

Canadian Prairie Lily Society

Newsletter

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President's Message

Winter 2011-2012 has been interesting to say the least. In the Saskatoon area a good snow cover arrived just in time to protect plants before temperatures plunged well below zero. Then came the thaw/snow cycles and an early March blizzard and the snow is going again. This see-sawing weather may be a challenge to our gardens and spring should be really interesting. I would like to hear from you as to how your gardens came through the winter.

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The executive has been planning for events for 2012 and hope our members can take part 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 finds something of interest. We would really like to hear from you if you have a special interest to help us plan for events.

The first event is **Gardenscape'12** will be held on March 30,-31 and April 1, 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.

Our second annual event is the Annual **General Meeting & Spring Seminar**. It will be held on **April 3, 7:00- 9:30 pm** in the **Multi-Purpose Room, McClure Church, 4025 Taylor Street East, Saskatoon, SK**. Our speaker will be Sara Williams and her topic will be "The Fleeting and Enduring Perennials". Sara will speak first and take questions thus ending the first half of the meeting.

The second half of the meeting will deal with **society business and elections**. The busi-

ness meeting is very important to keep the society going strong. I **cannot emphasize** the importance of members coming forth and volunteering for executive positions and directorships. Some of us have been at this for a long time and would greatly appreciate some “new” people stepping forward and carrying the “lily” forward. Think about volunteering your time. There are four executive meetings (2 hour duration) a year not a great deal of time to spend keeping a society viable.

See the special AGM announcement for the meeting’s agenda in the Newsletter.

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.

Another major lily event happening on the Canadian prairies this year is the **2012 North American Lily Society Convention and Lily Show**. This event is being hosted by the

Manitoba Regional Lily Society in **Winnipeg, Manitoba**. The show is being dedicated to Barrie Strohman (1930-2010). Barrie was very well known in the lily world and much loved for his work and enthusiasm for his favorite flower. Put this event on your calendar - you won’t be sorry.

At this time, I would like to thank Kathleen Tomy, a CPLS member residing in Edmonton, Alberta for a very generous donation to CPLS to use as the executive see fit. Kathleen did this because she can’t volunteer for events but greatly appreciates the efforts needed to keep the society going. Thank you Kathleen for your generosity and kind thoughts. The donation will be put to good use.

The gardening season is just around the corner. I hope everyone will be in good shape to enjoy this year’s gardening and take part in CPLS events.

Margaret Driver.

CPLS Annual General Meeting Notice

TIME: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

PLACE: Multi-Purpose Room,
McClure United Church
4025 Taylor Street East
Saskatoon SK.

AGENDA:

OPENING REMARKS: 7:00 -
7:10pm.

SPEAKER : 7:10pm -
8:10pm:

SARA WILLIAMS will talk

about: “*Perennials: The Fleeting and the Enduring*”. Sara will take questions for 15-20 minutes following her presentation.

**COFFEE BREAK/DOOR PRIZE
DRAW:** 8:30-8:45pm

BUSINESS MEETING:
8:45pm – 9:30pm.

Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

Coming Events

MARCH 25, 2012

Honeywood Heritage Nursery: A Supper and Auction will be held in the Parkside Heritage Center (school) on Sunday March 25th at 5:00pm. For further information check www.honeywood-lilies.ca

MARCH 30 – 31 & APRIL 1, 2012

Gardenscape'12: Saskatoon's Annual Spring Gardening Event will be held at the Prairieland Park Trade Centre, Saskatoon, SK. CPLS will be hosting a booth to promote 'Lilies in Our Gardens'. CPLS is also sponsoring a speaker at Gardenscape'12 this year. The speaker will be Judy Harley, manager of Honeywood Heritage Nursery, Parkside, SK. Judy will be speaking on Friday, March 30th at 4:00pm; her topic is "The Story of Honeywood".

APRIL 3, 2012

Canadian Prairie Lily Society Annual General Meeting & Spring Seminar: The meeting starts at **7:00 pm – 9:30 pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room, McClure United Church, 4025 Taylor Street East, Saskatoon SK.

Opening Remarks: **7:00 - 7:10pm.**

Speaker: **7:10 – 8:10pm.** Sara Williams' presentation will be : *Perennials: The Fleeting and the Enduring*. Sara will take questions for about 15 minutes after her presentation.

Coffee Break/Door Prize Draw: **8:30- 8:45pm**

The **Business meeting** will start at **8:45pm – 9:30pm.**

Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Public welcome. Learn about the Society, Lilies and Perennials for your garden.

JULY 11 -15, 2012

North American Lily Society 65th Annual Lily Show & Conference: This event is being hosted by the Manitoba Regional Lily Society and will be held at the Canad Inn – Polo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The show and conference is being dedicated to the memory of Barrie Strohman.

For more information contact:

Show Chair: Sandy Venton – (204) 888-2837; email felix1@mts.net

JULY 20 – 21, 2012

Canadian Prairie Lily Society Annual Lily 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, 2012

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 June & September Newsletter.

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HELP WANTED for GARDENSCAPE '12: 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

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; Art Delahey (306) 374-0494 or Email: delahay@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

The executive meet 4 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

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 you request. We ask that the materials requested be returned to the library within three weeks of receiving by **first class postage, insured**.

CPLS LIBRARIAN:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf /CPLS Librarian will look after your requests.

To order material from the library contact: **Barbara Adams- Eichendorf, P.O. Box 371, Hepburn, SK, S0K 1Z0.** email: barbae@sasktel.net

sent via email. We hope this will encourage members to get to know one another and exchange lily lore, visit a few gardens and make new friends. Please check your 2011 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

CPLS NEEDS YOU!

Margaret Driver, CPLS President.
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LIBRARY TITLES

THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY YEARBOOKS – 1946 -2009

QUARTERLY BULLETINS of THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY – 1967-2011

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

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.

As of March 2012 the newsletter will be sent via email to members with an email address.

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

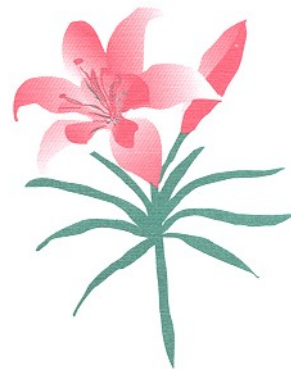
We would also appreciate hearing from you about what you would like to see/read in your newsletter.

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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Alex Burnett passing January 2012

The Canadian Prairie Lily Society has made a donation to the Honeywood (A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery in memory of Alex J. Burnett. Alex passed away January, 2012. Alex was a long standing member of CPLS and the Alberta Regional Lily Society. He was dedicated to growing, showing and hybridizing lilies. Alex

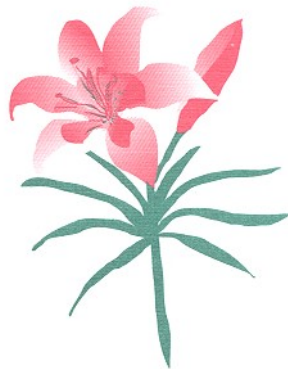
was very intent on hybridizing a “black” lily and he certainly succeeded when he introduced “Night Flyer” to the lily world. Alex also introduced stunning yellow lily “Dawn Patrol”. Both lilies do very well in our prairie gardens. Alex loved life and lilies; he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. [MED]

Know Your Lily—answers to the December quiz

Here are the answers to “Know Your Lily: The Principal Parts of a Lily” puzzle published in the Dec.2011 issue of the CPLS Newsletter. I hope you had fun in working out the puzzle and know a familiar with the intimate parts of the lily.

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| 1. terminal bud | 2. buds | 3. pedicel |
| 4. inflorescence | 5. stem | 6. stalk |
| 7. leaf/leaves | 8. aerial bulbils | 9. seed |
| 9a. seedling /plantlet | 10. monocotyledon | 11. first true leaf |
| 12. seedling roots | 13. stem roots | 14. stem bulblets |
| 15. scale | 16. basal plate | 17. basal roots |
| 18. bulb | 19. endosperm | 20. embryo |
| 21. seed coat | 22. seed capsule | 23. seed pod |
| 24. stamen | 25. filament | 26. anther |
| 27. pollen | 28. pistil | 29. stigma |
| 30. style | 31. ovary | 32. tepals (6) |
| 33. petals (3) | 34. sepals (3) | 35. Perianth |
| 36. flower | 37. secondary bud | 38. tertiary bud |

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Fasciation

Fasciation is an abnormal form of growth in which the young growing point or shoot of a plant becomes enlarged, flattened and often misshapen. As growth continues the stem looks like it is many stems fused together, the leaves are often small and the buds either are aborted or a multitude of blooms (100+) can be present.

This growth pattern can be the result of - mechanical injury often while the growing point is still underground; very warm temperatures in spring; fungi or mite attacks, certain bacterial infections; mutation.

In the case of lilies, fasciation is most often caused by (1) mechanical injury to the growing point, (2) very warm spring temperatures or (3) a combination of both. There are some lilies with a genetic susceptibility to fasciation. These lilies may fasciate frequently while those lacking the genetic susceptibility may never fasciate at all.

The good news is that the plant is only affected for the year in which fasciation occurs. In the following year if all goes well the lily will exhibit normal growth patterns.

In 2011 I noticed a weird appearance in the 'nose' of 'Rosalinda' (martagon) as it came through the ground in spring. Sure enough fasciation was occurring. As the stem grew it became very tall, flattened, misshapen and the top looked like a Medusa head – interesting and eye-catching, but not pretty! I am hoping for normal stems of Rosalinda this year 2012 because it is a great lily. This was the first case of fasciation I have experienced in about 40 years of growing lilies.

There are some pictures that help illustrate this phenomenon.

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