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President's Message

Today, I was again reminded that like lily bulbs, gardeners never go completely dormant. I was speaking to the Gardening Club in Gimili about... what else lilies. What a wonderful group of people to spend a Saturday afternoon with when the temperature outside is -20. We talked lilies and gardening in general. It was an exciting prelude to the MRLS Spring Seminar scheduled for April 1st in Neepawa this year.

I always look forward to our Spring Seminar because, not only is it the beginning of SPRING for me, it is always educational. It is also the time of year when I get to re-introduce myself to all my lily friends I have not seen since the Fall Bulb Sale and of course make new lily friends. This year Judith Freeman of The Lily Garden will be our guest speaker and her seminars should prove to be very interesting and entertaining. I have heard that there will be pictures involved. Like every good lily gardener if I am unable to visit the actual garden to see the lilies in bloom, I can't wait to see the pictures.

The Seminar Committee along with the Bulb Sale Committee have been working hard to ensure that we have a great silent auction, a wonderful lunch to share with each other and some very exciting bulbs to acquire for spring planting. Acquiring new lily bulbs for me is almost a full time job, so when I can look them all over in one location like the Spring Seminar Bulb Sale I am very excited. It should prove to be another great day!

The seminar is again being subsidized by the Society in the hopes that we can encourage more members to attend and take advantage of this special

member service. Seminar time is not just about the education or the AGM, it is about meeting other lily growers, spending time sharing our successes and failures so that we can all learn from each other. It is about making new friendships that will last a lifetime. It is about becoming involved in MRLS and making it part of your gardening experience. I encourage everyone to attend. I encourage you to car pool, call a friend who doesn't drive and invite them along with you, invite a friend who isn't a member and bring them along. They will be introduced to a new and wonderful experience! It doesn't matter how you get to Seminar what matters is that you do!

I look forward to seeing you all there. It will be the place to be on April 1st.

Best Regards
Jennifer Bishop

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What is New in the Lily World?

By: *Barrie Strohman*

Advancement in breeding has brought a host of new cultivars to please even the most discriminating lily grower. This has been the case mostly in division eight with the oriental trumpets getting the lion's share of the attention. Those coming into commercial trade are from several different breeders and are showing new colors and color combinations in this group. Here are some you might like or want to try.

'Scene Stealer' - Breeder (*Judith Freeman The Lily Garden*)

This lily is a dramatic hybrid of ideal parents. It has enormous wide petals to the flowers with brilliant white edges and a deep crimson throat. It has strong straight stems, a wonderful fragrance and is pollen fertile for you avid hybridizers.

'American Journey' - Breeder (*Van der Salm Bulb Farm*)

This one has tremendously huge blooms of intense deep red with fine white margins and petal tips that are slightly recurved. Good strong straight stems hold up these eye-catching blooms in a blaze of color.

'Urandi' - (*Liliande*)

This is like an oriental on steroids. It has huge soft pastel pink blooms accentuated with a soft yellow flame strip in the center of each petal. This is the first OT with this soft pastel oriental coloration.

'Elise' - Breeder (*Johan Mak*)

Mango orange flowers turn a pleasant yellow as they age. The *L. henryi* ancestry gives this lily elegant down facing blooms on stately stems.

'Robina' - (*Mark Lilies*)

Plum colored buds open to reveal very striking magenta rose blooms with a small white center. Breathtaking to say the least, to say the most is up to you.

'Dunnyazade' - (*Judith Freeman*)

This is a deep red hybrid from the famous and garden worthy 'Scheherazade'. It has all the qualities of the finest of garden lilies; health, strength, longevity and elegant beauty. It is a rich deep shade of burgundy, with just the narrowest ribbon of cream white on the edge of each petal.

Besides the oriental trumpet crosses other interdivisional crosses are making the lily scene. The oriental asiatic group make a strong argument that these crosses are producing good garden lilies. Joining up with 'First Crown' and 'Fancy Crown' are two additional ones. All these are from DeJong Lilies.

'Elegant Crown'

This one has a distinct white line and tips that encases soft rose pink petals that have a frosty white halo in the heart.

'Fuego Crown'

On the other end of the color spectrum is this fiery red with chalice shaped flowers that stand erect with extra long pedicels and thus give a full airier stem.

The Asiapet, trumpet x asiatic crosses have proved themselves as having the hardiness for the northern climes. Two new listings are drawing attention.

'Golden Belles' - (*Lynn Collicutt*)

Dark burgundy brown buds open to reveal golden yellow flowers with a few fine spots around the center.

'Sea Breezes' - (*Judith Freeman*)

This grex has long stems of many recurved flowers in ivory gold peach apricot and tangerine and with most having deeper colored centers. They also possess a delightful sweet fragrance.

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The LA's are showing deeper clearer satiny blooms. There are a number of new releases this year. Some worth looking at are as follows.

'Birgi' - *(Vletter &den Haan)*

Sizzling hot pink blossoms open wide to display clear clean blooms.

'Rodin' - *(Vletter &den Haan)*

Up-facing large silky yellow blooms with an illuminating green heart makes this one outstanding.

'Kentucky'

Out to up-facing orange flowers with an explosion of heavy burgundy speckling over the entire petals. This is an ideal mate for 'Suncrest'.

In the asiatic field the tango hybrids are now coming to the fore. 'Latvia' and 'Dot Com' have won wide acclaim but this year several new speckled ones will peak your interest. There are new doubles and a black, black red which are worthy.

'Landini' - *(Vletter &den Haan)*

Very deep black burgundy coloration makes this to be one of the darkest up-facing black reds now on the market.

'Elodie'

Fully double blooms are made up of layers of cotton candy pink petals.

'Orange Art'

A tango hybrid, deep orange wide petal blossoms are highlighted with dark burgundy speckles.

'Pup Art'

A tango hybrid that is bright red flowers with a heavy ring of burgundy speckles around the centers.

'Strawberry and Cream'

A tango hybrid that is opposite color to 'Lollipop'. White ends on the petals set it up to give the dark magenta center an explosive splash of color.

Now that your interest has been aroused, the good news is that you can find all of these wonderful new ones for spring planting. So you may enjoy the immediate beauty of these on the cutting edge of lily hybridization. Just to make your day, some of these varieties will be available at the spring seminar.



Have you seen this beetle?



Adult



Larvae



Damage

The lily leaf beetle, *Lilioceris Lilli* is native to Europe and North Africa. It is found in Quebec and Ontario and has also been reported in the Portage la Prairie area.

The beetle is 6-8 mm in length. Its shiny bright red wing covers contrast to the beetle's black antennae, eyes, head, legs and underside. It has 11 segmented antennae, notched eyes and two visible indentations on the thorax. It may chirp when squeezed lightly.

The beetle's favorite foods are true lilies (*lilium*) as well as fritillaries. It does not attack day lilies (*hemerocallis*). The most damage is done by feeding larvae in spring and later on by the adult beetles. Left alone to feed, they will defoliate lily plants, causing them to be less vigorous the next year.

Adult beetles over-winter in the soil and plant debris. In early spring, the adults emerge to mate and lay eggs. The female lays between 200 and 300 eggs on the underside of leaves in clumps or irregular rows of 2-10 eggs. The tiny eggs are a dull-orange color. Hatch occurs in five to ten days after which the larvae feed heavily for 16 – 24 days, growing rapidly to twice the size of their parents. The newly hatched larvae feed on the bottom of the leaves while mature larvae feed on the top of the leaves. The young larvae cover themselves with a layer of sticky mud like excrement to protect themselves against predators.

At maturity, larvae either drop or crawl to the ground where they pupate in secreted cocoons. In under 25 days, a fully mature adult emerges to repeat the process anew. There can be 2-3 generations a year and in some cases the adult female can over-winter and lay a clutch of eggs the following season.

The lily beetle has no natural enemies in Canada. There are several methods of control.

- 1.Squash the larvae with gloved fingers.
- 2.Knock the adults into a jar of soapy water.
- 3.Natural pesticides such as NEEM, PYRETHRIN or ROTENONE. These are most effective in the larval stage.
- 4.Insecticides such as Sevin or Malathion.

Remember the true key to control is **“CONSTANT VIGILANCE”**

Manitoba Regional lily Society

Notices:

LIBRARY NOTICE:

To all who have Library Books out, please remember to bring them to the MRLS Spring Seminar or ship them ASAP to Barrie Strohman. The library will be at the Spring Seminar for your access.

Lily Questions?

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 Strohman, Box 846, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

Lily Beetle Report

I am an entomologist (bug scientist) interesting in tracking the spread of a nasty lily pest called the scarlett lily beetle (or lily leaf beetle). It's a small (5-8mm) bright red beetle with black legs, head and antennae. There are no spots on its red body. If anyone, especially in the U.S. and Canada has spotted this critter on their plants in the past, I'd love to hear about it. Your location (city name, postal code) would be most useful, and the date (year) that you spotted it would also be of interest.

I recently completed a Master's thesis about this insect at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, and plan to present some information about the critter at the NALS meeting in Edmonton. I'd love to have some recent stats about its whereabouts ready for that meeting. If anyone has any questions about the insect, has any sightings to report, or would like to know more about me and my work, please contact me directly at lilybeetles@hotmail.com. Please forward this information to any friends or family you think might be able to help me compile my data.

Thanking you all in advance, Crystal Ernst

Any sightings of the lily beetle in Manitoba please also report to either;

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Nigel Strohman - email: nigel@lilynook.mb.ca

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Your Manitoba regional lily society would like to help you eliminate this pest from your gardens and our province!

MRLS Spring Seminar

My first talk is about how my business grew--how we do grow, cultivate, propagate, breed, and sell lilies, with slides of the operations and fields over the years. I'll try to emphasize things I've learned that are of practical help to people who want to GROW lilies.

The second morning talk will be about my hybridizing, emphasizing the species-like Asiatics and the Orienpets, and how my emphasis is always on garden lilies. (And also that it is fun to hybridize--the only way to get lilies that are custom-adapted for your specific climate--and that it always gives us wonderful surprises!)

In the afternoon, I'll talk about embryo culture, tissue culture for "virus-freeing" and for propagation, with emphasis on simple and practical ways to do tissue culture. I'll try to keep the talk brief, so there will be time for everyone to try it out. I'll bring established cultures of some of the Candidum hybrids that I think would like your climate (like 'Limerick,' 'Peach Madonna,' 'June Fragrance,' and 'Fragrance'), 'Tinkerbelle' as an example of a long-lived lily but a slow one to propagate, *L. speciosum gloriosoides* and 'Angela North' as examples of lilies started from buds (now established cultures) at our PNWLS Lily Day sessions, my favorite new 'Ariadne' hybrid (a soft yellow that I may introduce this year), and some of the new embryo cultures that can be subcultured to make more.

I'll also go through my scales and bring some interesting things to show how to start cultures from the scale bulblets.

I appreciate your hospitality and enthusiasm, and I think we'll have a lot of fun!

Judith Freeman

Accommodation

Arrangements have been made at what was the Super 8 in Neepawa, and which is now the Bay Hill Inn. Phone: 1-888-476-8802. All rooms have 2 beds in them except for the disabled room and the suites that also have sofa beds. Rooms are 76.88 plus \$5 for each additional person. If you say you are with MRLS they will give us a 10% corporate reduction which would make it \$69.19/+ \$4.50. Suites are \$106.88 and would also get the Discount.

Other accommodation:

Westway Inn Motel - 153 Hwy 16W, Phone: 476-2391

**MANITOBA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY
SPRING SEMINAR AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Guest Speaker - Judith Freeman, The Lily Garden, Vancouver WA**

Saturday April 1, 2006

Royal Canadian Legion Hall
425 Brown Ave Neepawa, MB

Registration - \$20.00 - Includes coffee breaks and hot organic lunch

PROGRAM

8:30 - Registration / Coffee / Socializing

9:00 - Welcome by President - *Jennifer Bishop*

9:15 - The Growth of a Lily Business - *Judith Freeman*

10:15 - COFFEE BREAK & SOCIALIZING

10:30 - Committee Reports

Research -

John Rempel

Display Gardens –

Barbara Jackson

Heritage Bulb Preservation –

John Svenson

11:00 - Hybridizing for Garden Lilies - *Judith Freeman*

12:00 - LUNCH FOLLOWED BY SPRING BULB SALE

1:30 - MRLS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2:00 - Simple & Practical Ways to do Tissue Culture - *Judith Freeman*

3:00 - COFFEE BREAK & SOCIALIZING

3:15 - Live Auction/Raffle

3:30 - Closing

Coming Events

MRLS Spring 2006 Seminar

Date: April 1st, 2006
Place: Neepawa Legion Neepawa, MB
Info: Guest speaker - Judith Freeman
The Lily Garden, Vancouver, WA.
See page 6&7 for details!

The South Saskatchewan Lily Society Invites you to attend A Judge's School and Spring Seminar

Date: February 24-25, 2006
Place: West Harvest Inn
4025 Albert Street, Regina SK
Info: Phyllis Mueller 5004 1st Avenue
Regina, SK S4T 0A5 Ph: (306) 545-1752
Web Site: <http://dryda.sasktelwebsite.net>

Manitoba Regional Lily Society Annual Lily Show

Date: July 21st - 23rd, 2006
Place: B.P. Country Courthouse Yard
282 Hamilton Street Neepawa MB
Info: Details to Follow next newsletter!

North America Lily Society Annual Seminar & Show

Date: July 12th - 16th, 2006
Place: Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Info: Details to Follow next newsletter!

Neepawa Lily Festival

Date: July 21st - 23rd, 2006
Place: B.P. Country Courthouse Yard
282 Hamilton Street Neepawa MB
Info: To pre-book tours and events,
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Lynn Collicutt

**Manitoba Regional Lily Society
Spring Seminar Registration Form**

Please pre-register by March 21st
Registration - \$20.00 ea. - Includes coffee breaks and noon meal.

Name: _____ Ph: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Prov _____ Postal Code: _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Send To: MRLS c/o Marlene Puls
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Winnipeg, MB R3T 2X6
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NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

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THE TIME HAS COME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS! Final Notice!!

**Membership expiry date can be found on the Address
label after surname i.e. Dec 05**

M.R.L.S. Membership Renewal Form - Deadline

\$7.50 Year — Single Membership \$10.00 Year — Family/Society

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