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President's Message

President Message, September 1, 2005
Jennifer Bishop

As I write this our lily year is coming to a close. It is time to take a close look at the garden to decide who gets to stay, what needs to be divided or moved. All the extras will be donated to the Fall Bulb Sale (see notice on page 8).

The Bulb Sale Chair, Len Giesbrecht, has an exciting line up for us this year with some new and exciting bulbs, which I will have to find room for. My lily patch has reached the point where if a new bulb comes in an old one must go. That is the sad reality for me gardening on a city lot. I envy those of you just starting out or growing on a large lot as you don't have to make those hard decisions yet.

I have also been reflecting on what an exciting year 2005 has been for the Manitoba Regional Lily Society. We have had two bulb sales, a seminar, the pleasure of hosting the 58th Annual NALS Show and we will have at least three more bulb sales before the year ends.

The NALS event was a huge success. There were close to 800 entries including the design section and it was, I am told, the largest show that NALS has had in over 15 years. Many exhibitors were first time showers and

their participation is recognized by all. Many won ribbons and I look forward to seeing them entering again at future shows.

Show chairs Susan LeBlanc and John Rempel should certainly take a bow for a job well done. The reports coming back from attendees have been very positive. An event like this, however, does not happen in isolation. All MRLS members deserve our thanks. Every member of the MRLS should be proud that the NALS event was a success because you all helped make it a success. The success came not just from those who had time to volunteer at NALS in July or who sat on committees. The entire membership, past and present, all helped make this event successful by showing their support in whatever fashion,

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purchasing bulbs, attending seminars, stuffing envelopes, putting labels on bags, paying your membership...all these activities made it possible for us to be able to afford to put on this wonderful event and show lilies growers from all over the world that Manitoba Regional Lily Society can grow lilies, put on a great show and that MRLS ROCKS!!!!!!! Thank you ALL for making this possible.

Since 2005 has been and continues to be a busy year and the membership will be asked to hold that volunteer spirit MRLS has become famous for just a little longer and volunteer for the Fall Bulb Sales (see volunteer information on page 8) the board has decided that we should have a little get together to celebrate our success and in a small way say "Thank You" for your support. For obvious reasons, the event has been dubbed the "We Survived 2005 Fall Mix and Mingle". I encourage you all to attend, bring along your pictures, have a cup of coffee and a bite to eat and generally just enjoy each others company in a private and relaxed environment. The event notice appears further in this newsletter. Please plan to attend.

I trust that you all had a great lily growing year despite the challenges mother nature put in our way. I know you are all excited about acquiring new lilies for this fall and looking forward to seeing them bloom next year. So, until next spring when our lilies will once again poke their beautiful heads through the ground we can all have a well earned rest over the winter and pray for lots of snow to insulate our lilies.

See you at the bulb sale(s) and the "We Survived 2005 Fall Mix and Mingle".

Jennifer Bishop

Northern Horizon's from a Distance

By: John Rempel

As I sit here at my computer a month after the NALS 2005 symposium in Winnipeg, I want to reflect a few moments on the events leading up to and during symposium week.

Northern Horizon's started as an idea back in the fall of 2002 to showcase the enthusiasm and abilities of Manitoba lily growers to the world. By the spring of 2003, Susan LeBlanc and I had been appointed co-chairs and a venue had been secured. 14 subcommittees were established to run all aspects of the show and the work started.

Let me fast forward to 2005. The committees that were established did great work in the months leading up to the final event. They took charge and responsibility for their duties and did a fantastic job. Let me quote from a note that I received from Dr. Gene Fox the outgoing Canadian president: "What a superlative show and meeting you people staged. We enjoyed every aspect from our tour guide, food, hotel, the tours, the seminars, the huge show and the banquets were simply terrific. Thanks so much to you and your whole team."

During the last 2 years I kept throwing out the challenge for 1000 stems on the show tables. I must say that you came through splendidly. Many people who had never cut a lily stem did so and won ribbons at their first ever NALS show. Congratulations to all. I am also glad that we did not quite meet my challenge, as we would have been in deep trouble. The 2 halls were bursting at the seams with about 725 stems, 33 floral displays as well as the first ever NALS photo contest which had 61 photographs entered. I guess I didn't realize how much space 1000 stems would take.

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So let me finish as we let “ Northern Horizons” slip out of sight and into our collective memories. Thank you all for your assistance and support during these times. It was truly a team effort. We faced all problems as a team and walked away from a hectic week as friends. Thanks again to you: members of the greatest, strongest and most enthusiastic lily society in North America.

John Rempel — Co-chair

**Report from the 58th Annual
Lily Show
By Susan LeBlanc**

The planning, staging and final execution of a show this size was to my mind, a tremendous amount of work that was worth every ounce of energy put forth.

In spite of the uncertain number of stems that would be show-worthy because of poor weather conditions experienced by many of us prior to the event, some 725 stems were cut and presented. As well, 33 designs were entered. For those of you with a more competitive nature, the ribbon totals were recorded with the following results. There were 159 red ribbon entries , 173-2nd place, 133-3rd and 70 honorable mention. Bravo to everyone who participated !

The meals were wonderful, thank you Rita and Len. The tours and information supplied while onboard the buses were interesting and informative, thanks to BJ, Wilbert, Ed and John. Those of us who took the bus trip to Portage and Neepawa were graciously welcomed by the Ronald and Strohman families. We thank you sincerely.

We heard and saw everything presented to us thanks to John Rempel and his technical skills. Ginny and company sold boutique items to one and all.

I would personally like to thank those of you who agreed to clerk with the Judges on Friday morning, hectic and sometimes confusing but very important. Thank you!

Marlene and Sandy had us bagged, tagged and part of the game plan as soon as we registered. Great work!

John and Joan Svenson came up with the plan to accommodate the show in its entirety and bring some semblance of order. Well done!

Barrie and Nigel spent the better part of two days and an evening sorting, moving and placing all entries into their proper classifications, ready for the 9 teams of Judges on Friday morning. A daunting task that you made look easy!

Ted arranged our diverse and exceptional speakers. What a job!

I am glad that it has come and gone and that we succeeded in presenting the very best show we could. However, this event was pushed to another level by a lady with extraordinary powers of networking. I have come to believe that Jennifer Bishop either knows personally or has connections to half the population of Winnipeg! Put that together with her drive and how could we fail?

Again , Bravo to each and everyone. We did well!

My best to all of you,

Susan LeBlanc

Northern Horizons - 2005

By: B. J. Jackson

The 58th annual North American Lily Society conference and show has gone down in the history books and is now a memory. After three years of putting our hearts and souls into this event, the Manitoba Regional Lily Society has shown once again that (as our President might say) "MRLS Rocks".

Not only was this show one of the biggest seen in recent memory, it was also one of the best according to the reports we have received from many of the 156 registrants and guests, many of whom came a long way to participate. Held at the Canad Inn Polo Park from 13 to 17 July, the MRLS showed lily lovers and their guests that even in our severe temperate climate and despite snow, frost, wind, water and everything in between, we can grow great lilies rivaling the lily world's best.

We were off to a great start on the first evening with a welcome reception where weary and not so weary registrants gathered for some good conversation, a quick bite to eat and a glass of wine. At times it was shoulder to shoulder but it never seemed crowded. New people were met, old friendships were rekindled and the lily chatter was very refreshing. It was a fine way to start off. Len and Rita Giesbrecht are to be commended for handling everything related to hospitality and liaison with the hotel staff. The decision to have a specific room designated for hospitality for the entire event was inspired and people commented time after time that it was wonderful to have a place they could just get away to and enjoy a coffee or juice in relative quiet. They were also in charge of making sure everyone got what they ordered at the various meals and banquets and pulled it off with the assurance of professionals. I think the hotel was ready to hire Rita by the end of the last day!

Sandra Venton and Marlene Puls were in charge of the registration desk and each and every registrant received their package and a warm greeting on arrival.

Set up for the show and the first round of speakers highlighted the first full day of conference activities. First among the four international speakers was Norgarte Marschinki from Germany. Her presentation outlining her work with the North American species and her hybridizing program was given with energy and enthusiasm. And the slides were just breathtaking.

Next up was Jaap VanTuyt from the Netherlands. Dr. VanTuyt's presentation concentrated on his work in the commercial flower industry and the scientific applications to liliium hybridization. Again, the photos were magnificent and elicited audible expressions of distinct approval.

But, the show set up area presided over by John and Joan Svenson was THE hub of activity for the exhibitors. It was not unusual to see pails of lilies outside the back doors of the hotel with some very ingenious ways employed to try and get blooms to open in time. Everything from warm water, a hot car interior and hair dryers came into play. In fact, the set up area was the place to be most of the day and on into the very early morning on Friday. Barrie and Nigel Strohman in classification did not get much sleep that night as MRLS members and the general public answered the call to enter lily stems and designs. By the time it was all said and done with the show area being reworked numerous times to accommodate each and every entry, there were a total of 725 stems, 33 floral displays and a number of potted lily specimens. In addition, there were 61 entries for the first ever NALS photo contest supervised by Frans Officer. With this success the photo contest should now become a regular part of the annual shows.

The show tables sported lilies from a total of 66 exhibitors from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, the United States and, of course, Manitoba. A significant number of the exhibitors were 'first timers' who had never shown before. Many took home 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Honorable Mention ribbons and I do hope we see them back at future MRLS shows.

Once you get your first ribbon or cut your first lily, it can become addictive. The first

time cutting a stem it was very hard to do but once it is done it is a lot easier the next time, and the time after that. And showing your lilies that you grew yourself and to receive recognition for that is like nothing else. As one first timer indicated to me, "Okay, you got me....I'm hooked".

The total number of entries was down from the 1,000 stems John Rempel talked about wanting for this show, but I honestly don't know what we would have done if that many stems actually showed up. There was not a single foot of extra space anywhere on the show room floor or tables.

But, it was walking into the show room with all those lilies that really was the defining moment of the entire event for me. Jennifer Bishop instructed me to close my eyes as she opened the doors and led me inside. When my eyes opened to see that many lily stems and arrangements, I can truly say that it was totally awesome; a sea of color from every side with lilies of every size, shape, color and description. It was THE moment for me and one I will not soon forget even though I really didn't get all that much time to enjoy it.

A bison roast dinner and tour of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory and the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden capped off a very full day. Thank goodness the mosquito spray was on board the busses or I swear they would have carried off some of the participants. I can't remember another year with so many of what is becoming known as our provincial insect!

On Friday it was the judging of the show entries that took place in the morning. For the first time in several years the MRLS award for a collection of 12 different lilies was won. In fact, it was the first time in years there were even entries in this class. Brian Bergman of Ontario took the prize (a lovely crystal lily piece) but he was closely followed by our own John Rempel in second place and the team of Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon from Alberta in third place.

Being a relatively novice show judge, it never ceases to amaze me the amount of lily knowledge that is possessed by the more senior judges. I learned the difference between

weather damage and fasciation, how to spot lilies that have been in cold storage prior to exhibition as well as some of the creative ways exhibitors use to try to cover up flaws in their lily stems in the hope that the judges do not notice. It took nine teams of four judges and two clerks each every minute allotted that morning to judge the stems and determine the award winners. A monumental task ably overseen by Wilbert Ronald on the judges side and Susan LeBlanc on the clerks side.

Then it was off to seminar number three and Antra Balode from Latvia. Ms. Balode spoke about the efforts of the lily hybridizers in her country and showed some wonderful results of their work. Again the ooh's and aaaaah's of the attendees was audibly apparent.

The last but by no means least seminar was conducted by David Sims of Idaho on his ground breaking work with the Martasians, crosses between martagon lilies and asiatic lilies. All I can say about that is WOW! I'll be watching closely for these lilies to hit the market in the not too distant future (I hope).

Friday night was capped off by the Research Auction where I'm told close to \$6,000 in Canadian funds was raised for research projects related to the genus *lilium*. Presided over by Ed Soboczenski from Delaware, the live auctioneer was Dean Hartle of Minnesota, ably assisted by Ede Strand of Wisconsin. A number of choice lily bulbs found new homes as well as some lovely donated items. On the silent auction side, hot items included test tubes of embryo rescued bulblets from the US and the Netherlands, and various exotic lily bulbs, lily related books and other gift items.

Saturday was the big day for tours. The weather was perfect and two Beaver busses and a van headed off for a full day in rural southern Manitoba. Bus captains Ed Czarnecki and John Rempel provided descriptive commentary about the areas traveled through and provided handouts for everyone.

The first stop was Jeffries Nurseries in Portage la Prairie where the Ronald's entertained everyone before a side trip to the grow-

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ing fields. The highlight of this leg of the journey was the 'singing gardener' with songs specifically about lilies and the hospitality of the entire Ronald family who made it a visit to remember.

Then it was on to Neepawa where representatives of the Lily Festival committee boarded the busses for a quick tour of the town site before heading off to the main event of the tour, The Lily Nook, located just 5 miles outside Neepawa. The Strohman family was there to greet the tour busses and served a very tasty organic lunch under a large tent. Barrie was actually wearing his straw hat and got right in there serving food, chatting with all the hungry lily folk and generally treating them to a great time they will remember. Of course, then the sky opened up and a thunderstorm threatened to cut short the time at the Nook growing fields. But, in true prairie style, the hardy lily lovers roamed the growing fields in the rain and after a few short minutes the rain stopped. The amazing thing was that there was no mud; just wet sand that was not hard to walk on so the final stop of the tour was saved. There was too little time to look at everything but what was seen was appreciated. Then it was back on the busses and back to Winnipeg for the Awards Banquet. It was a subdued crowd that alighted back at the Canad Inn in time to freshen up and change clothes for the banquet following.

The Awards Banquet was the final official function of the conference. Dr. Wilbert Ronald gave the keynote speech after which he was presented with a crystal piece engraved with a likeness of 'Starburst Sensation' on it by Jennifer Bishop, president of the MRLS on behalf of the membership for all of his contributions over the years to the society and to the members of the society. What made the evening even more special was that Dr. Ronald was announced as the 2005 winner of the E. H. Wilson Award, the most prestigious award given by the North American Lily Society for outstanding contribution to the NALS and to the genus *lilium*. The announcement was a surprise to everyone in attendance. We were all pleased to see that his family was there, too, to see him presented with the award. Initially he had no idea they were waiting outside the banquet hall for the an-

nouncement to be made. That was the highlight of the evening.

For a full list of the major award winners, please see the listing elsewhere in the newsletter (page 7)

During the banquet, as only the prairies can, a severe thunderstorm rumbled through the city flooding roads, downing power lines, submerging gardens and putting on one heck of a light show.

The storm did take some of the wind out of the sails of the people who had been looking forward to Sunday's open garden visits. But as Kathy Anderson from Delaware was heard to say "I didn't come all this way to be stopped by a little rain!". And so, many gardens that were still accepting visitors despite the weather enjoyed having people drop by to visit and chat despite the soggy state and cloudy skies.

And that my friends, is the story of Northern Horizons 2005. We showed the North American lily community as well as our guests from Europe and the US that Canadians are in the forefront of growing lilies despite the challenges we face. We served notice that the MRLS was a force of nature in itself and that MRLS really and truly does ROCK! And, we showed everyone what the dedication of volunteers and friends can accomplish and for that I would like to thank you one and all for helping to make it happen.

Question & Answer

Q: I am planning on moving this winter and have a lot of lilies I do not want to leave behind. How can I take these with me?

A: Lilies can be dug and moved most any time but the best time to move lilies is in the fall when they are shutting down for the winter. At this time they can be dug and put in pots and then stored in a cold but not freezing place and then grown on next year or the bulbs can be put into plastic bags in vermiculite or peat moss and stored in the crisper of the fridge at 1 or 2 degrees Celsius and then planted out next spring. The latter is probably the most feasible for you.

Dr. Wilbert Ronald receives E.H. Wilson Award

By: Barrie Strohman

Let me introduce you to the person who is this year's recipient of the most prestigious award given by the North American Lily Society, a man whose achievements in the advancement of the genus *Lilium* are as follows;

He pioneered the breeding of OT's (orienpets) in Canada with several cultivars now being listed in the members popularity poll i.e. 'Northern Sensation', 'Starburst Sensation', 'Northern Carillon' and 'Northern Beauty'. One cultivar 'Northern Carillon' has been relegated to the lily hall of fame which is a fine recommendation for the few short years that it has had in commercial availability.

He was instrumental in having his breeding work in lilies and the further work of Lynn Collicutt in lilies released, tested, named, and put into commercial trade from the Morden Research Station. He was, with the collaboration of Lynn, in the forefront of Asiatic breeding in Canada with several cultivars named and released i.e. 'Firey Belles', 'Creamy Belles', 'Purple Belles', 'Silky Belles', 'Ivory Belles', and 'Blushing Belles'.

His breeding work in the longiflorum and trumpets carried on by Lynn gave us 'Easter Dawn', 'Easter Morn' and now the newly released 'Easter Charm' with further ones to be introduced and released. The multitude of his work because of the hardiness, disease resistance, and growability has expanded the areas where lilies can be grown and enjoyed especially here in the north but also in the southern climes. He indeed has expanded the Northern Horizons.

Because of his work and his continued breeding work with lilies we now have oriental type blooms here on the prairies. For these reasons and due to his continued dedication to the advancement of lily breeding, E.H Wilson award goes to a special man and a special friend, Dr. Wilbert Ronald.

NALS 2005 AWARDS Division I Horticulture

Isabella Preston Trophy (Perpetual) - Denese Erickson "Scheherazade" - Best Lily in Show

Earl N. Hornback Award - Bruce Richardson
Lily showing greatest advance in hybridization

David Griffiths Award - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon - Best stem of an unnamed hybrid seedling grown from seed by exhibitor

Emerson Hickling Award - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon - Lily seedling in Section C showing most breeding advance

Jean Ericksen Award (South Saskatchewan Lily Society) - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon - Best Pink seedling in Section C with some Asiatic breeding

Jan de Graaff Award (Golden State Lily Society) - Denese Erickson "Scheherazade" - Best registered clone in Section D

Michigan Regional Lily Society Award - Diann Putland "River Rouge" - Best stem in Section E

Harold F. Comber Award (Pacific Northwest Lily Society) - Barrie Strohman "L. cernuum album" - Best lily species

Mears-Mersereau Award - Ed Maza - "Red Velvet" - Three stems of the same species, variety or cultivar

Hod Hoepner Award (Wisconsin Regional Lily Society) - Ted Sobkowich - "L. martagon x L. amabile" - Best pot lily or cut stem forced or grown with protection

Iowa Regional Lily Society Award - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon - "Eurydike" - Best registered Asiatic hybrid

Claude Shride Award (Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society) - Ieuan Evans - "Attiwaw" - Best hybrid lily of Martagon derivation

Ozark Regional Lily Society Award - Bruce Richardson
Best Division VI hybrid lily in show

Peters-Mooney Award (Ohio Lily Society) - Brian Bergman - "Set Point" - Best Oriental lily in show

Leslie Woodriff Award (Mak-leek, Inc.) - Denese Erickson "Scheherazade" - Best Division VIII hybrid lily in the show

Fred Tarlton Award (Alberta Regional Lily Society) - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon - "Chippewa Star" - First place stem with highest bud count

Ontario Regional Lily Society Award (in honor of George E. Holland) - Pete & Franci Nelson - "Freckle Face" - Best stem of a registered hybrid lily originated and named by a Canadian

David M. Stone and F. Henry Payne Award (New England Lily Society) - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon - "Summer Tanager" - Best stem of a registered lily of New England origin

Tesca-Koehler Award (North Star Lily Society) - Pete & Franci Nelson - "Anita Gail" - Best stem of a registered lily of Minnesota origin

Manitoba Regional Lily Society Award - Brian Bergman - Collection of 12 different lilies from any Division or Divisions, one stem each, identified.

S. L. Emsweller Award (Potomac Lily Society) - Wilbert Ronald - Collection of 3 different tetraploid lilies from any division or divisions, one stem each, identified.

Mid America Lily Society Award - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon - Collection of 3 Asiatic hybrid lilies with different orientations, one stem each from Divisions 1a, 1b and 1c, identified.

American Horticultural Society Sweepstakes Awards

Gold Medal (minimum of 15) - Terry Willoughby and Shauna Cannon (24)

Silver Medal (minimum of 8) – Pete and Franci Nelson (18)

Award of Merit - Hartle & Gilman – “Sally”

The Garden Club of Virginia Award (in honor of Violet Niles Walker) – Susan LeBlanc – “White Bears on Rocky Shores”

Best design in show

The Judges Choice Award – Susan LeBlanc - “Winds from the West”

BULB SALE NOTICE

It is Bulb Sale time! The Bulb Sale Committee has been hard at work finding sources of new and interesting bulbs for your lily patch. This year we are featuring a newly released lily called 'Dark Moon'. It is a tall, strong, 1b, black/red lily that will be offered for the first time ever to you. 'Dark Moon' was shown at the NALS 2005 Show and is a must have for the lily patch. There will also be Tango hybrids offered for the first time. These are the cutting edge in asiatic lily breeding and are sought after by collectors, hybridizers and lily growers everywhere.

The mail order section has been expanded to include a larger selection. The 10% member discount will again be in effect. Your membership must be paid up and you must get your order in accompanied by your payment before September 25th to participate via mail order. The list and order form is included with this publication.

There will again be a limited number of named martagons available both through mail order and at the sale locations. Martagons are not just beautiful to look at but they also extend the lily bloom season by providing early bloom in the garden. To help extend the bloom time late in the lily season, we are offering named orienpets such as 'Northern Beauty', 'Northern Carillon', 'Starburst Sensation' and other Morden Research Station stock. The committee has also found a source for mixed orienpet bulbs in many colors that we are able to offer at just \$6.00. These will be of interest to lily growers who want to try growing the OT's and don't care what they are called, as well as seasoned lily growers who want to expand their OT patch at a very reason-

able cost. Hardy Manitoba hybridized asiapets such as 'Firey Belles', 'Ivory Belles' and 'Creamy Belles' will also be available. These bloom after the LA's and provide a very nice show while you wait for the orienpets. A special purchase on 'Firey Belles' has been negotiated and so we are able to make it available at the never before offered price of just \$6.00 each. They won't last long at that price! The other asiapets will be selling for \$9.00 each. The entire 'Belles Series' is a definite must have for every lily gardener.

Bulk bulbs will be offered at all sale locations. These bulbs are good garden lilies whose names have been lost and so can't be sold as named varieties. These are just \$1.00 each. There will also be a named bulk bulb, 'Lavender Ballerina', that for this one time only will be sold for just \$3.00. Because the bulk area has become a popular destination, it has been expanded this year to include an unnamed trumpet variety for \$4.00.

Many more varieties will be offered at the sale locations than on the mail order list so do try to make it out to one of the sale locations. But, if there is no location near you or there is no one you can have shop for you, please take advantage of the expanded mail order service.

See you in Winnipeg October 1st and 2nd at Assiniboine Park Conservatory, Brandon on October 1st at the Town Centre and in Dauphin on October 8th at the Marketplace Mall. Volunteers are required for all locations in all areas. Help will be need to bag, setup, take down, take cash, provide membership services, work the lily boutique, bulk sales and pre-sale activities. If you can volunteer some time before, during or after the sale please contact the person in your area and get your name on the list:

Winnipeg, Jennifer Bishop - 954-2003,661-5036 or jennifer@manitobalilies.ca

Brandon, Joan Svenson – 728-9036,

Dauphin, Helen Jackson – 638-5213, or jacksonb@brandonu.ca

SEE YOU THERE!

'We Survived 2005 Fall Mix and Mingle'

By: Jennifer Bishop

'We Survived 2005 Fall Mix and Mingle' will be held on October 15th, 2005 at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory 2355 Corydon Avenue Winnipeg, starting at 7 p.m. There is no charge for members and their guest or spouse. This event is totally **FREE OF CHARGE!** This event is a **THANK YOU** from the Manitoba Regional Lily Society for all your hard work and dedication to and for the Society in the past and, in particular, this year.

2005 has been very busy. By October 15th we will have put on and worked at least five bulb sales, one seminar and the North American Lily Society Show. The success of these events was only possible because the volunteer spirit in MRLS is outstanding. I know everyone has a great time while they are going about their duties but often times we are so busy that we don't get the opportunity to spend quality time sharing our own 'lily experiences' with each other.

The 'We Survived 2005 Fall Mix and Mingle' will be an opportunity for everyone to spend together without having to do any work. The evening will be whatever you wish to make of it and can include:

talk about how your lilies grew this year,

talk about the new lilies you purchased this year,

share your garden pictures,

discuss your hybridizing program,

exchange seeds if you have them (and they don't just have to be lily seeds),

bring in an extra bulb or two for trading,

shop at the lily boutique for that out of print book that you have been looking for,

check a book out of the MRLS Library,

view the pictures of NALS 2005 that we have received from out of town attendees and members.

This evening has been planned so that members can get together and not have to work or share their time with the general public. You can just enjoy each other's company or make new friends. If you don't have pictures, want a book, have seeds to exchange that is just fine, too. You can just drop by, have a bite to eat, visit a little and relax among other lily people and have a nice time. Everyone should plan to attend this evening. You should also come to the event if you have not volunteered for any specific event this year because you have still made it possible for the MRLS to host these events via your membership, bulb purchases and general support of the Society and that should be shared.

A light lunch with deserts will be served along with coffee, tea, soft drinks, juice and milk; there will be a cash bar available.

We must let the caterer know how many people will be attending so you must register by **NO LATER** than **OCTOBER 8th**. Please plan to join us and have some fun.

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SEE YOU THERE!

Notices:	Coming Events
<p align="center">NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL</p> <p>If you wish to receive your future newsletters by e-mail, sign up by e-mailing the Newsletter editor, nigel@lilynook.mb.ca Your newsletter will be sent to you in Adobe .PDF format.</p>	<p align="center">MRLS Fall Bulb Sales</p> <p align="center"><u>Location 1</u> Assiniboine Park Conservatory Lobby October 1st & 2nd, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2355 Corydon Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba</p> <p align="center"><u>Location 2</u> Town Centre Mall Brandon, Manitoba October 1st, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p> <p align="center"><u>Location 3</u> Dauphin Marketplace Mall Dauphin, Manitoba October 8th, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p> <p align="center">Remember to bring your enclosed coupon or membership card for 10% savings</p> <p align="center">Neepawa Lily Festival Bulb Sale Date: Sept 30th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Place: B.P. Country Courthouse Yard 282 Hamilton Street, Neepawa, MB</p> <p align="center">Manitoba Regional Lily Society Fall Windup Date: Oct 15th, 2005 7:00 pm till !! Place: Assiniboine Park Conservatory Info: See Page 7 for Full Details Please Register Before Oct 8th</p> <p>R.S.V.P.: Jennifer Bishop 954-2003, 661-5036 or e-mail jennifer@manitobalilies.ca</p> <p align="center">MRLS Spring 2006 Seminar</p> <p>Date: April 1st, 2006 Place: Neepawa, MB Info: Details to follow in next newsletter</p>
<p align="center">Lily Questions?</p> <p>If you have a question or thought on lilies just contact me, 'the editor' and I will publish it on a question and answer spot in the newsletters. Let me know what else you would like to see published in your newsletter. All ideas are welcomed! E-mail: nigel@lilynook.mb.ca or Phone: 476-3225 Mail: Nigel Strohmman, Box 846, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0</p>	
<p align="center"> Lily Trading Post</p> <p>Looking for 'Purple Belles'. Any one with a Spare bulb or two please contact M.R.L.S., we need to get stock of this again to get it increased for future sales.</p> <p>Looking for that special lily! Just drop me (the Editor) a note or email and we will publish your lily desires. Ph:204-476-3225 E-mail: nigel@lilynook.mb.ca</p>	
<p align="center">Bulb Sale Notice:</p> <p>Going to have a few spare bulbs after digging this Fall? How about donating them to the MRLS Fall Bulb Sales? All bulb donations welcomed!! "Proceeds of the sales goes towards Lily research and development, subsidizing guest speakers that are brought in for Spring seminars." Any Surplus of 'Northern Beauty' would be greatly appreciated!</p> <p>Please contact Len Giesbrecht, at 261-9832 Home, e-mail: lengiegsb@hotmail.com for varieties that you will have, or bring them in to one of the bulb sales.</p>	