



Canadian Prairie Lily Society

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President's Message

Today is a cool rainy day in Saskatoon. The kind of day newly planted annuals and perennials appreciate and lilies that are well on their way to forming buds need. Vegetation just leaped out of the ground this spring after our fairly mild winter. The lilies are looking good.

Since our last newsletter in March the Society has been involved in a number of activities. We held our Annual General Meeting at Dutch Growers Gardening Center in March. The results of the elections can be seen in Executive/Directors list in this newsletter. After a short coffee break and shopping spree - Bonnie Lawrence and Anna Leighton gave a very interesting presentation on aspects of the Prairie Lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*). We hope to have both of them back again.

The NALS Regional Award Medal was presented to Stan Dunville at the AGM. Stan has made countless contributions to the society over the years and certainly deserves this award.

Our next activity was Gardenscape 2006. CPLS sponsored Terry Willoughby, a lily hybridizer and grower as well as an excellent exhibitor to speak on lilies in the garden. Terry is very interested in martagons and is doing a lot of work with them. He graciously brought a large number of martagon seed packets to the event and those who attended were able to take a packet of seed and try their luck with raising martagons. Terry's talk was well received by

the audience. Our speaker was a great success.

However, there was glitch in Gardenscape 2006 – the treatment of volunteers- not only those who helped with CPLS but other societies encountered some problems as well. There were problems in getting volunteers into the site and parking for volunteers was bad. Some new policies regarding volunteers were implemented by the Gardenscape Board for this year and hopefully the problems that occurred because of the changes will be resolved for Gardenscape 2007. I would like to thank Jim Sullivan, our Gardenscape'06 Chairman for all the work he did and the many volunteers who persevered and made this event a success for our society,

CPLS is one of the sponsors of the book titled *'In a Cold Land: Saskatchewan's Horticultural Pioneers by Sara Williams*. The book celebrates the lives and contributions of Cecil Patterson, Bert Porter, Percy Wright and Les Kerr. The names Patterson, Porter and Wright are very familiar to lily growers on the prairies and world wide. The book was launched at Honeywood, May 28th, a second launch for sponsors will be held in Saskatoon for more information read the **Coming Events Column**.

CPLS has nominated the "Saskatchewan Perennial Society" for the Prairie Garden Award for Excellence 2006.

There are a number of activities coming up this

summer- see the Coming Events Column for details. Make sure you have time for some of them. A new venture for 2006 and to celebrate the 40th year of CPLS lily shows the executive has organized a Martagon Lily Display for early July. We hope to get some feed back from members so be sure to check out the display at The Mall at Lawson Heights July 7th & 8th.

Best of Gardening and See you all at the Show.
Margaret

Pot Lilies...Lynnette Westfall, Edburg, Alberta

Why grow lilies in pots when they are so easy to grow in the ground? For those of us who desire to grow less than hardy lily varieties, container growing may be the only solution as less hardy varieties will not survive a winter in the ground. Short-stemmed or dwarf lilies are an excellent choice for container gardening and help to beautify your surroundings and landscape. There are also many gardeners who prefer pot culture as they find them more convenient to care for. What ever your reason may be, here you will find the information you need to grow them successfully.

We are proud to grow the healthiest potted lilies you will find anywhere, grown in the great outdoors under natural conditions and during the same typical growing season as our lilies in the ground. We start potting lilies in late March and continue to the first week of May. After potting, they are watered until it is coming out the drainage holes of the pot, and then slow release fertilizer is added on top of the soil. Trays are moved to the unheated shop where they sit for a minimum of 2 weeks to root - keeping them on the cold side encourages them to develop healthy, extensive root systems before they send out shoots, just as they do in the ground. They are not watered at all during this period, and they don't require it because they are kept cool, in the dark and don't dry out. By this time most of them are just beginning to poke through the soil, and it's time to move them outdoors into some sunshine. Out they go, often going through a frost or two before really starting to grow in May. Once sprouted, we only protect them from freezing if temperature threatens to go below -5 Celsius.

Knowing when to water the lilies takes experience and attention to detail at this stage – typically they are watered only when the soil is visibly dry, about every 3 days from May to the end of June. Windy days can mean watering every day, or rain can mean no watering for days on end. Dwarf varieties are ready to bloom by the middle or end of June, the rest are approaching 3 feet in height and watering is now needed on a daily basis, depending on the winds and temperatures.

After flowering, the inflorescence is cut off so the plant spends its energy building bigger bulbs rather than producing seed. We let up on the watering, gradually letting those dry out now until we discontinue watering at the end of August so the stems can mature and dry off. Any bulbs I wish to keep over winter remain in the pots, which go back into the unheated shop with a couple of mothballs in the pot to keep the mice away. Of course, the dead stems are pulled off before placing them in storage. Sounds simple doesn't it? It really is, and I encourage you to try it yourself especially if you want to grow those fragrant, less than hardy beauties year after year.

Things to consider before planting

- Length of time they will remain in pots
- Stem height at maturity
- Container size and suitability
- Your available time to care for them
- Number of bulbs to plant per pot

Container Choices

Large pots, the bigger the better is my motto. The larger the soil volume in the pot, the less chance there is of baking or freezing the bulbs within. This is especially important if the pots are black or dark coloured, and they sit in full sun all day.

Oriental, Orienpets, trumpets and Asiatic that grow taller than 24 inches require a sturdy pot that will not tip over easily as the stems grow to mature height and become top-heavy with flowers. Typically, we put one oriental or orienpet bulb per one gallon nursery pot. The size of one gallon is misleading when it comes to nursery pots because at first glance it is easy to see that it would really only hold a half gallon – don't ask me why the nursery trade sizes or labels things this way! The actual dimensions of the pot are what counts in the end, and the one gallon pot is usually 6 inches in diameter and 8 to 10 inches in depth. When planting 3 bulbs to one pot, we prefer to plant in a container with an 8 to 12 inch diameter, with at least the same depth as the one gallon pot. You may wish to place rocks at the bottom of the pot prior to adding soil or bulbs, in order to add weight so it won't tip easily in the wind. MAKE SURE there are drainage holes at the bottom of the pot no matter what size, colour, or shape it is – drainage is the most important element with lilies! Don't settle for a layer of rock or gravel as drainage without drainage holes, use pots with holes! Many a gardener has told me about how they thought they'd spend less time watering by using pots without drainage holes, or how they didn't like the water running out the bottom onto the deck, so they blocked the holes - only to find the plants rotting away a week or so after some steady rain filled the pots and they didn't notice until it was too late. This is more apt to happen with planters full of annuals since you can't see the soil surface once they fill out, but the same can happen with lilies. All the water may be sitting at the bottom 3 inches of the pot (exactly where the roots and bulb are) and you won't know it because you can't see it!

Another key consideration when choosing pots is the depth, all lily bulbs need at least 4 inches of soil over top the bulb to grow well and an inch of soil at the bottom. Add an inch to the top for watering purposes and that means you should not plan anything shallower than 6 inches. Be aware that the smallest bulbs need these minums, bigger bulbs need more soil over the top, closer to 6 inches if the stems are to remain sturdy at maturity.

Soil and Potting Mixes

Lilies LOVE sandy soil, no question about it and my observations and experiments with different mixes over the years prove it. In every case, when sand dominates the potting mix, bulbs develop very healthy, thick roots in abundance. Bulbs increase in size quite dramatically in sand in contrast to using basic potting mix without sand. Basic potting mixes tend to encourage bulb and root rot because of the high peat content, and I also notice the bulbs seem to decrease in size rather than increase – especially when over watered. Because sand makes up the majority of the mix and holds no nutrients fertilizing becomes more important.

Recommended potting mix for lilies:

2 parts sand (40% sand)
1 part loam (or 30% compost)
1 part peat (30% peat)

Fertilizers

The best investment you can make in ANY of your plants is in the fertilizer. The rewards of regular feeding are well worth the effort, resulting in healthier plants, bigger flowers in bigger quantity and the ability to resist pest and diseases with ease. Fertilizer is especially important in the early growth stages. Compare it to building a house – you want a sturdy foundation (your plants need sturdy root systems) and you know the strongest wall is useless if the foundation can't handle it! The first decision comes in choosing the type of fertilizer that suits you best. I prefer to use slow release pellets because it saves me time and I don't have to remember when I last fertilized. It is applied once at the beginning of the season and that's it. You might prefer to mix water soluble types and water with them weekly, or perhaps you are big on organic types such as fish fertilizer. Another worthy tip is to only use fertilizer mixed with water on pots that are already moist, never apply fertilizer to a dried out pot because it will surely result in leaf burn. Whatever you may prefer, just be sure to establish a routine and use it – you won't regret it! Regrets only happen when you disregard the mixing instructions, so please read them and follow them to the letter because twice the fertilizer doesn't mean twice the bloom – it usually means damage to the plant.

For bigger blooms and bulbs the next year, be sure to apply tomato fertilizer at least once immediately after

blooming is finished, twice would be better yet. In this case, I would suggest using a water soluble tomato fertilizer mixed full strength according to the package directions, any vegetable fertilizer will do the trick

What To Do After Planting

Ideally, you want to keep your potted bulbs quite cool for a couple of weeks while they root. A temperature of +5Celsius is perfect. After they poke through the soil, you still want to keep them as cool as possible, but this time in light. Keeping them cool rather than warm will ensure, strong, sturdy stalks instead of weak stems. I encourage you to place your potted lilies outdoors after potting and leave them there day and night – no need to cover or move them inside unless temperatures go below -5 Celsius. The bulb inside the pot is insulated by the soil, and if the lily sprouts in cool temperatures it can handle a few degrees of frost after sprouting without any damage. Keep them cool in natural conditions from the start!

Water

The biggest danger to potted lilies is over watering. I just can't stress it enough. Lilies love plentiful moisture, but only when good drainage is also present. Waterlogged bulbs will rot quickly and easily, usually you won't even know it is occurring until you unpot the bulb or it starts to look sickly for no apparent reason. Water when planted, then not again until dry after poking through the soil. From that point on, water only when dry.

How Long To Bloom?

Depending on the variety grown, 2-3 months from potting results in flowers. Weather makes it difficult to predict exactly when they will bloom when grown outdoors. Orientals take 2 to 4 weeks longer, as will most orientpets and trumpets. That's why we start potting these varieties in March, with asiatics and LA's to follow in late April.

After Blooming Care

Cut flower tops off to promote bulb growth, but be sure to cut no more than one-third of the stem in total. Lilies gather their energy through photosynthesis, this makes it important to leave them with as much foliage as possible so they can grow and

flower admirably the following year. Continue to water the pots when dry until late August then reduce watering so the stems can yellow and wither away. Yes, they will look unsightly for a time, but wait until they are quite yellow and brown before cutting then stem off at the soil level. Pots can then be stored as is, without watering, in a cool spot for winter or unpotted and bulbs placed in peat or sawdust shavings in a cool place such as cold pit or refrigerator, ready for potting the next spring.

Go ahead, give it a try and if you run into problems or you are unsure of something just send us an email to : webtmaserter@plantliles.com

[This article was written and submitted by Lynnette Westfall, R.R. #1 Valley K, Edburg, Alberta]



Editor's Desk.....

The Editors would like to thank Lynette Westfall for sending in her article on Growing Lilies in Pots and Nigel Strohman, Editor of the Manitoba Regional Lily Society newsletter for allowing us to reprint the "Lily Beetle" article. Thank you both.

Again we would ask members to consider writing an article, note or letter for your newsletter. Any material submitted will be considered for publication; please include your name and a complete address. Newsletter **DEADLINES** are the 15th of February, May, August and November. So get pen to paper, fingers

to keyboard and send your words to:

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Coming events.....

JUNE 5TH, 2006

BOOK LAUNCH

You are cordially invited to the launch of

In a Cold Land: Saskatchewan's Horticultural Pioneers
 By Sara Williams

Monday, June 5th – 7:30 p.m. Cliff Wright Library,
 Lakewood Civic Centre, 1635 Mc Kercher Drive,
 Saskatoon.

In a Cold Land:..... a Saskatchewan Centennial Project.
 Celebrates the lives and contributions of Cecil
 Patterson, Les Kerr, Percy Wright and Bert Porter.

A reading with slide will be followed by refreshments
 and a book signing.

Friends, family and colleagues are warmly welcome.

For more information, please contact Bernadette
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 or call Sara Williams at 373-6345

JUNE 24TH and JUNE 25TH, 2006

HONEYWOOD (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery,

Parkside, Saskatchewan: *Parkland Artisan's Tour*,
 9:00AM to 6:00PM. Enjoy the beauty of the
 Memorial Garden, the Allan Daku Garden, and the
 new Winnie's Annual Flower bed along with other
 beautiful plantings. Tour the nursery. BBQ
 hamburgers and refreshments available. **Donation**
Appreciated.

JULY 1ST and 2ND, 2006

ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY: *Eleventh Annual*
Martagon Lily Show will be held at the Devonian
 Botanic Gardens, Alberta. The show will be open to
 the Public from noon to 5PM on July 1st and 10:00AM
 to 5:00pm on July 2nd.

JULY 7TH and 8TH, 2006

CANADIAN PRAIRIE LILY SOCIETY: 1st *Martagon Lily*
Display will be held at The Mall at Lawson Heights,
 134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon. The Display will be
 open for Public viewing July 7th Noon to 9:00pm and
 July 8th 9:30AM to 3:00PM

JULY 8TH, 2006

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY: *Martagon*
Lily Display will be held at the Golden Mile Centre,
 Regina, Saskatchewan. The Display will be open for

Public viewing from 10:00AM to 4:00PM.

JULY 12th – 16th, 2006

NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY ANNUAL SEMINAR & SHOW: 59TH Annual Lily Show and Symposium will be hosted by *The Wisconsin Regional Lily Society*. The event will be held at the Ramada Convention Center, 205 South Barstow Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701 USA.

For more information, please call Darrel Roeder at 715-353-2625 or email asns@indianheadtel.net

JULY 14TH and 15TH, 2006

CANADIAN PRAIRIE LILY SOCIETY : 40TH Anniversary Lily Show. The show will be held at The Mall At Lawson Heights, 134, Primrose Drive, Saskatoon. The show will open to the Public Friday July 14th, 1:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday July 15th 9:30am to 3:00pm. Check enclosed show schedule for full details.

JULY 21st and 22nd, 2006

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY: 15th Annual Lily Show will be held at the Golden Mile Shopping Centre, Regina, Saskatchewan. For more information contact Ray Brecht, 324 Lockwood Road, Regina, SK; call 306-586-9598.

JULY 21st to JULY 23rd, 2006

MANITOBA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY: MRLS Annual Lily Show will be held at the B.P. Country Courthouse Yard, 282 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB. For more information contact call Jennifer Bishop at 204-661-5036 or email: jennifer@dataways.com

NEEPAWA LILY FESTIVAL: The festival will be held at B.P. Country Courthouse Yard, 282 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB. For more information call 204-476-8811 or toll-free 1-866-893-0381. Web Site: www.lilyfestival.com

JULY 22nd and 23rd, 2006

ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY: 21st Annual Lily Show will be held at Westmount Centre, 111 Ave and Groat Road. Edmonton, AB. For more information

contact Sharon Bury at 780-763-3509 or email: sbury@telusplanet.net

JULY 23rd, 2006

HONEYWOOD (Dr. A.J. PORTER) HERITAGE NURSERY: *Lilies in Bloom & Floral Design Seminar*. For more information call Judy at (306) 747-3307.

JULY 30th, 2006

VALLEY K GREENHOUSES: *Potluck BBQ*. Valley K Greenhouses will be hosting a potluck BBQ Sunday, July 30th, starting about 2PM **exclusive to** ARLS, CPLS and SSLs members. We'll supply burgers, all the trimmings and refreshments, you bring whatever you wish to share for the meal and a chair - bring a friend, encourage them to sign up as a member of your lily society and if they do, we'll give you a 10% discount on your next purchase from us! Rain or shine, we have a 700 square foot covered veranda overlooking many of the lily beds. **Please RSVP** if you plan to attend so we can figure out what we need for food, etc. Phone Lynnette Westfall at 780-877-2547, or fax 780-877-2540 or email webmaster@plantlilies.com

Valley K Greenhouses OPEN GARDENS with new hours for 2006 – July 12th to August 12, open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM. No charge for admission, no pets please. Contact Valley K Greenhouses at 780-877-2547 or email webmaster@plantlilies.com



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Help Needed.....

Once again we are asking our members to help out in several of our Society's ongoing projects.

LILY PLOTS:

There are several plots that CPLS maintains. These

plots provide a home for heritage lilies and also provide the Society with a source of bulbs for our sales to carry on society projects.

The plots require some maintenance over the summer months- primarily weeding and then replanting in the

fall. If you can help in the plots please **CONTACT:** Stan Dunville, 1329 12th Street East, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 0E5; (306) 343-1963; or Art Delahey, 18 Pony Trail, Riverside Estates, SK S7T 1A2 ; (306)374-0494; e-mail:delahay@shaw.ca

40th ANNUAL LILY SHOW:

The show needs “helpers” in several areas: Set-up, Take-down/Clean-up, Show-Clerks, Registrar and

“other jobs”. If you can spare some time to help with the show please **Contact** Barbara Adams-Eichendorf at (306)974-2830; e-mail: barbae@sasktel.net

If you can spare some time to work at the information show booth please **Contact** Bob Caldwell at 374-2873.

Canadian Bred Lilies.....!!!!!!

This year to celebrate the 40th Annual Canadian Prairie Lily Society Show we are putting an emphasis on Canadian bred lilies. The show has a section devoted to collections of lilies bred by Canadians- **Section I: Collections Class 43. Collection of 3 Stems, registered lilies from any division, hybridized by Canadian hybridizers.** Many Canadian hybridized lilies have been sold through our bulbs sales over the years and you probably have many of them growing in your garden. To help you find those “Canadians” in your garden and then enter them in this year’s show, here is a list of some of the Canadian hybridizers and their lilies. All the lilies listed below are registered. This list is not complete. If you HAVE A WONDERFUL LILY BLOOMING IN YOUR GARDEN and are not sure of the hybridizer bring the lily to show and someone will help you find a spot for your potential winner! I’m sure you have some of these lilies in your garden and hope you bring them to the show

J. BARBER: HONEYBUNCH, KIMBERLY ANN, LADY DAWN*

JOHN BOND: BRIANNE

ALEX BURNETT: CONTRAILS, HIGH FLYER, NIGHT FLYER

LYNN COLLICUTT: CREAMY BELLES, FIERY BELLES, IVORY BELLES, SILKY BELLES

STAN DUNNVILLE: DEBRA JEANNE, NELLIE’S CHOICE

JEAN ERICKSEN: LILASS, METHCAL,QUADROON, VANILLA BABY

FRED FELLNER: ALBERTA ROSE, CAROL JEAN, COPPERTONE, DONNA SLYVESTER,GOLDEN SUMMER, HONEY PINK, LILY SIMONET, MASTER GARDENER, MELISSA JAMIE, MOTHER TERESA, PARKLAND ORANGE, PINK PEACH, RASPBERRY ON WHIP, RED BLAZE, RED GALAXY. RED PINE, RED RAVEN, SALMON CREAM, SMOKIE, SNOW LEOPARD, WANDA

C.F. PATTERSON: APRICOT GLOW, BRONZE QUEEN, BROWN IVORY, BURNISHED ROSE, CARDINAL BEAUTY, COHOE,EDITH CECELIA, FAIRY PINK, FUCHSIA LADY, FUCHSIA QUEEN, FUCHSIA SPLENDOR, GOLDEN PRINCESS, HONEY QUEEN, INDIAN LADY, JASPER, LAURA PATTERSON, LEMON QUEEN, NORTHERN PRINCESS, NORTHERN SPLENDOR, ORCHID QUEEN, PRIMROSE LADY, RED STRAP, RED TORCH, ROSE CUP, ROSE DAWN, ROSE MARIE, ROSE QUEEN, ROSALIND, SNOWDROP, STRAWBERRY ROAN, TIGER QUEEN, WHITE GOLD, WHITE PRINCESS, WILLIAM WHITE

A.J. (BERT) PORTER: CHEERFUL CHARLIE, CINNAMON TOAST, DELICIOUS, EARLIBIRD, EMBARRASSMENT*, FIREBRIGHT, FLAMING GIANT, GEISHA GIRL, GIRLS ONLY, GOLDEN AGE, GOLDEN JUBLIEE, JOLLY MILLER, ORANGE LIGHT, PINK CHAMPAGNE, PRINCESS ROYAL, RED CARPET, RED KNIGHT, REDLAND, ROSABELLE, RUSTY, SASKATOON, SCARLETT, SKYDANCER, SUNBRIGHT, WHITE DOVE, WHITE PICTURE

I.(ISABEL) PRESTON: BRENDA WATTS, GRACE MARSHALL, LYLA McCANN, SOVEREIGN

ED ROBINSON: IVY HELEN, LEMON GLOW, NORTHERN LIGHT, ORANGE MARMALADE, RETA,S COMET

WILBER RONALD: MORDEN BUTTERFLY, NORTHERN BEAUTY, NORTHERN CARILLON, NORTHERN SENSATION, STARBURST SENSATION

F.L. SKINNER: BLACK PRINCE, DIEPPE, DROPOMORE ORIOLE, DUNKIRK, EVENING STAR,, GUINEA GOLD, JUANITA, LEMON LADY, REDMAN, ROSALINDA,SUNTAN SUSAN EILEEN

FRED TARLTON: AKIMA, AMULET, ATTIWA, CORIANNE, MOONYEEN, SNOWBIRD

HERB SUNLEY: BOLD KNIGHT

PERCY WRIGHT: ABYSSINIAN, BLACK BUTTERFLY, NUBIAN, RED KNIGHT*, TOWERING TURK

Lily Leaf Beetle.....

The lily leaf beetle, *Lilioceris lilli* is making its way across the North American continent slowly but surely. It is time lily growers on the prairies keep an eye out for the “bug”. Crystal Ernst has recently completed a Master’s thesis on the lily leaf beetle. She will be presenting some information about the beetle at the NALS conference in Edmonton in 2007 and would like to have some recent statistics about the whereabouts of the beetle to include in her presentation. If anyone has any questions about the insect, has any sightings to report, or would like to know more about her work, please contact her directly at lilybeetle@hotmail.com

[“Have you seen this beetle?” and Crystal’s request for information have been reprinted from the Manitoba Regional Lily Society Newsletter, March 2006, Vol. 23, Issue1. (it appears on the second last page of this issue of the CPLS newsletter) I think we in Saskatchewan

should be on the look out for this critter, and pass on any information that may help get this insect under control. MED]



WWW.PRAIRIELILY.CA NEEDS YOUR HELP

The web site is continually evolving; the most recent addition to it is a page on the varieties and species of lilies grown in Saskatchewan. With the introduction of this web page I need help from the members of CPLS. There are more than 600 lily varieties available to our members. Each member must have a partial collection of these, and if you grow any lily you can help. The type of information I need is listed below. Also listed are examples of 14 varieties some of these are currently on the "variety page" on the web site. An example of a "page" for a lily variety can be found at the end of this newsletter. The example I have used is Moonyeen, a martagon. What I need from you the CPLS member is a written description (the second paragraph) of how the varieties you grow fare. - The description of how Moonyeen has grown in our garden is an example. I hope those members all across Saskatchewan and the prairies will contribute. - Your contribution will appear with your location (place name) and your name. Please help enhance the CPLS web site www.prairielily.ca and contribute to your fellow lily grower's success!

Mail your contributions to: CPLS Webmaster, 182 Dore Crescent, Saskatoon, S7K 4X7 or e-mail them to webmaster@prairielily.ca, thanks.

Amethyst Temple, Blue Eyes, Cardinal, Cheeky Monkey, Dusky Belle, Evita, Fudge Sundae

Golden Princess, Granny Helios, Impact, Jewel Pixie, Kiss Me Kate, Last Dance, Moonyeen

Do you grow any of these lilies? Can you provide a picture of the lily growing in your garden? The information needed about the lily in your garden:

- Location in your garden
- Type of soil
- Years grown in the garden
- Performance
- Fertilizing and watering regime
- Would you recommend this lily to a first time grower
- Anything other information/comments you may want to add

