

# Canadian Prairie Lily Society

## Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here at last and has brought with it the usual predictable Saskatchewan weather. In Hepburn where I live we haven't had any rain to speak of for a whole month. This lack of rain follows a winter with lower than average snowfall, so the result is conditions which are quite dry. An inch or two of rain would be very welcome in my yard any time Mother Nature sees fit to deliver it.

Thankfully, the lily bulbs are planted deep enough that they are fairly drought resistant. However, the heavy frost which we experienced during the second week of May has done some damage to the lily leaves, blackening a few.

We held our Annual General Meeting on April 10, 2000 at Dutch Growers Garden Center and had a very good attendance. At this meeting it was my very great pleasure to present an Honourary Life Membership to Margaret Driver in recognition of her contributions to CPLS. Margaret has served for over a decade as Secretary, Show Chairperson, and

Newsletter Editor, a position in which she continues to serve. Margaret has made an immense contribution to CPLS through her dedicated volunteer service to our society. Many thanks, Margaret!

And speaking of volunteers, our Annual Lily Show is coming up on July 20, 21 and 22 at Lawson Heights Mall in Saskatoon. It takes a lot of volunteer time to put on a successful show. If you have time to help with the various duties involved, such as setting up the show, registration, clerking, filling stem holders with water, helping inexperienced exhibitors set up their stems, please contact me at work 653-5333 or at home (306)947-2830.

Finally, I'd like to say a word of thanks to Bob Caldwell, Sherry Mah, and Ed Driver for their service on the Executive, and to welcome new Executive members. Sharon Newton has assumed the position of Secretary, and Agnes Saretsky and Phyllis Elder are serving as Directors. I look forward to working with you.

Happy Gardening! Barbara Adams-Eichendorf.



## COMING EVENTS

JUNE 29 - JULY 2, 2000

NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY. Annual Lily Show and Symposium is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Lily Society. The show will be held at the Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, Oregon. For more information call Mary Hoffman - 503 656 1575 or Madeleine Robertson - 503 873 4748 . The schedule of events and show classes will arrive with the March QB sent to NALS members.

JULY 8 & 9, 2000

ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY MARTAGON LILY SHOW will be held at the Devonian Botanic Gardens, west on the Yellowhead hwy, then south on hwy #60, 5Km North of Deveon. Entries will be accepted on Saturday, July 8th, 8:00-10:00AM, judging will commence at 10:30AM. The show will be open to he Public Saturday July 8th, Noon to 5:00PM and Sunday July 9th 10:00AM - 5:00PM. Contact Lil McLean 780-467-2660.

JULY 21 & 22, 2000

CANADIAN PRAIRIE LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL LILY SHOW will be held at The Mall at Lawson Heights,134 Primrose Dr., Saskatoon. Show list is in the June Newsletter. Chairperson: Barbara Adams Eichendorf. H:(306) 947 2830 B:(306) 653 5333

MANITOBA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL LILY SHOW. The show will be held in Neepawa, Manitoba

in conjunction with the Neepawa Lily Festival. For more information contact: Barrie Strohman (204) 476 3225.

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL LILY SHOW will be held at Victoria Square Mall. Regina, SK. Staging July 20 -12 Noon - 9:00 P.M. and July 21, 7:30 A.M.-10:00 A.M. Show times July 21 after judging and July 22, 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

JULY 28 & 29, 2000

ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL LILY SHOW will be held at the Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre, 83th St and 82 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta. Entries accepted Thursday July 27th, from 7-9PM and on Friday July 28, from 8:00-9:30AM; Judging will take place from 10:00 AM to Noon. Open to the public July 28, 1:00-8:00PM and July 29 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Contact:Lil McLean 780-467-2660.

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, & 30

CPLS FALL PUBLIC BULB SALES will be held during the hours of 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. at:

Thursday, September 28 -Lawson Heights Mall  
Friday September 29 - 8th Street CO-OP  
Saturday September 30 - Market Mall

## FROM The EDITORS desk.....

At the time of writing the newsletter, the martagons are well on their way, the Asiatics are beinning to poke through the ground ,the LAs are just appearing and others are yet to be seen. The spring started very early and warm then cooled off dramatically which really affected the growth rate of the lilies. So far none of those above ground appear to be affected by the cooler temperatures the blooms will tell! It's not to early to think about the lily shows - you may have a

few candidates in mind and pamper them along the way to that show ribbon. Check out the photo contest announced in this newsletter - take part -your lilies may be poster candidates! Also, the show prize list is included in this edition, there are a few changes so read it carefully. See you at the show!.

Ed and I have put our move on hold, so here we are putting out the June newsletter once again.

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#### DR. A.J. (BERT) PORTER

April 15, 1901-

There is a saying, "Necessity is the mother of invention". When we reflect on the contributions of Dr. Bert Porter to the world of horticulture, his need to meet the challenges of providing for his family during the depression led to a legacy for prairie hardy plants ranging from small fruit to lilies.

Bert was born in Guilford, England in 1901 and immigrated to Canada when he was 6 years old. He grew up on his parents farm in Parkside and became a school teacher. The early years of the depression found Bert unable to support his family on the meagre salary of the teacher. He left the profession and started selling nursery stock door to door. When the nursery stock arrived several customers were unable to pay for it and Bert absorbed the loss and planted the stock at his farm. At the same time he also started a market garden featuring strawberries

and raspberries. It didn't take Bert long to realize that many of the varieties of fruits were not fully hardy for his region. This led to a life long pursuit of hybridizing plants which would be of high quality, disease resistant, and hardy for the prairies.

Without formal education and training in the area of horticulture, Bert became recognized through out the world for his work with lilies and regionally for his work with small fruits. In 1977 Bert received the highest award given by the North American Lily Society, the E. H. Wilson Award, for outstanding contributions to the genus *Lilium*. A silver medal was awarded to a collection of lilies hybridized by Bert at the Stuttgart Outdoor Garden Show in Germany. This led to his receiving many awards of recognition including an Honourary Doctorate from the University of Saskatchewan in 1983. He also was inducted into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame 1987. Numerous other awards and recognition were given to Bert by horticultural organizations in both Canada and the United States.

Honeywood Nursery and Honeywood Lilies operated for 65 years and was known for a wide range of quality hardy plant material. Dr. Porter introduced many lilies of his own creation as well as some developed by other hybridizers. Three of Bert's favourite lily introductions are Earlibird, Happy Thoughts and Flaming Giant. Flaming Giant is known as Moulin Rouge in Holland and is grown by the hundreds of acres for the cut flower trade.

Bert's legacy continues to grow as many of his lilies are being used in hybridizing programs throughout the world. Bert, himself, measured his success by the enjoyment his lilies bring into the lives of gardeners through the years.

#### HONEYWOOD TODAY

In the fall of 1999, a group of long-term community patrons purchased the nursery to save Bert's living legacy and rebuild the nursery as a continuing community heritage operation. Our current goals are:

1. Publicize the Heritage Site's Endeavour.
2. Reclaiming of the nursery grounds.
3. Restoration of the Porter Home.
4. Located and acquire Plants introduced by Dr.

Porter.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP

You can help support the Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery. At the present time our greatest need is in the form of financial support. Donations will be used to start the restoration program at the nursery. The donations are made to the Village of Parkside with a stipulation that they are to be used at the Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery. For donations of \$10 or more a receipt will be issued. This will enable you to deduct the donation on your income tax return.

People making donations to the Nursery will be acknowledged in the Nursery's Wall of Sponsorship:

- Benefactors - \$500 and up
- Patrons - \$250 - \$499
- Contributors - \$100 - \$249
- Donors - \$1 - \$99

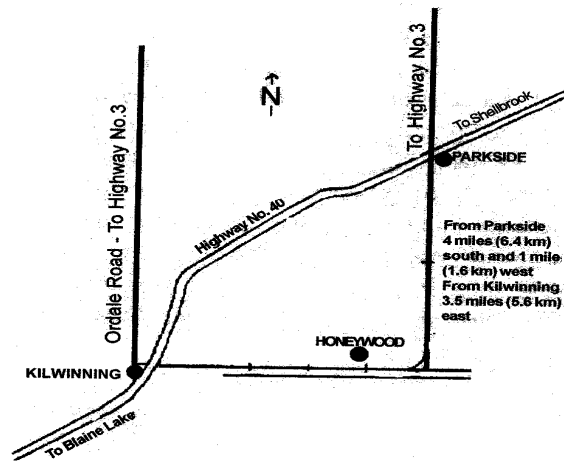
#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery is to preserve, restore and operate Honeywood Nursery as a Parkside Community Heritage Site. The preservation of this legacy will be accomplished through a shared responsibility of the society members and community volunteers in the cultivation of lilies, fruit species and other horticultural strains which Dr. Bert Porter made famous through his life's work

#### TOURS OF THE HERITAGE SITE

At this point in our restoration of the site, the nursery is not open to the public. A private tour of the Nursery can be arranged with three day advance notice. There are many beautiful sights at the Nursery throughout the year. The flowering of the fruit trees begins the second week of May and continues for about three weeks. June is lilac time. Toward the end of June the peonies are beginning to open and continue to early July. They are followed by the lilies with peak bloom from July 20-30. Major fruit starts to ripening in mid August. If you wish a private tour of the Nursery contact David Moe at (306)747-2275.

## HERE IS HOW TO FIND US



# PHOTO CONTEST 2000 !!!

CPLS is looking for photographs (4"x 6" prints) featuring lilies- single stems, lilies in gardens or floral arrangements. The photograph(s) will be used to promote lilies at various public events. So, this summer when your garden is at its height look for your "poster" lily shot!

**PRIZE:** Your choice of 5 lily bulbs listed in the Membership Fall 2000 Bulb Sale. Winner(s) will be notified.

### RULES:

1. Lilies to predominate in the photograph.

2. Prints - 4"x 6"

3. Name the lily in single stem photographs, this is important. Names of lilies in group shots is appreciated but not essential.

4. Winning photograph(s) will become the property of CPLS.

5. Place a POST-IT note on the back of your photograph with your name, address, etc if you wish to have the print returned. **DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF THE PRINT.**

6. **DEADLINE:** October 1, 2000

**SEND PHOTOS TO:** CPLS Photo Contest 2000, c/o J.

## Membership renewal.....

**Your membership expiry date can be found in the upper right corner of the address label on your newsletter envelope.**

**When your membership comes due a red stamp saying " Membership expired Time to renew!" will appear on the front page of your newsletter.**

**CPLS Treasurer, A.E. Delahey, 18 Pony Trail, Riverside Estates, SK, Canada S7T 1A2.**

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## Notes from the Librarian

Do you have questions about your favourite flower, the Lily?

Would you like to read information about the early history of lily hybridizing?

Are you having difficulty in understanding the "new" terms - polyploidy, tetras, 2x4?

Or, would you just enjoy reading about parents, pod and/or pollen that is?

The Canadian Prairie Lily Society has a Library of books ALL pertain to the Lily.

If you require specific information I'll do my best to find it for you.

Books will be mailed via first class postage, insured; as soon as possible after receiving your request. We ask that within three weeks you return the books in the same manner, via first class postage, insured.

Address your request to:  
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