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President's Message

Greetings from Alaska.

Well I survived the Alaska Rock Garden Society Expedition to China and have a lot of terrific pictures and memories. We saw a few late Primula flowers and collected thousands of seeds from many different varieties, some of which you'll be seeing in the Seed Exchange and growing next spring. You'll also be able to read about the Expedition in this and future Quarterlies and see some of my photos. Eventually I plan to duplicate a slide show for the slide library to share with you outside Alaska.

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SITUATION OF A.P.S. TODAY
By Dr. Roger Eichman

A.P.S. has a solid financial base and a wealth of breeding knowledge and experience. New breeding lab techniques are easily adapted to primroses-so how could there be a problem?

The problem is we are losing the old breeders and aren't replacing their work or even continuing to grow their plants. We need growers to carry on or preserve the work of Dr. Kerridge (gold lace) and Herb Dickson (auriculas). Rosetta Jones needs help with double acaulis. Even the common polyanthus aren't appearing in the shows very much. Our best growers (due to aging and medical problems) are growing less or not at all. If any of you want to quickly make a name for yourself, while doing us all a great service, just take up one of the areas now being vacated.

The A.P.S. needs new members, new growers, new judges and new ideas. Alaska's membership is growing nicely, but its climate is a little too harsh for the highly-inbred primulas without over wintering in greenhouses. Outbreeding of these lines may increase their vigor somewhat, but an Alaskan-hardy gold lace is doubtful. Specie primula for Alaska are more appropriate. This still leaves the inbred plants for more southern growers. Unfortunately, they aren't appearing in the numbers I'd like to see.

Besides more members, we need more life members for they give an Organization membership stability and a financial reserve to weather unforeseen and temporary difficulties. Unfortunately, at the last board meeting, this concept appeared to be poorly understood. Instead, the financial base contributed by the life members is in danger. Life dues are usually set such that the interest off the dues will pay that member's yearly dues with the remainder to be donated to the society at their demise. This all depends on their dues (i.e. society funds) being held in sort of a trust-like status. If we don't take more care, the society's reserve will be gone in two years. We must:

1. Get more members
2. Cut expenses
3. Increase income

A membership committee is needed, and more membership options should be added. Particularly, a household membership should be an option at $30, such that only one quarterly will be sent to two members. A membership without a quarterly at $7 a year should also be considered. This would easily increase the membership without increasing expense because our largest expense is the quarterly. It would not increase appreciably the income but other sales and new memberships would.

It would help if we each attempted to recruit a new member. Another proposal would be to print a small booklet on plant genetics in primroses. The idea is to get more breeders interested and at a younger age. Every high school and college class on genetics should be using primroses to teach with.

On a housekeeping note, other problems are also arising. They are fraught with emotion, but I fortunately don't think they should be difficult to solve.

One member is making accusations against a second member involving a third deceased member. Others have raised questions involving the first person and the third. I have found little merit nor advantage to the society in getting involved in a cat fight. The only one with a complaint should be the third party, and I don't hear that person complaining. Basically, when I die, the best compliment one could render, is to grow and take care of some of my plants.

An amendment to the constitution to remove or sit in judgment of members will only bring more contention and could rip the society apart. We should bury this issue here!

The constitution and bylaws being used are marked "proposed". They were accepted at the April 3 1993 general meeting. The full constitution and bylaws should be published in the quarterly as well as the current membership rolls.

I've ruffled more than a few petals in Alaska by pointing out a group is not a chapter and needed to be, to have a chapter vote. Thea Oakley also confirmed what was in the constitution. At the last board meeting, she moved to grant (as required in the constitution) chapter status to the Alaska group, but Juneau pulled it off the table at the last moment. For the record, I know of no one desiring to deny a chapter vote to any group. This is strictly a minor housekeeping chore, strictly for the record!

The same goes for any other group. Alaska seems to fear chapter status but wants a chapter vote. All the bylaws state is: a chapter shall have 10 or more members to form, and the board okays the vote. After that, the bylaws are mute. So nothing further is even required. At the present, what you call yourself, membership, dues, etc. (if at all) is no other chapter's or the society's business. It may be desirable to strengthen the bylaws here sometime in the future, and the I.R.S. may dictate better accountability of funds. However, I feel we should be more concerned with promoting and strengthening the chapters than dissolving them. The chapters have a deep independent streak in them that is good and should be preserved. Currently, the chapters are as weak as the membership, so no benefit will occur in further weakening them.

We need to set the rules of the society loosely enough that many divergent areas and interests can join, together without feeling constrained or dominated by another. We need to accentuate our diverse strengths and the positive, not belittling negatives, so we can then attract more members and chapters, thus promoting primrose knowledge, culture and advancement. This is what the purpose of A.P.S. is all about.

Dr. Roger Eichman will be running for president next election in April.
Auricula growers seek perfection

Extracted from John McWatt’s “The Primulas of Europe”

Perfect form should be the aim in breeding auriculas. Color can be obtained afterward.

The auricula has been brought to such perfection as a florists’ flower in the many years it has been in cultivation that no further improvement seems possible. Yet raisers constantly endeavor to add new varieties which will be superior, or at least equal, to the older ones.

Be careful

Some improvements may be within reach in certain directions, but it is important to be careful. In striving to gain certain points, growers may neglect others of equal or greater importance. The end result may be that the new variety is inferior to the old as a whole, though superior in the details aimed at.

Experienced raisers of new auriculas generally agree that the female parent—the seed bearer—must have special consideration. It must be the best available flower in flatness, roundness, substance, breadth and smoothness.

The male parent—the pollen bearer—ought to have these points as far as possible so the desired characteristics may be obtained in the seedling.

Some weaknesses

Both selfs and edged flowers have their points of weakness in form. Selfs often have a notch or heart-shaped indentation in the petal. The shortcoming in edged flowers has been pointed petals.

It is desirable to eliminate both failings. Edged flowers have been greatly improved, and there is no reason why the selfcolored auricula should not attain the same standard.

Form = character

It has been remarked, with absolute justice, that a self which has a good form almost invariably has a high character in some of its other points. This is, of course, not without exception.

A self flower which is perfect, or as perfect as possible in its circular form, has generally a paste of equal perfection. That is, the circle of “paste” is practically perfect, not irregular in its outline as often happens with notched flowers.

Watch substance

Selfs generally are lacking in substance compared with the edged flowers. Effort should be made to bring them up to the same standard—but this is not as easy as one would imagine.

It has been proved that crossing selfs with an edged flower does not necessarily produce a flower with more substance. Seedlings from edged auriculas often prove to be selfs, and they can be thin in substance, badly notched and lacking the smoothness which should characterize a good flower.

Improving color

Color improvement is a great object with selfs. Good advances in this direction have been made.

Authorities agree that the best plants in the edged class generally are raised by crossing edged flowers with others of the same class. This is due to the importance of form and its corresponding influence on the form of the circle of paste.

Growers get better results in coloring on the edges from using only edged auriculas for breeding than if they introduce color from self auriculas.

5 or 6 petals

The number of petals is another factor in the search for perfection. Some early growers insisted six petals were necessary; others said five were sufficient and were less likely to give a frilled or unevenly formed flower.

Five appears to be the generally accepted number at the present time. But it is not a heinous offense for a flower to have more. Five or six may be considered good.

 Requires thought

Breeding for body color as well as for perfection of the edges and the paste and tube will require some thought. Perfection in green, grey or white edge and wellmarked paste will be evident—but beware of a poor, greeny yellow color of the tube.

Body color requires more notice. It must form a good solid band of coloring between the paste and the edge, well defined against the paste, but...
penciled into the edge in a handsome and pronounced way—not with little notches or pencillings here and there.

Black is favored

The general body color is black, of which depth and a pleasing shade are desired. Other colors are found among the "body colors," but black always has been most sought after and is looked upon with greater favor.

The points for the alpine auriculas are more easily attained. Yet the tendency has been to find it more and more difficult to produce flowers better than those previously raised. Inevitably efforts taken with alpine auriculas will set up a still higher standard of beauty.

Word of warning

A warning to the raiser of seedling auriculas: they do not always show their permanent character in the first three years of their flowering.

Sometimes a flower which promises in its first season to be of exceptional merit shows itself to be vastly inferior in the second season. It may revert to its first season's perfection in the third, or it may remain a disappointment to its raiser.

Perfection?

It is easy to see that the perfect auricula seedling is difficult to obtain. There are so many qualities to consider.

Yet what has been achieved before can be performed again. The wonderfully beautiful flowers in this section raised within the past few years show that the mantle of the older florists has fallen upon more than one of the raisers of recent days.

PLEA FOR STORIES

Herb Dickson once told me he had to write eight letters to get one article. I believe him.

In May at the National Board Meeting it was suggested that the Fall or Winter Quarterly be a tribute to those living members who have been instrumental in the survival of the society. I took this idea and tried to fly with it, I published a notice in the Quarterly, I wrote letters and all I received was two articles, a letter saying it was too short notice and that's all. So this is what I am going to do—I am going to put this issue together with unrelated articles and will do the tribute in the Spring.

I know all of you know those who have been a help in promoting the society and I'd like to hear about them.

When I was doing the Seed Exchange and mailing the Quarterlies I had many of you who were familiar names to me. I couldn't put faces to the names but you were all like old friends. You were all faithful members and loyal donors to the seed exchange.

I remember names like Edith Ordille, Charles Oliver, Nancy Goodwin, Plaskota Roman, Mary Lopez, Ivo Benes, Donald Leake, Col. Stoffels, Karen Schelling, who didn't like the way I did the exchange and told me so, but she was a dandy member and donor. There were the Cravens in England, Ray Brown of Plant World also in England, Diana Whimp, of New Zealand, Bodil Leamy of Canada, Caroline and Richard Critz of Pennsylvania, Frank Cabot of New York and Anita Alexander, and many more. Surely there are friends of yours you'd like to remember with a short story. Please oh! please flood my mailbox with them so we can have a fitting tribute to those who have so faithfully supported the Primrose we all love so much.

The cut off date will be February 15th, 2001, so I will need your stories by then if you can. I also would like some good pictures to accompany the story. Thanks, Candy.

NATIONAL SHOW 2000

The National Show 2000 took place May 5th and 6th in Juneau, Alaska at the Chapel by The Lake. It was held in conjunction with the Master Gardeners' Alaska Gardening Conference 2000.

There were many classes, speakers, garden tours, and sales offered, which complimented our Show. There was a lot of interest in the Show Plants. The weather had cooperated with the 19 Exhibitors who had 175 entries all together. I am sure there will be more next time. The group probably should have given a lesson on the Schedule and tagging of the entries. Our Juneau Group and visitors were surprised at the quantity and that there were some entries in every division. Our Judges were Rosetta Jones, Lead Judge; Marie Skonberg and Roger Eichman both Apprentice Judges. We all thank them for their time and efforts. The Clerks were Pat Wilson and Bobbie Lee Daniels.

Saturday evening there was a get together at Rosemary Hagevig's in Douglas prior to the dinner at Mike's Place. A slide show was given by Rita from Fritz Creek Gardens in Homer, Alaska. She also had been kind enough to make an offer on the last of our sale plants at the show. It was a great help because no one had to haul them home. We got some new ideas for plants and landscaping ideas also. There was an auction of plants donated by Rick Lupp and April Boettger. The Herb Dickson Award was given to John O'Brien, who was absent due to medical problems, but is doing well now. This is the award for promoting the APS and he is the one who started our Juneau group. Many of the primrose plants that grow in Juneau have come from the O'Brien Plant Sales or the Juneau Garden Club Sales with many of the primula donated by Caroline Jensen. I learned early to look for the plants in vacated food cans.

A good time was had by all and after resting for a few days, watering our own plants trying to pamper those that had been in the show. Juneau decided they would again have a show. Notes were made on how to be better organized next time. Marie was unable to go home as scheduled and ended up staying an extra day to Cher'i's delight.

NATIONAL SHOW AWARDS

Cheri Fluck won the Sweepstakes award. This is given to the person who has the most blue ribbons plus the Best of Show ribbons. She received the Wesley Bottoms award for Best Rose—in—Rose with a bright yellow polyanthus, the John Kerridge award for Best Cowichan with a black red cowichan, the Etha Tate award for the Best Julie Hybrid. She also received the John Kerridge award for the most species in bloom. Her species in bloom included hirsuta, spectabilis, farinosa, elatior' ssp meyerii, denticulata, sieboldii, luteola, rosea, warshenewshiana and chionantha.

Clay McDole took the Frank Michaud and John Schumann award for his Best Show Auricula "American Beauty" and his Best Alpine Auricula "Andrea Julia".

Rosetta Jones received the Ellen Page Haydon award for her double Auricula named "Brownie".

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**Prim and Proper Primrose Pronunciation**

Lew R Mckleson

In this installment we return to our usual enumeration of various species with an explanation of their pronunciation and their etymology.

**P. boreioicalliantha**

This specific epithet refers to the place of origin of this plant: Bóreioi “northern”, kallos “beautiful”, and anthos “flower”. The meaning is quite obvious: “a northern plant with beautiful flowers”. The adjective “northern” may have been used here because the plant occurs at the 4000 meter level in the region where Tibet, Yunnan, and Sichuan meet, an area apparently somewhat to the north of the range for P. calliantha. The term “calliantha” has been applied here because both these plants are reputed to be among the finest of all primulas. The Subgenus is our ubiquitous Aleuritia, and the Section is Crystallophlomis “like some crystalline plant”.

**P. cardioeides**

This adjectival specific epithet is a compound form consisting of cardio- from Greek kardia “heart” and —eides from Greek eidos “form, shape”. The combination is obviously “heart-shaped” and refers to the fact that the leaves of this plant are heart-shaped at the base. Note that the diphthong in the long penultimate syllable and the final syllable of the word are pronounced —ee-deez. The Subgenus is Carolinella referring to the hot, moist region of Yunnan where the plant grows. The Section is Chartacea, a feminine adjectival form from the Latin chartaceus “resembling paper”. See P. chartacea below.

**P. caulifera**

Another compound adjective to agree with Primula. It consists of cauli- from Latin caulis “the stem of a plant” related to Greek kaulós “the stalk of a plant”. The latter part of the word —fera goes back to Latin fero, ferre “to bear, carry”. The whole word means “stem-bearing” and refers to the long-stalked leaves of this plant. The penultimate syllable is short, therefore the accent goes to the antepenult. The Subgenus is Auganthus “bright flower”. The Section is Obconicolisteri “plants similar to those with capsules shaped like inverted cones and to plants named after Lister”.

**P. capillaris**

This specific is another adjective and bears the meaning “resembling hair, very slender”. This adjective refers to the very narrow upright leaves of the plant, as we all know, the long —a- before the —r- in —aris sounds like the —e- in end. The Subgenus is Auriculastrum “a wild plant with ear-like leaves”. The Section here is Primula.
The Subgenus is Auriculastrum mentioned above under P. capillaris. The Section is Auricula “little ear” referring to the shape of the leaves.

P. cavaleriei
This particular epithet is the Latinized genitive singular form of the French family name Cavalerie. The plant was discovered by the two Frenchmen Cavalerie and Fortunat in 1837 in Lintchouan, Kweitchou province. The -ie- in the penultimate syllable is pronounced -ee- and, as a long syllable, takes the accent. Just as in the case of P. caulifera, the Subgenus is Auganthus; and the Section is Obconicolisteri.

P. cernua
Here is the feminine form of the Latin adjective cernuus “drooping, nodding”. The term has been applied here because the flowers are somewhat pendant. The -u- in -ua is short; so the accent falls on the long antepenultimate syllable. The Subgenus is Auganthus encountered many times already, and the Section is Obconicolisteri.

P. chartacea
Another feminine form of a Latin adjective chartaceus “resembling paper”. The two adjacent short vowels -eu- in the ending -aceus cause the -a- to be accented and lengthened. The Subgenus is Auricula seen above under P. cardioeides, and the Section is Chartacea needs no further discussion.

P. chionógenes
This is a special compound adjective composed of Greek chion snow and a Greek suffix —genes “born”. The combination emerges as “born in the snow”. The first -e- in -genes is short; so the accent falls on the linking vowel -o. The whole ending is pronounced -o-jeneez. No comment is necessary about the Subgenus Auricula, and the Section Petiolares “plants with rather long leaf-stalks” has already been discussed.

Dues increase
In order to continue publication of the Quarterly with color photos, a dues increase must be considered. The cost to produce the Quarterly for 500 members each year is $33.00/member. That is the amount needed just to cover the Quarterly. Issues related to a dues increase such as membership numbers, mailing costs for the Quarterly, life memberships, etc. were discussed. The Board felt that too large a dues increase would result in decreased membership. The issue of a dues increase will be revisited again next year. A motion to raise annual dues to $25/yr., $70/3 yrs., $350 for life membership; overseas $32/yr., $90 for 3 years passed unanimously. The dues increase will go into effect Jan. 1, 2001, and will be published in the Winter Quarterly.

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Photo by Jani Reid
Growing Primulas from Seed in Massachusetts

By Rodney Barker

Growing primulas in Massachusetts is a challenge; growing primulas from seed in Massachusetts is even more of a challenge. I was brought up in England where primroses and primulas spring up unaided in gardens, fields and hedge rows. After I moved to Massachusetts, I found I was dealing with a very different and difficult climate for primulas. However, over the years I have developed a method of growing them that has been quite successful.

I order nearly all my seeds from Barnhaven in France, mailing the order in October. The seeds arrive in late November and I immediately put them into a screw top jar in the refrigerator without opening or unsealing the packets. In mid-January, when the weather is really unpleasant and very cold, I prepare to sow the seeds. I use small seed boxes 6" by 8", made from compressed paper products. These I obtain from a farm store in Maine, although they are available at other garden shops and garden centers. I fill the seed boxes with dampened potting soil made by "Peters" and by "Country Cottage." I have found that the "Seed Starter" mixture made by Country Cottage is too fine and dusty and easily clogs when the seeds and little plants are watered. The potting soil, however, contains sufficient peat and grit so that it retains its ability to drain easily. I fill the seed boxes to within about 3/4" of the top, flatten down the damp mixture just enough so that it will not sink as soon as it gets rained or snowed on. I then sow the seeds directly onto the top of the mixture as thinly as I can using my eye and the old fashioned manual method. I find that one seed tray is about sufficient for the normal Barnhaven packet. I then label the tray, sinking the plastic label into the side of the tray so that it does not extend up above the edge. Each tray is then covered tightly with a piece of burlap which has been previously cut to the correct size so that it can be secured by a piece of garden string tied tightly around the tray underneath the lip so that the sacking does not touch the seeds.

When all the trays are prepared they are then taken outdoors and placed, in my particular garden, against the north side of the house on the ground so that they are protected from overflowing downspouts. The trays are left in their outdoor position for about six to eight weeks. Usually during this period we will have had snow and cold and the trays, for a while, will have disappeared under a blanket of white.

In early to mid-March, I bring the trays into the greenhouse for germination. My greenhouse is kept reasonably cool in that I allow the temperatures to drop to 50° at night and hopefully not really go above 65° or 70° during the day. It is a greenhouse that normally, in the winter, is filled with citrus, camellias and azaleas. As soon as I bring in the seed trays, I remove the sacking by cutting the string. This sacking is set aside to dry to be used another year. The seeds will germinate within two weeks and for the next six to eight weeks they will grow and hopefully flourish in their seed trays until they are ready to be pricked out into individual containers.

After all the seedlings have been pricked out the trays of containers are placed in a cold frame in a shaded area underneath a tall oak tree. I find that in this position the cold frames do not get too hot but are protected from the weather. The seedlings are left in the cold frames until early September when I put them out into the open ground in good soil that has been amply supplemented with compost.

The months of June, July and August are difficult months for primulas in Massachusetts, whether they are new seedlings in the cold frame or established plants in the ground. In both cases I have to be very careful to keep them watered and free of slugs and spidermite.

Over the years I have grown and had success with primula vulgaris, primula veris, different kinds of cowichan primula, gold laced primulas, polyanthas, and acaulis. All these have successfully grown from seed. Next year I am going to try growing sieboldii from seed. This Asiatic variety grows very well in New England because it goes completely dormant in the summer and therefore does not suffer from the dry heat that we often have. I hope this short description of growing primulas from seed in New England will encourage people to try these beautiful plants even in a difficult climate.

P.Sieboldii
P.Vulgaris
P.Veris
P.Cowichan
Semi-double Seedling
Photo by Duane Buell

Marginata “Herb Dickson”
Photo by Jani Reid

"Bruce's Fire" and growers exhibit of Denticulata
Photo by Duane Buell

Rosetta Jones best double auricula “Brownie”
Photo by Jani Reid

Best acaulis - Produced from Rosetta Jones seed named Arianna
Photo by Jani Reid
"Bewitched"

"Striped Paint"

"My Buddy"

"Tyne Tiger"

Photo by Allen Hawkes

"Monnow Kate"

Photos by Derek Parsons

Photo by Allan Hawkes
P. Veris
Plant & Photo by Rodney Barker

Show Benches
Photo by Duane Buell

Best Julie Hybrid
"Sophie"

Best Cowichan
Photo by Jani Reid

P. Vulgaris
Plant & Photo by Rodney Barker
Constitution Of The American Primrose, Primula and Auricula Society

(As revised through November 1958)

We, the PRIMROSE LOVERS OF AMERICA, for the purposes hereinafter set forth, organize ourselves in an Association under the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I
The name of this organization shall be the AMERICAN PRIMROSE, PRIMULA AND AURICULA SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

ARTICLE II
Section I - To increase the general interest and to cooperate with all interested organizations and growers in the cultivation of the primula in all its forms, hybrids, and species, and to improve its standard of excellence and to study the best methods of its culture.

Section II - To encourage the use of, and to cooperate with other organizations in seeking to establish standardized nomenclature of existent species, hybrids, and varieties.

Section III - To set up, as the parent organization, a standard of rules and regulations for the judging of the genus.

ARTICLE III
Section I - All persons interested in the objects of this Society shall be eligible to membership.

Section II - Every member upon payment of dues set forth in the By-Laws shall be entitled to vote at all regular and special meetings of the Society and one duly elected representative from each affiliated organization shall, when registered with the Secretary of the National Society, be entitled to one vote for the Society plus one vote for each ten members or fraction thereof whose affiliate dues have been paid.

Section III - All members shall be eligible to the office of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Director, except that professionals shall be in a minority on the Board.

Section IV - Active, sustaining, life, and affiliated organization memberships shall be held as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV
Section I - The officers shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and six Directors.

Section II - Terms of all officers, except directors, shall be for one year beginning at the close of one annual meeting and ending at the close of the next annual meeting. Terms for Directors shall be for three years. Two directors will retire and two new ones be elected at each annual meeting.

Section III - Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

Section IV - Offices shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office in which the vacancy occurs.

Section V - The President shall appoint a nominating committee not later than two months after the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall submit their nominations to the President within four months after the annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting, with the consent of the nominee.

Section VI - The fiscal year shall start January 1st and end December 31st.

ARTICLE V
The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held during and in the same vicinity as the National Primrose Show each year. The local affiliated society sponsoring the show shall be host to the National Society for the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Society between annual meetings with full power to act under the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws to carry out the policies and projects of the Society that have been agreed upon by the members at the annual meetings or special meeting.

ARTICLE VI
The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present providing amendments have been approved first by the Board, and notice of such amendment has been published in the Quarterly, or otherwise given to all members at least twenty days preceding such meeting; or, by a two-thirds majority of a ballot by mail providing that within three months from date of notice of proposed amendments with instructions for voting, ballots from fifty percent or more of the entire membership have been received by the Secretary.

BY-LAWS
ARTICLE I
Section I - The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society. Voting shall be by members and duly elected representatives of affiliated societies present at the meeting. Absentee ballots received by the Secretary prior to voting time at the annual meeting will be counted the same as if the member were present.

ARTICLE VII
The Board of Directors may each year, upon application, designate one of the general primrose shows staged by an affiliated society as the National Primrose Show. Every effort will be made to secure a truly national representation at the national show. Within the Board's discretion a special type primrose show, when staged by an affiliated society, may be designated as the National Show for that type of primrose. Never more than one show for a particular type of primrose shall be designated at the national show for that type of primrose in any one year.

ARTICLE VIII
Section I - The society shall maintain and issue regularly each year three quarterly magazines and a year book, which shall be delivered free to the members and shall be sold to non-members under such terms as the Board of Directors from time to time may deem it advisable to fix.

Section II - The President and Board of Directors shall designate each year, at the first Board meeting after the annual meeting, an editor and an editorial board to have charge of, and responsibility for the preparation and publication of the magazine, publication of advertising for same, and such other functions as naturally devolve upon such a position.

Section III - The editor shall be responsible for handling of editorial material received, for its editing and arrangement in the Quarterly and the Year Book.

Section IV - The Quarterly shall be issued thrice a year and in April it shall be deemed to be absorbed into the Year Book which shall be issued at that time.
ARTICLE III
Section I - Memberships shall be active (individual and household), sustaining, life, and affiliated organization.
Section II - Active membership dues shall be $3.50 per year, and shall be due November 15th for the following year and considered delinquent as of January 1st. A family membership, with one copy of the Quarterly but with full rights for each member, will be offered as follows: $3.50 for the first member and $1.00 for each additional member. Active membership dues may be had for three years by payment of $10.00 in advance. Full membership, including subscription for the Quarterly, for overseas membership may be had for $2.50 per year.
Section III - Active membership shall entitle the holder to receive all bulletins, reports, and publications issued by the American Primrose Society; representation by duly elected delegate at all meetings of the Society; free rental of slides or any other program maintained by the American Primrose Society.
ARTICLE IV
Section I - The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Secretary, and six elected directors.
Section II - The Board of Directors shall serve with the other officers as a Board of Directors to carry on the necessary business of the Society under the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws and such additional ruling as may be made by the Society at its annual and other meetings.
ARTICLE V
Section I - The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Secretary, and six elected directors.
Section II - The Board of Directors shall direct the business of the Society, for a fee of $100.00. Life memberships shall carry all privileges designated for individual memberships.
Section VI - An affiliated organization membership may be taken out by local, State, or National garden clubs, or similar organizations that have special and pre-eminent interest in Primulas, affiliating themselves with the National organization; and such membership shall be based upon payment of 25¢ for each member who belongs to the affiliated society as of the end of such society's fiscal year. Minimum payment for affiliation $2.50.
Section VII - An affiliated organization membership shall entitle the organization to receive one copy of all bulletins, reports, and publications issued by the American Primrose Society; representation by duly elected delegate at all meetings of the Society; free rental of slides or any other program maintained by the American Primrose Society.
ARTICLE VI
Section I - The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and six elected directors.
Section II - The Board of Directors shall direct the business of the Society within the limits of the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws and according to the general policy laid down by the members at the annual or special meetings.
Section III and IV - deleted.
Section V - Directors shall be elected to serve three year terms. Two directors shall be elected at each annual meeting for terms of three years to replace the two whose terms are expiring and secure the rotation of membership on the Board. Absence of a director for three consecutive Board meetings or any four Board meetings during the year, without just cause, shall constitute a resignation.
Section VI - The Board of Directors may designate and constitute certain geographical areas as official regions of the Society and appoint a Regional Vice-President to represent the Society locally for each region. The Board of Directors may vacate, rescind, or change the designations of official regions whereupon the appointment of such Regional Vice-Presidents shall be vacated. Regional Vice-Presidents shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors for one-year terms starting and ending with the terms of elected officers.
ARTICLE VII
These By-Laws may be amended in exactly the same manner as the Constitution.
ARTICLE VIII
The members present, including five members from the Board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular or special meetings of the Society.
ARTICLE VI deleted
CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS
American Primrose, Primula Auricula Society, Incorporated

ARTICLE I—NAME
The name of this organization is The American Primrose, Primula and Auricula Society, Incorporated, commonly referred to as The American Primrose Society.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE
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 disseminating information about primula.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP
SECTION I—All persons interested in the objects of this society shall be eligible for membership as individuals.
SECTION II—Organizations interested in the objects of this society may become affiliated societies and groups of A.P.S. members may organize into regional or local chapters to become subdivisions of the American Primrose Society.
SECTION III—Upon payment of current dues each member shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the society and each affiliated organization, regional or local chapter, shall be entitled to one vote as an organization.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS
SECTION I—Any individual member of this society shall be eligible to hold any office of this society.
SECTION II—The officers shall be:

- president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary, corresponding secretary (two or more as required),
- and six elected directors.

SECTION III—The board of directors shall consist of the six elected directors, the current officers of the society, the immediate past president, editor of the Quarterly, the president of each affiliated society, and the president of each regional or local chapter.

SECTION IV—Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

SECTION V—The president shall appoint a nominating committee so that the committee can submit the nominations in time to be published in the quarterly before the annual meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting with the consent of the nominee.

SECTION VI—The board of directors shall conduct the business of the society with full power to act under the provisions of this constitution and bylaws.

SECTION VII—The terms of all officers shall be for one year, except directors beginning at the close of one annual meeting and ending at the close of the next annual meeting. Terms for directors shall be for three years. Two directors will retire and two new ones will be elected at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V—ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the society shall be held during and in the same vicinity as the National Primrose Show each year. The local chapter or affiliated society sponsoring the show will be host to the national society for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS
The constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by two thirds majority vote of the members present provided amendments have been approved by the board, and notice of such amendment has been published in the Quarterly, or otherwise given to all members prior to the annual meeting.

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ARTICLE VIII—PUBLICATION
SECTION I—The society shall maintain and issue regularly quarterly magazine, which shall be delivered free to members and shall be sold to non-members under such terms as the board of directors from time to time deem it advisable to fix.
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SECTION III—The editor shall be responsible for collecting and handling of editorial material for the editing and arrangement of all material in the Quarterly according to the guidelines, rules and limitations determined by the board of directors.

BYLAWS
ARTICLE I
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SECTION III—The vice-president shall assist the president in every way possible and assume the office of acting president in case of absence or incapacity of the president.
SECTION IV—The treasurer shall post a bond during his incumbency, the cost of which shall be defrayed by the society. He shall receive and account for all money of the society and disburse the society's funds on approval of the board of directors. The treasurer shall be prepared to render a report at each board meeting and at each regular meeting. The annual report made by the treasurer shall be accompanied by a report of audits made by an audit committee of two members appointed by the president.
SECTION V—The corresponding
ARTICLE II
Special meetings shall be called by the president or vice-president, or may be summoned by the board of directors. Notice shall be given to all members of any special meeting and the object of the meeting shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in notice thereof.

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SECTION I — Memberships shall be active (individuals and household), sustaining, life, affiliated organizations and local or regional chapters.
SECTION II — Dues shall be set by the board of directors.
SECTION III — Active membership shall entitle the holder to receive all publications issued by the society during the year and to vote in the regular meetings of the society.
SECTION IV — Sustaining membership may be contributed by persons interested in furthering the objectives of the society.
SECTION V — Life membership may be awarded to persons who have performed outstanding service in the interests of the society, or may be purchased by persons interested in furthering the work of the society. Life memberships shall carry all privileges designated for individual membership.
SECTION VI — An affiliated organization membership may be taken out by local, state, or national garden clubs, or similar organizations that have special and preeminent interest in primulas, affiliating themselves with the national organization in achieving the purpose of the society.
SECTION VII — An affiliated membership shall entitle the organization to receive one copy of all bulletins, reports, and publications issued by the American Primrose Society; representation by duly delegate at all meetings of the society; free rental of slides or any other program maintained by the American Primrose Society.
SECTION VIII — A regional or local chapter of the American Primrose Society may be organized when any group of 10 or more members decide to organize, have meetings and work as a group to further the purpose of this society. Upon successful organization the board of directors may issue each local or regional chapter a charter making them an official part of the American Primrose Society.

ARTICLE IV
The members present, including five members from the board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular or special meetings of the society.

ARTICLE V
The bylaws may be amended in exactly the same manner as the constitution.

ARTICLE VI
Roberts Rules of Order, shall govern this society in all parliamentary matters to which they are applicable, and in which they do not conflict with the constitution and bylaws.

AMERICAN PRIMROSE, PRIMULA AND AURICULA SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP
SECTION I - All persons interested in the objectives of this society shall be eligible for membership as individuals.
SECTION II - Organizations interested in the objectives of this society may become affiliated societies and groups of The American Primula Society members may organize into regional or local chapters to become subdivisions of the American Primrose Society.
SECTION III - All members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting, or specially called general meeting, of the society, and each affiliated organization, regional or local chapter, shall be entitled to one vote as an organization.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS
SECTION I - Any individual member of this society, in good standing, shall be eligible to hold any office of this society
SECTION II - The officers shall be: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and six elected directors.
SECTION III - The board of directors shall consist of the six elected directors, the current officers of this society, the immediate past president, editor of the quarterly bulletin, the president of each affiliated society, and president of each regional or local chapter.
SECTION IV - Officers shall be elected by a ballot submitted prior to the annual meeting, and the tabulated results announced at the annual meeting.
SECTION V - The president shall appoint a nominating committee so that the committee can submit the nominations in time to be distributed with the ballot in the winter issue of the quarterly bulletin. The ballot shall be received by the secretary two weeks prior to the annual meeting. The nominating committee will secure each nominee's agreement to serve. The committee will try to get more than one nominee for each position.
SECTION VI - The board of directors shall conduct the business of the society with full power to act under the provisions of this constitution and bylaws.
SECTION VII - The terms of all officers shall be for one year, beginning at the close of one annual meeting and ending at the close of the next annual meeting. Terms for directors shall be for three years. Two directors will

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retire and two new ones will be elected each year.

ARTICLE V
ANNUAL MEETING
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ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS
The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members, provided the amendment(s) have been approved by the board of directors, and notice of the amendment(s) has been published in the quarterly bulletin, or distributed to all members. A ballot with the proposed amendment(s) shall be sent to every member, to be returned to the secretary by a specified date.

ARTICLE VII
NATIONAL SHOWS
The board of directors may each year, upon application, designate one of the general primrose shows staged by a local chapter or an affiliated society as the National Primrose Show. Every effort will be made to secure a truly national representation at the National Show.

ARTICLE VIII
PUBLICATION
SECTION I - The society shall issue a regularly published quarterly bulletin. This publication shall reflect the business of the society, including reports of the board of directors, and shall be sent to all members in good standing.

SECTION II - The president with the consent of the rest of the board of directors shall designate an editor to have charge of, and responsibility for the preparation and publication of the quarterly bulletin, and such other functions as naturally devolved upon such a position.

SECTION III - The editor shall be responsible for collecting and handling of editorial material for the editing and arrangement of all material in the quarterly bulletin according to the guidelines, rules and limitations determined by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX - FISCAL YEAR
The fiscal year of this organization is January 1 to December 31.

BYLAWS
ARTICLE I
DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS
SECTION I - The officers shall be elected by ballot sent to the members prior to the annual meeting. The ballot must be received by the secretary two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION II - The president shall preside at all meetings of the society and of the board of directors and perform the general duties of the president. He shall appoint such committee members and committee chairpersons as are needed to successfully carry on the business of the society.

SECTION III - The vice-president shall assist the president in every way possible and assume the office of acting president in case of absence or incapacity of the president.

SECTION IV - The treasurer shall receive and account for all monies of the society, and disburse the society's funds as approved by the board of directors. The treasurer shall submit a 'year to date' report at each board meeting, and an annual report at the annual meeting. All committee chairpersons shall report their respective accounts to the treasurer prior to each meeting, so they can be included in the treasurer's reports. The president or the board of directors may appoint an audit committee of at least two persons to conduct an audit of the treasurer's accounts, or any committee chairperson's accounts.

SECTION V - The secretary shall record the minutes and maintain the files and records of the society. The secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the society.

SECTION VI - The directors shall serve with the officers as a board of directors to carry on the necessary business of the society under the provisions of the constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE II
SPECIAL MEETINGS
Special meetings shall be called by the president or vice-president, or may be summoned by the board of directors. Notice shall be given to all members of any special meeting and the objective of the meeting shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

ARTICLE III
CLASSIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIPS
SECTION I - Memberships shall be active (individuals and households), sustaining, life, affiliated organizations and local or regional chapters.

SECTION II - Dues shall be set by the board of directors. Members in good standing have currently paid their respective dues.

SECTION III - Active membership shall entitle the holder to receive all publications issued by the society during the year and to vote on the business of the society. Active members shall have access to the slide library, and shall be able to participate in the seed exchange.

SECTION IV - Sustaining membership may be contributed by persons interested in furthering the objectives of the society.

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SECTION VIII - A regional or local chapter of the American Primrose Society may be organized when any group of ten or more members decide to organize, have meetings and work as a group to further the purpose of this society. Upon successful organization the board of directors may issue each local or regional chapter a charter making them an official part of the society.

ARTICLE IV
QUORUM FOR MEETINGS
Twenty members in good standing, including five members of the board of directors, shall constitute a quorum.
for the transaction of any business at the annual meeting or any special
meeting. A quorum of the board of directors shall be 50% of the board ros-
ter, plus one.

**ARTICLE V**
**BOARD MEETINGS**
The board of directors shall meet at
least three times each year, including
one meeting during the occasion of
the annual meeting. The new board
shall establish the calendar of meet-
ings.

**ARTICLE VI**
**AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS**
The bylaws may be amended in
exactly the same manner as the consti-
tution.

**ARTICLE VII**
**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**
Roberts Rules of order shall govern
this society in all parliamentary mat-
ters to which they are applicable, and
in which they do not conflict with the constitution and bylaws.

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**Message- continued from page 3**
2001. This will help us pay for the
colorful Quarterly that you have told
us you want.

Chapters in the Pacific Northwest
are having difficulty recruiting new
members and several have disbanded
in the last few years. Certainly we are
all more busy and moving faster try-
ing to make a living and do every-
thing we need to do. Sometimes we
also need to slow down occasionally
to smell the flowers and even grow
those beautiful plants. We need to
share our enthusiasm with our friends
and neighbors and show them the
way to beautify their lives. How many
new Primrose friends have you made
this year? Have a good New Year and
grow more Primulas to share!

Ed Buyarski

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**Show- continued from page 9**
Judy Sellers from New York took
home the Novice award with a beauti-
ful orange—red polyanthus named
"Bruce's Fire".

Dr. Roger Eichman won Best of
Division and Growers Exhibit with his
planting of deep red denticulata.

Ed Buyarski received the Rae Berry
award for his Best of Species, his oxs-
lip. His wife, Janice, also received an
award in the Division of arrangements
with her denticulatas.

The Rarety award went to Duane
Buell for his angustifolia, a dwarf
species from the section Parryi. A
beautiful fragrant pink flower in a
huddle of narrow leaves.

Last but not least, Marie Skonberg
took the Hybridizing award with her
magenta—striped Juliana x juliae.

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**BOARD BALLOT**
Casting Votes:
April Boettger, Ruby Chong, Roger
Eichman, Julia Haldorson, CyHappy,
Mary Irwin, Terry Mitchell, Thea
Oakley, Dot Plyler, June Skidmore,
Candy Strickland, Pat Wilson

Ed Buyarski — one tie breaking vote

The new wording is in underlined italics.

**Constitution**

**Article III - Membership**

New Section IV - A member may
be removed from membership in A.P.
S. upon two-thirds majority vote of the
board of directors, upon determina-
tion of actions detrimental to the soci-
ety. Membership dues remaining
unused may be refunded to the
removed member. The person may
apply for reinstatement and must be
approved by two-thirds of the board

Yes 8  cont’d
Chong
Irwin
Boettger
Haldorson
Mitchell
Plyler
Skidmore
Wilson

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**Bylaws**

**Article I - Duties of the Officers**

Revised Section II - The president
shall preside at all meetings of the
society and the board of directors and
perform the general duties of the pres-
ident. The president will vote on
issues before the board only in the
case of a tie. He shall appoint such
committee and committee chairper-
sons as are needed to successfully
carry on the work of the society.

Yes 7
Chong
Irwin
Boettger
Haldorson
Mitchell
Plyler
Skidmore
Wilson

No 4
Eichman
Haldorson
Happy
Oakley
Strickland
Article III
Classification of Members

Rev. Section VIII - A regional or local chapter of the American Primrose Society may be organized when a group of ten or more A.P.S. members decide to organize, have meetings and work as a group to further the purpose of this society. Upon successful organization the board of directors may issue each local or regional chapter a charter making them an official part of the society.

New Subsection A
(A) A recognized chapter shall have one vote on the board of directors if it submits an annual membership list and financial statement to the board.

New Subsection B
(B) A chapter shall lose its vote on the board if it does not retain ten A.P.S. members.

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