



Canadian Prairie Lily Society

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The Presidents Message.....

We don't get bored living in this province, do we! It seems that this year is presenting more than the usual number of challenges for those of us who enjoy gardening. In the 18 years that I have lived in Hepburn, I have not seen as many grasshoppers themselves have not done much damage to my yard, the cats leaping through the lilies in pursuit of the grasshoppers have left a trail of destruction. Even though the cats eat the grasshoppers once they catch them, they are a very inefficient method of grasshopper control.

The lilies in my yard have suffered from the drought, producing shorter stems and not as many flowers this year, except in areas where there was actually snow cover in winter, and areas that I was able to water. Aside from the spotting on the foliage and flowers from the hail, the lilies in these areas looked very good.

In spite of all of the weather and critter challenges, the quality of the lilies at the show this year was impressive. Thank you to all of you who worked at the show and to all of you who took the time to create the beautiful floral art entries and to enter your lily stems.

I had the opportunity to travel to Brandon in February to take the first two parts of the Lily Judging course under the direction of Wilbert Ronald and Barrie Strohmman. Part three of the course was held at the

Lily Festival in Neepawa July 19th. Those of us who had taken the course were allowed to complete. our first (of three required) training session as Student Judges at the Festival. Being a student judge gave me insight into the judging process and certainly gave me a new appreciation for the Judges who contribute their time and expertise to judging our lily show. The Lily Festival at Neepawa was very well organized, and the town is very pretty, with treelined streets and lilies planted everywhere! The Neepawa area had obviously had adequate rainfall and yards and gardens were lush green, and the lilies were in very good condition.

The next event on our lily Society calendar is the Fall Bulb Sale at the end of September. If you can volunteer some time to help with digging and packaging bulbs please contact John Bond at 374-2953; or if you can work at the sales tables please contact Bob Caldwell at 374-2873.

I hope that all of you have taken the time to enjoy your yards and gardens this summer and to appreciate the small miracles that we see around us every day.

Barbara.

Once again articles (long or short) from the

From the Editors Desk.....

membership are always welcome. If you have material you would like to share comments, concerns, anything dealing with lilies your editors would welcome your input.

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Margaret/Ed Driver**

Coming Events.....

SEPTEMBER 26,2002

Public Bulb Sale will be held Thursday at The Mall at Lawson Heights, 134 Primrose Ave, Saskatoon. The sale will be held from 10:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m.

Public Bulb Sale will be held Saturday at Market Mall, 2325 Preston Ave, Saskatoon. The sale will held 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

Public Bulb Sale will be held Friday at the 8TH Street Co-Op, 8th Street & Emerson, Saskatoon. The sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2002



2002 CPLS Show Report.....

When I wrote the report for the 2001 Show, I thought to myself, "This is probably as bad as it gets". I was wrong! This year has thrown more surprises at us than last year. In early July, about a week before the originally scheduled show date, the CPLS Executive met to decide whether to reschedule the show or to cancel altogether. Because the lily blooming season seemed to be moved back about two weeks due to the unseasonably cold May and June, it was obvious to us at that time that there would not be enough stems in bloom to make a reasonable show for the originally planned dates. Ideally, moving the show to the following week would have worked; however, Judges were already committed to judging other shows for that time period, so the Executive decided to move the show to July 25-27, two weeks later than the originally scheduled dates.

Aside from the concern over having enough stems to make a reasonable show, there was also concern for other factors. We had to ensure that there were enough volunteers available for the new dates in order for the show to run smoothly. As holidays are planned well in advance, changing the show dates did end up conflicting with many people's plans. My apologies for the inconvenience caused by making this change; however, I feel that we made the right decision given all of the concerns that we had to deal with.

And so, in spite of hail, grasshoppers, unseasonably cold weather followed by blistering hot weather, and all of the other fun that Mother Nature had with us this year, the 36th Annual show took place at the Mall at Lawson Heights in Saskatoon July 25-27th. Exhibitor numbers were down from 28 the two previous shows to 17 this year. The number of stems exhibited was 129, compared to 253 last year, Floral Art entries were 13, compared to 29 last year, and florets were down from 137 last year to 56 this year. There were four Awards for which there were no entries. As you can see from these numbers, the show was considerably smaller than usual, but this was not unexpected with both the change of dates and the unusual weather.

As show chairperson, I would like to express my

gratitude to the Judges, Clerks and volunteers who give so generously of their time to make the show a success. I appreciate the time that you take from your busy lives to help put the show together and ensure that it runs smoothly.

Judges: Floral Art....Margaret Driver , Saskatoon.

Horticulture..Herb Sunley, Saskatoon; Agnes Beingessner, Regina; Margaret Driver, Saskatoon.
Student Judge: Barbara Adams-Eichendorf.

Clerks: Floral Art....Phyllis Elder, Langham

Horticulture..Carmel Dodd, Saskatoon; Sharon Newton, Saskatoon; Phyllis Elder, Langham

Photographer: Frank Dodd

Classification: Margaret Driver,Saskatoon; Herb Sunley, Saskatoon

Scheduling Workers: Bob Caldwell, Saskatoon.

Transporting, set-up and dismantling of show materials, and stem sales: Stan Dunville, John Bond, Margaret Driver, Sharon Newton, Phyllis Elder, Jim Sullivan, Dorothy Jendruck, Frank and Carmel Dodd. Leona Domshy.

Thank you to the volunteers who worked at the information desk, and a special word of gratitude to all of the exhibitors who took the time to make the beautiful Floral Art entries and to transport and enter their lily stems and florets in the show. The show was a success because of you and I thank all of you for your dedication

[Editors Note: A large thank you is owed to the Show chairperson Barbara Adams-Eichendorf for coordinating all of the "bits and pieces" that go to make a show. Thank you Barbara.]

MAJOR AWARDS 2002

HORTICULTURE SECTIONS

Grand Champion Lily Stem: Fred V. Fellner Trophy

Bob Caldwell, Saskatoon.....'Coral Fashion'

No entries

Reserve Champion Lily Stem

Agnes Beingessner, Regina....'Sinfonia Tetra Trumpet'

A.J. Porter Award for Best Canadian Hybrid

Stan Dunville, Saskatoon.....'Sungod'

CPLS Grand Aggregate Award

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, Hepburn

F. Tarlton Award for Best Martagon

No entries

Founding President Award for Best Seedling

Don Cockcroft, Saskatoon

P.H. Wright Award for Best Red Lily

Bob Lidington, Saskatoon.....'Red Velvet'

Best Three Stem Collection

Sharon Newton, Saskatoon.....'Edith'

FLORAL DESIGN SECTION

C.Reavie Award for Best Vase

Sharon Newton, Saskatoon

T.A.(Andy) Dingwall Award for Best Collection of 6 Stems

No entries

D. Gilmour Award for Best Basket

Sharon Newton, Saskatoon

Canadian Hybridizers' Trophy for Best Canadian Lily Collection

No entries

D. Putland Award for Best Arrangement

Lew McIntyre, Saskatoon

Junior Exhibitor Award

J. D. Harrison, Saskatoon....'Solace'

J.C. Erickson Award for Best Pink Lily Stem

Phyllis Elder, Langham.....'Arizona'

C.F. Patterson Award for Best Registered Patterson Hybrid***Almost time to dig and re-set!!!!!!******Virginia Howie***

FALL 2002 MEMBERS BULB SALE

