



# Manitoba Lily Connection

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## President's Message

Lily stems started popping out of the ground at the end of April this year and as I write this I have martagon stems which look like they will bloom any day now. A few of them were affected by the couple of days of cold and frost we had in May but for the most part they all look good. This means that I will have lily bloom 2 weeks earlier than normal. I am so excited about the martagon bloom this year because a quick count indicated that there should be approximately 175 blooming stems – that is barring a major weather episode. All those martagons in bloom will be a glorious sight, I just might have to phone in sick from work to stay home and just look at them. Not just the martagons will be glorious but all the lilies will be showy as they all had good increase over the past winter because the winter was so mild.

John and Joan Svenson were the Show Chair for NALS 2005 and made that show room look just fabulous. They have agreed to be the Chair for the 2006 MRLS Annual Lily Show in Neepawa. They have been working hard with the Neepawa Lily Festival to ensure that everything runs smoothly for you when you bring your stems in to show. I encourage you all, along with yours friends who have not yet become members of MRLS to cut whatever stems you do have and bring them along for showing. Head Judge Sandy Venton and her team of official NALS trained judges need the work and they can't judge stems if YOU don't bring them to the show. At the NALS show we had many first time showers (you know who you are) and they all won ribbons, so you can do it...you know you can. If you are not sure in what division they belong or have any questions at all about the stem Nigel and Barrie Strohman will be there as the Classification Chairpersons to help you place your stem or answer any questions about them. The show date this year is July 21<sup>st</sup> so let's give The Svenson's, The Strohman Lily Dudes and Sandy's judging teams lots of work!!!!

The Board has introduced a new award to be given out this year for the Best LA hybrid lily in the show. It will be known as The Dr. Danzinger Memorial Award. Dr. Danzinger was a long time member of MRLS, an official

NALS Judge, a Past-President of MRLS and he worked constantly for the promotion on lilies everywhere. He was generous to a fault when it came to getting people growing lilies. When I was first starting to collect martagons, I remember Dr. Danzinger smiling at me and nodding his head as if he knew a new lily addiction had been born. The next time I saw him was the MRLS Fall Bulb Sale. Always the gentleman, he shook my hand and asked about my martagons and then promptly stuck a martagon bulb into my pocket. It was a ratty old bulb and I remember thinking in my naive way that it would be years before it bloomed if it even grew but you know...the next season it broke the ground, grew and bloomed 5 lovely blooms for me. I still don't know it's real name but to me it will always be called Dr. Danzinger and whenever I see it bloom it will always invoke the memory and I smile knowing that when I was an emerging liliophile, Dr. Danzinger was able to see that some day I would be able to say... I have over 200 martagon stems in my garden. I miss him!

Bulb Sale Chairpersons Len and Rita Giesbrecht did a wonderful job on The Mother's Day Bulb Sale this year. The Mother's Day Bulb Sale is our second bulb sale of the year and the one where MRLS gets the opportunity to support The Friends of The Conservatory, prospect for new members, hand out lily information and sell a few bulbs. Hence, seven or eight people came over to the true liliium side of the garden and became new members of MRLS – Welcome. Lots of copies of 'Let's Grow Lilies' were sold, good growing information was handed out along with the information sheet on the lily beetle which John Rempel and his Research Committee has prepared for distribution. All in all a good day's work. Our thanks to Len and Rita for doing the job!

The MRLS lily machine never sleeps and the Directors and members are always working for the Society. I say this because The 2006 Fall Bulb Sale Committee has been formed and we welcome Valerie Denesiuk and Ramona Crowther, two new committee members – thanks so much for being part of the committee. The committee will be meeting very soon to

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start putting the event together. The bulb sale will take place in Winnipeg on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1st, Brandon on September 30<sup>th</sup> and Dauphin on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be sourcing lily bulbs the entire summer so if there is something in particular you would like them to look for, now is the time to speak up – contact Len Giesbrecht at [lengiesb@hotmail.com](mailto:lengiesb@hotmail.com), and let him know what you would like to see at the sale. The committee is running mail order again this year and I believe there is some talk about expanding it as well...your comments are solicited on this, as well. John Rempel and the members of Research Committee have set up a telephone answering service in the Portage La Prairie area to report sightings of the lily beetle as well as running an information campaign in the newspapers, letter writing and the internet. The goal is to determine where the lily beetle is and determine how it is traveling throughout the region. They will also be offering help if asked on how to deal with the lily beetle in your garden. Visit [www.manitobalilies.ca](http://www.manitobalilies.ca) if you have the beetle or think you do and want it confirmed or need some help. John or one of the committee members will get back to you.

May all your lilies bloom true and I will see you at the show!!!!!!!!!!

Best Regards,

Jennifer Bishop, President, MRLS

## **Spring Seminar Report By B. J. Jackson**

The lily season 2006 started off with a bang on Saturday, April 1st (and no April fools) as the MRLS hosted the annual Spring Seminar at the Legion Hall in Neepawa. Over 50 registrants were in attendance and were treated to an excellent day full of fun, information, lily bulbs (of course) and great food.

The morning started off with registration where Marlene Puls and Sandy Venton greeted and made sure that the monetary issues were in order. Then there was time to browse the silent auction offerings with a cup of coffee and mingle, renewing friendships and catching up after the winter hiatus from things lily related. The silent auction had an outstanding array of prizes up for grabs and many bags were full with hopeful tickets. This year wasn't my year though and I went home empty handed, empty handed of silent auction prizes that is. There was still more to come! Barrie Strohmman had the library materials available for browsing including a book or two I haven't read yet. I must remind myself to take one out next time.

President Jennifer Bishop welcomed us all to Neepawa and introduced the program for the day. Then Barrie Strohmman introduced our featured and much anticipated

speaker Judith Freeman, owner/operator of The Lily Garden in Vancouver, Washington. The morning presentation was entitled "The Growth of a Lily Business". It was wonderful! She spoke about how they grow the lilies, how they propagate, store and sell the lilies to the public as well as the evolution over time from one farm to another. Slides were shown to complement her talk and she truly engaged us all.

Following a coffee break and social time, various Board Committee people gave reports. These included John Rempel for the Research Committee, myself for the Display Gardens Committee and John Svenson for the Heritage Bulb Preservation Committee.

Judith's second presentation, "Hybridizing for Garden Lilies" was next. We were treated to an account of how she goes about working toward hybridizing good garden lilies with an emphasis on the fun she has doing it. It was extremely interesting to see where she started, where she has gone and what she still wants to do. Complementing the presentation were slides of various lilies and we were able to follow her as she moved from the past forward to the future.

Then it was lunchtime and Prairie Orchard Organics, Mary Anne Nysten of Neepawa, provided a delicious feast for us. And, after we had finished eating (the deserts were absolutely to die for!) there was the spring bulb sale with a lot of material brought up from Washington with Judith herself as well as selections from The Lily Nook. I would like to say I got out of there with only one or two bulbs, but that would be a lie and I am not telling how many I actually did bring home either!

The annual general meeting went off without a hitch and was accomplished in record time since there were no elections to be held. I think it was the shortest ever. The only significant item of business to be dealt with was the presentation to Dr. Reg Gallop of the NALS Medal for meritorious service to the Manitoba Regional Lily Society and the North American Lily Society.

And, then, the main event! What we had been waiting for all day. Judith Freeman's presentation on embryo culture, tissue culture for "virus-freeing" and for propagation with an emphasis on simple and practical way you can do it. The audience was enthralled. She had us in the palm of her hand the entire time! And, it just kept getting better! Following the presentation she offered to actually show us how to do it. The crowd was 3 deep as people crowded around the transfer case chamber and had a chance to practice under her guidance. It was truly amazing for the members who participated! I think Judith even missed her coffee break to help someone. She was having fun and the participants knew that and responded to it. A wonderful speaker and a wonderful lady who brought the lily world, HER lily world to life in words, pictures and 'hands on doing' that we could all appreciate.

On behalf of the participants I would like to thank everyone involved in putting on the 2006 Spring Seminar. It was one heck of a day! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped bag bulbs and get us set up on Friday night, to Brent Hunter for all the flower arrangements in the hall, to Deb Petrie and Nadine Pickard for overseeing the silent auction table, to Len Giesbrecht for the excellent selection of bulbs available at the bulb sale and to Nigel Strohman and Jennifer Bishop for making it all come together. Apologies if I missed anyone.

Have a great lily season 2006 everyone.

## **New Book on Martagon Lilies**

*Review by Pauline Milwarren*

A preview copy of *Martagon Lilies* by Dr. Eugene Fox was given to me to read two weeks ago. Usually, I can leave a non-fiction book for long periods before picking it up to continue. I got caught up in Fox's text and read it all in the first few days and then I reread all the chapters again. All the other books on lilies give such short shrift to martagon lilies. Martagons grow so differently and have so many novel features and growth patterns that a paragraph or two in a big book never did anything to enlighten me. Fox, on the other hand, has devoted 182 pages to very readable descriptions, pages of super color photos and scads of diagrams, all exclusively about my favorites of the lily world *i.e.* martagon lilies. There are whole chapters on culture, transplanting, transplant trauma, propagation, hybridizing, showing, diseases, growers, hybridizers plus many more topics. It is all there and each time the topic is dedicated to martagons. Their specific intriguing quirks are central and in focus. The impact of the book on me was hard to describe, but it was a mixture of delight and elation, with each revelation.

I have grown martagon hybrids since about 1980 when I was given a yellow one and a red one. Somehow, I only got to know my martagons by name some years later. Fox has given a lot of details about all the martagon species or the "building blocks" he calls them, for the martagon hybrids. A large number of the named martagon hybrids that we all collect are described. I am much more interested in all my martagons now and some of the ones he talked about or provided photographs of, in the book, really have me coveting the new varieties Fox recommends.

I had a lot of questions about martagons over the years and no one until now has bothered to provide answers in a comprehensive manner. I needed Fox's book 26 years ago and many times since that point when I had problems. That full chapter on transplanting martagons is absolutely needed by anyone buying martagons. All the descriptions

Fox offers for providing the right planting sites is so informative. I learned a lot through trial and error, but that can be painful and costly with expensive and rare bulbs.

Fox spends a few pages showing the gardener how to observe the martagons that they have growing so as to maximize enjoyment. I never noticed what he calls the "bud toss", for example. Fox diagrams it and describes it so I know that I saw it in the past, but I did not really notice it or understand that I was seeing a fascinating sequence leading to the flowering. I am busy watching my martagons now and getting a lot of satisfaction out of really seeing the marvelous unfolding they do.

I garden, but I am not a botanist nor am I a geneticist. Until I read the Fox overview, I never realized that a bit of knowledge about botany could really enhance the joy one can get out of watching plants closely. I am now seeing things in my perennials that I really am excited about. How I was taught these horticultural facts so effortlessly by simply reading the book I do not quite understand. However, I now know more about disease conditions, preventing problems or how leaves function to breathe and that plants need air circulation to fight botrytis etc., etc. These things come to mind when I walk around the beds where my own martagons are moving toward bloom time. Some things I thought were faults of a particular named martagon are really stress-induced reactions of the martagon to where I planted it. How do I know that? I read the book!

I have been tempted to make some pollinations in the past, but felt I knew too little. After reading Fox's chapter on hybridizing, I am going to start this year and I have even got a list of five crosses I am going to make. My husband is reading that part of the book as I write.

One thing for sure, I am not ready to put my copy of *Martagon Lilies* subtitled *Old World, Whorled-Leaf Lilies* on a bookshelf. I need it to guide my fun this summer. I think the book is the most complete guide of one division of lilies ever to be printed. I feel like an expert on martagons myself after reading the book. The book is due on the market in mid June. Copies are \$22.00 US and \$25.00 Canadian. Add \$2 US for US shipping or \$3 Cdn for shipping in Canada. Regional lily Societies or horticultural groups wanting to buy bulk for their members should e-mail for shipping details and costs before ordering. European and Overseas persons must prearrange shipping and payment details by e-mail.

Order from Eugene Fox at 780-387-4382 or e-mail [efox@telusplanet.net](mailto:efox@telusplanet.net) or by mail at R.R. 2, Millet, Alberta, Canada T0C 1Z0.

Personal copies, autographed by the author, will be available at the North American Lily International Show in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, this summer.

## Lily Beetle update for Manitoba

As you read this article in June, I hope that your lilies are doing well. Winnipeg with a low of -4C in May showed significant damage to trumpets and OT's. That's one of the dangers of spring growth being a month ahead of normal.

By this time, you will know whether your lily plantings are infested with the red Lily Beetle. I have had reports of significant populations in Portage la Prairie and Sidney.

I have set up a Beetle report line in Portage la Prairie. The number is **204-856-0844**. It is an electronic mailbox that I read from Winnipeg. If you or anyone you know has beetles, please call and leave me your name and phone number so that I can track the beetle in Manitoba. I will call you back for more information.

A description of the beetle was published in a previous newsletter. In this issue, I am including an article on the life cycle of the beetle as well as what you can do at each stage to start to eradicate this beetle. This information is generic, as we have no exact information on the life cycle of the beetle in Manitoba. People who are consistently reducing their beetle populations are having some success in this battle. Many prefer to squish individual beetles or their larvae. As the beetles can fly, I would suggest that a neighborhood approach would work best to get rid of this pest before it becomes widely established in Manitoba.

John Rempel

## Life Cycle of the Red Lily Beetle ( Associated Controls)

1.) Over wintering adult beetles emerge in early spring from the surrounding soil to mate and lay eggs.

- A: Handpick adults as soon as they appear.
- B: Dust with Rotenone powder. (Remains effective for 2-3 days.)
- C: Spray with Sevin or Malathion.

2.) Adult beetles lay egg clusters on the underside of the leaves of lily plants. (Lilium only)

- A: Destroy the egg cases on the underside of the leaves. Eggs are in yellow/orange clusters or irregular rows.

3.) Eggs usually hatch in 7-10 days.

4.) Emerging larvae will feed on the underside of the lily leaves for 16-24 days.

- A: Handpick larvae.
- B: Dust or spray with Rotenone
- C: Spray with Sevin or Malathion

5.) Larvae drop to the ground and pupate for 20-25 days. Pupa cases are florescent orange in color.

- A: Stir up the soil and apply Rotenone dust to the soil.
- B: Possibly try Diatomaceous earth to the surrounding soil. (Red Lake Earth from Feedrite Mills)

6.) Emerging adults climb plants and feed until Fall but do not normally mate or lay eggs until spring.

- A: Handpick adults
- B: Dust with Rotenone
- C: Spray with Sevin or Malathion

7.) Adults over winter in surrounding soil or under plant debris. Some adults may survive over two seasons.

**Note:** Handle all pesticides including Rotenone with care.

## **Come out and view the lilies and other plants growing in our members' gardens.**

The following MRLS members have agreed to open their gardens to other members:

### **Sylvia Grantham, 1025 Lockport Road, St. Andrews MB**

**Open House Dates: July 18th & 19th.** If you can't make it those dates, please call Sylvia at 482 4932 to make alternate viewing arrangements.

**Directions:** travel north from the perimeter highway down provincial highway #8 past St. Andrews Airport. Stay on #8 and go another 4 miles until you see a U-pic strawberry sign and a large white and blue sign that reads Manitoba's Interlake Inland Oceans. Turn left at the next road which is Lockport road. The 3rd house on the north side is 1025.

**Description:** Once solid prairie bush land, this garden features a large backyard lily garden as well as rose and clematis gardens, container gardens and a variety of garden accents, statuary and lawn ornaments. Other features include the Angel and Amethyst Garden and the bird House Village.

### **Sandy Venton, 203 Vernon Road, Winnipeg MB**

**Open House Dates: Daily July 17th to 21st after 4 p.m.** Please call 888 2837 before dropping by to ensure someone is there to greet you.

**Directions:** Proceed east on Portage Avenue to Whytewold Street. Turn north and then east into the back lane. The next street is Vernon and #203 is on the east side of the street. There is no left turn off Portage Avenue onto Vernon.

**Description:** Includes a large variety of large perennial beds which consist of lilies, roses, peonies, day-lilies, hosta, iris, cimcifugas, ferns, oriental poppies, heucheras, not to mention a disporum flavum, blood root, epimedium and fillipendulas. Also included are ornamental fruit trees, a large spruce and cedar trees and three large Japanese Tree Lilacs one of which is Ivory Silk. The lilies run the gamut from martagons to asiatics with a smattering of orienpets and trumpets.

### **Brandon University Lily Display Garden, 270-18th Street, Brandon MB**

**Open House Dates: Daily July 17th to 21st.** Call 761 3942 if you would like a guide.

**Directions:** From No. 1 highway, turn south on 18th street (2nd set of lights coming from Winnipeg). Continue down 18th Street over the two bridges to Princess Avenue (the university will be on your right just ahead). A bit further south is the university entrance. Park in front of Clark Hall/Original Building and follow the sidewalk to the Brandon University sign.

**Description:** The garden was developed by staff and volunteers of the Brandon University Beautification Committee and continues to be maintained by volunteers. In its fourth year, this garden contains a variety of asiatic, LA, orienpet, martagon and species lilies donated by the MRLS and university staff. The garden is accented with a hedge planting of alpine currant with 4 specimen weeping caragana marking the garden boundaries. Companion plantings of daylilies are interspersed throughout. A large bed of annual marigolds and petunias surrounds the garden.

### **John Rempel, 590 Municipal Road, Winnipeg MB**

**Open House Dates:** No formal dates, please call 895 2212 to make arrangements to view.

**Directions:** Municipal Road runs off Roblin Boulevard in Charleswood (West Winnipeg), about 2 kms east of the perimeter highway overpass.

**Description:** The garden features a large open area with in excess of 200 varieties of lilies. There are also plantings of gladiolus, dahlias and New Zealand delphiniums. Other flower beds showcasing hardy Mor-den roses as well as an assortment of fruit trees.

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### **Beausejour Daylily Gardens, Beausejour MB**

**Open House Dates:** No formal dates, please call Carol Bender at 268 3950 for information.

**Directions:** Located just 30 minutes from Winnipeg, drive 20 kms north on Highway 59 and 24 kms east on highway 44. Turn south into Beausejour.

**Description:** Operated by the Friends of the Beausejour Daylily Park, the gardens feature 200 lily varieties, 300 daylily varieties as well as extensive iris plantings and dozens of peonies as well as other perennials, ornamental shrubs and prairie hardy fruit trees. Refreshments are available nearby.

### **John and Joan Svenson, 194 Clark Drive, Brandon MB**

**Open House Dates:** No formal dates, just drop in and have a look around if no one is home.

**Directions:** From No. 1 highway, turn south on 18th street (2nd set of lights coming from Winnipeg). Continue down 18th Street over the two bridges to Victoria Avenue. Turn west and proceed to Clark Drive. Turn north and 194 is on your left.

**Description:** The garden includes a top notch collection of labeled historic Patterson lilies as well as other lilies including some of John's seedlings.

### **Greg Boguski, 7 Moose Place, Brandon MB**

**Open Dates: July 15 and 16th**

**Directions:** From No. 1 highway, turn south on 18th street (2nd set of lights coming from Winnipeg). Continue down 18th Street over the two bridges to Princess Avenue (first set of lights on the south side of the second bridge). Turn west and proceed to 34th Street, then right on 34th Street one block to Rosser Avenue. Turn west and follow the road to Moose Place. Turn right (north) and #7 is on the right side of the road.

**Description:** Greg's garden is part of the annual Communities in Bloom open gardens this year and he welcomes MRLS members to come along, too. He and his partner have done an extraordinary amount of work on the gardens and they are a true delight to the eye, defying description, so you'll have to drop by and see for yourself.

### **Dr. Reg and Pat Gallop's Annual MRLS Field Day, SANDY BAY, R.M.V.B.**

**Date: Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006**

This annual event takes place at Dr Reg and Pat Gallop's cottage and gardens in Sandy Bay. There will be many lilies, delphiniums, clematis, roses, other perennials, annuals and trees to enjoy in a quiet, beautiful bushland setting on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg. Members and friends are welcome to come about mid-morning, preferably in pooled vehicles since parking is limited. About 90 minutes from Winnipeg, proceed on Highway 59 north to Victoria Beach but do not turn in there. Instead proceed straight ahead on Highway 504 and turn left at McCawley Road, then left at McCord Drive and look for GALLOP at #23 on the lake side. Drivers will then be shown where to park as approved by the Victoria Beach Police. Lunch is part of the tradition and Reg and Pat will supply the barbequed chicken. Guests supply the rest. Dr. Reg asks that you arrange with your accompanying friends to achieve a good balance of items from salads, cooked items, drinks and desserts. Home cooked items are always welcome. Coffee, tea, plastic cutlery, glasses, paper plates, napkins, etc. will be supplied.

**NOTE:** In order to ensure enough supplies are on hand, please call 475-4144 in Winnipeg or 756-3788 at the cottage (both have answering machines) by July 15th if you expect to attend. Or, you can e-mail them at [ragallop@mts.net](mailto:ragallop@mts.net)

## Coming Events

### Manitoba Regional Lily Society Annual Lily Show

Date: July 21st - 23rd, 2006  
Place: B.P. Country Courthouse Yard  
282 Hamilton Street Neepawa MB

### North American Lily Society, Inc Presents its 59th Annual Lily Show And Symposium "Reminisce with Lilies"

Date: July 12th - 16th, 2006  
Place: Hosted by The Wisconsin  
Regional Lily Society  
Ramada Convention Center  
205 South Barstow Street  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701 USA  
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### 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,  
please call us at (204) 476-8811 or  
toll-free **1-866-893-0381** Web Site:  
[www.lilyfestival.com](http://www.lilyfestival.com)

### Ontario Regional Lily Society 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Show

Date: July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Place: Royal Botanical Gardens, 680  
Plains Road West, Burlington, ON

### Canadian Prairie Lily Society 40th An- nual Show

Date: July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
Place: Lawson Heights Mall,  
134 Primrose Drive  
Saskatoon, SK  
Info: Sharon Newton Ph: 306-653-0819  
South Saskatchewan Lily Society

### 15th Annual Show

Date: July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Place: Golden Mile Shopping Center,  
Regina, SK.  
Info: Ray Brecht (306) 586-9598

### Alberta Regional Lily Society

#### Annual Martagon Lily Show

Date: July 1st & 2nd  
Place: Devonian Botanical Gardens, west  
on the Yellowhead, then south  
on Hwy #60. Devon, AB

#### A.R.L.S. 21st Annual Lily Show

Date: July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Place: Westmount Centre  
111 Ave & Groat Rd  
Edmonton, AB  
Info: Sharon Bury (780) 763-3509

### MRLS LILY BULB SALES

#### Location 1

Assiniboine Park Conservatory Lobby  
2355 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
(Located in the Assiniboine Park)  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Location 2

*Town Centre Mall*  
Brandon, Manitoba  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Location 3

Dauphin Marketplace Mall  
Dauphin, Manitoba  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## NALS 2006 Show Program

For this year's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Lily Show and Symposium the Wisconsin Regional is proud to invite you back to Eau Claire to 'Reminisce with Lilies'.

For registered NALS members and regional members, the activities begin on Wednesday, July 12, with an 'Early Arrivals' picnic at the home of Sandy and Jim Zelm featuring BBQ'd chicken and some lovely gardens to help you remember why you came - to Live, Talk, and Dream Lilies!

On Thursday, July 13, the festivities continue. Do you have some questions related to the 'Home for the Holidays' class in the Design Section? You can learn all the ins and outs with Mrs. Nancy Gotham's presentation, 'Artistic Design for Table and Functional Table Settings'. Are you having trouble with trumpets? To assist you with your growing needs Mr. Calvin Helsley will give you the 'A -Z on Growing Trumpets'. Have you ever wondered what some of the best plants to grow with lilies might be? Mr. Duane Reynolds will cover 'Growing Lilies and Companion Plants'. Patty and Jeff Henry will provide some entertainment with a dual slide presentation on native flora growing in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and upper Michigan.

Friday, July 14, brings the last chance to stage your Horticulture and Design entries before 8:30 AM; the judging of the show begins shortly after that. Your educational opportunities continue with Mr. Frans Officer's presentation, 'The Journey Continues - Growing Martagons'. Ms. Kristen Swoszowski-Tran will entice the hybridizer in you with 'Using an Uncommon Gang of Three in Hybridizing; *L. rosthornii*, *primulinum*, and *majoense*'. We'll finish the day off with the ever exciting Research Trust Fund Auction.

Saturday, July 15, will be a day of local tours of member and guest gardens. The tour viewers will be divided into two so that one half of the group will take the tour in one direction while the other half will go in the opposite direction. Lunch will be at the crossover point. Lunch will be at "Jakes", a popular establishment on the scenic Red Cedar River, on a deck overlooking the water. The night will bring the Awards ceremony and we hope you are all called up for an award. The Awards Banquet speaker will be Dr. Jim Ault from the Chicago Botanic Gardens speaking on 'How to Breed Lilies for the Midwest Garden'

## Notices:

### 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!

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### NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

In order to put MRLS's money towards lilies, education and events instead of postage stamps, please consider getting your newsletter by e-mail. All you need is a computer, an e-mail account and Adobe Acrobat Reader to receive it in pdf format. Sign up to get your newsletter by e-mail by sending a message to the newsletter editor, [nigel@lilynook.mb.ca](mailto:nigel@lilynook.mb.ca) Thanks!

### Volunteer Show Clerks Needed for MRLS / Neepawa Lily Fest Show 2006 July 21st, 2006

Please contact Marlene Puls at 204-269-3499 Home, E-mail: [marlene99@shaw.ca](mailto:marlene99@shaw.ca)

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