

Registration of new lily cultivar names

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My sincerest thanks to Lynn Slackman for allowing me a few minutes of the meeting to talk about cultivar name registration.

I know that there will be some conference participants who are very experienced at registering their new lily cultivars, but there may be some members who are just starting out on their lily breeding journey and would like to know more.



What is 'Registration'?

- 'Registration' refers to the official recording of a new lily cultivar name.
- It is the creation of a unique record about that cultivar and includes:
 - a botanical description
 - high quality photographs
 - a record of those people involved in its creation.
- Lily registration is a free service.
- It is carried out by the Registrar on behalf of The Royal Horticultural Society.
- It can all be done via email without the need for posting pressed specimens!

Why register?

- Registration of new names does not confer any legal protection but it is still strongly recommended.
- The Registrar can discourage other lily breeders from registering a lily with the same or similar name.
- This helps to avoid confusion within the horticultural trade and could help protect commercial interests in cultivars that may have taken a long time to develop.
- As part of the registration process all new lily cultivar names will be published in supplements to *The International Lily Register and Checklist*, which officially establishes the cultivar name.
- The next supplement should be published early next year.

How to register?

- Please send me an email at sarahholme@rhs.org.uk, I will happily guide you through the process!
- I will collect a range of information about your new cultivar and collate this into a unique record, including writing a botanical description of its appearance.
- An official registration certificate can be issued upon completion.

How to register?

- If the RHS receives a name that has already been used, or sounds incredibly similar to a previous name, they will encourage the registrant to find an alternative. Sarah will include more detail about those rules concerning cultivars names in the NALS Quarterly Bulletin article.
- The purchase of an RHS colour chart to complete a registration, whilst recommended, is not strictly necessary. The colour chart helps determine the RHS colour chart code for the registration. A good description of the colour, together with digital photographs, will be sufficient in the absence of an RHS colour chart code.

How to register?

Further information about registration (application forms and past supplements that are free to download) can be found here:-

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/plantsmanship/plant-registration/lily-cultivar-registration>

Application forms and photographs can be emailed to me for ease.



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