

# **Canadian Prairie Lily Society**

## **Newsletter**

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### ***President's Message***

Winter arrived a bit early this year. Saskatoon is now covered in a heavy blanket of snow. This is good! The perennials are safely under the snow protected from the cold temperatures of late December and January. For those above the snow we can check out the catalogues to come and plan for the coming spring, sort through our photos of last summer (submit some to the website or mount them for the coming show in July), catch up on reading – gardening books or others. I appreciate winter because it does give us a rest from the physical aspect of gardening and allows time for the cerebral aspects.

CPLS had a busy successful year. The success of the society depends on the volunteers who make the activities possible. I would like to extend a special thanks to the committee chairpersons – Jim Sullivan (Gardenscape), Barbara Adams- Eichendorf (Annual Lily Show), John Bond, Stan Dunville, Art Delahey(Lily

Plots), John Bond (Bulb Sales), Ed Driver (website & newsletter), Bob Caldwell (volunteer organizer) for riding herd on these activities. Also a special thank you to all the members who gave their time to manage our sales, show, and information tables; digging bulbs, packaging bulbs and printing labels for the bulb bags and countless other jobs that need to be done.

CPLS is looking forward to another eventful year in 2007 – the annual general meeting, Gardenscape'07, the annual lily show and bulb sales. If you can spare sometime to help out with our activities it would be greatly appreciated.

***Best wishes to you all this Festive Season. Great Gardening in 2007! MED.***

### ***www.prairielily.ca ....a review***

The CPLS website was accessed by 23,750 visitors and 61 countries in its first 23 months of life ! The top pages viewed are the series on lily culture which include planting, and hybridizing followed by member's gardens, cultural techniques, annual CPLS show; and CPLS Resource page. In more detail the visits to the site: were in excess of 250 thousand hits and the transfer of more than 6.0 gigabits of

information.

I would appreciate receiving articles and photos from members. Many society members grow more than lilies; photos of your gardens are most welcome as are your comments about the companion plants that you grow with your lilies. Thanks to all that have helped with photos and articles to date!

You can contact me at [webmaster@prairielily.ca](mailto:webmaster@prairielily.ca) or at [edriver@sasktel.net](mailto:edriver@sasktel.net) or by mail at 182 Dore Crescent, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 4X7.

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Kind regards.

## *Lillian Luky 1935-2006*

On October 17, 2006 Lillian at the age of 71 years, lost her battle with cancer.

At a young age Lillian married Nick and together they set out to make a life for themselves in the community of Gilbert Plains, Manitoba. They had three children and anyone who has visited Lillian's home will have noticed their photos proudly displayed throughout her home along with photos of the grand children.

Lillian worked hard always planting and maintaining a big garden and this interest in plants led to a large collection of ornamental plants such as peonies, iris and fruit trees. After Nick's passing Lillian had a hard time carrying on alone but she persevered and turned to plants for solace; starting a retail flower shop in Gilbert Plains. She became interested in lilies and sought out different and "exotic" cultivars. She referred to the LA's as "Szuma Wrestlers" because of the size of their petals. For those of us who know her this was just the tip of the ice berg of the humour that she would portray.

Her interest in lilies and her desire to learn more about them was the reason she held memberships in all the Canadian lily regional societies, NALS and RHS. Outfacing and down facing cultivars were her favorites. And as many lily growers know Lillian was famous for hybridizing and was the recipient of the

seedling award at the Manitoba Regional Lily Society show as well as other awards.

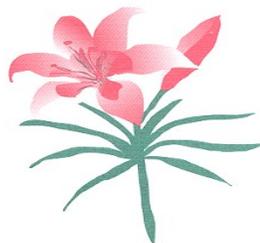
Lillian's hands were always busy; hobbies included wood turning, wood carving, painting (teaching classes), fishing, Easter egg painting, baking & cooking traditional; Ukrainian dishes for her family, wheat weaving, and embroidery. While doing all these things she remained a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox church carrying out the many duties associated with this membership.

Lillian will be remembered for her smile, her sense of humour, her deep interest in hybridizing a better lily and for the many friendships she shared. We have lost a great member of our lily family.

May her memory remain in our hearts with the constant reminder to share what we have learned and continue to move onward, there is much left to do.

In memoriam Lillian Luky

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**William Dyfed Evans  
1920 – 2006**

W.D. Evans died peacefully at St. Joseph's Health Centre, Guelph, Ontario on Saturday September 2, 2006. Bill was the beloved husband of Ethel Evans (Waite), and dear father of Glynis, Mark and his wife Grace, David and his wife Fiona, and cherished grandfather of 4 grandchildren. Bill joined the army during WWII and served overseas out of Calgary, AB from 1940 – 1945. He was a graduate of the University of Alberta and received his PhD at Reading University in England. Bill was a professor of Horticulture specializing in small fruits at the University of Guelph, a faithful member of St. James Anglican Church where he led the First Guelph Cub Pack. Following the retirement, Bill dedicated himself to lily culture and was president of both the North American Lily Society and the Ontario Regional Lily Society. His love of plants and the natural world in general started back in his days as a young lad in Trochu Alberta, roaming the fields and coulees. He

first started growing lilies as a student at the University of Alberta in the late 1940's, and went on to breed and registered at least 36 hybrids over the years. As his son David stated "he crammed a lot into his 86 years; son, sibling, loving husband, father and grandfather; soldier; student and university teacher; researcher and scientist; mentor to a generation of Ontario's agriculturists and horticulturists, plant breeder extraordinaire; Cub and Scout Leader...his was a life well-lived and well-loved, and in the end, who among us can aspire to more?"

Respectfully

Lynnette Westfall.

## ***A Son's Quest.....***

In the autumn of 2005 I received an order from a fellow named David Evans, from Ontario, for a lily we had listed in our catalog as *Winona*. I noticed his last name was the same as the breeder of this lily, and I also knew the breeder lived in Ontario. Curious, I emailed him and asked if he might be related to W.D. Evans, the breeder of this very fine garden lily. To my delight, he replied that he was the son of W.D. Evans, and was on a mission to collect his father's hybrids to preserve in the family garden. I also learned that Bill Evans was raised in Trochu, Alberta. Sadly, David also informed me of his father's illness and lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Dave was not having much luck in collecting his father's hybrids so far, and asked me if I might have any others that were not published in my catalogue, or if I knew where he might find more. I knew from my attendance at the NALS show in Hamilton, 2001 that some of his hybrids were at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton and I had seen them in gardens

on the NALS tour as well. I gave him contact information for the Ontario Regional Lily Society. Luckily, their bulb sale was coming up shortly and I thought he might have great success there in acquiring more of his father's hybrids. Unfortunately, he had limited success finding more of the lilies but was pleased to have made many contacts. I could not possibly charge this man a penny for his father's own lilies, so off they went as a gift with well-wishes for his quest and a request to stay in contact as I hoped identify and acquire more of these Canadian hybrids myself.

Recently I was saddened to learn from David that his father had passed away on September 2, 2006. An offer to write an article listing the Evans hybrids and David's mission was accepted and thus my pleas to all you generous lily gardeners to help this family collect and preserve a part of their own heritage. Below you will find a list of the registered hybrids of Dr. W.D. Evans, no doubt many of you will be familiar with some as we see them regularly on the show benches. You can also view this list with more

detailed Registry information and some photos, on my web site at [www.plantlilies.com/breed/wevans.html](http://www.plantlilies.com/breed/wevans.html). My request to you is if you grow any of them, or know of someone who does, that you contact David and share at least one bulb with him and his mother, who still takes delight in reading the NALS quarterly bulletins – especially when she reads about one of the Evan’s hybrids winning a ribbon at the shows!

ABERFOYLE (Ic), AFFECTION (Ib/c), ANGEL BELLS (Ib),  
 ARKELL (Ic), ART DECO (Ib)  
 BELWOOD (VIa), BERWYN (Ib), BLUSHING MAIDEN  
 (Ia), BRONWEN (Ia)  
 CARMEN EVANS (Ib),  
 ETHEL WAITE (Ic), EVITA (Ib)  
 FRECKLE FACE (Ia/d), FROSTED APRICOT (Ic)  
 GLYNIS EVANS (Ia), GOLDEN TAPESTRY (Ib),  
 JALNA (Ib)  
 KILLARNEY (Ib)  
 LIBRETTO (Ib), LONGSHOT (VIII)  
 MARDEN GOLD (Ib), MERLIN (Ia)  
 ORCHID MAIDEN (Ib), ORONO (Ia)  
 PANACHE (Ia), PASTEL PRINCESS (Ib), PRIME TIME (Ic)

ROSE TAPESTRY (Ia)  
 SUNSET BEACON (Ia), SUNSET ROSE (Ia)  
 WINE GOBLET (Ia), WINONA (Ia/b), WINSONE (Ia).

Please note that this list may or may not be incomplete, and was compiled from a list I made after browsing through the 23 official RHS Lily Register Supplements. David may be contacted via mail at 39A WESTMINSTER AVENUE, TORONTO, ON M6R 1N3

or email at [devans0151@rogers.com](mailto:devans0151@rogers.com)

Lynnette Westfall.

## ***NALS Membership***

**Stephanie Sims** is now the NALS Executive secretary. She will be handling all of the memberships which include the Canadian renewals and new memberships. All memberships are to be paid in \$US funds. This does give Canadians the option of paying by credit card, money order, or check, for those having \$US accounts. There is also the option of using the NALS web Site [www.lilies.org](http://www.lilies.org) as a means of paying membership with “pay pal”. Individual or Family memberships for one year are \$20 US funds and \$55 US funds for three years.

**Contact:** Mrs. Stephanie Sims – P.O. Box W, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805. 208-267-7257 or [Stephanie@lilies.org](mailto:Stephanie@lilies.org)



## Coming Events.....

### MARCH 2007

**Canadian Prairie Lily Society Annual General Meeting:** The meeting will be held at Dutch Grower's Gardening Center in Saskatoon. The date and speaker are yet to be confirmed.

### MARCH 23, 24, & 25, 2007

**Gardenscape 2007:** Saskatoon's Annual Spring Gardening Show. Once again CPLS will be participating at this event. More information will appear in the March newsletter.

### APRIL

**Manitoba Regional Lily Society Spring Seminar & AGM:** Place, date, time, and speaker(s) to be announced in the March newsletter.

### JULY 11-15, 2007

**Diamond Jubilee - 60<sup>th</sup> NALS Show 2007.** The show is being hosted by the Alberta Regional Lily Society at the Mayfield Inn and Trade Center in Edmonton, Alberta. See the ARLS website for more information: [www.arls-lilies.org](http://www.arls-lilies.org)

### JULY 20 & 21, 2007

**Canadian Prairie Lily Society Show:** The show will be held at The Mall at Lawson Heights, 134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon. More information will be found in the March and June Newsletters.

## Editor's Desk.....

Once again your editors of this newsletter are requesting articles, letters etc, from the membership to help make the newsletter an informative one. We know that many of you have a good deal of knowledge to share with your fellow lily growers about growing, showing and/or hybridizing lilies. The one fast and easy way to share this knowledge is through this newsletter. So get your thoughts on paper or send them flying through cyberspace so we can share and enjoy your experiences with lilies.

All articles, letters, etc., will be considered for publication. Please include your name and complete address with your article. Newsletter **DEADLINES** are February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15.

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