

# **Canadian Prairie Lily Society**

## **Newsletter**

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

Spring is just around the corner. The time has come to pot up the lily bulbs that have been in the refrigerator all winter! April 22 usually brings the first flowers to the alpine bed.

The executive has been working on events for 2011 and hope our members can part take in them. Society events are really only successful when members jump in and take part. We hope to have enough variety in events so everyone can take part. We would really like to hear from you if you have a special interest to help us plan for events.

The first event is our **Annual General Meeting**. It will be held on April 19, 7:00 pm – 8:45pm in the Meeting Room at the Rusty McDonald Library, 225 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon, SK. The **business portion** of the meeting will start at **7:00 pm sharp**. Our speaker will be Sara Williams. Sara will speak at **8:00pm**. She will be talking about “Reducing Pests in the Flower Border without the Use of Chemical Pesticides.

Unfortunately, this year because of time constraints instituted by the Library our meeting will have to start right on time. The business meeting **7:00 – 7:45pm** will take care of society business. Elections will be held at this time; nominations from the floor can be made; volunteers for positions are always welcome. There will be a break for socializing **7:45-**

**8:00pm**. Our speaker Sara Williams will begin her presentation at **8:00**. Mark your calendar and plan to attend it should be fun and informative.

**Gardenscape'11** will be held on March 25, 26, & 27, at the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition, Saskatoon. Volunteers will be needed for our booth. Details are in the Events column in this newsletter. There will be bulbs for sale, books, etc.

There are several more major events in the CPLS calendar - our **Annual Lily Show** in July and our **Membership Bulb sale** in September as well as the **Public Bulb Sale** in October. See more details about these events in the upcoming summer (June) and fall (September) newsletters.

The gardening season is just around the corner and taking part in CPLS events will help to make the season a great one. **Margaret Driver**

Margaret Driver.

## Coming Events 2011

### MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Gardenscape'11:** Saskatoon's Annual Spring Gardening Event will be held at the Prairieland Park Trade Centre. CPLS will be hosting a booth to promote 'Lilies in Our Gardens'.

### APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

*For the Love of Lilies...The History of Honeywood.* A play written and performed by the Shellbrook Host Players about Dr. A.J. Porter & the History of Honeywood. Performances will be given 7:30 pm Saturday Evening April 9<sup>th</sup> & 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at The Shellbrook Theater. All proceeds to: Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery Inc.

**Tickets: \$15.00 advance; \$18.00 at door.** Advance tickets available by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March at: Parkside General Store, Parkside, SK.; Woodland Pharmacy, Shellbrook, SK; Canadian Tire-Customer Service, Prince Albert; Glen Scrimshaw Gallery – 167 3rd Ave, South (Birks Bldg), Saskatoon

### APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>

**Canadian Prairie Lily Society Annual General Meeting & Spring Seminar:** The meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room in the Rusty McDonald Library, 225 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon SK. The business meeting will be held 7:00- 7:45 pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Sara Williams. Sara will begin her talk at 8:00pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Learn all about Lilies and your Society.

### JULY 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

**North American Lily Society Annual Conference & Show:** Hosted by the Ontario regional Lily Society and the Royal Botanical

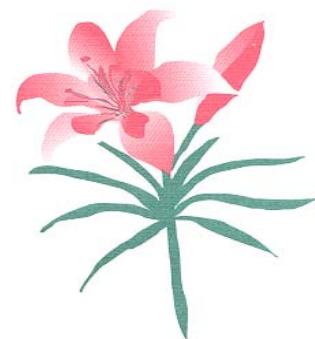
Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario. For more information please contact: Brian Bergman/ Show Chairperson: [bgberg@rogers.com](mailto:bgberg@rogers.com) or Tel# 416-614-6394.

### JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Canadian Prairie Lily Society Show:** The show will be held at The Mall at Lawson Heights, 134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon. A show schedule and more details will appear in the June newsletter.

### SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> & OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Canadian Prairie Lily Society Public Fall Bulb Sale:** The sale will be held at The Mall at Lawson Heights, Saskatoon. More Information will appear in the September Newsletter.



## *The 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.

If you have any questions regarding lilies you would like answered please send them. We will do our best to help you out.

We would also appreciate hearing from you about what you would like to see/read in your newsletter.

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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## *CPLS Library*

The Canadian Prairie Lily Society has a Library that is open to all members. To obtain a copy of any item in the CPLS Library just contact the Librarian and the material(s) can be **mailed out** to you or you can arrange to pick them up and return them yourself.

The lending period for materials is three weeks unless other arrangements are made with the librarian.

If the materials are to be mailed out -the materials will be mailed via **first class postage, insured**; as soon as possible after receiving your request. We ask that the materials requested be returned to the library within three weeks of receiving by **first class postage, insured**.

### **CPLS LIBRARIAN:**

Dorothy Bird is passing the Library over to

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf as of March 1. Dorothy has served as Librarian for a number of years. CPLS executive would like to thank Dorothy for her service to the Society.

To order material from the library as of March 1, 2010 contact: **Barbara Adams- Eichendorf, P.O. Box 371, Hepburn, SK, S0K 1Z0.** email: [barbae@sasktel.net](mailto:barbae@sasktel.net)

### **LIBRARY TITLES**

THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY  
 YEARBOOKS – 1946 -2008  
 QUARTERLY BULLETINS of THE NORTH  
 AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY – 1967-2010  
 THE INTERNATIONAL LILY REGISTER(S)

LILIES – Woodcock & Coutts

LILIES - Jan de Graaf & Edward Hyams  
 LILIES - Richard Bird – *An Illustrated Identifier & Guide to Cultivation*  
 LILIES – J.G. Campbell – *Amateur Gardening Handbook No. 21*  
 LILIES – F.F.Rockwell, Esther C. Grayson & Jan de Graaf – *The Complete Book of Lilies*  
 LILIES – E.A. McRae – *A Guide for Growers & Collectors*  
 LILIES – M. Jefferson-Brown & H. Howland – *The Gardener's Guide to Growing Lilies*  
 LILIES – Let's Grow Lilies - NALS  
 LILIES – Lilies 1973 & Other Liliaceae  
 LILIES - Growing from Seed  
 LILIES – Earl N. Hornback – *Lily Culture in Ten Easy Lessons*  
 LILIES – Lily Disease Handbook – North American Lily Society  
 LILIES – Lily Judging Handbook – North American Lily Society  
 LILIES – Named Lily Hybrids & Their Origins  
 The Colour Dictionary of GARDEN PLANTS

Horticultural Horizons – Frank Leith Skinner  
 Guide to Breeder's Rights  
 Gardening Under Artificial Light  
 Handbook on Biological Control of Plant Pests

## ***Help Wanted....Support Your Society***

**HELP WANTED for GARDENSCAPE '11:** Members are needed for our booth. Please consider volunteering to work at our booth. To help out **contact:** Leona Domshy at (306) 382-5148 or email: [domshyl@shaw.ca](mailto:domshyl@shaw.ca)

This event is always fun – meeting the public and lily friends and finding one more plant you can't live without! Volunteers get a **pass** that will give them free admission to the event and the CPLS booth. Don't miss out on this!

**HELP WANTED for CPLS LILY PLOT:** The CPLS lily plot located at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon needs maintenance through the growing season. The plot is used to maintain a stock of historically important lilies for future hybridization and to grow some of the lily bulbs we use to sell in our sales (monies going to fund the Society's scholarships,

newsletter and annual show, etc). Our current plot manager Stan Dunville would greatly appreciate having members volunteer to help with maintenance this coming season. Time required of a volunteer is not great when many hands are present to help with the work. The times can be easily arranged for individuals to volunteer – usually an hour or so/ weekly or bi-weekly. So, if you like to garden spend some extra time out doors and help your Society maintain the plot please **contact: Stan Dunville (306) 343-1963 or Email: [sdunville@shaw.ca](mailto:sdunville@shaw.ca)**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CPLS EXECUTIVE & DIRECTORSHIP POSITIONS:**

Many of the current executive and directors for your society have served for a long period of time this is good but too much of a good thing

can become detrimental to an organization. Having some of our newer members on board would bring a new fresh look to the society.

The **position of Vice-president** has been vacant for a number of years – this is NOT a good thing. CPLS needs someone to step forward and assume this position. The vice presidency is important to an organization in that this position grooms one to move into the position of president and allows for a smooth transition. The current executive would really like to see someone in our society step forward and assume this job.

Anyone can volunteer to stand for an elected position on the executive and directors board. Elections will be held at this year's annual general meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering for a position you may **contact** Barbara Adams-Eichendorf (306) 9472830 or Email: [barbae@sasktel.net](mailto:barbae@sasktel.net)

The executive meet 4-5 times a year in Saskatoon and meetings are about 2 hours long. A strong interested executive creates a strong society.

### **CPLS MEMBERSHIP LIST**

In the past CPLS has included a membership list in one of the quarterly newsletters. An updated list will be included in the June letter or sent via email. We hope this will encourage members to get to know one another and exchange lily lore,

## ***Lily varieties and the CPLS website***

To keep the web site interesting new material must be added - to do this help from the members of CPLS is needed. A page on the varieties and species of lilies grown in Saskatchewan needs expansion. There are more than 600 lily varieties available to our members, each member must have some of these in the garden. If you grow any lily at all you can help.

Two things are needed to expand the “varieties” page:

visit a few gardens and make new friends. Please check your 2010 membership list for errors and omissions. To make corrections or additions to the list, please send these changes to: **Art Delahey, 102-803 Heritage Crescent, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 5R4**  
[delahay@shaw.ca](mailto:delahay@shaw.ca)

### **CPLS NEEDS YOU!**

Margaret Driver, CPLS President.  
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### **Photograph of the lily”**

A sharp (in focus) picture of the lily. A **digital photograph** is preferred. The photograph size should be 250 – 500 kilobytes JPEG (maximum size); these can be sent via email. If you have ‘raw format’ digital photos they must be on a CD and mailed via Canada Post.

### **Written information:**

The information needed about the lily in your garden:

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

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](http://www.prairielily.ca) and contribute to your fellow lily grower's success!

I hope members all across Saskatchewan and the

## ***Lily Leaf Beetle .....Update***

The Lily Leaf Beetle, *Lilioceris lilli*, has certainly made itself known in Canada. It has been sighted in seven Canadian provinces. It is time for an update on this pest.

You will find basic information about the beetle in the article titled 'Have You Seen This Beetle?' in this newsletter. This article was first printed by the Manitoba Regional Lily Society Newsletter [ March 2006, Vol 23, Issue 1] and then reprinted in the CPLS June 2006 newsletter. In the CPLS Newsletter December 2010 it was reported that a biological control- the eulophid *Tetastichus setifer* was approved for release to control the Lily Leaf beetle. [Sara Williams provided this information.]

The release of the biological control was confirmed by David Holden, western representative of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CIFA). He wrote:

.... It was approved for release in 2010. It was released the summer of 2010 on the Central Experimental Farm (Ottawa) by the Biology Department of Carleton University. Releases will continue in 2011 as well as post-release monitoring. It is not known whether it is

established or not. [Dolores Nelson provided this most recent information].

Dolores Nelson (South Saskatchewan Lily Society) and Bonnie Lawrence (Canadian Prairie Lily Society) have been keeping 'tabs' on the Leaf Lily Beetle in Saskatchewan.

Please read the article and become familiar with this pest so it can be controlled effectively. Please note that a biological control for this beetle is a real possibility which is much better than chemical controls such as Sevin or Malathion (listed in the 2006 articles). Science does move forward given time! [MED]