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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we make a major change such as the change of location for the show as we did this year, we take a risk that the show will not be as successful as we might expect. I'm very pleased to report that the Lily Show for 2000 which was held at The Mall at Lawson Heights from July 20-22 was a great show! One of the most positive aspects of this year's show was the ease of set-up. The staff at the mall were very helpful and certainly made my job easier.

There was a slight decline in entries from last year in most areas, but I think this is a result of both the location change and weather. When we schedule the show so it doesn't conflict with sidewalk sales, it sometimes misses prime blooming time for the majority of Asiatic lily cultivars as well as the Martagon lily season. However, Mother Nature remains the biggest unknown factor in show scheduling.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers for all the time and effort which you put into making the show a success. I'm very pleased that we have several Master gardeners involved in the Lily Society. Voluntarism is a very important component of the Master Gardener Program, and is also important to organizations such as the Lily Society, for without volunteers we would be unable to put on such a spectacular show.

Thanks also to all those who took the time to bring in entries to the show. The Decorative Section entries were greatly admired by everyone who passed by, and the admiration was certainly well deserved! Every year I am enthralled by the diversity of cultivars which are entered in the Stems Section and this year was certainly no exception.

On behalf of CPLS, I wish to express our gratitude to the Judges for all the time and effort you put into judging the show. Your dedication is very much appreciated! Many thanks also to those who gave their time to act as clerks. Thanks to Frank Dodd for photographing the show, and for the use of his truck.

I have received a lot of positive feedback about using The Mall at Lawson Heights for the show for 2001, but I also need to know if anyone encountered any problems, and as well I'm open to suggestions for making next year's show even better.

Coming events in the CPLS calendar are the Fall Membership and Public Bulb Sales, and the Garden Photo Contest.

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

CPLS is looking for photographs (4"x 6" prints) featuring lilies- single stems, especially 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. Sullivan, 313 Bate Crescent, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 3A6.



FROM The EDITORS desk.....

After reviewing the comments I made in the Fall '99 newsletter many apply to this year- Fall is rapidly approaching bringing the usual chores - dividing those large established lily clumps ,transplanting some and sharing the extras with others; checking the fall bulb sales and getting those few lilies you simply could not resist and preparing sites for your new arrivals.This year I don't have to divide clumps but I do have many potted lilies that must find permanent home in the garden. Removal of several old shrubs and grass is on our list. These areas will be amended and become garden beds ready for permanent plantings in 2001. I am trying to restrain my urge to purchase more lilies bulbs - maybe just a few martagons this fall!

The year 2000 growing season as usual presented challenges both to the gardeners and the plants. The prairies had a very early warm spring; cool,

and dry late spring and early summer, heat did not really hit until early July. The heat was intense so lilies opened rapidly in city gardens a little slower in more open country gardens - this made it interesting for the lily shows. Some varieties were passed prime while others were at their peak - the show tables bloomed in spite of the show chairpersons worries. Many of the lilies in my garden showed the effects of the early weather - stems were shorter than usual (dry fall and spring), many of the buds aborted or were severely contorted (early start followed by very cool temperatures not cold enough to freeze the stems but certainly cold enough to damage them; and insect damage to the buds was noticeable this year. Botrytis was not a big problem, the except for *Sphinx* and *Polar Bear* grown in pots. Due to the vagaries of the weather there will be lilies blooming well to the end of August - *White Henryi*, *Northern Beauty*, *Northern Carillon*, *Skydancer* and *Pink*

Champagne. The trumpets in neighbourhood gardens are at their peak now; I have not noticed any orientals but some are probably in bloom.

I would like to hear from those members who purchased any of the following bulbs - *Super Nova*, *Tetra Trumpet*, *Helios*, *Peach Supreme*, *Dawn Delight*, *Cream Longiflorum*, *Misty* and *Rosepoint Lace*. How have they performed in your garden? What are your growing conditions? etc. Let's hear from you and share your gardening experiences.

DEADLINES are February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. So set pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and send your words to :

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr A.J. "Bert" Porter 1901 - 2000

Mr. Albert John "Bert" Porter, age 99, late of Canwood and formerly of Parkside, Saskatchewan, passed away in Whispering Pine Place in Canwood on Wednesday, August 2, 2000. Bert was born in Guildford, England on April 15, 1901, and came to Canada with his family at the age of 5. The Porters settled in Willis, which is now called Honeywood. Bert attended school at Willis, then went to teachers college and returned to teach at Willis, and at Spruce Glen. He worked for a short time as a surveyor in Flin Flon, then started the Honeywood Nursery in 1934. The nursery has been his home since then. Bert was nominated to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1987, and was given the highest award to a lily breeder on the North American Continent, the E.H. Wilson Memorial Award from the North American Lily Society. In 1983

the University of Saskatchewan conferred on him a Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Shellbrooke Funeral Home was entrusted with the Funeral arrangements. A special memorial service will be held at the Parkside Lutheran Church, 3:00 p.m., September 24, Parkside, Saskatchewan.

Bert will always be remembered for his enthusiastic approach to gardening, his willingness to share his expertise with all, and his great contributions to the world of plants most especially lilies. When Bert's *Flaming Giant*, *Happy Thoughts*, *Skydancer*, *Golden Age* bloom in our gardens - Bert will always be us.

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CPLS Scholarship Winners - 2000

and the winner of the CPLS Scholarship in memory of T. The winner of the CPLS Scholarship in memory of J. M. A. (Andy) Dingwall was Megan Payne, Flaxcombe, SK. (Milt) Bell (Olds College) was Kara-Lynne Dahl, Alberta Congratulations to both.

Coming events.....

SEPTEMBER 28, 29, & 30

CPLS FALL PUBLIC BULB SALES

Thursday, September 28 at The Mall At Lawson Heights, 134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon. Sale time: 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. on

Friday September 29 at 8th Street CO-OP, Greystone Centre, 8th St. & Emerson, Saskatoon, SK. Sale time: 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. on

Saturday September 30 at Market Nall, 2325 Preston

Membership Renewal.....

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

When your membership comes due a red stamp saying " *Membership expired Time to renew!*" will

appear on the front page of your newsletter.

One year membership is \$5.00, 2 year membership is \$10.00. To renew send your cheque to:
CPLS Treasurer, A.E. Delahey, 18 Pony Trail, Riverside Estates, SK, Canada S7T 1A2.

BULBS and PUMPKINS ??

Fall 2000 Members meeting Tuesday October 3rd at 7:30 PM at Dutch Growers Garden Centre, 685 Reid Road, Saskatoon. Slide shows by Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, Art Delahey, and Margaret Driver - please bring some of your slides or pictures from this summer. There will also be tips on planting. You can pick up your pre-paid bulb order at the meeting from John Bond

Storing Bulbs Over Winter ?

Margaret Driver, Saskatoon

Why did I buy all these bulbs? Why did they come so late? Why did it snow so early? What am I going to do with these bulbs? There have been several occasions when I have had to store large numbers of lily bulbs for the winter (mid-October to mid-April) without the advantage of a cold room. I devised the garbage can-peat moss method and it works!

The materials used in this method are simple - a large Rubbermaid garbage can, 17gal(77.3l) size or similar sized galvanized one serves as the storage container; newspaper (optional) to line the containers and a large bale of peat moss as the insulators; scrub pail about 10in (25cm) diameter to form the storage space; "baggies" (plastic sandwich bags -16 cmx 14cm) to hold the bulbs; garden sulphur (optional fungicide); plastic labels and a marking pen.

If you are digging bulbs for storage it is best to remove really wet soil from the bulbs and sun dry the bulbs for an hour or so when possible this will help prevent the bulbs from rotting during storage. The bulbs can be dusted with garden sulphur as well. Put a handful of dryish peat moss in the bag, add the label and the bulb close the bag and its ready to store.

Prepare the storage container by lining the bottom and sides with a few sheets of newspaper (optional step) then place at least 4in(10cm) of peat moss in the bottom of the container, place the scrub pail on the middle of the peat moss layer then add peat moss all around the pail to form the "insulated storage core" add the packaged bulbs and continue building the insulated storage core as needed; leave at least 4in (10cm) between the last layer of bulbs and the cover to add the top layer of insulating peat moss and newspaper. This method will surround the bulbs with a minimum of 4in(10cm) insulation for overwintering. I was able to store about 150 -200 bulbs in this peat moss insulated "storage bin".In the past I have placed the insulated container in a tool shed and most recently in an unheated -insulated garage. Either type of building gave satisfactory results; storing directly outdoors in a sheltered spot with snow cover would probably work too (I have not tried this).

Fall 1999 I stored 51 lily cultivars - Asiatic Hybrids (Div.I), Longiflorum-Asiatic Hybrids (LAs), Trumpet Hybrids(Div.VI), Orientpet Hybrids (Div. VIII) and Aurelian-Asiatic Hybrids(Div.VIII). In past years I have stored some martagons hybrids as well. Generally, the asiatic hybrids, martagons hybrids, Longiflorum-Asiatic hybrids and Aurelian -Asiatic hybrids have stored the best; orientpet hybrids were marginal(bulb condition is important, even those in good condition had problems);the longiflorum and trumpet bulbs stored very poorly even when bulbs were in excellent condition.

LILIES STORED

(condition of bulbs after winter storage: r = rotted; s = sprout present,<0.5in; m = mould; 0 = poor; + = good; ++ = excellent; p = potted in April/00; g = growth in pots in summer 2000 - 0 = poor; + = good; ++ = excellent)

ORIENTPETS:

'Starburst Sensation' (r)
'Northern Sensation' (m;0;p;g0)
'Northern Carillon' (m;0;p;g+)
'Northern Beauty' (++;p; g++)

TRUMPETS"

Tetra Trumpet (Cebeco) (r)
Jendruck Seedling (r)

AURELIAN-ASIATIC HYBRIDS

'Creamy Belles' (+;p; g+)
'Firey Belles' (++;p;g+)
'Silky Belles' (++;p;g++)
'Purple Belles' (0;p;g0)

LONGIFLORUM-ASIATIC HYBRIDS

'Casa Rosa' (m;0;p;g-none)
'La Paz' (++;p;g++)
'My Fair Lady' (++;p;g++)
'Royal Love' (m;0;p;g+)
'Royal Victory'(++;s;p;g+)

ASIATIC HYBRIDS

10 Alex Burnett Seedlings (++;p;g++)

'Ariadne' (++;s;p;g+)
 'Bel Ami' (++;s;p;g+)
 'Bicolor Ballerina' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Butter Pixie' (++;p;g++)
 'Dawn Delight' (++;p;g++)
 'Denia' (+;m;s;p;g+)
 'Ed Brooman' (++;s;p;g0)
 'Embarrassment' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Fleur de Lis' (++;s;p;g++)
 'George Slate' (++;p;g++)
 'Helios' (++;p;g++)
 'Jewel Pixie' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Katinka' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Lavender Splash' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Misty' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Morden Butterfly' (++;s;p;g++)

'New Dawn' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Northern Princess' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Pan' (++;p;g++)
 'Paulus Potter' (++;p;g++)
 'Peach Supreme' (++;p;g+)
 'Pink Pixie' (++;p;g++)
 'Polar Bear' (+;s;p;g+)
 'Reta's Comet' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Robinson's Comet' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Rosepoint Lace' (+;s;p;g+)
 'Shiraz' (+;s;p;g++)
 'Sphinx' (++;s;p;g+)
 'Startling' (-;m;p;g-none)
 'Sungod' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Suntan' (++;s;p;g++)
 'Super Nova' (++;s;p;g++)



Weed Control Trials.....!

Art Delahey, Riverside Estates, SK

In an ongoing effort to reduce the amount of labour and time required to keep CPL's lily plots weed-free we did a trial application of a relatively new pre-emergent herbicide in fall 1999.

CASORON is a granular pre-emergent chemical, developed for shelterbelt weed control, which attaches to the soil particles and kills the weeds as they germinate. It is effective against such weeds as chickweed, purslane, groundsel, knotweed, lambs' quarters, mustard, pigweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion and sow thistle. It offers partial control on other weeds including Canada thistle. The granular chemical must be applied as late as possible in the fall - about mid-October. While its action and results are very similar to Treflan, Casoron has the advantage of being less concentrated so application is somewhat simpler. It should not be used in proximity to any shallow-rooted plants as it may leach down and enter the root zone. Casoron is simply applied to the soil surface - no incorporation is required.

Stands of *Bold Knight*, *Matchless* and *Coppertone* were treated with Casoron in October '99. A portion of each row was treated at the recommended rate of 11 grams

of Casoron to 1 square meter (a row 12" wide and nearly 11 feet long equals 1 square meter). An equal amount of each row was left untreated. In spring 2000 the lilies emerged with no noticeable difference between the treated and untreated sections. While weed growth was initially slow due to a cool dry spring it later became evident that there were no weeds emerging in the treated areas. Control was complete and no weed growth has developed up to publication date. Untreated areas needed the usual chemical spraying to control heavy weed growth. It would appear that Casoron offers considerable potential for weed control in lilies.

Caution must be expressed however on two matters. Firstly, it is imperative that steps be taken to ACCURATELY apply the recommended rate. (We measured weighed amounts into a glass jar with a finely punched metal-lid, and marked various amount on the side of the jar. This allowed for refilling without subsequent weighing of the Casoron.) Secondly, we have not been able thus far to determine whether Casoron builds up in the soil. We know that it can be leached down so deeper roots in sandy soil could be put at jeopardy.

Casoron is available in the fall only at garden centres in 2 kg and 15 kg bags at a cost of approximately \$8.00

CPLS LIBRARY CORNER.....

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.

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34th Annual CPLS Show

The 34th Annual CPLS Show was held at The mall at Lawson Heights, Saskatoon, July 20-22, 2000.

There were 28 registered exhibitors, 239 entries in the Stems Section, 70 florets entered, and 26 entries the Decoratives Section.

The Judges for the Horticulture Stem Section were: Allan Daku, Edmonton, Alberta; Dani Dooley, Rosedale, Alberta; Margaret Driver, Saskatoon; Herb Sunley, Saskatoon.

The Judge for the Decorative Arrangements was Amanda Ryce, Saskatoon.

The Clerks were Pat Adams, Carmel Dodd, Leona Domshey, Phyllis Elder, Sharon Newton and Diann Putland.

The Photographer was Frank Dodd.

The winners of Major Awards were:

Section I: Horticulture Stems

GRAND CHAMPION LILY STEM - G.H. GREEN TROPHY:

FERN ERIXON, Clavet, 'Fred 95'

RESERVE CHAMPION LILY STEM:

MARGARET DRIVER, Saskatoon, 'HOBBIT'

GRAND AGGREGATE PLAQUE:

BARBARA ADAMS-EICHENDORF, Hepburn .

BEST SEEDLING (CLASS 5) - FOUNDING PRESIDENT PLAQUE & SPOON

BARBARA ADAMS-EICHENDORF, Hepburn, 'SANS PAREIL' SEEDLING

T. A. DINGWALL AWARD: ASIATIC LILY COLLECTION (CLASS 10)

ART DELAHEY, *Riverside Estates*, 'SWEET SURRENDER', 'RED GALAXY', 'VISHENKO', 'KIMBERLY ANN', 'BRIANNE', 'HONEY PINK'

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR AWARD (CLASS 11)

LISA ERIXON, *Clavet*, 'LISA'S PEACH'

J. C. ERICKSEN AWARD - BEST PINK LILY STEM

CATHERINE McCORMICK, *Saskatoon*, 'MARIA CALLAS'

C.F. PATTERSON AWARD - BEST PATTERSON HYBRID (REG.)

PATRICIA SHABBITS, *Saskatoon*, 'JASPER'

A.J. PORTER AWARD - BEST CANADIAN HYBRID LILY STEM

LISA ERIXON, *Clavet*, 'LISA'S PEACH'

P.H. WRIGHT ROSETTE - BEST RED LILY STEM

JIM SULLIVAN, *Saskatoon*, UN-NAMED SEEDLING

BEST THREE STEM COLLECTION ROSETTE

FERN ERIXON, *Clavet*, 'FRED 99'

F. TARLTON AWARD - BEST MARTAGON LILY STEM

No entries

Section II: Decorative Arrangements

C. REAVIE AWARD: BEST VASE

MARION McINTYRE, *Saskatoon*

D. GILMOUR AWARD: BEST BASKET

LEW McINTYRE, *Saskatoon*

D. PUTLAND AWARD: BEST ARRANGEMENT

BONITA LUNDBERG, *Saskatoon*

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, *Show Chairperson.*



Virginia Howie