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President's Message

Saskatchewan certainly presents the gardener with many challenges. This year was no exception. The first part of April held real promise of an early warm spring. Not so! It quickly turned cold and remained so, the saving grace were the rains that came. We certainly needed the moisture after several very dry years. The long spell of cold wet weather however, did present challenges to many plants - lilies, daylilies and irises certainly suffered. For the first time in 30 years of growing lilies I had complete clumps of lilies disappear to rot - trumpets, longipets and asiapets were the most affected. Others like the longiflorum-asiatics (LAs) showed signs of cold damage- fasciation, stunted stems/tips, leaf damage, stunted buds or no inflorescence at all. Yet others - martagon, asiatics and some of the orientpets grew with a vengeance and excelled in height and inflorescence. Martagons were still in bloom at the end of July, the asiatics hitting their peak late in July and late bloomers - 'Skydancer', 'Port Alberni Tiger' and the orientpets are still to come (I'm writing this on August 15). Despite the poor spring followed by alternating hot and very cool weather during the days, nearing freezing temperatures at night in late June and a couple of close calls in July, the lilies that survived put on a very impressive show. Take heart there is always next year!

The Society year started with the Annual General Meeting at Rusty McDonald Library in April. The Election resulted in a change of officers- a new list of

officers is included in this newsletter.

Attendance at the meeting was rather small and we hope to see an improvement in this. The executive would appreciate input from the membership regarding- meetings, types of topics for meetings, possible venues and times. The society is financially sound and is able to meet its commitments - the scholarships given to the University of Saskatchewan and Olds College, Alberta.

The next event was the Annual Show held in July at The Mall at Lawson Heights. We decided to go ahead with the show despite the effects of a late spring. The show was smaller than usual but members brought stems and floral entries that graced the show benches. The public viewing the show were appreciative and had many complimentary comments and questions about the lilies. This year the show had two specialty displays - The Saskatchewan Rose Society and The Honeywood Heritage Nursery. Each display was very eye-catching and complimented the show. We hope to have then both back next year and possibly displays from some of the other gardening societies. The more the merrier!
A large thank you to all who participated in this year's show and helped make it a success.

The next event on the CPLS calendar happens in September - the Fall Bulb Sale for Members (bulb list & order form in this newsletter) and the Public bulb

sale - September 25 & 26 at The Mall at Lawson Heights.

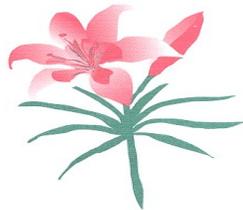
The last event on the CPLS calendar happens in October - GENERAL FALL MEETING. This event is a very exciting one. The meeting is being held at the Rusty McDonald Library on **OCTOBER 27th at 7:30 pm**. Our speaker is **Sara Williams**, one of Saskatoon's best known gardeners. Sara's presentation is "**PERENNIALS: THE GARDENER'S CHOICE**". This will provide us with food for thought during the coming winter. See you there.

A sad note on the calendar this year was the passing of Ken Agnew long time member of our society. Ken was a keen gardener and extremely fond of the lilies in his garden. Ken will be missed but remembered.

CPLS sponsors four scholastic awards on a yearly basis. Two awards are given to students at the University of Saskatchewan - this year Julie Velichka received both awards. Two awards are given to Olds College in Olds Alberta- this year's recipients were Kirsten Suddaby and Dwayne Routliffe.

I hope that you have enjoyed your gardens this summer and are thinking about next year's activities. I'm thinking of removing more grass for more lilies, where to move the roses next spring, planting some clematis along the back fence, replacing lost daylilies and iris. There is NEVER a dull moment in the life of a gardener. Happy gardening.

Margaret Driver.



NALS Membership Renewal time !!!

NALS (North American Lily Society) appreciates the support regional members have given during this past year. Once again NALS extends an invitation to CPLS members to renew or take out a first-time membership in NALS. NALS members receive four quarterly bulletins, a membership list, a hardbound yearbook, low cost seed exchange, round robin letter exchange and library privileges. Canadian residents may make payment in Canadian funds of \$26.00(1 year individual or family) or \$75.00(3 years individual or family). Please print your name, address and

contact information and indicate whether we may include the information in our membership directory. Payment or renewal can be made by check or money order payable to NALS. Mail to Dolores Nelson, 3820 20th Avenue, Regina, SK, S4S 0P4. (306)586-3697. Email: dolbert@sk.sympatico.ca

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2004 CPLS - 38th Annual Show

The 2004 CPLS Lily Show took place at the Mall at Lawson Heights in Saskatoon on July 15, 16, and 17, 2004. The show certainly reflected the effect of the cool and rainy weather, with only 78 stems entered in the Horticulture section of the show.. When shows have been held around the 20th of July, we typically have 250 to 275 stems entered. There were only 7 entries in the Floral Art section of the show, which is also down considerably from previous years. Exhibitor numbers were down as well, with 14 exhibitors registered, which is about half of the usual total.

Martagon lilies were well represented at the show and several of the early blooming species lilies graced the tables as well. Asiatic lilies were not present in the numbers we usually expect at the show nor were the trumpets or orientals entered in the Horticulture classes.

There were several Horticultural classes for which there were no entries, including single florets, Junior classes, Canadian Hybridizers Collection and the Andy Dingwall Collection; as well as several Floral Art classes with no entries. Because there were so few entries in the show , a few adjustments had to be made. As there were no registered Patterson hybrids in the show, the Show Chairperson and judges agreed to allow unregistered Patterson hybrids to be considered for the Patterson Award.

We were very fortunate to share our show space with displays from both the Saskatchewan Rose Society and Honeywood Heritage Nursery from Parkside, Sask,

Thank you to the Judges, clerks and volunteers for all of their hard work. Even with a small show it still takes a lot of time and energy to organize and co-ordinate all of the details, Special thank go the following people:

Judge for both Floral Art and Horticulture...Margaret Driver, Saskatoon; Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, Hepburn... Student Judge

Clerk for both Floral Art and Horticulture ...Sharon Newton, Saskatoon.

Photographer...Frank Dodd, Saskatoon.

Scheduling volunteers for the info desk...Bob Caldwell,Saskatoon.

Many thanks also to Stan Dunville, John Bond, Margaret Driver and Sharon Newton for looking after so many of the setup chores and for doing most of the clean-up work at the end of the show. Thanks to Koren Vangool for organizing the Rose Society Display.

On behalf of CPLS, thanks to all of you who made volunteering for,or entering the show apart of you summer. Let's hope for a bigger and better show next year.

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, Show Chairperson

38th Annual Show Awards

HORTICULTURE SECTION

Grand Champion Lily Stem: Fred Fellner Trophy

Jim Sullivan, Martagon Seedling

Reserve Champion Lily Stem

Koren Vangool, 'Buff Pixie'

CPLS Grand Aggregate Award
Margaret Driver, John Bond

Founding President Award for Best Seedling
Jim Sullivan, Martagon Seedling

Best Three Stem Collection
Koren Vangoor, Unnamed orange

T.A. (Andy) Dingwall Award for Best Collection of 4 Stems
...No entries...

Canadian Hybridizers' Trophy for Best Canadian Lily Collection
...No entries...

Junior Exhibitor Award
...no entries...

J.C. Ericksen Award for Best Pink Lily Stem
Jim Sullivan, seedling lily

C.F. Patterson Award for Best Registered Patterson Hybrid
Margaret Driver, 'Prairie Pink'

A.J. Porter Award for Best Canadian Hybrid
Margaret Driver, 'Maroon King'

F. Tarlton Award for Best Martagon
Jim Sullivan, Seedling

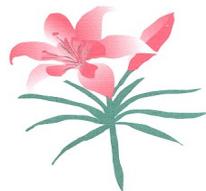
P.H. Wright Award for Best Red Lily Stem
Lorne McKellar, 'Red Blaze'

FLORAL DESIGN SECTIONS

C. Reavie Award for Best Vase
Lew McIntyre

D. Gilmour Award for Best Basket
Lew McIntyre

D. Putland Award for Best Arrangement
Barbara Adams-Eichendorf



HELPERS FOR CPLS ACTIVITIES NEEDED !!

There are areas in which members can help out with society endeavours this Fall.

FALL BULB SALE:

Our lily plots are not as robust as they have been in past years and cannot supply us with the amount of bulbs needed. To help make the Fall Public Bulb Sale a success the Society Bulb Sales Committee needs your help in several areas:

A. **DONATIONS of BULBS:** If you are transplanting or thinning clumps this fall any extras would be appreciated for the sale. Bag your donations labelled as to **VARIETY/NAME**. If you don't have names label the bags by **COLOUR, HEIGHT** and **ORIENTATION** (A-upfacing, B- outfacing, C-downfacing). Labelling the bulbs clearly is a great help and vital to the sale. Donations are needed by September 15th. **Contact** John Bond at 374-2953. Your donations will greatly appreciated.

B. **SALE PREPARATION:** Digging and packaging bulbs are necessary for the sale. If you can volunteer some time to help please **Contact** John Bond at 374-2953.

C. **SALE DAY:** If you can work at the sales tables please **Contact** Bob Caldwell at 374-2873.

YOUR HELP WITH BULB SALES MAKES THIS PROJECT SUCCESSFUL.

HERITAGE LILY PLOT

The Heritage lily plot at the University of Saskatchewan was dealt a hard blow by weather conditions and many of the bulbs have been lost. If any one has any spare Heritage lily bulb varieties such as Patterson, Porter, Robinson, Erickson, Fellner, Wright, Simonet, Tarlton, Skinner, etc CPLS would appreciate one. **CONTACT:** Art Delahey- 18 Pony Trail, Riverside Estates, S7T 1A2; (306) 374-0494;

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NEWSLETTER

We are considering sending out the newsletter via e-mail to those who might be interested in this format. Those members interested please **CONTACT:** Art Delahey via e-mail: delahay@shaw.ca

Further to the newsletter, we need an editor for the coming year-2005 as well as articles. etc. If you can help with any aspect of the newsletter please **CONTACT:** Margaret Driver, 182 Dore Cres., Saskatoon, SK., S7K 4X7. E-mail: mlily@sasktel.net

