандия-Неман' ('Normandiya-Neman'), which was dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the famous WW II French pilot squadron.

10. Participation in the festival of the administration of St. Petersburg and the heads of its separate districts allows, on the one hand, to draw the attention of the general public to the

project, and on the other hand to receive wide coverage in the media and to bring information about the lilac holiday to the city residents.

11. In parallel with the exhibition and halls dedicated to the lilac holiday, general educational expositions of the Botanical Museum and the greenhouse of the Botanical Garden with an excursion program are open to visitors. Thus, visitors can spend on the territory of the Garden for a very long time, organize their intellectual leisure and get a lot of positive emotions. Thanks to this, the "February Lilac" Project causes genuine interest among residents and visitors of the city.

12. During the festival "February Lilac" more than 10,000 people visited it, of which one third were children.



Lilacs in the Botanical Garden
of Peter the Great
by Igor Sorokin

Lilacs from the Kórnik Arboretum

THE KÓRNIK ARBORETUM, INSTITUTE OF DENDROLOGY,
POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

by Katarzyna Broniewska, Kinga Nowak

The Kórnik Arboretum is a part of the Institute of Dendrology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. It has the oldest and one of the largest collections of woody plants in Poland. There are about 3,000 taxa from Asia, Europe and North America. The arboretum includes a magnificent collection of lilacs which was honored as the National Collection in 2017 and is the biggest collection of lilacs in Poland.

The tradition of lilac cultivation and breeding in the Kórnik Arboretum dates to the 1930's. It was Antoni Wróblewski, the Director of the Kórnik Gardens in 1927-1944, who started collecting lilacs with the goal of expanding the collection.

In 1952 Professor Władysław Bugała began breeding work in Kórnik Arboretum with the Canadian hybrid lilac *Syringa ×prestoniae*, hoping to obtain abundant flowering cultivars resistant to low temperatures. Mother plants were 'Octavia' and 'Ursula' cultivars imported in 1929 from Ottawa, Ontario (Canada). The result of the selection work after ten years was 15 plants, 9 of which were chosen and described in publication in 1970 (W. Bugała "New varieties of *Syringa ×prestoniae* McKelvey obtained in the Kórnik Arboretum"). They were: 'Telimena', 'Jaga', 'Basia', 'Jagienka', 'Nike', 'Goplana', 'Esterka', 'Danusia' and 'Diana'. All of them are still in the Kórnik collection.

Twenty years passed, and another interesting cultivar appeared. *Syringa vulgaris* 'Liliana' originated spontaneously in the Institute of Dendrology in 1990. It appeared from one of the plants obtained during experiments on the *in vitro* multiplication of the lilac cultivar 'Miss Ellen Willmott' (Skrzypczak 1992). It is one of the



Syringa ×prestonae 'Telimena'
Photo by Kinga Nowak



Syringa vulgaris 'Liliana'
Photo K. Broniewska



Syringa xprestonae 'Esterka'
Photo by K. Nowak



Syringa xprestonae 'Jaga'
Photo by K. Nowak



Syringa xprestonae 'Basia'
Photo by K. Nowak



Syringa xprestonae 'Jagienka'
Photo by K. Nowak

most beautiful single white lilacs, easily recognizable by unusually large inflorescences, large flowers with variously directed pointed petals and by long acuminate leaves. It was described by Tomasz Bojarczuk and Jerzy Zieliński in 2013 as “‘Liliana’ – a new cultivar of the common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris* L.)”. Liliana is the first name of Bojarczuk’s granddaughter.

In 2016 a new cultivar of common lilac was described in the Kórnik Arboretum ('Origami' – a new cultivar of the common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris* L.)) by Jerzy Zieliński, Piotr Kosiński and Tomasz Bojarczuk) in the Annals of Dendrology of the Polish Dendrological Society. The maternal plant was selected by Professor Władysław Bugała from seedlings of *Syringa vulgaris* 'Maréchal Foch' in the 1980's. The cultivar name 'Origami' refers to flowers which look as if they were made by the Japanese origami art of paper folding.



Syringa vulgaris 'Origami'
Photo by P. Kosinski



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