



# **Canadian Prairie Lily Society**

## **Newsletter**

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

This summer I experienced a 'computer meltdown' – not fun! As a result the newsletter and bulb list may not reach you right on September 1 – but it should be close to the date.

Modern technology is great as long as everything is working well. CPLS is using email addresses to mail out the newsletter, membership lists, etc. This works really well **if the member's email address is correct. It is important to send any change in your email address to: Art Delahey: [de-lahey@sasktel.net](mailto:de-lahey@sasktel.net)** Please note there has been a change in Art Delahey's email address.

Summer has been a challenge this year. Lots of rain- heavy, light and drizzle, to no rain, hail, high winds, and more has made gardening tough throughout our region. Despite the problems gardens have looked good and many lilies did very well. At the end of August 'Port Alberni Tiger', *L. henryi*, *L. henryi* var. *citrinum* and 'Black Beauty' are still in bloom. Fall is just around the corner and brings us to new challenges in the garden—which new varieties of lilies to plant, which ones need dividing, etc. Gardening is never dull any time of the year!

Once again the Annual Lily Show 2012 was a great success. 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 and making the show a success. Thank you to all the members who gave of their time, energy, lily stems and floral arrangements to make the show a success. Again a special thanks this year goes out to Dianne Sloan (Kelvington, SK), for hauling lilies kilometers to show in Saskatoon. It was a long haul but the stems were very welcome and helped to make a great show. More about the show in Barbara's show report.

The University of Saskatchewan Heritage Lily Plot did well this year. Thanks to our plot workers: Art Delahey, Stan Dunville, Ted Markus, Hilda Noton and Natalie Threlfall for all of their work in maintaining the plot 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.

The next big event for CPLS is the Fall Membership Bulb Sale (see bulb list in this newsletter) and the Public Bulb Sale. The Bulb Sale committee has worked hard to create a list of bulbs for sale this year. There are some very good bulbs on the list. **It is important to hear from the membership concerning the**

**performance of the bulbs they have purchased and planted in their gardens.** Unfortunately there is very little feedback regarding bulb selection so I assume that the bulb committee choices have been satisfactory. Once again this year's bulb orders purchased from the Membership Sale (September) can be mailed out to you or you can pick your order up during the Fall Public Sale September 28<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am and 4:00pm each day.

The Fall Public Bulb Sale usually has a few varieties on sale that may not appear in the membership sale list (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 Executive and Directors would really appreciate any feedback from the membership regarding CPLS activities, goals, etc.

Our web site [www.prairieily.ca](http://www.prairieily.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](mailto:mlily@sasktel.ca)

Good gardening.

**Margaret Driver, CPLS President**

## ***46th Annual Lily Show Report***

The 46th Annual Lily Show was held on July 20 and 21, 2012. The show ran smoothly, and was a colorful and somewhat fragrant display for the two days that it was open.

The location for the lily show for this year and for the past many years has been the Mall at Lawson Heights. Mall management and staff are very helpful and easy to work with. Once again, a vacant rental space immediately adjacent to where the show tables were set up was available for our use. This vacant rental space was being used for renovations, so it was somewhat disorderly, but it still worked well for us to use as a set-up area and for temporary storage of the containers used to transport show materials.

Stem numbers were down slightly this year with 158 stems entered, as compared to 170 last year. In recent years, the number of stems entered each year has varied between 120 and 180. Exhibitor numbers are usually around 15 to 20. This year there were 11 ex-

hibitors, 3 of whom were first-time exhibitors.

As is the case for almost all of our lily shows, Asiatic lilies made up the bulk of the entries. There were two Martagons entered this year, as well as a few Interdivisionals, all of which were LA's. There were 2 Trumpet lilies entered this year, which provided some fragrance. No species lilies were entered.

In Section I, Collections, there were two entries in Class 42- Collection of 4 Asiatic lilies and three entries in Class 43 - Collection of 3 lilies hybridized by Canadian hybridizers. It was great to see more entries than usual in these classes. Section H, Class 41(3 stem entries) had 8 entries. There were two awards for which there were no entries this year. These were the Junior Exhibitor Award and the Phyllis Pierrepont Award for Best Species Lily.

Judges for the Horticulture Classes were Margaret Driver and myself. Clerks for

the Horticulture Classes were Sharon Newton and Phyllis Elder.

The Floral Design section of the show looked awesome again this year, with 15 entries from 4 exhibitors, two of whom were first-time exhibitors. The Floral Design judge was Bonita Lundberg, and clerk was Karen Sawchyn.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Contest was held this year in conjunction with the Lily Show. The Judge for the Photography contest was Glen Grambo from Don's Photo. There were 24 entries from 3 exhibitors in the photography contest this year, which is close to the average of what has been entered in the contest since it began. There was a good response from people casting ballots for their favorite photo, with 55 ballots cast. It was interesting to see that many of the photos got at least one vote.

Thank you to Judy Harley and Byron Waterhouse from Honeywood Heritage Nursery, Parkside, SK for once again setting up a great display of lily arrangements and promotional material from Honeywood.

As always, the show can only happen with the help of many willing volunteers. As a way of saying "Thank You" to volunteers, a coupon is sent to each volunteer who helps with the show or the fall bulb sale. This coupon may be used towards the purchase of lily bulbs at any CPLS bulb sale. The coupon is of equal value to the cost of a day pass to Gardenscape, which the volunteers who work at the CPLS booth at Gardenscape receive. Those who help out with the Show, Gardenscape or the Fall Bulb sale will have their name entered in a draw for one of three \$75 gift certificates from the Mall at Lawson Heights. The draw will be made at the CPLS Executive meeting in October, and the three winners will be contacted.

Thank you to Margaret, Bonny and Glen for judging, and to Sharon, Phyllis and Karen for clerking. Thanks to Leona Domsby for scheduling people to work at the Information table and many thanks to everyone who helped out at the Information table. Thanks to Margaret and Ed Driver who acted as photographers for the show and thanks to Margaret for arranging publicity as well.

A big thank you to the set-up and clean-up crews. Set-up and clean-up went smoothly again this year, with a lot of hands pitching in to complete the tasks quickly. This year's set-up and clean-up crews were: Gerry Threlfall, Irwin and Luella Gatzke, Sharon Newton, Art and Liz Delahey, Stan Dunville, Margaret and Ed Driver, Ramona Gignac and Ted Markus. Thanks also to Julie Clemence and Marjorie Kennedy, who worked the last shift at the information table, and acted as the cashiers for the sale of lily stems, which happens in conjunction with dismantling the show.

A special thank you to Margaret Driver and Sharon Newton. Margaret and Sharon both put in a lot of hours doing set-up, classification, judging, clerking and a lot of other tasks associated with putting on the show. Their hard work and commitment to CPLS is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all who took the time to enter stems, floral designs and photographs in the show. It takes some time and effort to pack and transport lily stems, to create wonderful floral designs, and to shoot, then choose and prepare photos for the show. Each entry and each contribution of time and effort helps to make the show a success.

Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, expertise, lily stems, floral designs and photos to the show this year. Your contributions made the show a success!

**Barbara Adams Eichendorf**, Show Chairperson

# ***Major Award Winners at 46th Annual Show***

## HORTICULTURE SECTIONS

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

Exhibitor's Name: **Honeywood Heritage Nursery Inc., Parkside SK**

Lily name: 'Red Velvet'

### **Reserve Champion Lily Stem:**

Exhibitor's Name: **Sharon Newton, Saskatoon, SK**

Lily name: 'Valerie'

### **CPLS Grand Aggregate Gold Award:**

Exhibitor's Name: **Dianne Sloan, Kelvington, SK**

### **CPLS Grand Aggregate Silver Award:**

Exhibitor's Name: **Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**

### **Herbert E. Sunley Founding President Award for Best Seedling:**

Exhibitor's Name: **Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**

Lily name or description: pink tango with orange flashes

### **John Bond Award for Best Three Stem Collection:**

Exhibitor's Name: **Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**

Lily name: 'Delta'

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

Exhibitor's Name: **Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**

Lily names: 'Paul Bunyan', 'Jasper', 'Miss Alice', 'Madonna'

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

Exhibitor's Name: **Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**

Lily names: 'Jasper', 'Mrs Bright', 'Cool' Breeze'

### **Junior Exhibitor Award:**

Exhibitor's Name: No entries

Lily name:

**J.C. Ericksen Award for Best Pink Lily Stem:**Exhibitor's Name: **Sharon Newton, Saskatoon, SK**

Lily name: 'Valerie'

**C.F. Patterson Award for Best Registered Patterson Hybrid:**Exhibitor's Name: **Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**

Lily name: 'Jasper'

**A.J. Porter Award for Best Canadian Hybrid:**Exhibitor's Name: **Don Cockcroft, Saskatoon, SK**

Lily name: 'Quadroon'

**F. Tarlton Award for Best Martagon:**Exhibitor's Name: **Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**

Lily name: Unknown

**P.H. Wright Award for Best Red Lily:**Exhibitor's Name: **Honeywood Heritage Nursery, Inc.**

Lily name: 'Red Velvet'

**Phyllis Pierrepont Award for Best Species Lily:**

Exhibitor's Name: no entries

Lily name:

FLORAL DESIGN SECTIONS**C. Reavie Award for Best Vase: Cecelia Kachkowski, Saskatoon, SK****D. Gilmour Award for Best Basket: Sharon Newton, Saskatoon SK****D. Putland Award for Best Arrangement: Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK**PHOTOGRAPHY SECTIONS**Best Photo - Single Lily Class: Hilda Noton, Saskatoon, SK****Best Photo - Multi Lily Class: Ramona Gignac, Vonda, SK****People's Choice Award: Ramona Gignac, Vonda, SK**

## Coming Events

SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Canadian Prairie Lily Society Public Fall Bulb Sale:** The sale will be held at The Mall at Lawson Heights, 134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon. The sale will open at 10:00 am and

close at 4:00pm both Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. A wide selection of lily bulbs will be available.

## Help Required..... Come out and help CPLS

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 your help in these key areas:

- 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 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! Dona-

tions are needed by September 21<sup>st</sup>

Your donations are appreciated. Please **Contact:** Ted Markus at (306) 249 1654; Email: [markus@sasktel.net](mailto:markus@sasktel.net)

**B. Sale Preparations:** Digging (first dig is planned for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm at the U of S Horticulture plot). If you can help with digging bulbs **Contact:** Art De-lahey at (306) 374-0494; Email: [de-lahey@sasktel.net](mailto:de-lahey@sasktel.net).

Packing bulbs is a big part of getting ready for the bulb sales. If you can help packaging bulbs **Contact:** Ted Markus at (306) 249 1654

**C. Sale Day:** If you can work (2-3 hour shift) at the sales table on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 4:00pm) or Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> (10:00am – 4:00pm) please **Contact:** Leona Domszy at (306) 382-5148; Email: [domshyl@shaw.ca](mailto:domshyl@shaw.ca)



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## ***From your Editor.....***

Once again your editors of this newsletter are requesting articles, letters etc, from the membership to help make the newsletter an informative one. We know that many of you have a good deal of knowledge to share with your fellow lily growers about growing, showing and/or hybridizing lilies. The one fast and easy way to share this knowledge is through this newsletter. So get your thoughts on paper or send them flying through cyberspace so we can share and enjoy your experiences with lilies.

If you have any questions regarding lilies you would like answered please send them. We will do our best to help you out.

We would also appreciate hearing from you about what you would like to see/read in your newsletter.

All articles, letters, etc., will be considered for publication. Please include your name and complete address with your article. Newsletter **DEADLINES** are February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15.

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### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Due to a computer problem this summer I have lost the email received from a member regarding bulb rot. I hope the following will provide some help.

Bulb rot is usually caused by a fungus or several fungi in combination. The most common fungus is *Fusarium oxysporum* var. *lilii*. *Fusarium* is the most common pathogen in North America and is present in most soils. It is most active and destructive when soil temperatures and moistures levels are high – summer. It also occurs most often where lil-

ies have been grown in the same spot for years.

The fungus invades the bulb through its roots, then the basal plate and finally the basal surface of the scales. The basal rot is chocolate or dark brown in colour. The bulb often falls apart.

The fungus is spread by spores –carried in the soil, on the surface of bulbs, tools, packing crates etc. When released in the garden from decayed bulbs the fungus can remain viable for up to three years without a host.

**Symptoms:** premature yellowing of foliage, stunting and premature senescence. Masses of scale bulblets can form at the infected edge of the scale but these are INFECTED as well.

A number of lily varieties (some of the older red coloured Asiatics) are very susceptible to basal rot while others are quite resistant. Many of the newer varieties show good resistance to basal rot.

1. Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers.
2. Organic fertilizers should be well rotted and never incorporated deeply into the soil where they can come in contact with the basal roots.
3. Control soil moisture by planting lilies in well drained areas
4. Avoid overwatering during the warm summer months
5. An application of lime to acidic soils maybe advisable since acidic soils can aggravate the disease.
6. Avoid mechanical damage during weeding, clean-up, etc. Lesions provide easy entry sites for the fungi.

Margaret Driver/August 2012.