

Canadian Prairie Lily Society

Newsletter

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President's Message

The winter of 2012-2013 has been long and very snowy. A "thaw" doesn't seem to be close as I write this message. Bulb and perennial plant catalogues have been a welcome sight this LONG and SNOWY winter! Time to start thinking about what needs to be done this spring. Spring is a great time to plant Trumpets, Orientals, Orientpets etc.

2013 will be a year of transition several members of the executive will be completing their terms of service - Margaret Driver(president), Art Delahey(treasurer), and Ted Markus (Bulb Sales). It will be important for members to come forward to help fill these positions.

The executive has been planning for events for 2013 and hope our members can take part in them. There should be enough variety in events so everyone finds something of interest.

The first event is **Gardenscape'13** will be held on March 22-24 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 23, 7:00- 9:30 pm** in the **Multi-Purpose Room, McClure Church, 4025 Taylor Street East, Saskatoon, SK.**

This year the **society business meeting and elections** will be of great importance.

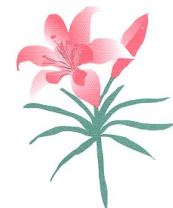
See the special AGM announcement for the meeting's agenda in this Newsletter.

The other major events in the CPLS calendar include - the **47th Annual Lily Show** in July and the **Membership Bulb sale** in September and the **Public Bulb Sale** in October. See more details about these events in the upcoming summer (June) and fall (September) newsletters.

Starting in 2013 the CPLS newsletter will be published three (3) times a year - March, June and September.

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

CPLS Annual General Meeting & Spring Seminar:

DATE: **APRIL 23rd**

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.**

**BUSINESS MEETING:
7:15pm**

**COFFEE BREAK/DOOR PRIZE
DRAW: 8:00 8:15pm**

SPEAKER : 8:15

**Barbara Adams-Eichendorf.
"Lilies in the Garden"**

*Members are encouraged to at-
tend and bring a friend.*



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.

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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.

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Coming Events 2013

March 22, 23 and 24th

Gardenscape'13: 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".

APRIL 6, 2013

Manitoba Regional Lily Society Spring Seminar: The Manitoba Regional Lily Society will hold their spring seminar at the Canad Inn, 1495 St Matthews Ave, Winnipeg, MB. Meeting /seminar (lunch included) 9:00am-4:00pm. Speakers TBA.

Early registration: make cheque (\$30.00) payable to MRLS and send to M. Puls, 99 Macalester Bay, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2X6 or Late-Registration April at 8:30am.

APRIL 23, 2013

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.

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** 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.

JUNE 26 -30, 2013

North American Lily Society 66th Annual Lily Show & Conference: This event is being hosted by Iowa Regional Lily Society, West Des Moines Iowa. The show's theme is "Celebrating Lilies in the Heartland".

For more information see:

www.iowaregionallilysociety.com or www.lilies.org

JULY 19 & 20th ,2013

Canadian Prairie Lily Society 47th 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.

OCTOBER 4 & 5th, 2013

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.

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 (3) weeks of receiving by **first class postage, insured.**

To order material from the library contact:
Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, P.O. Box 371,
Hepburn, SK, S)K 1Z0. or
 E-mail: barbae@sasktel.net

LIBRARY TITLES

The North American Lily Society Yearbooks -
 1946-2009

Quarterly Bulletins of The North American Lily
 Society - 1967-2012

The International Lily Register(s)

LILIES

Richard Bird - An Illustrated Identifier & Guide
 to Cultivation.

J. G. Campbell - Amateur Gardening Hand-
 book No. 21.

F.F. Rockwell, Ester C. Grayson & Jan de
 Graaf - The Complete Book of Lilies

E.A. McRae - A guide for Growers & Collec-
 tors

M. Jefferson-Brown & H. Howland - The Gar-
 dener's Guide to Growing Lilies

Earl Hornback - Lily Culture in Ten Easy Le-
 sions

Woodcock & Coutts - Lilies

Jan de Graaf & Edward Hyams - Lilies

NALS - Let's Grow Lilies

NALS - Lily Disease Handbook

NALS - Judging Handbook

Lilies 1973 & Other Liliaceae
 Growing from Seed

Named Lily Hybrids & Their Origins

OTHER BOOKS

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

WORKERS NEEDED!!!

VOLUNTEERS 2013

"Volunteer Appreciation"

A) Gardenscape passes are given to mem-
 bers volunteering at the Gardenscape booth

B) Certificates of Appreciation (equivalent
 value of a Gardenscape pass) are given to
 members volunteering to help at the

- Annual Lily show and Public
 bulb sales for – setup/
 takedown
- Working at the tables at the
 Annual Lily show and Fall bulb
 sale
- Participating in maintaining the
 lily plot, bulb digging, labeling &
 packing bulbs for the Fall bulb
 sale

C) Annual Volunteer Appreciation Draw for
 three gift cards (\$75 value). The names of

all volunteers who have helped during the year at Gardenscape, the Lily Show or Fall bulb Sale will be entered only once for each of the events

GARDENSCAPE '13: 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 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:**

Art Delahey (306) 374-0494 or Email: delahay@sasktel.net

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.

This year is a year of transition in the CPLS executive: **Margaret Driver**, president intends to complete her term at the 2013 AGM; **Art Delahey**, treasurer, will present his 40th annual financial report and hopefully tutor his replacement over the next year before retiring at the 2014 AGM; **Ted Markus**, Bulb Sales Chairman, will complete his term in 2013 with the Fall Bulb sale.

It is now more important than ever to have members step forward to help with society business.

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 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 2012 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;**

Email: delahay@sasktel.net

CPLS NEEDS YOU!

Margaret Driver, CPLS President

Spring Planting TipsMargaret Driver

Planting lily bulbs is usually associated with Fall, however these bulbs can be planted in the spring. Some lilies such as Trumpets(Div. VI), Orientals (Div. VII), Orientpets and other "exotics" (Div. VIII) seem to do better in the prairies when planted in spring. The bulb has a longer time to "settle in" and make it through the next winter after providing beautiful blooms in summer.

There are a number of "recipes" for planting these bulbs in pots and maintaining them through out the year in the pot (see past newsletters).

The bulbs bought in spring (if not sprouted) can be held in the refrigerator until they can be planted out in the garden

However, when buying bulbs in spring you may find that the bulb(s) have sprouts - not to worry! A sprouted bulb just needs careful handling and you will be rewarded with blooms in the summer.

A bulb with sprouts should be planted as soon as possible - either in the garden if weather permits **or planted in pots if planting in the garden is not possible.**

- Use a clean 15-20cm(6-8in) standard plastic pot
- Use a good quality potting soil(loose & porous)
- Use some drainage material - gravel, Styrofoam 'peanuts' etc

To pot the bulb:

- Put 2.5cm(1in) layer of drainage material in the bottom of the pot
- Put 2.5cm(1in) layer of soil over the drainage material
- Place the sprouted bulb (sprout up) **carefully** on the layer of soil
- Cover the sprouted bulb **carefully** with the remaining soil to a depth of at least 10cm(4in).
- Water thoroughly, **do not let the pot sit in water**
- Place in a cool area. Once the sprout "nose" emerges place in the light. When weather permits place the pot outside. Once established the lily can be transplanted into the garden or maintained in the pot till fall.
- **If the sprout should break off the bulb in the planting process -continue PLANTING the bulb (either in the pot or the garden).** It will not grow a stem this year but it SHOULD send up a stem the next. If planted in a pot maintain until you can transplant if to the garden.