



Manitoba Lily Connection

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President's Message

Dear fellow lily enthusiasts;

By the time you read this the ground should be white with snow and your lilies settled in for the winter. It is not even the end of the year and I am sure you are, as I am, dreaming of next year's lily season. Soon you will be perusing bulb and seed catalogues, maybe even planting some lily seeds that you harvested and planning your lily garden for next year.

It was a busy year starting with the Spring seminar with guest speaker David Sims, our first martagon exhibition, the MRLS sponsored lily show hosted with the Neepawa Lily festival and most importantly our main fundraiser, the fall bulb sales which enable us to host all the events. Many of our members also found the time to attend the NALS show in Edmonton. Throughout the year, the research committee did an excellent job educating lily gardeners about the lily beetle. We now also have a heritage plot started with over 27 hybrids developed by Ed Robinson of Wawanesa and 11 hybrids Frank Skinner of Dropmore. This worthwhile project to preserve and display Manitoba developed lilies I am sure will grow in the coming year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our members that volunteered their time and energy to organize MRLS events and projects this past year. Also a big thanks to the MRLS board members who behind the scenes keep everything running smoothly. Without you we would not have the super and friendly organization that we all enjoy to be part of. THANK YOU!!

As the year comes to an end it is also time for membership renewals please check out the membership form found on page 7 in the newsletter

as you will not want to miss out on upcoming events.

Looking ahead to the 2008 season, we can be sure to fulfill our lily passion starting with the spring seminar on March 29th in Winnipeg. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jim Ault from the Chicago Botanical Garden. The Spring seminar is always a great kick start to the lily year sharing ideas with fellow lily friends and perhaps pick up a couple of new lilies, for I know you won't be able to resist! For those who like to show lilies, how about taking part in the Judging school and become a North American Lily Society Accredited judge. If you already are, it is a good opportunity to refresh your knowledge and learn about any changes. Please check out page 5 to find out more. Of course there will be the annual lily shows to attend but that I will save till the next newsletter.

Wishing you all a great holiday season and the very best in the coming year.



Nigel Strohman

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Manitoba Hybridizers:

Stuart Criddle

By Joan Svenson

The Criddle/Vane family was a rather unconventional pioneering family for Manitoba. Their homestead became a focal point for social, sporting and scientific pursuits on the prairies.

Percy Criddle and family left England and came to Canada. They arrived in Brandon and registered a homestead claim on August 24, 1882 at Aweme, near Treesbank. At an early age the children were responsible for their own garden plot and credited their knowledge of plants and insects to their work in the garden.

As adults several of the first generation bred their own plant varieties. Harry bred roses, Evelyn bred vegetables, Stuart bred lilies, Maide bred geraniums, Talbot bred lilacs and he crossed pumpkins with marrows to make marrowkins.

The family built a tennis court early on and in 1914 created the first golf course in the area. One of the hazards was the pigsty, over which the fairway lay. Poor Stuart, whose ball landed in the occupied sty, chased the pig so it wouldn't eat the ball.

Stuarts house was called Gardenview and was built in 1919 with a house raising bee. Stuart enjoyed the many varieties of flowers he grew: pansies, roses, sunflowers and lilacs. He registered a lily that was introduced by the Brandon Experimental Farm in 1965 and named after him — *Lilium Stuart Criddle*, an upfacing Asiatic hybrid, vivid yellow, 2 feet tall with lots of spots.

In 1968 at the age of 91, Stuart was recognized at the first convocation at Brandon University, although he had no formal education. Stuart received an Honorary Doctorate of Science for his life long work studying mammals. On his own and with his siblings, Stuart published more than 20 papers on the subject. In 1963, he received the Ottawa Field Naturalists award for work as a naturalist.

Fall Bulb Sales Report

By Ramona Crowther, Committee Chair

The snow is on the ground and I am sure all your new bulb acquisitions are tucked away safely under it.

Our Fall Sales were once again a success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who supported the Committee in Winnipeg, Brandon and Dauphin. We could not do the sales without you. And, to those members who enlisted their friends and neighbours to help, I hope they enjoyed the party.

B. J. Jackson and Deb Petrie have definitely found out what the folks in Dauphin like, as their sales topped last year - quoting Jennifer Bishop, "Dauphin Rocks!"

Our reliable suppliers offered us an assortment of quality bulbs. The number of martagons was excellent and it was good to see that folks are taking advantage of this beautiful spring flowering lily.

We also added two new organizations to our list of supported gardens. New this year are the University of Manitoba and the Dauphin Horticultural Society.

Some changes are in process for next year so stay tuned for updates. Due to the way the calendar is next year, there will be a sale on each weekend starting September 28th in Winnipeg, October 4th in Brandon, and October 11th in Dauphin. If you miss one, take a road trip and catch another.

Seasons Greeting from the Bulb Sale Committee – see you all at the spring seminar.

Ramona Crowther, Len Giesbrecht, Rita Giesbrecht, Jennifer Bishop, Deb Petrie, Barbara-Jean Jackson, Gwen Jamieson, Sandy Venton, Ted Sobkowich and Marlene Puls.



Research Committee Report

By John Rempel, Chair

The lily beetle continues to thrive in Manitoba. It is endemic from Sidney through to Oakville, and is now firmly in place in Winnipeg from North Kildonan through to River Park South in St. Vital.

I established the phone line in Portage in April and discontinued it at the end of August. Ted Meseyton from Portage gave some tips on the beetle in his newspaper column.

In May, Ed Czarnecki and I made up a poster to place in the major garden centers in greater Winnipeg. Arlene Wheeler from Schriemers is one of our best informants. Many of the garden centers assisted in educating their customers and were able to start to identify the beetle. Duayne Friesen from La Coste has mentioned the beetle on his program and mentioned in his last email that he might have me on his show next year. I mentioned the beetle when I spoke in Steinbach in October.

I kept up my database and recorded 13 calls from Winnipeg. Each caller was given an information package if they desired, either by post or email.

In September, Ed Czarnecki, Ramona Crowther and I came out with a new two-sided handout on the beetle that we handed out at the bulb sale. Ramona was kind enough to get me 200 copies.

The beetle has now been identified in Alberta in the Airdrie area by Lynette Westfall through the CFIA. One researcher indicated that the CFIA knew in the late 1990's that an infested shipment of plants had come from the East and had been widely distributed throughout the prairies.

With the beetle now reported in Alberta, I. Evans and Dolores Nelson From Regina are now concerned with what it will do to the *L. philadelphicum* population in their provinces. They have sent a letter to the premiers of the 3 provinces, outlining their concerns.

Crystal Ernst, who now works for the CFIA stated at NALS in Edmonton that we should not expect any government assistance as they consider it to be a minor pest with insignificant financial impact.

I see no need for a further phone line in Portage. We should consider teaming up with the Portage Horticultural Society on further education and handouts. Perhaps we should have a display at the spring garden show in Portage. We should perhaps wash and disinfect (or examine closely) all bulbs coming from infested areas to make sure that we are not spreading the beetle.

Since its inception, the following indicates numbers of calls received:

2006 reports:	Provincial 32	Winnipeg 4
2007 reports:	Provincial 18	Winnipeg 13

The decreased provincial reports in 2007 does not reflect that the problem was solved. Rather that more information was out there for people to identify the beetle and take action. Some from 2006 would not have called back in 2007 because they had our info package. The low numbers from Winnipeg in 2006 partially reflect that garden centers and growers were unable to identify the beetle until our info campaign in 2007. Speaking to gardeners, a number had the beetle in 2006 but didn't know what they were.

Manitoba Regional Lily Society Heritage Site

On October 22, 2007, the soil was turned at the MRLS Heritage Lily garden site. It was a nice day and 35 varieties were planted in a beautiful plot of land. The driveway to the Lily Nook borders the north edge and a wonderful row of mature evergreens border the south side.

It was a great feeling to be able to get the first group of lilies into the ground. The Heritage committee pooled their efforts. Barrie was the digger of the holes and Nigel was the planter of the bulbs. John Svenson was the label maker for each variety and Joan Svenson was the gopher/go for and made sure the bulbs were planted in order. A map of the garden was made.

On October 29, 2007 three more varieties were added to the garden for a total of 38 varieties and 56 bulbs. See the table below for the list of varieties and where they came from. Once again, our thanks to those who donated bulbs to the garden.

Editor's Note: Next spring take a look around your garden and watch for varieties listed in previous newsletters that can be donated and added to the listing below. Contact John or Joan Svenson at 728 5896 or Barrie and Nigel Strohman at the Lily Nook, 476 3225 to make your donation.

Cultivar	Hybridizer	Division	Qty	Source
Autumn Color	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Autumn Harvest	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Bronze Medallion	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Brotsing	Ed Robinson	II	1	Estate Perennials
Cadense	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Gaybird	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Hantsing	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Harvest Gem	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Magenta Gem	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Orange Marmalade (Tsinson)	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Orchid Gem	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Pink Attraction	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Pink Coral Belle	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Raspberry Delight	Ed Robinson	II	1	Estate Perennials
Red Velour	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Redpath	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Sontsing	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Tsingense	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Whitewood	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Yellowwood	Ed Robinson	II	1	Lily Nook
Lunar Landing	Ed Robinson	I	3	H. Cocker
Manitoba Centennial	Ed Robinson	I	3	H. Cocker
Red Spire	Ed Robinson	I	3	Lily Nook
Retas Comet	Ed Robinson	I	3	Lily Nook
Robinsons Comet	Ed Robinson	I	3	Lily Nook
Summer Tan	Ed Robinson	I	3	Lily Nook
Winered	Ed Robinson	I	3	Estate Perennials
Black Prince	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Skinner's Nursery
Blush	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Skinner's Nursery
Glacier	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Skinner's Nursery
Guinea Gold	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Lily Nook
Helen Skinner	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Skinner's Nursery
Ivory	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Skinner's Nursery
Redman	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Lily Nook
Rosalinda	F. L. Skinner	II	1	Skinner's Nursery
Sunset Glow	F. L. Skinner	II	1	J & J Svenson Shauna & Terry
Dunkirk	F. L. Skinner	I	3	Willoughby
Skinner's Orange	F. L. Skinner	I	3	B.J. Jackson

MANITOBA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY Coming Events 2008

JUDGING SCHOOL - Saturday, March 1, 2008

Location: CanadInn in Portage la Prairie.

Cost is \$20.00. The full day course will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is on your own. Participants will need to purchase the new Judge's Handbook prior to the course. These can be obtained from Marlene Puls. See back page for contact information. If you are interested in the full or refresher program, please contact Barrie Strohman at 476-3225. Accurate numbers are required to ensure availability of sufficient materials for all. NALS has recommended that all accredited judges should take a refresher program to remain current in their status.

SPRING SEMINAR & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Saturday, March 29, 2008

Location: Holiday Inn Airport West, 2520 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

Registration fee: \$25.00 - Includes coffee breaks and lunch

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Ault is currently the Director of Environmental Horticulture at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Morning Presentation: "Species Lilies Worth Growing"; Afternoon Presentation: "A Walk Down one Lily Breeder's Garden Path". Detailed program to follow in the March newsletter. To register, see page 7.

MARTAGON SHOW - Saturday, June 28, 2008

The Board of Directors has confirmed that the Martagon Show will now become an annual event on the MRLS calendar. Because of the excellent response to the exhibition in 2007, the 2008 show will be a fully accredited event. Show Chair is Sandy Venton. Stay tuned for further details!

NALS 2008 Conference and Show - Wednesday, July 2 to Sunday, July 6, 2008

Location: Sidney, British Columbia at the Mary Winspear Centre

Speakers: Brian Matthew (UK), John Lykkegaard (Denmark), Dr. Wayne Hoffman (Oregon), Harry Hill and Gordon Wallis (North American species growers)

For more information see www.nals2008.org

Annual Show - July 26, 2008

Location: Winnipeg

Stay tuned for further information in the next newsletters

Fall Bulb Sales

Saturday, September 28, 2008 - Winnipeg

Saturday, October 4, 2008 - Brandon

Saturday, October 11, 2008 - Dauphin

THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY, INC.

A SOCIETY TO PROMOTE THE CULTURE OF LILIES



3830 20th Ave,
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August 9, 2007

Dear Regional Member:

On behalf of the North American Lily Society it is a pleasure to bring greetings to all those who are admirers of the lily.

The Alberta Regional Lily Society planning committee and membership presented an unique 60th Anniversary Show in Edmonton this July. It is certainly worth celebrating when people from all over North America and the folks overseas find joy in making their world more beautiful. The goal of NALS is to promote the culture of lilies.

I congratulate you on belonging to your local Lily Society and invite you to join NALS. If you want to find out more about lilies and have contact with other lily enthusiast thoughtout the world these are a few good reasons for choosing to become a member of NALS:

- 4 colour quarterly bulletins.
- A hardbound Yearbook that celebrates the major events in the world of lilies
- You can participate in the seed exchange at minimum cost.
- You have access to a large lending library
- You can participate in an International NALS Show
- New members receive a copy of "Let's Grow Lilies"

Your membership can be purchased on line www.lilies.org or you can send your membership to Stephanie Sims, Executive Secretary, PO Box W, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805. Dues are paid in USA funds \$20 per year or\$55 for three years.

You are invited to show your zeal for NALS and the genus liliium by inviting your fellow gardeners to grow lilies and become involved in the various organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dolores".

Dolores Nelson, President

Notices:

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THE TIME HAS COME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS !

(Membership expiry date can be found on the Address label after surname i.e. Dec 07)

M.R.L.S. Membership Renewal Form

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE# _____

SEND TO: MARLENE PULS, 99 MACALESTER BAY, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2X6
Make Cheques Payable to MRLS

2008 Seminar Registration Form

Please pre-register by March 21st, 2008

\$25.00 - Includes coffee breaks and noon meal.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE# _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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