



Manitoba Lily Connection

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President's Message

Dear fellow lily enthusiasts;

With the lily season coming to an end, we have just the last few orientals in bloom with *L. speciosum* yet to show her pretty face. It was a different growing year again with a cool spring and most of the summer, the lilies were later than normal but they sure put on a strong showing with some of the colors really standing out!

Thank you to all those who attended and participated in the Lily Shows this summer. Although the Martagon show was low on stems, the summer shows in Neepawa and Winnipeg were quite a success with a good selection from the different divisions. Please check out the show reports you will find in this newsletter for more information. A Manitoba Heritage sign as well as name stakes have been added to the Heritage Garden. The bulbs have now settled in and should put on a good showing next year. We hope to be able to add more cultivars this fall.

Now it is time to think about your gardens, what lilies are to be divided and moved and be sure to include in your garden plans some space for some new lilies you might just find at one of the MRLS fall bulbs Sales. There are two new Orienpets from the work of Dr. Griesbach that Jeffries nurseries have increase and named, 'Northern Dazzler' and 'Northern Delight'. As well there are two new tetraploid asiatics, 'Portage Gold' and 'Portage Orange'. These are being offered for the first time ever at the upcoming bulb sales so be sure to get there early to stake your bulb!! These along with many other fine gems you will be sure to find! Mark down the dates on your calendar and see inside this

newsletter for details. Remember, you as a Manitoba Regional Lily Society member, are entitled to 10% discount with your coupon included or membership card at the MRLS sponsored sales.

President, and your lily friend;
Nigel Strohmman



Species lily duchartrei exhibited at the Winnipeg Show

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Lynn Collicutt Receives NALS Regional Service Medal

Noted Manitoba horticulturist and lily breeder Lynn Collicutt recently received the North American Lily Society Service Medal from Manitoba President Nigel Strohmman. The presentation, made at the 2008 NALS meeting in Victoria BC, recognized Lynn's contribution to the lily world.

She was instrumental in founding the Manitoba Regional Lily Society in 1983. The Manitoba regional has grown to about 250 members and is now one of the strongest regional NALS societies. Lynn worked as a plant breeder at Morden and developed Parkland roses, Monarda and award winning garden lilies.

Lynn Collicutt is recognized for breeding work in developing two of the best garden lily introductions in recent years. 'Easter Morn' a hardy Easter lily hybrid and Northern Carillon a popular Orienpet lily hybrid are among the 10 most popular garden lilies in North America.



Lynn Collicutt is presented with the NALS Service Medal by MRLS President, Nigel Strohmman. (Photo courtesy Art Evans)

MRLS Board Of Directors Meeting Schedule 2008-09

November 15, 2008 February 14, 2009
May 23, 2009 August 22, 2009

BULB SALE 2008

By: Ramona Crowther, Bulb Sale Committee Chair

WOW! What a year Mother Nature has given us so far. Are you ready to come and get that new 'must have' bulb from the great selection the Bulb Sale Committee has gathered together for you? There are lots of new additions to the collection.

For Winnipeg this year it is a **ONE DAY ONLY** sale in a **NEW** location at the **St. James Civic Centre, 2055 Ness Avenue**. Brandon and Dauphin will be looking after you at their regular locations. Each sale will have a crew of lily "people" with whom to share information and ask questions. Winnipeg is Saturday, September 27th, Brandon is Saturday, October 4th and Dauphin is Saturday, October 12th.

Featured this year are prairie hybridized bulbs from the Canadian Belle series and the Northern series with two **NEW** Northern bulbs – so new they have only just been named, Northern Dazzle and Northern Delight. Please see the color insert for photos of these two beauties. Also new, are two tetraploid Asiatics – Portage Gold and Portage Orange. Come and see the display to select a made in Manitoba bulb with experts on hand to answer your questions. All were hybridized and grown right here in Manitoba so you know they are all hardy!!!

From the OA's (Oriental X Asiatic), we have four in the Crown series specially priced at \$9.00. For those wanting LA's, (Longiflorum X Asiatic), we have an excellent selection and in particular six from the Diamond series at only \$5.00 & \$5.50.

In demand in our bulk area, we will have a mix of Fellner Asiatics at only \$3.00 a bulb, and bulk trumpet seedlings on offer.

We were also able once again to secure some martagon seedlings in a variety of colours from western Canadian sources. This is a great way to start your martagon collection for only \$10.00 – a spring blooming martagon in 2009!!!

Mail order is available for those unable to visit the sale locations, however not all varieties will be on the mail order list. Again this year we are offering 10% off your purchases to all MRLS members both on mail order and personal shopping (see coupon attached to newsletter). We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please present your coupon or MRLS membership card to the cashier when paying for your purchases.

2008 MRLS Shows Report

The Manitoba Regional Lily Society held three NALS sanctioned Shows this year: the Martagon Show on June 28th, the Neepawa Show on July 19th in conjunction with the Neepawa Lily Festival and the main show in Winnipeg on July 26th. As you may expect, it was a busy month for our judges. Thanks to Barrie Strohman and Wilbert Ronald, we now have about 15 accredited and student judges, for which I am truly grateful.

Our first show, the 1st Annual Martagon Show was, unfortunately, a huge disappointment. On the basis of our last year Martagon Display, which was held on Canada Day that had 93 entries, we held the 2008 Show on the Saturday before Canada Day. Thirteen entries were displayed. I myself did not have even one open martagon, among the 400+ stems in my garden. It was a heartbreaker for sure, but all of the judges crowded around each entry, and we finally picked the winners.

Jennifer Bishop entered Martagon album and won best species, Marlene Puls entered Marv Joslin No. 2 seedling and won best lily in show and the sweepstakes for most ribbons won. Although the weather put a damper on our enthusiasm, we intend to hold the 2nd Annual Martagon Show next year. Perhaps the weather will be more conducive to open flowers.

The Neepawa Show, on the other hand, came through without a hitch. We had 178 entries from 19 exhibitors. There was a lovely display of asiatics LAs, a few trumpets, many orientpets and a decent number of species. The winners of that show were:

- Best Stem of a Cultivated Lily Species (Hunter Family Award), B. J. Jackson, L. leichtlinii var. maximowiczii
- Best Stem in Show (Lily Festival Award),

Glenda MacPhee, M. Tsingense

- Best Stem Developed by a Prairie Breeder (Highland Glen Award), B. J. Jackson, In The Zone (J. Sullivan, Saskatoon SK)
- Best Martagon in Show (The Greenhouse, Neepawa Award), Glenda MacPhee, M. Tsingense
- Best Named Asiatic in Show (Kareen's Clothing Award), John Rempel, Ariadne
- Best Stem Grown From Seed and Exhibited by the Breeder (Lily Nook Award), J. Svenson, Lime Yellow Seedling
- Best Trumpet/Aurelian in Show (Westway Inn Award), Barrie Strohman, Regale Album
- Best Orange Lily in Show (Orange Lodge Award), J. Svenson, Grace Marshall
- Best Design Section J (Garden View Farm Award), Shelby Gillies
- Best Design, Section K (Beyond the Garden Gate Award), Glenda MacPhee

Again, although there were a large number of stems entered, our judges worked their way through them, and the show opened on time. Our thanks to the Neepawa Lily Festival for all their hard work.

The Winnipeg Show at Kildonan Place Mall tried to get through without any hitches. Although Barrie and Nigel Strohman, who are our Classification Committee, and without whom we would be utterly lost, did their duty in Neepawa, they were unable to do classification in Winnipeg. Needless to say, there was a lot of placing and rearranging of stems, but the show went fairly smoothly after that. We had a huge number of interdivisional entries, LAs, more orientpets than I've seen before, LOs, and OAs, some of which have never before been entered in an MRLS show (no martagons – they came and went quickly once the weather warmed up). There were 199 stems entered from 21 exhibitors, so many that we actually ran out of stemholders, and had to use whatever container was available.

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The winners of that show were:

- Best Stem of a Cultivated Lily Species (Criddle Award), Wilma Maurice, *L. davidii*
- Best Stem in Show (Lillian Luky Award), John Rempel, Unnamed Trumpet/Aurelian,
- Best Stem in Show Developed by a Prairie Breeder (Prairie Pride Award), Fran Wershler, Easter Morn
- Best Stem Grown From Seed and Exhibited by the Breeder (Dr. F. L. Skinner Award), Ed Czarnecki, Seedling 2002-L26
- Best Trumpet/Aurelian in Show, (Thomas & Lynn Smith Award), John Rempel, Herald Angel White
- Best Interspecific Hybrid in Show Excluding LA Hybrids (Jean Ericksen Award), John Rempel, Unnamed Trumpet/Aurelian
- Best LA Hybrid from Division VII (Gordon Danzinger Award), Ed Maza, Kentucky
- Best Design in Section K (Design Award), Jennifer Bishop, Tickled Pink

I must say that without all the volunteers who came to set up the show, ran hither and thither placing stems, getting water for the stemholders, helping people, doing classification, and generally all of the dog-body work, the Winnipeg Show might have collapsed under its own weight.

My thanks to all of the judges, clerks, helpers, go-fers, etc. who made each one of these shows a success. Being a gardener, and being an eternal optimist (which is what a gardener is), I have high hopes for next year, which will have a mild spring, moderate summer temperatures, ample rain, and no storms. I also think that I am dreaming.

Sandy Venton,
Show Chair and Classification Wannabee.



MRLS 2008

Fall Bulb Sales

(9 a.m. to 4 p.m. all locations)

Winnipeg Site
Saturday, 27 September
St. James Civic Centre,
2055 Ness Avenue

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Brandon Site
Saturday, 4 October 2008
Town Centre Mall,
800 Rosser Avenue

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Dauphin Site
Saturday, 11 October
The Marketplace Mall,
1450 Main Street

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HELP WANTED!!!

Volunteers are needed

to help dig bulbs at

the Lily Nook

September 13th.

If you can help,

contact Ramona Crowther,

Bulb Sale Committee Chair

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