

# ***Canadian Prairie Lily Society***

## ***Newsletter***

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### ***President's Message***

Well spring and summer 2005 are almost a repeat of 2004. The first part of April held real promise then it turned cold. Spring finally came some what late but it came. I had applied a leaf mulch the previous fall and it did the trick. There was a lot less cold damage but some appeared nevertheless – misshaped blossoms, too many or too few petals in a blossom, a few faciated stems, some leaf damage, stunted buds or no inflorescence at all. After a really cold night a few martagons were flat on the ground but by noon after a little sun they were once again upright and later in June were blooming with a vengeance. The Asiatics, LAs, and Orientpets grew well and excelled in height and inflorescence. Then the heat came. The Martagons were past their peak the first week in July, the Asia tics hit their peak early to mid July. Then it cooled down and late bloomers like- 'Skydancer', 'Port Alberni Tiger', 'Reta's Comet', 'Black Beauty' and many of the Orient pets are peaking now around mid- August . Now if it warms up a bit and nights don' get too cold the lilies will bloom on into September. So, 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 August, the lilies are putting on a very impressive show.

Summer brings on the lily shows. I was fortunate to attend and take an active part in the North American Lily Society Annual Show and Conference hosted by the Manitoba Regional Lily Society in Winnipeg,

Manitoba. What an exciting event that was. The Manitoba Society hosted a great show - the tables were full of lilies (750 stems) and beautiful arrangements of lilies. I was fortunate to judge some of the lilies with Art Evans, Jaap van Tuyl , Francine Nelson and Shauna Cannon. The event was a learning experience and a great deal of fun.

The next show was the Canadian Prairie Lily Society Annual Show held on July 22 and 23 at The Mall at Lawson Heights. Again the weather presented a bit of a problem - cool then very warm etc. Despite the weather we had an outstanding show ( see Show Report) . A large thank you to our Showchairperson and all who participated in this year's show. It was a great success.

The next events on the CPLS calendar are the fall bulb sales. The sales take place in September - the Fall Membership Bulb Sale (see bulb list & order form in this newsletter) and the General Public bulb sale - September 23 & 24 at The Mall at Lawson Heights. There are some very exciting lilies on the members' sale list. Check your Membership Order form carefully you will see that member's will receive a 10% discount on the Membership sale purchase. There will also be some gems at the public sale. The public sale usually has bulbs in too small a number to list for the members' sale so come out early to find those gems!

CPLS sponsors four scholastic awards on a yearly basis. Two awards are given to Horticulture students

at the University of Saskatchewan - this year Theresa Margaret Driver. President Simm received both awards. The two awards given to Horticulture students at Olds College, Olds , Alberta were given to Leona Megli and Inga Behem. The funding for these awards is provided by our bulb sales.

I hope that you have enjoyed your gardens this summer and are thinking about next year's activities. This year we are removing more grass from the front yard to make more room for lilies and companion plants. Hostas replaced some roses this spring and like the roses this spring will be earning "frequent flyers points" in spring of 2006 – they are being relocated! There is NEVER a dull moment in the life of a gardener. Happy gardening.



## ***CPLS 2005...Annual Lily Show***

***by Barbara Adams-Eichendorf***

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual CPLS Lily Show was held at the Mall at Lawson Heights on July 22 and 23, 2005. The show went very smoothly thanks to the help of many dedicated volunteers. Numbers were up in all categories in the show. There were 203 stems entered in the Horticulture section of the show, compared to 78 stems last year; 20 exhibitors entered the show, compared to 14 last year; and entries in the Floral Design section of the show were up from 7 last year to 15 this year.

As is expected when the Show is held in the middle of July, there were no Martagons entered. However, there were a few Trumpet lilies on the show tables. The interdivisional hybrids seem to be increasingly popular as was evident by the appearance of 16 LA (longiflorum-asiatic hybrid) stems entered in the show this year. There were

21 seedling stems entered in Section C, 9 three stem collection entries and 2 entries in the 4 stem AndyDingwall collection class [**Ed. Note:** Exhibitors seriously consider this class next year !]. Thirty florets were entered in the single floret classes.

In the Floral Design classes, the majority of entries were in the Vases, Baskets, Mantle and Coffee Table arrangement classes.

The quality of the stems in the Horticulture classes was generally good, and in some cases exceptional. As is usually the case, some stems showed evidence of the weather, with a few hail spots on leaves, a little botrytis from all the wet weather, a missing petal here and there- maybe from wind or possibly in transport. When you consider the stresses that the lilies endure throughout our seasons, it is amazing that they grow at all! Yet they do, and certainly add their own special beauty to our gardens and make a wonderful display at show time.

Many thanks to the Judges, Clerks, and Volunteers for all the of the hard work that went into putting on the show.

Judges for the Show were:

Floral Design: Bonny Lundberg, Saskatoon

Horticulture : Allan Daku, Edmonton  
 Carol Harasym, Saskatoon  
 Margaret Driver, Saskatoon  
 Herbert E. Sunley, Saskatoon  
 Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn

Clerks for the Show were:

Sharon Newton, Saskatoon  
 Phyllis Elder, Langham  
 Carmel Dodd, Saskatoon  
 Cecelia Kachkowski, Saskatoon

Photographer: Frank Dodd, Saskatoon

Scheduling volunteers: Bob Caldwell, Saskatoon

Thank you so much to all of you who volunteered your time and energy to help with the many tasks to be done at show time. Thanks to everyone who helped with transporting show material, set-up, information table, publicity, sale of stems and clean-up at the end of the show. Thanks also to all who took the time to enter stems and/or floral art in the show.

The show is an opportunity for us to share our knowledge and love follies with the public and it could not be possible with you. Thank you.

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Show Chairperson.

**MAJOR AWARDS 2005**

## HORTICULTURE SECTIONS

**Grand Champion Lily Stem: Fred V. Fellner Trophy**

Arthur E. Delahey 'Coral Fashion'

**Reserve Champion Lily Stem**

Alice Pitka 'Golden Splendor' (Trumpet)

**Founding President Award for Best Seedling**

Jim Sullivan White seedling Ic

**Best Three Stem Collection**

Sharon Newton 'Edith'

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

Don Cockcroft 'Dancing Eyes', 'Maureen', 'Towering Turk', 'Dot.Com'

**Canadian Hybridizers' Trophy for Best Canadian Lily Collection**

-----No Entries-----

**Junior Exhibitor Award**

-----No Entries-----

**J.C. Ericksen Award for the Best Pink Lily**

Sharon Newton 'Chianti'

**C.F. Patterson Award for Best Registered Patterson Lily**

Caramel Dodd 'Jasper'

**A.J. Porter Award for the Best Canadian Hybrid Lily**

Dorothy Bird 'Pink Champagne'

**F. Tarlton Award for Best Martagon**

-----No Entries-----

**P. H. Wright Award for Best Red Lily**

Don Cockcroft 'Red Velvet'

## FLORAL DESIGN SECTIONS

**C. Reavie Award for Best Vase**

Barbara Adams Eichendorf "Sterling Star"

**D. Gilmour Award for Best Basket**

Barbara Adams Eichendorf Mixed Pink Lilies

**D. Putland Award for Best Arrangement**

Barbara Adams Eichendorf 'Connecticut King'



## ***Coming Events.....***

**SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2005**

**FALL PUBLIC LILY BULB SALE:** The sale will be held at The Mall at Lawson Heights, 134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon. The sale hours are Friday September 23 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday September 24 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## ***From the Editor's Desk...***

Once again your editors are seeking articles, comments, etc for the newsletter. Hearing from the membership is important to keep a society vital. Consider taking a few moments to contribute to this publication and enrich the society. Deadlines for the newsletter are **November 15, February 15, May 15** and **August 15**. Don't be shy your editors would love to hear from you!

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## ***HELP Your Society Today!!!!***

There is always a lot of work to keep a society active. Here is the opportunity for all members to help out with society endeavours this fall.

### **HERITAGE LILY PLOT**

The CPLS Heritage Lily Plot at the University of Saskatchewan primarily showcases the lilies hybridized in the Canadian prairie region. This plot is still recovering from a tough winter in 2003 – 2004 and a very wet spring in 2005. As a result of these weather conditions many of the bulbs once present have been lost. If any of our members have any spare bulbs of registered/named lilies hybridized by Patterson, Porter, Robinson, Ericksen, Fellner, Wright, Tarlton,

Skinner, Simonet, Burnett, etc CPLS would appreciate one. **CONTACT:** Art Delahey, 18 Pony Trail, Riverside Estates, SK, S7T 1A2; (306) 374-0494.  
E-mail:delahay@shaw.ca

### **FALL BULB SALE**

Bulb sales are the primary means to raise money for Society endeavours. To help make the Fall Bulb Sale a success the CPLS Bulb Sales Committee needs help from the general membership. You can help in several ways:

**A. DONATIONS of BULBS:** If you are transplanting or thinning lily clumps this fall any extras would be

appreciated for the sales. Bag your donations labeled as to **VARIETY/NAME**. If you don't know the name/variety of the lily, label your donation by **COLOUR, HEIGHT, and FLOWER ORIENTATION** (l/a –upfacing, l/b outfacing, l/c downfacing). Labeling the bulbs clearly is a great help and vital to the sale. The prospective grower wants to know what the lily looks like. Donations are needed by **September 15. CONTACT:** John Bond at (306) 374 2953. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

**B. SALES PREPARATION:** Digging, labeling bulb bags and packaging bulbs are necessary for the sale. If you can volunteer some time to help with these jobs please **CONTACT:** John Bond at (306) 374 2953.

**C. SALE DAY:** If you can spare some time to work at the sales table (2-3 hour shifts) on Friday, September 23 (10:00 AM - 6:00 PM) or Saturday, September 24 (9:30 – 4:00 PM) please **CONTACT:** Bob Caldwell at (306) 374-2873.

## ***NALS Lily Popularity Poll.....***

The Popularity Poll Needs You!

Because all the growing zones are not created equal, and over the years respondents to the poll have asked for more specific results, I am asking each Regional Lily Society to encourage the membership to reply to this year's poll. Hopefully with increased response the report will present a representative picture of how the lilies grew in 2005 from south to north and east to west.

I have made a few changes to the poll in order to elicit the requested information. **First:** Just list those lilies that flourished in your garden this year (do not worry about the order). **Second:** Name a lily that you would recommend to a new grower in your area because of its reliability in your garden over the years. **Third:** What lily, that you heard was wonderful, never performed as anticipated in your area?

Hopefully, you will be able to add this information into

your next newsletter. The more responses we receive the better picture we can paint of how lilies grow. I encourage your membership to sit right down and write me a letter. Then, send it either in the **postal mail** to: Barbara Holland, 721 Mulberry Road, Martinsville, VA 24112, U.S.A.; or **e-mail:** [bholland@sitestar.net](mailto:bholland@sitestar.net)

Please fill up my mailbox.

[**ED. Note:** Barbara Holland is the secretary for the North American Lily Society. The request is really important; your replies will help greatly. With the many lilies coming on the market it would be very helpful to know which are best suited for your area. Thank for your participation.]

## ***Fall and Winter Care of Lilies.....***

As summer winds down it's time to think about fall clean-up, planting newly purchase bulbs, dividing clumps, transplanting and getting the beds ready for winter. In this short article I will emphasize "clean-up" and "winter care" for the flowers beds.

Should I leave the spent stems in place to catch snow?? Or should I remove the debris??? I have tried both, the former reduces fall work, may hold some more snow for cover (especially in large open gardens) BUT leaves a big mess in spring to clean up. The latter is more work in fall, may reduce your snow cover (but a mulch can be applied), makes top dressing the beds easy, reduces disease carry-over and does not leave you with a BIG mess in spring. So after trying both methods I tend to clean-up in fall.

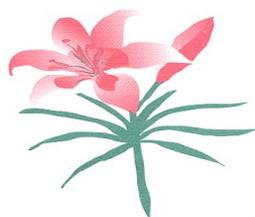
Once the lily stems begin to yellow you can start the fall activities. Start by cutting the old stems at ground level or if they are really dry give the stem a gentle twist and pull it out. Don't pull up the bulb! If you do, don't panic, just replant the bulb. Carefully rake up and collect any dropped leaves and other debris then DISCARD in the trash with the old stems. DO NOT add them to the compost heap as the debris can harbour diseases such as Botrytis.

Now that the debris is removed begin to divide (D) and transplant (T) existing lily clumps. You will recognize the clumps that need D & T; the clumps are overcrowded with spindly, short stems, etc. Carefully dig the clump, divide it and replant several bulbs. If you are replanting in the same spot, amend the soil by adding some fresh soil or organic material and bulb fertilizer. Don't forget to donate any extra bulbs to friends, neighbours and society sales.

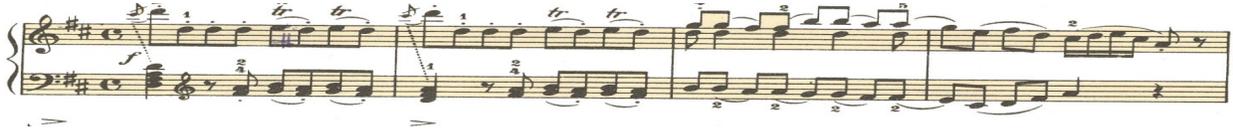
Now you are ready to add a top dressing /mulch of one to two inches of WELL ROTTED manure, manure/peat mix, finished compost, or a peat/compost mix. Pure

peat moss dries easily and dry peat moss repels water. Compacted leaves and grass clippings can retain a lot of moisture and are not recommended in beds that may be wet and soggy in the spring [I have applied dry leaves on my beds without any problems because the beds are not in wet soggy areas. I then carefully work the leaves into the beds in the spring]. If you are mulching in a cold climate area leave adding the mulch until the ground is frozen or pests may choose to reside in said mulch and create havoc with your plantings. Pests can be a problem if you live in rural areas or adjacent to vacant lots. Living in the city (Saskatoon) I don't have to worry too much about "varmints" and usually apply the mulch in late October preferably before it snows!

Asiatic lilies do not usually need any extra winter protection but Trumpets, Aurelians, Orientals, and the various "exotic" crosses such as oriental-trumpet (OT), trumpet-longiflorum(TL), longiflorum-oriental (LO), oriental-asiatic( OA), aurelian-asiatic (AA), trumpet-asiatic (TA) and longiflorum-asiatic (LA) crosses all benefit with a little winter protection. **[Ed.Note:** If you are growing any of these hybrids I encourage you to drop me a "line" with your comments on how these lilies are doing in your garden and what you are doing to encourage their growth. This information will be put in the newsletter to encourage and help others to try these lilies in their gardens].



## A Garden Sonata    The Answers



The June newsletter ran an article called 'A Garden Sonata' in which 69 named varieties of lilies appeared. Now here is your chance to check your ability to recognize lily names. The answers (named lilies) are in order of their appearance in the article:

Connecticut Yankee	King William	Black Cloud
Sentinel	Mountaineer	Thunderbolt
Honey Dew	Harlequin	Fireflame
Harmony	New Era	Fury
Pink Champagne	Tiger (L. tigrinum)	Jamboree
Radiant Glow	Sunday Best	Good Hope
Enchantment	Empress of China	Golden Nugget
Prosperity	Empress of India	Eventide
Joan Evans	Limelight	Sunset (L. pardalinum)
Prince Charming	Meadowlark	Apricot Glow
First Love	Cardinal	Stardust
Corsage	Redbird	Golden Splendor
Nobility	Black Dragon	Pink Sunburst
Carnival Queen	Green Dragon	Silver Sunburst
Lemon Queen	Whirlybird	Queen of Hearts
Rose Queen	Paprika	Northern Lights
Orchid Queen	Tabasco	Amber Gold
Bronze Queen	Nutmegger	Regal (L. regale)
African Queen	Golden Wedding	Discovery
Fuchsia Lady	Inca Princess	Achievement
Primrose Lady	Royal Robes	Adventure
White Princess	Uncle Sam	Life
Black Prince	Ruby	Destiny

[**Ed. Note:** After more than "several goes" at 'A Garden Sonata' I still could find only 65 of the 69 lilies. The newsletter deadline was fast coming so 65/69 is my score. Now that I have entered the answer list for the September newsletter I have discovered the lilies I did not recognize – 'New Era', 'Royal Robes', 'Life' and 'Adventure'. I hope you enjoyed 'A Garden Sonata' and that it inspires someone out there to create a 21<sup>st</sup>. century version using the lilies that have come since 1973. You have a lot of material to work with, let those creative juices flow and send in your variation to the CPLS newsletter.]

