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POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL PICNIC AND BULB EXCHANGE October 30th

**At the home of Faith and Jerry Bange
3508 Foxhall Drive
Davidsonville, MD 21035**

DIRECTIONS: Take 495 to Exit 15 and exit onto Central Ave (Rt. 214) headed East. Drive approximately 12 miles and turn Right onto Foxhall Drive (across from the Davidsonville Elementary School). The Banges live at 3508 Foxhall Drive. Call Faith or Jerry at 410-798-9207 if you need further information. There is ample parking on the street. Please walk to the end of the driveway and come into the new room through the patio entrance.

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.

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50th Annual PLS Lily Show Design Summary

THEME: INSPIRATIONS
SECTION K

CLASS 64 – “Reflections of Summer”
Blue Estelle Woodcock

CLASS 65 – “Cool Waters”
Blue Mary Corley

CLASS 66 – “Shimmering Sands”
Blue Cathy Hallmark

CLASS 67 – “Rainbows”
Blue Ronnie Levay



BEST DESIGN AWARD
Cathy Hallmark
“Shimmering Sands”

The Potomac Lily Society is a non-profit organization established to promote and encourage interest in the cultivation, propagation and improvement of the genus *Lilium* in its many forms and hybrids among the membership, other plant and horticultural groups, and the public.

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50th Annual PLS Lily Show Summary

The Show Chairmen wish to thank all those who helped stage the show, entered the show, visited the show and help clean up after show. There were 46 horticulture entries from 16 lily growers and 16 design entries by 12 artists.

Major Horticultural Awards:



BEST IN SHOW & BEST INTERDIVISIONAL HYBRID
Yelloween Rachel Hollis

BEST SEEDLING IN SECTION D
Tet. White Henryi x Henryi Hybrid F2
Vicki Bowen

BEST Trumpet Hybrid
White Henryi Vicki Bowen

BEST ENTRY BY A NOVICE
Yelloween (3 stems) Alexandra Seaton

BEST SINGLE BLOOM ENTRY
El Condor Tricia Kincheloe

Misplaced your newsletter or wondering when the next PLS event will be? Bookmark our web address and you will be a click away from all the current PLS information. www.potomacilysociety.org

Lily Propagation by Scale - Easy as 1,2,3

By Mary Queitzsch Zocchi

Have you ever had a true lily bulb where some of it fell off – similar to losing a few cloves of a garlic knob? Well, those cloves are really called scales. Believe-it-or-not, you can propagate the genus *lilium* by scale, and it is EASY!

1. Take the scale and place it in a plastic baggie with some damp (not wet) peat moss. Make sure you write the name of the lily on the baggie. I use sandwich size baggies filled with about a quarter of the way with NEW peat moss. Usually, I do this in the fall when I plant bulbs for next year. Pull a couple scales off a bulb, it won't hurt it! If your bulbs are already in the ground, get some more bulbs at the PLS bulb sale.
2. Place the baggie in a dark spot for a couple months. Under the sofa is where I first misplaced my baggies of lily scales. But you can put them someplace more normal, as long as you remember where that place is after the winter holidays.
3. When you do your spring cleaning and find the baggies of scales, it is quite a nice surprise. In some of the baggies, you will notice that the scale has some mini bulblets growing on them. These are baby lilies! They are usually white and can be the size of a pimple to a pea. Not all scales will produce the bulblets readily and sometimes, there will be not a trace of the scale or bulblets in the baggie. Either the peat moss was too wet or there were some contaminants in the peat moss if you used some that was old. But if you put up a variety of scales, you will be sure to have some success.

From there, I usually leave the scale and bulblets in the baggie until they are actually sprouting some small leaves. The next step is fun. Buy a roasted chicken at the grocery store and keep the plastic container. It makes the best green house! After eating your chicken and cleaning out the plastic container, add some potting mix and dampen it. Place the scale with the tiny bulblets still attached onto the dirt. You can bury it a little, but you don't need to. Eventually, the scale will completely disappear as the bulblet grows and creates a root system. Put the lid on and then place the plastic dish on a window sill until the leaves have touched the top. The two small vents in the top of the plastic chicken roaster seem to be just right for ventilation. My recommendation is to buy a chicken for each variety of lily bulblet – that way you can keep the lilies straight and not have to worry about the dinner menu for a while.

By the time you start your true gardening for the summer, the baby lilies will be ready to transplant. Here, I place them in plastic pots and then bury the pot, but leave the rim above the soil so that I know where to find them the following spring. Be sure to mark them!

Eventually, the bulbs will outgrow your small pots and need their own space in the garden. It can take two to three years before you get a strong enough stem to show.

The picture to the left is my cat Lizzie checking the new lily sprouts.



THE 2011 PLS FALL BULB ORDER

Included with this Newsletter is the annual fall lily bulb group order. It consists of bulbs we will obtain from MAK Lilies & Perennials, Inc. of Stayton, Oregon and Columbia-Platt Lilies of Vancouver, Washington. Overall, the list includes 34 cultivars: 9 Asiatic hybrids, 8 Longiflorum/Asiatic (LA) hybrids, 3 trumpet/Aurelian hybrids, 4 Oriental hybrids, and 10 "Orienpet" hybrids. Two each of the Asiatic and Oriental hybrids are new dwarf varieties. Most of the MAK cultivars are new to our order; many of the CP varieties will be familiar. CP has offered two new lilies, with one exclusive to the Regional lily societies. More LA hybrids are included this year reflecting the rapid improvement of lilies in this category. For the most part, they also bloom a little later than standard Asiatics and so many may match our show better. If there appears to be an emphasis on yellow, this merely reflects the heavy availability of lilies in this color group. Some growers believe that yellow lilies will thrive where other atrophy or fail. Just a thought. All in all, the list should provide a spectrum wide enough to satisfy most members. Note that all of the bulbs on this order are grown in the US.

The total number of bulbs ordered has been reduced again in keeping with our low demand experience in recent 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. **All orders must be received not later than 30 September 2011.** John Roe is in charge of the bulb order. He may be reached at (703) 534-6569 or by E-mail at jroeboat@msn.com if you have questions concerning your order.

As you study the order, it is at once apparent that CP Lilies provides a good word picture of each cultivar on their list while MAK descriptions are quite limited. CP will provide a CD which should contain all of its lilies on the order. These will be available on the Society's website – www.potomacilysociety.org. An updated disk from MAK is unlikely. At some point they will update their website - www.maklilies.com – but it may not be timely. If you really want a look at what you are about to order, try www.lilynook.mb.ca and use their catalog. Pictures of most lilies are there. A price comparison is also instructive.

One of the major benefits of membership in the Society is the bulb order. We do our best to keep prices low and provide good variety. As with everything else, the price of bulbs is increasing and the cost of shipping is now a major factor in our price/profit calculations. We must move along the bulbs we order or the Society takes a hit. The little profit which does accrue from bulb sales provides the funds to cover our show each year, subsidize to some small extent the cost of the annual meeting, and to meet the administrative costs inherent in any organization. So, please take advantage of the bulb order and order as many bulbs as you can find room for. Bulbs do make great gifts and we encourage our members to invite their friends and neighbors to share in the order. You may also make a copy of the order for a friend and encourage him to send it along on his own just so long as s/he includes \$4.00 for dues. By doing so, s/he will pay for this year and 2012 membership.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER ON THE ENCLOSED FORM. Check your addition and keep a copy of what you order. If we turn up short or do not receive the variety ordered, John Roe will do his best to contact you and work out a substitute. We have requested delivery of the bulbs in time for the Picnic. They usually come on the Wednesday or Thursday preceding which makes assembling the order a crunch. Please check the box for delivery point. You may pick your bulbs up at the picnic or at the residence of John Roe, 5801 36th St N, Arlington (703)534-6569 in Virginia or from Vicki Bowen, 3 Carter Ct., Rockville (301) 424-8575 in Maryland. If neither of these spots is convenient, please so indicate on your order and we will attempt to work out some other scheme for delivery. You may pay your dues with the order or obtain a copy of Let's Grow Lilies. Dues are \$4.00, the book is now \$5.00.

2011 PLS GROUP ORDER – DESCRIPTION OF CULTIVARS OFFERED

KEY: CP = COLUMBIA PLATTE, M = MAK LILIES

ASIATIC HYBRIDS:

- Coastline** – (M). Tango lily. Soft yellow with red airbrushed center. 3’.
- Eros** – (CP) has silvery-blue frosted buds opening to lightly fragrant, dusty rose Turk’s cap flowers. Late blooming and heat tolerant. 3-5’.
- Cocktail Twins** – (M). Up-facing large double blooms that are reddish orange with deeper intensity toward center. High bud count and strong stems. A very interesting lily. Late June. 3’.
- Commander in Chief** – (M). Upfacing bright brick red. Color holds well. Sturdy stems. Late. 2-3’.
- Liberty Hyde Bailey** – (CP) is a tall, robust stemmed tetraploid “tailor made” for the garden. Its wide-petaled, unspotted fiery red flowers have tremendous substance and size. Black stems. 4-5’.
- Tibetan Snow** – (CP) is white “all over” since it bears no pollen. Its pendent, swirling white flowers remind us of drifting snowflakes. A proven garden lily and a valuable breeder. 3-4’. Early.
- Peach Lace** – (CP) is a vigorous hybrid from “Ariadne,” with larger, fragrant, lightly ruffled flowers in a deep shade of peach with a luscious pink reverse. It carries the lovely “rosepoint” pattern all the way to its petal tips, clearly visible even on the reverse of the flower. It blooms early, but holds for an extended period. Good colonizer. 4’.
- Tiny Padhey** – (M). Dwarf pot lily. Yellow buds open to white with wide purple brushmark. 16”.
- Tiny Sensation** – (M). Dwarf pot lily. Deep canary yellow bloom with dark mahogany red speckles concentrated on edges. 16”.

LONGIFLORUM/ASIATIC (LA) HYBRIDS

- Dazzle** – (M). Vigorous up to out-facing bowl shaped brilliant yellow flowers with slightly recurved tips. May be lightly fragrant. Late June. 4’.
- El Divo** – (M). Upfacing clear bright yellow. 4’.
- Kentucky** – (M). Out to up-facing burnt orange flowers with an explosion of burgundy speckling over entire petal. Did exceptionally well in a pot. Early. 3’.
- Royal Trinity** – (M). Up-facing bowl shaped blooms of clear yellow at center darkening to orange-yellow at edge. 3’.
- Rodella** – (M). Large up-facing wine red flowers that fade to deep burgundy. Strong stem. 3.5’.
- Royal Sunset** – (M). Stunning deep apricot up-facing bloom with fiery red center and tips. 3’.
- Courier** – (M). Spotless up-facing white with hint of green darkening to center. 3-4’.
- Eyeliner** – (M). Large up to out-facing white blooms with burgundy penciled edge and spots near Center. 4’.

ORIENTAL HYBRIDS

- Casa Blanca** – (M). Huge pure white blooms. A long time favorite. August. 6’.
- Corvara/ Rio Negro** – (M). One of the nicest red/black varieties. Heavily scented. July. 3-4’.
- Free Choice** – (M). Pot lily. Out-facing white with yellow brushmark. 15”.
- Starlight Express** – (M). Pot lily. Dark hot pink with white trim. 15”.

TRUMPET HYBRIDS

- African Queen** – (M). Melon orange bloom with a delicate fragrance. Late July. 5’.
- Golden Splendor** – (M). Deep gold trumpet wrapped in maroon striped reverse. Late July. 5’.
- White Flares** – (CP). New, available to regionals only. A new strain of white “flared” tetra trumpets, with a lovely pink reverse that shows through especially well because the flowers, more broad-petaled than the usual “sunbursts,” keep their open flare form. 4-5’.

“ORIENPET” HYBRIDS

- Belladonna** – (M). Large out-facing flowers with wide petals of rich buttery yellow and slightly ruffled margins. It is striking in bloom and lasts well. Should be ready at show time. 3-4’.
- BonBini** – (M0). White bloom with flower center highlighted by a yellow star surrounded by a margin of pink. 3-4’.
- Carte Blanche** – (CP). A robust pure white “starburst” Orienpet. This marvelous tetraploid was bred from ‘Leslie Woodriff’ and shares its elegant form and vigor. The glistening white flowers stay wide open, with only the tips recurving, displaying lovely green nectarines. Fragrant. 3-5’.
- Dunyazade** – (CP). A deep red hybrid clearly related to Scheherazade. A fine garden lily, it is a rich, deep shade of burgundy, with just the narrowest ribbon of cream white on the edge of each petal. 4-6’ and taller. Early to mid-August.
- Gloriana** – (CP) gives a dazzling display of honey-gold “sunburst” flowers with brilliant red “whiskers” and matching pollen. High bud count and splendid inflorescence. Highly disease resistant. Late July to early August. 4-6’.
- Miss Libby** – (CP) is a hybrid from ‘Catherine the Great’ with fragrant soft yellow bowls painted inside with a wide wash of deep cherry. Its loveliness is matched by its strength, disease resistance, and garden adaptability. Late July. 4-5’.
- Purple Prince** – (M). Up to out-facing deep purple red with a yellow green throat. Sturdy. 5’.
- Robina** – (M). Out-facing large, hot pink to magenta flowers with small white center. Fragrant. 4’.
- Silk Road** – (CP). White flowers with deep, intensely crimson pink throats. A super lily at a super price. 4-6’ and taller. Blooms timely to our show and is a consistent winner.
- Sizzle** – (CP). **NEW.** A sister of ‘Pizzazz,’ it shows a bit more *Lilium henryi* influence with its more recurved flowers and deeper tangerine-gold margins outlining vivid red centers and shining green nectarines. A sturdy, vigorous and fertile triploid. 4-6’. Early August.

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See pictures of the
bulb order lilies on our
website

[http://
www.potomacilysociety.org/
2011_group_bulb_order.htm](http://www.potomacilysociety.org/2011_group_bulb_order.htm)

Newsletter Editor's suggestions for determining how many lily bulbs to buy

1. Pick all the ones you like and buy at least 3 to 5 of each.
2. Then add to the order at least 3 more or so to feed the deer and rodents.
3. Then add at least a dozen more to give away to neighbors and friends. Think of it as a beautification project and a learning experience for others.
4. Think about which shows you will be entering and all the various classes. Did you get enough variation?
5. Think about the garden color scheme. Are you a little too pink? Think about branching out and getting something different.
6. Remember extra bulbs can be kept in the fridge for months. According to our secretary and president, it could be years!

2011 PLS LILY BULB GROUP ORDER

ASIATIC HYBRIDS				ORIENPET HYBRIDS			
	Price	No.			Price	No.	
	Each	Ordered	Amount		Each	Ordered	Amount
Coastline	2.00	_____	_____	Belladonna	3.50	_____	_____
Eros	5.00	_____	_____	BonBini	3.50	_____	_____
Cocktail Twins	2.00	_____	_____	Carte Blanche	8.75	_____	_____
Commander in Chief	2.00	_____	_____	Dunyazade	5.25	_____	_____
				Gloriana	7.25	_____	_____
Liberty Hyde Bailey	4.00	_____	_____	Miss Libby	8.75	_____	_____
Tibetan Snow	4.00	_____	_____	Purple Prince	4.00	_____	_____
Peach Lace	6.00	_____	_____	Robina	3.50	_____	_____
Tiny Padhey	2.00	_____	_____	Silk Road	6.25	_____	_____
Tiny Sensation	2.00	_____	_____	Sizzle	7.25	_____	_____

LONGIFLORUM/ASIATIC (LA) HYBRIDS

Dazzle	2.00	_____	_____
El Divo	2.00	_____	_____
Royal Trinity	2.00	_____	_____
Kentucky	2.00	_____	_____
Rodella	2.00	_____	_____
Royal Sunset	2.00	_____	_____
Courier	2.00	_____	_____
Eyeliners	2.00	_____	_____

ORIENTAL HYBRIDS

Casa Blanca	3.50	_____	_____
Corvara/Rio Negro	3.50	_____	_____

Free Choice	3.50	_____	_____
Starlight Express	3.50	_____	_____

TRUMPET AND AURELIAN HYBRIDS

African Queen	2.50	_____	_____
Golden Splendor	2.50	_____	_____
White Flares	8.75	_____	_____

TOTAL THIS COLUMN _____

TOTAL THIS COLUMN _____
TOTAL PRIOR COLUMN _____

GRAND TOTAL BULBS _____

Let's Grow Lilies @ \$5.00 _____

PLS Dues @ \$4.00/year _____

TOTAL REMITTED _____

Make checks payable to: POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY

Mail order to:

John Roe
5801 36th St N
Arlington, VA 22207

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 30 SEP 2011

ORDERS

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE (____) _____

E-MAIL _____

Please hold bulbs for pickup:

VA____**MD**____**Picnic**_____

May we substitute if necessary Yes____**NO**_____

POTOMAC LILY SOCIETY
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General Map to PLS Picnic. Driving directions are on the first page of the newsletter.

