

# Original Introduction to the First Issue

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As editor, I would like to welcome all our readers to this first publication of the International Oak Society Journal. Given adequate time and opportunity, I anticipate that many more are to follow.

Most of the articles included are of an introductory nature, to ease our way into the horticultural arena before getting involved with exact specifics and scientific debate. Since this is an international organization, I have tried to include a diversity of material that might circumscribe the continuity of the whole. But I feel strongly that the articles are stimulating and worthy of bringing together in this first issue. It was also important to get this journal published so that more people could get involved and contribute their knowledge on the wonderful genus *Quercus*.

The International Oak Society evolved out of a very informal correspondence and seed exchange between Steven Roesch in America and Susan Cooper in England. As they exchanged miscellaneous seeds, their requests centered around one genus in particular, namely oaks, and thus began the International Oak Society. Mr. Roesch took it upon himself to contact people around the world who were interested in oaks and to set up a network of seeds. When I got involved I saw the need for centralization and some kind of literature that could unite its members. I sent letters to addresses that Steven Roesch had given me, asking for help and contributions to what was at first suggested as the International

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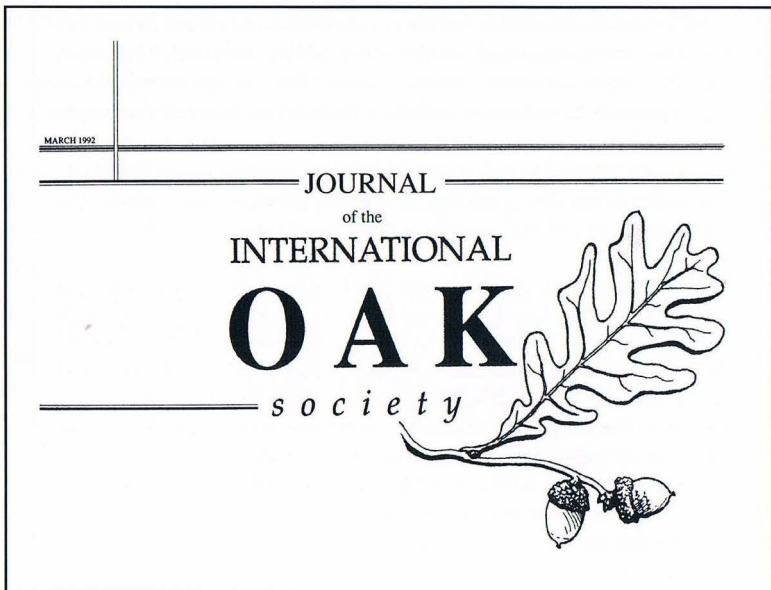
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On future publications, we hope to spotlight at least one oak species in each issue and try to involve ourselves more thoroughly into the science of propagating and growing oaks. We would also like to promote our seed exchange and encourage our readers to write to each other and explore the numerous species of oaks available.

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*Editor's note: Nigel Wright and his wife Lisa operate Windrose Nursery in Pennsylvania. They were very active in our early efforts to organize and expand the International Oak Society. Together they produced the first issue, and the following six issues, of what has evolved into our flagship publication International Oaks. Nigel served as secretary on our first interim board, and was one of the three incorporating officers (along with Peter van der Linden and Guy Sternberg) who signed our corporate charter.*



*The cover of our first issue as it appeared on Vol. 1, Issue 1, in March 1992*