

Canadian Prairie Lily Society Newsletter

September 2014

President's Message

Well, it has certainly been an interesting summer in the garden, to say the least. It seemed to take forever for summer to get here, and then the warm days went speeding past quickly and now we're into the cooler days of early autumn already. Maybe it's just my age showing, but time seems to fly past at an alarming rate these days. I guess I can be hopeful that winter will speed by as quickly as summer did!

Though the earliest blooming lilies in my garden, *Lilium dauricum*, and its hybrids bloomed when they usually do, most of the rest of the lilies bloomed later than usual this year. And though the lilies were generally shorter than they normally are, with regular rainfall, other plants grew to gigantic sizes. My bi-color monkshood (*Aconitum*) was over six feet tall and annual sunflowers which volunteered from six foot parents grew to be about eight feet tall. Plume poppy (*Macleaya*) and Jerusalem artichokes (*Helianthus tuberosus*) were also garden giants this year, with the Jerusalem artichokes or Sunchokes as they are sometimes called topping out at around ten feet.

My biggest garden thrill this year was the first-time blooming of some lilies grown from seed. The first of a group of *Lilium monadelphum* seedlings bloomed in June, seven years after planting the seeds. Several dozen of my martagon seedlings also bloomed for the first time. As you probably know, martagons are very slow to grow from seed, usually taking anywhere from four to eight years from seed to first bloom. No instant gratification with these ones, though once they started to bloom, it was easy to convince myself that the wait was well worth it!

The OT's in my yard also bloomed significantly later than usual this year, so several were still blooming at the end of August. *L.henryi* and *L.henryi citrinum* are still putting on a good show, though they are not as tall as in previous years.

I'm quite impressed with a few of the Aurelian hybrids (hybrids that involve *L. henryi*) that are currently blooming, or have just finished, including 'Madame Butterfly', 'Betty Sturley', 'Lady Alice' and 'White Henry'. A few late blooming Oriental lilies add a touch of burgundy and white amongst the mostly yellow and orange colors of the Aurelians.

As lily season draws to a close, I'm taking every opportunity to enjoy the last few lilies which are still blooming, as well as the late blooming perennials. My yard is home to several late-blooming blue flowered perennials, including Globe Thistle (*Echinops*), Sea Holly (*Eryngium*), Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa*) and Gentians which nicely complement the sunny yellow flowers of False Sunflower (*Heliopsis*) and Rudbeckia.

Many of the hardy shrub roses are in the midst of reblooming, which I fear will be cut short by freezing temperatures very soon, if the forecast is accurate. I've been taking quite a few photos which is a great way to preserve small pieces of the fleeting summer season. And what a pleasure it is to look back at those photos during the long winter months and dream of the next lily season.

Our lily show this summer was smaller than usual, but still a good show...more details about that later in this newsletter. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the show, and also to everyone who brought entries! The show is only possible because of your hard work!

Our Fall Bulb Sale is coming up on October 3rd and 4th at Lawson Heights Mall in Saskatoon. This is a great opportunity to add a bulb or two, or maybe more to your lily collection! As usual, we'll need volunteers to help with packaging bulbs, set-up of the sale, tending the sale tables and packing up at the end. Please contact me at (306)947-2830 if you are able to help with these tasks. Any and all help is much appreciated!

Here's hoping we have a long and beautiful autumn!
Happy gardening!!
Barbara

A Well-Deserved Honour

At our recent CPLS Executive meeting it was decided that to recognize Art Delahey's long service as CPLS Treasurer, the award for the Reserve Champion lily stem at our Annual Lily Show would be named in his honour. Art served on the CPLS Executive as Treasurer for more than forty years, and is one of the founding members of our society. The award will now be known as the A.E. Delahey Award for Reserve Champion Lily Stem.

Thanks so much for your many years of dedicated service, Art!

Volunteer Appreciation Draw

Our third annual Volunteer Appreciation Draw for three \$75 gift cards from The Mall at Lawson Heights will take place at our 2015 AGM. Names of everyone who volunteered for CPLS during 2014 will be entered in the draw.

Thank to all of you who have volunteered time to help with CPLS events this year! Much appreciated!

Upcoming CPLS Events:

CPLS Annual bulb Sale

October 3rd and 4th, 2014; 10a.m. to 4 p.m. each day

134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon, SK

Help Still Needed

As we don't yet have a Bulb Sale Chairperson, for this fall several of us are looking after various aspects of the sale. Natalie and Gerry Threlfall have offered the use of their garage, Sharon Newton will look after the mail out orders and I will co-ordinate the sale.

If you feel that you would be able to serve in this area, please contact Barb at (306) 947-2830, or any member of the executive.

CPLS Show Report 2014

The CPLS Annual Lily Show was held at the Mall at Lawson Heights, July 18 and 19, 2014. Because the lilies were blooming somewhat later than usual this year, we were concerned about whether there would be enough lilies in bloom to make a good show. After getting input from members of the executive, it was decided that we would leave the show dates as scheduled. It is very difficult to reschedule once judges and volunteers are in place and publicity has been done.

So, as expected, the show was somewhat smaller than usual, but still a good show. Exhibitor numbers were up slightly from last year, and stem numbers were down. There were a total of 95 stems entered in the show by eleven exhibitors. Stem entries are usually in the 120 to 180 range, depending on the year.

Mall staff was good to work with, as usual. A vacant retail space was available for us to use for set-up and storage of show materials this year. It was a large, brightly lit, uncluttered space that worked very nicely. The Show was set up in two separate areas with some distance between them, which was not ideal.

In the Horticulture classes, most of the stems entered were Asiatics, which is typical. Because of the lateness of the blooming season, there were more Martagon and species lilies on the show tables than we usually see, with 16 Martagon stems and six species lily stems on display. In Section H (three stem collections) there were nine entries, which was up slightly from last year.

Judges for the Horticulture Sections were Margaret Driver, Allan Daku, and Cheryl Siemens. Clerks for Horticulture were Sharon Newton and Hilda Noton

The Floral Design Section looked very good, considering that there weren't very many lilies in bloom to use in designs. There were nine entries in this section from two exhibitors. The Judge for Floral Design was Brenda Winny, clerk was Barb Adams Eichendorf.

The Photography classes were smaller than usual this year, with 13 entries from three exhibitors. The judge for the Photography classes was Glen Grambo.

Glen made a record of the winners, and filled out a comment sheet. Twenty-one ballots were cast for the Peoples' Choice award. The winning photo had five votes, runners-up had four votes each (same as last year).

We were very pleased to have staff from Honeywood Heritage Nursery, Parkside, SK. in attendance with a display again this year. Their display adds another dimension to the show and highlights some of the history of early plant hybridizing in Saskatchewan.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with all of the tasks required to run the show. Margaret did the publicity and the TV spot with CTV. Gerry and Natalie Threlfall transported the materials needed from storage and Sharon Newton, Janice Peace, Margaret Driver, Cheryl Brunen and I looked after getting the show set up on Thursday. Sale and clean up was handled by Karen Sawchyn, D'Arcy Turner, Sharon Newton, Deborah Green, Ramona Gignac and hubby, Len Donauer, Natalie and Gerry Threlfall and myself. Natalie and Gerry looked after transporting the show materials back to storage.

Special thanks to judges and clerks, to those who volunteered at the info table and to everyone who brought lily stems, floral arrangements and photos to the show. Your efforts made the show a success! It was a smaller show than usual, but still a very good representation of the lilies which are in bloom at that time of year.

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Show Chairperson

SHOW RESULTS FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL LILY SHOW

HORTICULTURE SECTIONS

Grand Champion Lily Stem; Fred V. Fellner Trophy:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn SK: *Lilium cernuum*

Reserve Champion Lily Stem:

Margaret Driver, Saskatoon SK: 'Sweet Surrender'

CPLS Grand Aggregate Gold Award:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK

CPLS Grand Aggregate Silver Award:

Margaret Driver

Herbert E. Sunley Founding President Award for Best Seedling:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: outfacing pollonless spotted yellow martagon seedling with some *L. tsingtauense* heritage.

John Bond Award for Best Three Stem Collection:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: 'Raspberry on Whip'

Canadian Hybridizers' Trophy for Best Canadian Lily Collection:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: 'Raspberry on Whip', 'Orange Marmalade', 'Sing Out'

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

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: L.cernuum

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

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: 'Apricot Glow'

A. J. Porter Award for Best Canadian Hybrid:

Len Donauer, Saskatoon, SK: 'Black Prince'

F. Tarlton Award for Best Martagon:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: out-facing pollenless spotted yellow martagon seedling with some L.tsingtauense heritage

P. H. Wright Award for Best Red Lily:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: 'Good Night'

Phyllis Pierrepont Award for Best Species Lily:

Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK: L. cernuum

Junior Exhibitor Award: no entries

T. A.(Andy) Dingwall Award for Best Collection of 4 Stems: not won

FLORAL DESIGN SECTIONS

CPLS Award for Best Vase: Barbara Adams Eichendorf, Hepburn, SK

CPLS Award for Best Basket: Karen Sawchyn, Saskatoon, SK

CPLS Award for Best Arrangement: Karen Sawchyn, Saskatoon, SK

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTIONS

Best Photo - Single Lily Class: Sharon Newton, Saskatoon, SK

Best Photo - Multi Lily Class: Ramona Gignac, Vonda, SK

People's Choice Award: Sharon Newton, Saskatoon, SK