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President's Message

After intense heat for about 6 weeks it rained today (Aug 9). The lilies are coming to an end with 'Skydancer', 'Port Alberni Tiger', 'Indian Summer' still in bloom and 'Casablanca' still in bud – so there will be blossoms till September

Our show this year was successful. The weather always is a concern but the tables were filled with good stems and beautiful arrangements. The photography had many good entries. A more detailed show report can be found in this newsletter. Our show is a success because of the people who participate in it. First our show chairperson Barbara Adams-Eichendorf takes great care in organizing the event and making it a very enjoyable one for all. Thank you Barbara for your work, it brings great enjoyment to many people and we all look forward to "Show Time".

Our lily plots are not doing as well this year as they have done in the past. After several tough winters and harvesting bulbs for sale for a number of years the plots need a rest. Our committee in charge of plots is considering the situation and will come up with a plan for the future. Thank you to our lily plot committee – John Bond, Art Delahey, Stan Dunville and Gil Joanis for all of their work in maintaining the plots this year. Check the "Help Wanted" column in this newsletter if you can spare a bit of time to get the plots in shape for winter. Membership participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

Our next big event for members is the Fall Membership Bulb Sale (see bulb list in this newsletter). There are some very good bulbs on offer this year. The Bulb Sale committee has worked hard to bring a list of bulbs for sale. We try to choose interesting material as well as reliable material. It is important to hear from the membership concerning the performance of the bulbs they have purchased and planted in their gardens. Without this kind of information it is difficult to make the best choices of lilies for our gardening zone. I would appreciate some input from the membership regarding 'lily performance' - contact me (see contact addresses below). Your input will be published in the newsletter. We will also have a Fall Public Bulb Sale – there are usually a few varieties on sale then that don't appear in the membership sale (this happens for a variety of reasons) so you may want to check out this event as well. We will need help with both events so again check the "Help Wanted" column if you can spare some time

The North American Lily Society Annual Show and Seminar was held in Edmonton, Alberta. It was great. I got to meet with old friends and acquaintances and really got "liliated out". The 2008 NALS show is being hosted by the Victoria Lily Society, more information will appear in the newsletter at a later date. These shows are very interesting and well worth the effort of attending— put the NALS 2008 show on your gardening calendar.

Our web site www.prairielily.ca is seeing a lot of interest. Ed Driver (web master) is always looking for new material and can be contacted via the web site.

Our newsletter can also use material from our membership. If you have any gardening anecdotes, etc send them to: CPLS Editors: 182 Dore Crescent, Saskatoon, SK, S7K4X7 or email: mlily@sasktel.ca

Good gardening.

Margaret Driver, CPLS President

Margaret's Musings

Everyone likes to know- "**Where does the money go?**" The money raised at CPLS bulb sales goes to underwrite a number of society activities. Our quarterly newsletter, annual show, Gardenscape booth, speakers at Gardenscape and Annual General Meeting, membership bulb sales, and grants for research and education (four scholastic awards – two at the University of Saskatchewan and two at the Olds College at Olds Alberta). **That's where the money goes!**

This year our University of Saskatchewan scholarships were awarded to the following students:

CPLS – "Andy" Dingwall Award- Hanny Elsadr a 4th year Hort. Science student from Saskatoon.

CPLS Award- Tyler Kaban a 4th year Hort. Science student from Yorkton.

LOOK FOR..... August has seen several articles about lilies hit the newspapers and magazines that are of interest to all lily growers. First, in the Fall 2007 issue of *the GARDENER for the Prairies* - Renaissance of the Martagon Lily by Jim Sullivan. Jim's article and photos make for a terrific read on martagon lilies. If you aren't growing martagons now you will certainly want to after you read this article. The first article to appear in the **Saskatoon Sun (August 19, 2007)** is – '**Lilies on the Edge**' by *Maureen Troesch*. Maureen deals with the modern lily hybrids in Division VIII – interdivisional lily hybrids: LAs – Longiflorum – Asiatic crosses, Orientpets – oriental-trumpet crosses, Longipet - longiflorum-trumpet crosses and Asiapets- trumpet-asiatic crosses. These are all very interesting lilies and many are well adapted to our gardens [check our bulb sale list you will find some available this fall]. The second article to appear in the **Saskatoon Sun (August 26, 2007)** is – "**Heritage Nursery**" by Darlene Polachic. Darlene talks

about the *Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery, near Parkside*. This is a very interesting article about the history of lilies and other plants developed by Bert Porter especially for the prairies. Both are very interesting and informative.

WHAT IS THIS??.....Here are a few terms that appear this time of year in catalogues and bulb lists of lilies that may need some clarification.

Cultivar: a plant that originated and persists under cultivation – **not found in the wild.**

Hybrid: a plant resulting from the cross of two parents that are different in one or more traits.

Inflorescence: that part of the lily plant that bears the flowers and buds.

Nectary: nectar-producing groove at the base of the petal (tepal or sepal) often in a contrasting colour to form a pronounced star.

Pedicel: small stalk which joins a single flower to the main stem.

Polyploid: more than the normal number of chromosomes. A lily normally has 24 chromosomes [2n]; a **tetraploid** [4n] lily has double the number of chromosomes. This can happen naturally or can be induced during breeding programs. Polyploid lilies usually have larger flowers and better substance and more vigour over all.

Reflexed: refers to flowers petals that are sharply bent back or recurved, e.g., Turk's cap.

Registered Cultivar: A named lily that has been registered recorded and published by the International Registration Authority for *Lilium* – Royal Horticulture Society in England.

Seedling: 1- a small plant grown from seed; unnamed and usually one flowering or shown

for the first time; 2- a mature **unnamed** lily grown from seed (in some cases the plant maybe also be grown from bulbs developed from the original seedling).

Species: plants as they appear in the wild/nature before hybridizing; will reproduce from seed (with slight variation).

Variety: a plant which varies from the type (species) in one or more important characteristics.

Margaret Driver.

Helpers Needed !!!!!

There are several ways in which members can help out with our society's fall activities. Any help with our activities is greatly appreciated.

FALL BULB SALES:

To help make the Fall Bulb Sales a success, any time you can spare to help in the various areas would be greatly appreciated. The Bulb Sales Committee needs you help in several key areas:

Donations of Bulbs: If you are transplanting or thinning lily clumps this fall any extras would be appreciated for the sales. Bag you donations labeled as to **VARIETY/NAME**. If you don't have names for the lilies label the bags by **COLOUR, HEIGHT, and ORIENTATION** (A for up-facing, B- for out-facing and C – for down-facing flowers). Labeling the bulbs clearly is very important for a successful sale. Everyone likes to know what the lily looks like! Donations are needed by September 15.

Contact: John Bond at 374-2953. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Sale Preparations: Digging and packaging bulbs is a big part of getting ready for the bulb sales. If you can spare some time to help with these jobs please **Contact** John Bond at 374-2953.

Sale Day: If you can work (two hour shifts) at

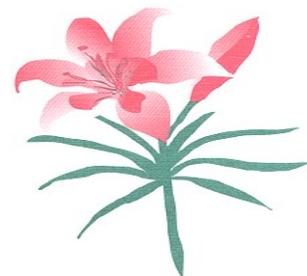
the sales tables on September 28th (9:00am – 4:00pm) or September 29th (10:00 – 4:00pm) please **Contact** Bob Caldwell at 374-2873.

CPLS LILY PLOTS

Fall signals the time for resetting lilies, cleaning up the plots, etc. If you can help with any of the fall maintenance in our lily plots please **Contact** Stan Dunville at 343-1963.

CPLS NEWSLETTER

Articles are always welcome for the newsletter. If you can contribute to the newsletter everyone benefits. Deadlines for articles are Feb. 15th, May 15th, Aug 15th, and Nov 15th. **SEND** your material to CPLS Newsletter Editors, 182 Dore Crescent, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 4X7 or email: mlily@sasktel.net



41st CPLS Annual Show - Show Report

The 41st Annual Lily Show was held at the Mall at Lawson Heights on July 20 and 21, 2007.

All things considered, it was a good show. And by "all things", I am referring mostly to the weather. The extreme heat in the days preceding the show certainly had an effect on the stem quality, and quantity, too. Stems that looked good a few days prior to the show were already past being show quality by show time. There were also lots of minor flaws on the lilies this year, maybe due to frost damage in spring. Many of the lilies in my garden showed some odd characteristics such as 4,5, or 7 petals instead of 6, stamens missing, pistil missing, 2 flowers fused into one and fasciation.

However, weather problems aside, the lilies on the show tables looked good! In the Horticulture Section, most of the stems entered were Asiatics, along with a few Interdivisionals (mostly LAs). There were 2 species lilies entered, 1 Trumpet, 1 Oriental, and no Martagons. The 3 stem section saw an increase this year, with 15 entries, up from 9 last year. There was one entry in each of the Collections classes – Andy Dingwall Memorial and Canadian Hybridizers. There were 11 stems entered in Section C from hybridizers, and 53 florets entered.

There were a total of 167 stems, entered, which is down from last year's total of 181. Exhibitor numbers were down as well, with only 14 this year, compared to 20 in 2006 reasons- of course work, holidays, and family obligations all take priority over the lily show. We did have a several new (first time) exhibitors this year, and hopefully their enthusiasm will continue and they'll be at the show for years to come.

Judges for the Horticulture Section were Allan Daku, Margaret Driver, student judge Amanda Ryce. Clerks were Sharon Newton, Phyllis Elder, Donna Cutler, Helen Osback, and Cecelia Kachkowski. I helped with judging as well, but because I had a lot of entries in the show, there were only a few classes that I could help to judge.

In the Decorative section of the show, there were 17 entries from 3 exhibitors, up from 11 entries last year.

The Judge for the Decorative section was Bonita Lundberg, and the clerk was Liz Delahey.

The 2nd Annual Photography Contest was held this year in conjunction with the Lily Show. The judge for the Photography contest was Glen Grambo and the clerk was Cecelia Kachkowski. There were more than 20 entries from 4 exhibitors, 2 of whom were new to the contest. This year we were able to set up the photography display close to the Information table, and I think that was helpful in getting more people to cast their ballots for the People's Choice Award.

Ed Driver and Sharon Newton acted as photographers for the show. We were very pleased to have Judy Harley at the show again this year with a display promoting Honeywood Heritage Nursery.

Again this year, Mall Management provided us with the use of a vacant rental space, and gave us the choice of locating the show tables immediately adjacent to this space. This was very convenient for show set-up. It gave exhibitors a quiet area to stage their entries and allowed us to keep the mess of set-up and clean-up confined to this one area and out of the Mall proper. Management at the Mall is very helpful, which makes staging the show easier.

Just as judging was being completed and the show was officially open to the public on Friday around lunchtime, you'd have thought there were celebrities in the mall. People were milling around and cameras were flashing everywhere, but there were no human-type celebrities around. The celebrities were the lilies! It was very exciting to see all the interest that was apparent that day!

As always, the show can only happen with the help of many people. My thanks to the Judges for their willingness to give of their time and expertise to judge the various aspects of the show, and also to do some teaching along the way. Thanks also to the Clerks, whose job requires much time and patience and a lot of standing around as the judges deliberate.

A big thank you to the set-up crews, Ed and Margaret Driver, Sharon Newton, Stan Dunville, Jim Sullivan, Liz Delahey, Gerry Threfall and Gil Joanis. Many thanks also to everyone who helped out at the Information table. Again this year, I must say a special thank you to Margaret Driver, who helped out with almost every aspect of the show, including filling in at the last minute for people who weren't able to work at the Information table. Thanks again to Bob Caldwell for scheduling people to work at the Information table. It seems that I am thanking the same people each year, and in many cases it is true. These individuals must be commended for their continued dedication and service to our Lily Society.

Last, and very importantly, thank you to everyone who took the time to bring stems photographs and decorative arrangements for entry in the show. It requires time and effort to do this, and that time and effort helps to make the show a success.

My thanks to each of you who helped with and contributed to the show this year. You make it a success again!!

**Barbara Adams-Eichendorf,
Show Chairperson.**

CPLS 2007 Winners and Awards

HORTICULTURE SECTION

Grand Champion Lily Stem: Fred V. Fellner Trophy:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, White LA Hybrid Name Unknown

Reserve Champion Lily Stem:

Margaret Driver, 'Royal Victory'

CPLS Grand Aggregate Gold Award:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf

CPLS Grand Aggregate Silver Award:

Tie: Norma Campbell, Koren Vangool

Herbert E. Sunley Founding President Award for Best Seedling:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, 1a coral, spotted yellow centre

Best Three Stem Collection:

Koren Vangool, "Latvia"

T.A. (Andy) Dingwall Award for Best Collection of 4 Stems:

Don Cockcroft, 'Towering Turk', 'Red Velvet', 'Latvia', 'Summer Night'

Canadian Hybridizers' Trophy for Best Canadian Lily Collection:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, 'Cool Breeze', 'Sally Jo Ann', 'Night Flyer'

Junior Exhibitor Award:

No Entries

J. C. Ericksen Award for Best Pink Lily Stem:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, 'Paul Bunyan'

C.F. Patterson Award for Best Registered Patterson Hybrid:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, 'White Gold'

A.J. Porter Award for Best Canadian Hybrid:

Don Cockcroft, 'Towering Turk'

F. Tarlton Award for Best Martagon:

No Entries

P.H. Wright Award for Best Red Lily:

Don Cockcroft, 'Towering Turk'

FLORAL DESIGN SETIONS

C. Reavie Award for Best Vase:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, Mixed Pink Lilies

D. Gilmour Award for Best Basket:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, 'Accent'

D. Putland Award for Best Arrangement:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, 'Springtime', yellow lilies

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTIONS

Best Photo – Single Lily Class:

Barbara Adams-Eichendorf, *Lilium longiflorum*

Best Photo – Multi Lily Class:

Sharon Newton, Mixed Lilies

People's Choice Award:

Coming Events

SEPTEMBER 23rd 2007

HONEYWOOD (Dr.A.J.Porter) HERITAGE NURSERY: "A Touch of Autumn"

1:00 – 4:00pm.

Take a trip around the nursery with Ron Larson and his friendly horses.

Team Scotia will participate in fundraising efforts & will match all donations and funds raised, on this day.

Pick out an assortment of lilies for fall planting. Refreshments and dessert served in the Porter House.

Price \$5.00 per person

SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH, 2007

CANADIAN PRAIRIE LILY SOCIETY (CPLS): FALL PUBLIC BULB SALE

The sale will be held at **The Mall at Lawson Heights, 134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon.** The hours of the sale are

Friday, September 28th: 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Saturday, September 29th: 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

For more information call John Bond, 374-2953 or check the website at www.prairielily.ca

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2007

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY (SSLS): FALL PUBLIC BULB SALE

The sale will be held at **Golden Mile shopping Centre, Regina.** The hours of sale are 9:00- 5:00 pm.

SEPTEMBER 30TH 2007

ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY (ARLS): FALL BULB SALES

The sale will be held at the **Muttart Conservatory, Edmonton, AB.** The hours of the sale are 9:00 -10:00am for **members only**; then 10:00am-3:00pm for members and non-members.

OCTOBER 27TH 2007

SSLS: Fall Seminar/General Meeting. This event will be held at the South Leisure Centre, 170 Sunset Drive, and Regina. Meeting begins at 9:30am. The speaker featured is Judy Harley, Manager Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery.