



# Manitoba Lily Connection

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## President's Message - John Rempel

As I sit down to write this article, it seems that the summer is already slipping away even though it's only the first week in June. We had an excellent turnout for our annual membership meeting/seminar. Our guest speaker, Frans Officer presented a fine program on Martagons featuring gardens from well known martagon growers, as well as tips on taking good photographs of the plants that we grow. We had about 60 people in attendance, one of our largest seminars ever. It was good to see a number of new comers that I hadn't met before.

What a change from last year! Last year I reported that the martagons were a foot tall and that the OT's were just pushing out of the ground. With our harsh November and a very early/warm spring, things are totally different. According to reports, many of us have lost most of our rose bushes as well as many mature and seedling OT's. This year, the martagons are three feet tall with unfurling buds, asiatics are showing buds and one of my old OT's beside the house is already 54 inches tall.

There are three Manitoba lily shows slated for July. Please check for further information elsewhere in this newsletter. Several of our members are planning to attend the NALS show in Mars Pa. from July 7-11. There is usually a good representation from our Manitoba club.

At the May 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting, it was decided to accept the invitation to host the 2012 NALS show in Winnipeg if a suitable venue is available. The last show that we hosted was in 2005. More information will become available as time goes on.

Well that's it for now. Happy gardening and I hope to see many of you this summer at the various shows and events.

## 2010 Show Information

*(For further information, see the show schedules included with your newsletter. Ed.)*

### 3rd Annual Martagon Show

Saturday, July 3rd 2010

Assiniboine Park Conservatory

### 26th Annual MRLS Show

Saturday, July 17th 2010

Kildonan Place Shopping Centre

### 14th Annual Lily Festival Show

Friday, July 23rd to Sunday, July 25th

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## 2010 MRLS Lily Shows

*By: Deborah Petrie*

The MRLS is hosting two lilies shows this year. They are open to members and non members alike so grab your friends and neighbors and help them cut and stage their beauties for both our shows. Don't forget to bring your rhubarb if you have it!

The first show of the season is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Martagon show to be held at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. In my garden it promises to be a great martagons year so I plan to attend and show all that I can transport. I hope you will, too. The more stems the better. You can never have enough Martagons in one place in my opinion anyway.

The next show will take place at Kildonan Place Shopping Centre on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. This show is our 26<sup>th</sup> annual show and the largest of the season. It, too, is open to all who love lilies. All kinds of lilies. OTs, LOs, Asiatics and many more will be on display. A design section is also included in this show. (see enclosed show schedule for details).

As always our shows can't be a success without your participation. So come show your lilies, come look at what others are showing and come help out with the event. Volunteers are needed for both our shows and specifically for the Kildonan Place show. What ever time you are able to contribute between 11:00 AM and 6:00PM is appreciated. Contact Deborah Petrie at [petrie@mts.net](mailto:petrie@mts.net) or Sandy Venton at [felix1@mts.net](mailto:felix1@mts.net) with your availability to help with either show.

Almost forgot. Don't forget the Neepawa and Area Lily Festival Show on July 23rd 2010. The MRLS will be there showing lilies and judging this event.



*Ramona, Len and Sandy at the Mother's Day Sale.  
Photo: Gwen Jamieson*

## Mother's Day Sale Report

*by Ramona Crowther*

At the invitation of The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory, we once again participated in their annual Mother's Day Sale on Sunday, May 9th.

This year the tent was set up on the grounds in front of the Canadian Mennonite University on Shaftesbury Road.

What a beautiful site to see all the annuals and perennials after what seemed a long winter. MRLS sold lily bulbs and planted bulbs in pots. We had a great success introducing new folks to the Society and getting them interested in planting a lily.

Master salesman Len Giesbrecht, Gwen Jamieson, Sandy Venton and Jack Kuhl assisted with our task which is a good start for 2010. Stay tuned for the next newsletter with all the news for the Fall Bulb Sales.

## 2010 Spring Seminar Report

*By: Deborah Petrie Seminar convener*

With the help of John Rempel, Marlene Puls, Sandy Venton, Ramona Crowther and many others members this years seminar went off without a hitch, as usual. Living in Brandon I could not have done this without them all.

This year's seminar was the largest in recent memory with 68 people attending. Many present where newcomers to the society and the seminar. I look forward to seeing them again at upcoming lily functions.

Our speaker, Frans Officer had the audience in stitches throughout both his presentations. I know I will never look at frogs quite the same way as I did prior to seeing his photos.

His tour of the martagons world introduced the newcomers to the delights of this often overlooked lily species and for the die hard martie lovers it was an eye opener to what is new, different and on the must have list in the martagons world.

Frans's presentation about garden photography had me looking at my camera and my garden in a whole new way. I hope the many tips he showed us will help me in showcasing the beauty of my obsession.

The food presented by the Holiday Inn Airport South was, as always, plentiful and delicious with a buffet lunch and snacks throughout the day to temp all.

Our business meeting was short and sweet allowing everyone time to attend to the purchasing of the many great cultivars on sale. Naomi Wiebe donated a lovely cross-stitched jacket for the raffle and Ramona Crowther put on a great Pick-a-Prize event. Prizes from books to bulbs made the selection of where to put my tickets a very difficult pleasure.

My thanks go out to all the members and executive who without their help this event would not have been such a success. I hope to see all who attended present with friends in tow next year.

Happy gardening!



*Frans Officer at the podium*



*The bulb sale table was a busy place and Nigel Strohmans was kept busy restocking bulbs*

## MRLS Heritage Garden – April 2010

The following Manitoba lilies are now in the heritage garden.

We are still on the lookout for any Manitoba lilies! If you have any lilies from any Manitoba hybridizers or any lilies that are old and you think this may be heritage lilies, please contact any one of us who make up the Heritage lily committee.

Barrie Strohman – Neepawa, MB, 204-476-3225, [barrie@lilynook.mb.ca](mailto:barrie@lilynook.mb.ca)

John or Joan Svenson – Brandon, MB 204-728-9036

<b>Ed Robinson</b>		<b>F. L. Skinner</b>	
<b>ASIATICS</b>	<b>MARTAGONS</b>	<b>ASIATICS</b>	<b>MARTAGONS</b>
Lunar Landing	Autumn Color	Dunkirk	Black Prince
Manitoba Centennial	Autumn Harvest	Skinner's Orange	Blush
Red Spire	Bronze Medallion	Lemon Lady	Glacier
Retas Comet	Brotsing	L. scottiae	Guinea Gold
Robinsons Comet	Cadense		Helen Skinner
Summer Tan	Gaybird		Ivorine
Winered	Hantsing		Redman
Northern Lights	Harvest Gem		Rosalinda
Prairie Gold	Magenta Gem		Sunset Glow
Snow Bunting	Orange Marmalade (Tsinson)		
Summer Moon	Orchid Gem		
Prairie Pink	Pink Attraction		
Prairie Gold	Pink Coral Belle		
Purple Robed	Raspberry Delight		
	Red Velour		
	Redpath		
	Sontsing		
	Tsingense		
	Whitewood		
	Yellowwood		
<b>Work of Dr W.G. Ronald and L. Collicutt</b>		<b>Phyllis Pierrepont</b>	
<b>INTERDIVISIONAL</b>	<b>ASIATICS</b>	<b>ASIATICS</b>	
Northern Beauty	Morden Butterfly	Phyllis Irene	
Northern Carillon	Portage Gold		
Northern Sensation	Portage Orange		
Northern Star			
Easter Morn			
Ivory Belles			
Golden Belles			
Fiery Belles			
Easter Charm			
Easter Dawn			
Silky Belles			

## 2010 Field Day and Open Gardens

**Diann Putland—Hillcrest Harmony Flowers**  
**Churchbridge SK**  
**July 25 to August 3**

Open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday to Saturday; 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sundays. ALL OTHER TIMES by appointment only. Diann writes that if you are unable to visit during these times, please call ahead so we may be available to assist you. Phone 306-896-2992.

The main website is at <http://www.hillcrestharmoney.com> and there is a map to get you there at [http://www.hillcrestharmoney.com/Sask\\_map.htm](http://www.hillcrestharmoney.com/Sask_map.htm). Wouldn't want anyone getting lost!

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**Dr. Reg and Pat Gallop's Field Day,**  
**Sandy Bay MB**  
**Date: Saturday July 10th**

There will be many martagon lilies to enjoy in a quiet, 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.

**Directions:** 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. Please 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 or 756-3788 if you expect to attend. Or, you can e-mail Reg and Pat [atragallop@mts.net](mailto:atragallop@mts.net).

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**Barrie and Nigel Strohman—The Lily Nook**  
**Neepawa MB (4 km south of Neepawa on highway #5.)**  
**Open Dates: July 1st to July 31st. Lily Fields open during Neepawa Lily Festival**

They write: We invite you to visit us here at the Lily Nook to view over 2000 named varieties in their peak bloom. Over 150 varieties of potted lilies are available at this time. For those interested in a lily souvenir or a lily gift check out our Lily Gift Shoppe. The annual Neepawa Lily Festival is July 23rd - 25th. That week the Lily Nook growing fields are open to the public to walk through and to enjoy the vast color range of the lilies. We are located in beautiful farm land and look forward to welcoming you. this summer.

# Fred Fellner Registered Lily Project

Submitted by: Adam Yakabouskie, Calgary AB

*Editor's Note: Adam has asked to have this report and request included in our newsletter. If you can help, please contact him directly at martagon@shaw.ca*

I am working on three projects, to collect and distribute Fred Fellner's lilies. The bulbs are required for fall delivery, and a quantity of 5 bulbs of each in total are required.

1st Project—Relocate Fred Fellner Lilies back to Fred's Farm (2 bulbs required)

I have visited Fred's garden over the last couple of years and asked on one occasion where all his registered lilies were located. Fred's response was "I gave them to people who liked them". Out of the 50 or so lilies that Fred has registered, only 8 remain on his property. I am looking to collect all of Fred's registered lilies and bring them back home. I can already see the smile on Fred's face.

2nd Project—Fred Fellner Lily Bed at Olds College (2 bulbs required)

Olds College is opening up a new Botanical Garden, and would like to dedicate a lily bed for all of Fred's registered lilies. The ARLS will work with Olds College to make sure this bed is maintained and set up properly.

3rd Project—Fred's lilies in my own garden (1 bulb required)

Fred has really influenced me in growing and hybridizing my own lilies. I have been hybridizing lilies now for two years, thanks to Fred. I would like to grow all of Fred's lilies in my garden.

Listed below are lilies we are still searching for:

Alice Moger

Denise

Firefox

Heather's Promise

Marjorie Linda

Melusina

Raspberry on Whip

Snow Leopard

Apricot Cream

Diana

Gienah

Ice Cream

Mary Margaret

Plum Blossum

Rosemary Margaret

Spacious Living

Brown Buttercup

Elenore Edna

Golden Summer

Lindsey Jennifer

Master's Touch

Prairie Jewel

Smokie

Wanda

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