

# Lilac Lines...June 2023

Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, PO Box 828,  
115 S Pekin Rd, Woodland, WA 98674

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**HULDA KLAGER LILAC GARDENS**

**Lilac Days 2023**

115 S. Pekin RD Woodland WA [www.lilacgardens.com](http://www.lilacgardens.com)

April 22 - May 14

Stroll The Beautiful Gardens • Tour The Home (Limited Hours)  
Lilac Sales & Gift Shop • Visit the NEW Barn/Museum

Open Daily 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Gate Fee \$5.00 during Lilac Days,  
Children 12 and under free with adult



AVAILABLE NOW	
Sizes are 2 gal/1 gal/2" (miscellaneous)	moskvy - 2 gal + 2"
Myron Bailey - 1 gal + 2"	My Head - 2 gal
My Favorite - 1 gal	My Favorite - 1 gal
Alce Christensen - 1 gal	Nadeshda - 2"
Arch & Kean - 1 gal	Pink Elizabeth - 1 gal
Belle de Nancy - 2"	Prarie Petite - 2 gal + 2"
Bloomers - 2 gal	Pres. Grevy - 1 gal + 2"
	Pres. Lincoln - 1 gal

**2023 Lilac Days theme was "Hats from the Past"**

**We would like to thank all those who volunteered during Lilac Days 2023!**

## Our wonderful volunteers!

Dave Audette, Debi Babcock, Lisa Bigalow, Mary Boger, Janet Boon, Carol Bottemiller, Debbie Caffall, Stu Card, Lori Cash, Marilyn Cramer, Ria Danis, Christine and Sydney Dean, Nancy Downey, Jon Drury, Dianne and John Earnest, Debbie Elliott, Jane Ewert, Cyrilla Gleason, Linda Jo Greene, Alice Haff, Angel Hayes Wasu, Pete Hazard, Robyn Heerlein, Coraine Henkhaus, Marshol Horn, Bonnie Johnson, Lauretta and Clara Johnston, Jann Jones, Carol Ketchum, Cecealia Kiino, Sheila Leetch, Juanita MacMahon, Gudrun Mahrt, Ariel Marinetti, Billie Marxmiller, Aretia Moir, Carol Owens, Judith Peterson, Stina Rae, Lisa Rechenmacher, Katrina Redding, Jeane Richard, Gale Ripp, Noel Ripp, Rebecca Roberts, Kathy Rohrer, Margo Sanders, Jean Savage, Katherine Shaw, Geri Sherwin, Cathy Siefert, Ingrid Smith, Gabby Sprenger, Barbara Stimmel, Erin Thoeny, Marilyn Van Horn, Autum Warner, Nancy White, Jeannette Winterroth and our ED and Board Members: Patti Audette, Judy Card, Lori Comstock, Judy Kroon, Louise Moir, Fran and Kirk Northcut, and Ruth Wendt.

My sincere apologies if you volunteered and you are not listed, please let me know. All are invited to our July 25<sup>th</sup> Appreciation Picnic at 6 p.m. on the grounds at Hulda's house. Food furnished by the Board of Directors.



We had wonderful volunteer participation preparing for Lilac Days and during Lilac Days.

We have amazing volunteers! Jon Drury, I believe, gets the award for most unusual participation during our preparations at the new Museum. I dropped my keys through a slot (now plugged by Dwight D.) through the landing near the entry door. Jon volunteered to retrieve them for me. Judy Card, Membership Chr.



# Quilt Raffle 2023



The 2023 quilt raffle tickets will be available at our General Meeting June 27 and at the picnic July 25. It was commissioned from the Quilt group “Memory Blocks” at Community of Christ Church, Ridgefield and quilted by Peggy Muhly. This beautiful quilt measures 90”x90” with a purple and lilac theme can be won by a donation for tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be at the annual picnic July 25, 2023, 6 pm at the gardens.

## Membership Meeting Speakers

We were excited to have volunteer speakers at our recent Membership meetings. Each month we plan to have a feature speaker to share interesting garden tips, tricks, or history of the gardens. We’d love your input and ideas and are looking for a chair on this sub-committee.

Our June meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Please join us and share your thoughts and experiences about Lilac Days 2023. Refreshments are to be provided by Lisa Bigalow and Gabby Sprenger.



**Please join us at the Hulda Klager Lilac Society Member and Volunteer Appreciation Picnic July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. on the grounds of the Hulda Klager Gardens. Food will be provided by the Board. Please RSVP (let us know you are coming) so we can plan accordingly. Jcard20983@aol.com**

## **HKLG Executive Director Report** by Mari Ripp, Executive Director

**Lilac Days 2023** ran from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, and what a great event! The “Hats from the Past” theme was well received by everyone with many hats displayed throughout the house and museum. We had over 14,500 visitors come through the gates! That was a substantial increase from the previous couple of years (post-covid). Wow! We are so appreciative of all the volunteers for your time, talent, and everything you did to make it a successful event. Thank you!

We opened the new barn/museum and exhibits for Lilac Days 2023. We received many compliments, and the history and displays were spectacular! The timeline with all the photos told the story of Hulda and her family and the journey through time, beginning from the trek from Germany on the ship to the end of Hulda’s life, and then how the Hulda Klager Lilac Society was formed and all those that saved the beloved gardens.

Plant sales, gift shop and raffle sales were all great too. Speaking of plants, we sold over 13 varieties of 2” tissue cultures and 25 varieties of 1-to-2-gallon lilac plants which was over 4,000 plants. I took home a few purchases and added some more lilacs to my garden too! The gift shop had so many beautiful, handcrafted items, as well as the popular lilac themed gifts. We sold out of the quilt raffle tickets and had to re-order more and will finish up those left during Planters Days. The quilt raffle drawing will occur at the annual picnic on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Your help and fundraising during Lilac Days keeps the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens running for the year and so we thank you again!



## Summertime



Summer is here and it has started off with such warm, nice weather. That means lots of work in the garden planting, pruning and yes.... weeding! We have started the HKLG Wednesday Weeders of the Garden Committee and can use your help. Those pesky weeds keep coming! We are battling thistle, horsetail, grasses, etc. There are also areas in the formal garden that we will be placing new lilac plants to replace some that were damaged in the winter of 2021/2022. If you can join us, just email me for more information [hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com) or just show up any Wednesday at 9a.m. You can also contact Ruth Wendt 360-901-7028 and Lori Comstock who are our garden committee coordinators, and we would love to have your help and know what your gardening passion is.

### **Hulda's Birthday, History and Tidbits.**

I like to look at historical information and here's a few things I'd like to share. Hulda W. Thiel Klager was born on May 10, 1863, in Germany, died March 19, 1960, at age 96. She and her husband Frank Klager are buried at the Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) cemetery in Woodland, WA. Hulda was the daughter of Gottfried Thiel and Wilhelmina Thiel, wife of Frank Klager, mother of Elizabeth Mills, Idelia Guild Wilke, Martha, and Fred "Fritz" Klager. Also, siblings: brothers Auguste Thiel, Julius Thiel and Emil Thiel; sisters Emilie Auguste Strong and Bertha Thiel Tesch.

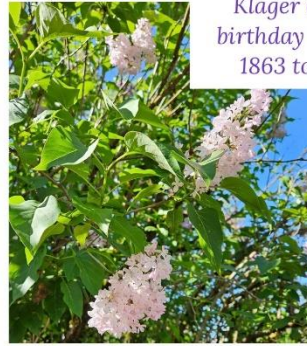
We celebrated Hulda's birthday at Lilac Days in remembrance of the "Lilac Lady" and her passion for lilacs, cultivating them and sharing them with family, friends, and neighbors.



May 10, 2023



Celebrating the remembrance of "Lilac Lady" Hulda Klager on her birthday May 10, 1863 to 1960



Exec. Director Mari Ripp, President Patti Audette

## Membership.

We are still welcoming new members and added some new members during Lilac Days. I'll leave that report to Judy Card, Membership Chair, who does a fantastic job keeping all of us informed and sharing a wealth of historical information too. If you know someone who would like to join us, share our website which has the membership application on it too. <https://lilacgardens.com/>

Come join us for meetings at 1:00 p.m. on June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Lilac Garden Membership meetings. We feature speakers at the meetings and share gardening tips, lilac information, history, and other fun and interesting things. Meetings are held in the historic farmhouse at 115 S. Pekin Rd, Woodland and start at 1:00 p.m. Upcoming speakers/topics will include Lily's-care and planting, pruning and caring for lilacs after they bloom, planting lilacs and other N.W. plants and trees. If you have an idea for a speaker, please share so all of us can learn and hear from you!

See you in the garden!

**MR**

Mari Ripp, Executive Director

You can reach me at: [hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com) or 360-608-0367

Or lots of information at [www.lilacgardens.com](http://www.lilacgardens.com)



## **How to care for lilacs**

- by Ruth Wendt, June 2023

1. Cut with knife or pruning shears.  
Cut 2" off stems or branches to enhance water uptake.
2. Put the stems in clean water. (Local lore recommends tepid water temperature.).  
Use a glass vase. Do not use a zinc pail.  
Check water level regularly.
3. Avoid drafts or bright sunlight.  
For prolonged bloom, place in cool spot at night.

## **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday Weeders will meet Wednesdays from 9 – 12 under the direction of Ruth Wendt and Lori Comstock

### **HKLG General Meeting 1-3 at Hulda's house**

June 27 1-3 we will be reviewing Lilac Days

August 22 TBA

September 26 TBA

October 24 TBA

Watch your email for current information or check out the website at

[www.lilacgardens.com](http://www.lilacgardens.com)

### **HKLG Appreciation Picnic for Members and Volunteers**

July 25 6 – 8

Food will be furnished by the Lilac Board

Please rsvp so we have an idea of how many to prepare for.

## **In Closing**

We hope you'll join our volunteers in 2024 with your time, skills, and experience. We'll be calling and emailing you again with updates and news! We'd love to hear from you!

For the love of lilacs!

Mari Ripp, Executive Director

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# Membership Application

Hulda Klager Lilac Society  
Attn: Judy Card, Membership Chr.  
PO Box 828  
Woodland, WA 98674

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering:            Yes            No

Where are you interested in volunteering?    House            Gate            Garden

Plant Sales    Museum    Other

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for meeting notifications and newsletter mailings

Please notify me at [jcard20983@aol.com](mailto:jcard20983@aol.com) for any address updates.

**A note about our Membership:** to those who purchase their membership prior to or during Lilac Days ***Your current year \$8 membership card allows your entry into the Gardens*** and with renewal following Lilac Days, the membership is designated for the following year.

Thank you to all of you who chose to support the Gardens with your membership. Please notify me of any changes of email address or mailing addresses.

Thank you, Judy Card, Membership Chr.

**2023 Hulda Klager Lilac Society  
Board of Directors and Committee Members**

President:	Patti Audette	360-263-4612
Vice-President:	Judy Card	360-314-6067
Secretary:	Lori Comstock	
Treasurer:	Louise Moir	360-225-7002,
Asst. Treasurer:	Judy Kroon	360-225-7770
Executive Director Mari Ripp		
hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com		

**Committees for Lilac Days**

Gate, House & Barn Museum:	Judy Card
Gift Shop & Cashiers:	Louis Moir
Membership & Newsletter:	Judy Card
Publicity:	Mari Ripp
Quilt raffle	Patti Audette
Plant Sales helpers	All available
Members at Large:	Judy Kroon, Dwight Trahin, Kirk and Fran Northcut
Garden	Ruth Wendt, Lori Comstock, Judy Kroon

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