My cordial best wishes to each of you! We share an affection for the primrose and an interest in learning. The American Primrose Society has published a Quarterly, promoted learning, provided a seed exchange, and developed friendships. The busy gardeners who take time to accomplish this have been united by a common objective, well-stated in our Constitution. From Article II, "The purpose of this Society is to bring the people interested in primula together in an organization, to increase the general knowledge of and interest in the collecting, growing, breeding, showing, and using in landscape and garden the genus primula in all its forms; and to serve as a clearing house for collecting and dissemination information about primula."

We may grow our "salute to spring" on estate grounds or window boxes or rockeries, borders or bogs, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They may be cut flowers, corsage flowers, pot plants, bedding plants, or ground covers. Florindae may scent and glorify a summer bog . . . and who among us has not raised marginata for its foliage?

The Quarterly is a storehouse of information on propagation and cultivation of primulas. Many of the useful articles of past years are available, through the treasurer. We are indebted to those who provide articles for publication. The high standard of this publication cannot be maintained without useful contributions.

Financing our Quarterly is a challenge. I have asked our Editor to reduce the size of the summer issue so as to provide a better bank balance for summer and fall. These administrative problems will be considered by the board in the coming months. We would like to keep open communication between the board and the general membership. Letters to the corresponding secretaries, or to me, will receive our careful attention.

Anita Alexander
Some years ago I traced the first steps of the garden club movement in this country. Etched on my memory as clearly as writing on glass are the first steps taken by the American Primrose Society. Somehow I feel that this is the time and the place to share it.

Maryland took the first step in 1860 by organizing the Horticultural Garden Club but stumbled when war was declared a year later. The Civil War could also have had some bearing on the founding of the Ladies' Garden Club in Athens, Georgia in 1891. But perhaps it is just my fancy as a southern-born that the memory of Sherman’s march from Atlanta to Savannah had something to do with this invitation: “Every lady in Athens who might be interested in growing anything from a cabbage to a chrysanthemum is welcome.”

Still, only twenty-seven years had passed since Sherman’s 60,000 men had cut a sixty-mile-wide swath some three hundred miles to the sea. In those twenty-five days, they burned everything they could not eat. I am quite sure that many of the ladies who gathered in Mrs. Lumpkin’s ante-bellum drawing room that chilly January day remembered it very well. General Sherman died two months after the ladies organized.

Should anyone by interested, I have the names of the “twelve home-loving women” who attended that first meeting. They did not know that they planted a tree that day which was to grow on and on, never stopping. They did not know that they had no background material, and the reception given the original mimeographed articles, the Board of Directors asked me in 1943 to take on the job of editing the Quarterly. I cannot tell you the depth of my despair. The barn was still a barn, the business was growing as was my small daughter, I had no background material, and the

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This second edition of the American Primrose Society’s first three Quarterlies is a happy necessity brought about by the reception given the original mimeographed issues which were absorbed by primrose enthusiasts during the first year of publication. Although almost every initial work could benefit by revision, this is not intended as a revised edition. It has, however, received some grooming to fit the somewhat more formal medium of print. Illustrations have been added; a few repetitious short pieces omitted; minor changes made in secondary material; and alteration of sequence effected when occasion demanded.

It is hoped that the essential flavor of the mimeographed Quarterlies has been preserved. With the publication of this more readable edition, those original copies will have become more sure, more firm, as it continues along the path of pleasant usefulness.
Deadline for copy for Fall 1976 Quarterly is September 1, 1976

In an attempt to include the minutes of the July 10, 1976 Board Meeting the printing of the summer issue of the Quarterly was delayed. You will also find this issue shortened at the request of A.P.S. President Mrs. Alexander. Please observe in the minutes that the Winter 1977 issue will be send ONLY to those members paying 1977 dues.

The meeting was called to order by Anita Alexander at 9:45 a.m. With two exceptions, all the officers and board members were present or had responded by letters.

Minutes were read from the two previous meetings and approved. Reports were read from the two corresponding secretaries, Alice Hills Baylor and Gus Arneson.

Thelma Genheimer reported $1,427.31 in the treasury. Ross Willingham reported $900.00 plus in the seed exchange treasury.

Moved by Herb Dickson, seconded by Ross Willingham, that we accept the resignation of the newly elected Treasurer, Vickie Saurer, passed.

Moved by Herb Dickson, seconded by Cy Happy, that we elect Thelma Genheimer for another year as Treasurer, passed.

Moved by Thelma Genheimer, seconded by Rosetta Jones, that we authorize an accountant to set up a bookkeeping system for the Treasurer, passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clarke reported several revisions are being considered:

Art. 4, Sec. 5 Change "before annual meeting" to "Winter Quarterly." That timing makes it possible for the nominating committee report to be published early enough for write-in votes. The committee plans to write a procedure making it possible to replace inactive officers and regional editors. Job descriptions and supplies furnished by the Society may be included. The committee will have a further report for the fall meeting.

The Finance Committee report was made. Mr. Kristian Fenderson's letter was read, including his offer to assist the finance committee by helping with "Eastern" advertising for the Quarterly. The procedures for dues collection were discussed. Only libraries are billed. A motion was made by Herbert Dickson that the treasurer bill delinquent members twice, in January and February, and do not send an "extra" Quarterly to unpaid members. Motion passed. A motion was made by Rosetta Jones that we raise the dues to $7.00 a year. Passed. Local affiliated clubs and chapters were asked to lend more financial support to A.P.S.; as was done in the past. Plant sales, "Gifts" of specific amounts, were suggested. Further action will be taken in the fall.

"Pictures" Committee report. A letter from Mrs. Ethel Balla was read, accepting the committee chairmanship for the slide library and the glossy black and whites for the Quarterly. A motion was made by Rosetta Jones that the Society pay the costs of the slides and pictures. Motion passed.

Names of the other committee members are: Kristian Fenderson, Rosetta Jones, Elmer Baldwin, Cy Happy, Orval Agee, Grace Conboy.

Seed Exchange: Al Rapp, the chairman, and Ross and Helen Willingham were present. Letters were read from board members and officers unable to attend, supporting the policy of "primula seed only" and a separate account for the seed exchange. There is a need for constitutional revision to support that policy. Mrs. Huston gave a general report concerning the Round Robins. Mrs. Rosetta Jones briefly discussed the organization of study groups.

National Trophies Committee: Mrs. Loie Benedict, Dorothy Springer and Orval Agee listed the National Trophies now in use and a brief history of the standards for each trophy. Future needs will be discussed in the fall meeting.

Judging: Mrs. Florence Bellis will appoint a committee to assist herself,
Ernest Gates and Dorothy Dickson with judging schools to recertify all A.P.S. judges. Nominating Committee, Cy Happy, nominated Ed Pincus for the sixth director. Mr. Pincus was elected for the 1975-78 term. Mr. Pincus will be chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Plant Society Bicentennial Show in Seattle was reported on by Martha Harrison. Unfinished Business: Mr. Elmer Baldwin's indexing of the Quarterlies was discussed; he has it nearly done. A motion was made and carried to have a complete set of Quarterlies be provided at this meeting for the use of the Editor. Dorothy Springer was appointed to get at least two bids for having the remaining sets bound. Certain items of Quarterly content were discussed, e.g., annual seed list in Winter Issue, annual roster, minutes and treasurer's reports. Final action was not taken.

New Business: The National show will be in Bellevue, Washington, the 4th weekend in April, 1977. Washington State Primrose Society will host the show. Mrs. Lou Dines is to be the chairperson. The Valley Hi show in Beaverton will be the Friday and Saturday before Easter, 1977. The fall board meeting will be October 10, 9:45 a.m., at a place to be determined in Tacoma. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 for a potluck picnic.

Lou Dines and Anita Alexander

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Quarterly Report January 1, to March 31, 1976

Balance January 1, 1976 $1,447.54 $1,447.54

Income:
Membership 1976-1978 1,029.87
Commercial Ads 55.00
Dictionary Sales 50 @ $3.00 & 1 @ $2.97 152.97
Quarterly Sales 26.56
Donation & additional postage 1.57
Interest—Savings Acct. #104703 7.43

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Expenses:
Quarterly Star Printing (Winter Issue) 713.40
Editor—Mrs. Frank Springer Winter Issue 25.00
Editing & Mailing 131.26
Mrs. Frank Springer (Mailing Permit) 25.00
Beth Tait—Envelopes & Postage 2.55
Smith's Jewelry—Engraving (Plaque) 8.25
Horticulture Ads 27.00
Petty Cash—Stamps & Postage 100.00

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Balance 3-31-76 $1,713.47

Submitted by:
Thelma W. Genheimer Treasurer

The American Primrose Society
Quarterly Report April 1, 1976 to June 30, 1976

Balance March 31, 1976 $1,713.47

Income:
Membership 1976-1978 $445.14
Commercial Ads 89.00
Dictionary Sales 148.00
Quarterly Sales 49.45
Charts 6.00
Donation—Dorothy & Herb Dickson 55.10
Stationery Sales 4.00
Interest Savings Account #104703 7.51

2,517.67

Expenses:
Quarterly Star Printing (Spring Issue) 857.11
Editor—Spring Issue—Mailing—Postage 135.25
Horticulture Ads 54.00
Petty Cash—Stamps & Postage 40.00
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AMERICAN PRIMROSE SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
American Primrose Society, April 10, 1976

Ernest Gates, President of Valley Hi Primrose Society, told about the club and the National show and thanked Rosemary Peterson and Thelma Genheimer for their good work as chairwomen of the show.

A letter from Florence Bells was read, thanking Valley Hi for the invitation to be a guest of honor.

Lou Dines presided. The minutes of September 14 meeting were read.

Ross Willingham advised we needed more seed donated than previously for the existence of the seed exchange.

Ruth Huston reported there are presently eleven Round Robins.

Thelma Genheimer reported there was $1,727.79 in the treasury, but that the last Quarterly had not been paid for. The net balance should be around $1,000. There are 525 members who have paid their dues to date. Themma announced that the Dicksons brought plants to the show which were sold, the proceeds being donated to the American Primrose Society. The total was $55.00.

Dorothy Dickson asked members to send slides to them to replace old slides which deteriorate.

Herbert Dickson presented the charter for the new "Eastern Chapter No. 1" to the President, G. Kristian Fenderson, from New Hampshire. Mr. Henderson was impressed with our show, as many of our plants don't exist in the east. They appreciate having the benefit of our seed exchange. Ethel Balla was our board member from Connecticut.

Lou Dines read correspondence from Mr. Elmer C. Baldwin of New York. He is working on a new index of the Quarterlies which have been printed up to date. The motion was made and passed, we give him our blessing as a project and then take the matter up at a later date.

Certificates were presented for awards given at the show to the following people:

- Bamford Trophy: Best auricula seedling, Cy Happy
- Frank Michaud Trophy: Best show auricula, Ernest Gates
- John Haddock Trophy: Best seedling alpine auricula, Cy Happy
- Ellen Page Haydon Trophy: Best double auricula, Cy Happy
- Wesley Bottoms Trophy: Best hose-in-hose, Cy Happy
- Capt. Hawkes Trophy: Best gold-laced, Orval Agee
- C. F. Hill Trophy: Best alpine seedling, Cy Happy
- Beaverton Mall Trophy: Best plant in show, John Bochmann
- Best double vernales, Cy Happy
- Best Jack-in-the-green, Mrs. William Tate

- Div. 1, Polyanthus, Orval Agee
- Div. 2, Acaulis, Isabel Agee
- Div. 3, Juliae, Wagon Wheel Gardens
- Div. 4, Novice, John Bochmann
- Div. 5, Species, Eileen Trzynka
- Div. 6, Seedling, Cy Happy
- Div. 8, Junior, Cheryl Slowter
- Div. 12, Decorative, Frances Schermherhorn
- Seedling species, Lou Dines

The nominating committee selected the following slate of officers:
- Anita Alexander, President
- Rosetta Jones, Vice President
- Lou Dines, Secretary
- Vickie Sauer, Treasurer
- Loie Benedict, Fred and Helen Clarke, Board Members.

Ross Willingham nominated Al Rapp to be a board member for two years. There were no more nominations from the floor. Ruth Huston moved up accept the slate of officers nominated and the motion passed.

The meeting was turned over to the new president, Anita Alexander.

The program for the evening consisted of slides shown by Reuben Hatch of native plants seen on his travels to Kashmir, New Zealand and the United States and some slides taken in gardens of the Northwest.

Etha Tate
Acting Secretary

Candelabra Primula Grouped
For Growers
By Ruth S. Bartlett Huston

This is not a scientific article but rather the answer to so many questions that I have received from members of the Round Robins, at Shows and at my garden. They want to know color of bloom, hardiness, ease of cultivation persistence, fragrance and soil conditions that are best. Here is the summary of experience and research. I hope that it will be helpful to beginners and perhaps to some of the more experienced among us.

In general Candelabras like wet-to-bog conditions. A few are woodland growers, some like meadow conditions, most like some shade, a few grow on limestone and granite, some in screes. You will find many listed in several ways here.

Anisodora, helodoxa, prolifera and Wilsonii are evergreen plants. Bulleyana, burmanica, Beesiana, chugensis, Cockburnia, pulverulenta, ianthina, japonica. Poissonii, aurantiaca, imperialis, Miyabeana, polonensis, pulverulenta and Serratifolia are decidious. It is advisable to stake or otherwise mark the location of decidious plants to prevent damage in the spring cleanup.

Anisodora has very aromatic foliage and that of Wilsonii is slightly so. Beesiana, helodoxa, chugensis and Wilsonii have fragrant flowers. An added attraction.

I have found Anisodora, Beesiana, Bulleyana, burmanica, chugensis, japonica, prolifera, helodoxa, Poissonii and Wilsonii easy to grow. They give fine displays and grow nicely from seed. Many of the hybrids are also easy and extend the color range greatly.

I have found the plants commonly listed as bog or streamside plants will grow and bloom well in ordinary garden conditions if given plenty of humus and kept moist. Those that are commonly listed so are Beesiana, Bulleyana, burmanica. chugensis, japonica, helodoxa, Poissonii, Miyabeana and pulveru-
lenta. These do well naturalized along streams, ponds and in bogs. I have a bit of land, on a slope, hardpan and clay overlaid with natural peat soil and with spring fed water flowing over the hardpan. This is very wet but these plants love it as do P. rosea and the hosta lilies.

Anisodora, Beesiana, Bulleyana, poissonii, Mayabeana, helodoxa, and pulverulenta like lots of humus in the wet soil. I find WELL ROTTED cow manure with peat and leafmold wonderful.

Helodoxa, imperalis, prolifera and pulverulenta like heavy clay. It must have humus in the top soil at least.

Aurantiaca is found in nature growing on limestone or granite outcroppings overlaid with moist to wet humus accumulations. I have given a light yearly application of limestone flour to these plants in the garden. The best I ever grew was grown in limestone chips I carted home in the car. The chips didn't last long in our acid soil however.

Burmanica is a woodland plant and does extremely well naturalized along the edge of moist woods, deciduous prefered and an eastern exposure.

They bloom on the north side also but not so vividly. Helodoxa does well in such a location I'm told. I have never tried it.

Cockburnia is a short lived plant and so it is well to plant seed each year. It also likes a drier location than the others. It hybridises with chugensis and others. It's lovely firey orange color is carried by many of the hybrids. They are also hybrids with flowers of sulfur.

I have flowered these but didn't flower them. I have flowered them but they didn't flower them. I have flowered them but they didn't flower them.

Imperalis is slightly tender and should be given some winter protection as well as a protected location. Straw or hay with boughs should do.

Smithiana likes sunny open places. It should have sand at its roots as the crown rot after flowering. Often it does not mature the seed set. Treat the plants with flowers of sulfur.

Cockburnia is the smallest of the candelabra. It is often no more than 10 to 12 inches. Polonensis is also small as are Beesiana, aurantiaca and often Serratifolia. Most of the rest run 20 inches to thirty inches. Burmanica is taller under idea conditions. Helodoxa is often three feet and lanthina is classed as "robust". The book says that Bulleyana is 3 feet but it hasn't been so with me—perhaps what I have isn't true Bulleyana.

Colors of the Candelabra range from white through yellow, pink rose, deep orange, red, magenta, purple to nearly black. There doesn't seem to be any blue at all. Perhaps some day!

Japonica has a white form (Postford's white) and several show an albino now and then which produce white babies, if hand worked. Aurantiaca has deep yellow to reddish orange flowers. Bulleyana shows crimson buds which open yellow, deep yellow or orange. Chugenesis is yellow for me as is helodoxa. Imperalis is said to be good yellow. Polonensis has drooped yellow flowers and only one or at most two whirls. Prolifera, Smithiana and Serratifolia are good yellows. Selected plants of aurantiaca and Wilsonii ranges from dark red, maroon to nearly black.

Pulverulenta, Bartley strain, is a delightful pink. Japonica has a good pink form and a pink striped one. Lanthina, pink shaded violet and Beesiana has orange buds and rose carmine flowers in the food color form and awful magenta in the poor one. It has a yellow eye. These plants should be rouged heavily when the first blooms show to eliminate the poor color form. Lanthina also has an intense violet form.

Anisodora is purple. Burmanica has a lovely royal purple form. Again poor colors should be rouged. Japonica and pulverulenta both have purple and reddish purple forms. Mayabeana is classed as purple. Poissonii is purple crimson. Like some of the others poor colors should be weeded out of the planting. Serratifolia is unusual in that it has orange flowers shading to light yellow at the edges. It is said to grow more like a sikkimensis than a Candelabra.

To maintain true specie plants, the Candelabra should be hand pollinized, using mature buds, but BEFORE they open at all. Cover the worked flowers and carefully save the seed. I isolate the seedplants as far as possible to avoid the work of hand pollinizing the flowers. This works fairly well.

There are Candelabra listed in the outline of the sections in the Pictorial Dictionary that are not found in the text or in any other literature that I have found. They are brachystoma, chrysochlora, Cooperii, khasiana, mallowphylla, Morshediana, melandonta, microloma, prenantha, stenodonta, Sumatrana and Smithiana. Some of these are mentioned in rock garden publications but only incidently. I shall continue to look and look. I'll report if I learn anything and would appreciate any help given.

The Candelabra extend the season of primula bloom considerably. Japonica and pulverulenta bloom early, with the last polys. Prolifera flowers in May, overlapping with chugenesis, imperalis, aurantiaca and burmanica. Later still lanthina, Poissonii and Wilsonii end the season along with Florindae.

With so many species and so varied it is to be expected that many hybrids

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