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President's Message

I have a question for everyone - has it been a long and cold enough winter for you? It certainly has been for me. I found myself loitering in the flower/plant department of Safeway this afternoon just to see some green and growing things. A visit to a local garden centre seems to be in order as well, not to mention spending time with both paper and online lily catalogues and planning my additions to my 2013 garden.

Plans are set for the Spring Seminar and Annual General Meeting to be held this year in Winnipeg. With informative local speakers, good food, a library to browse, lily bulbs for sale and prizes to be won, what better way to kick off the lily season? I hope many of you will attend and enjoy this event.

My term as President ends in April. It has been an eventful two years which I have enjoyed immensely. The MRLS is blessed with many member volunteers who step up to the plate and do what is necessary to get the job done. For them I am very grateful. They have taught me what true and unselfish volunteerism is all about.

We've had to tweak some of the dates and venues for a few of the MRLS 2013 events so please check out the revised schedule on page 5. It is going to be a great year and I hope to see you at one of these events.

To my fellow board members who are the backbone of the MRLS, I thank you. Your love of the genus *Lilium*, your hard work, and your dedication to the delivery of member services for the MRLS has been an inspiration to me.

Deborah Petrie
Fellow Lily Lover



So spring is on its way, eh? You wouldn't know it from the lily display garden at Brandon University! About three feet of insulation will ensure there is no early emergence.

Photo courtesy B. J. Jackson

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Announcement from Reg and Pat Gallop

It is with deep reluctance and regret that Pat and I have decided that we must soon give up our Cottage with its gardens, inspiring, peaceful beauty, and restfulness, at Sandy Bay, on Lake Winnipeg, RMVB, Manitoba. We have been delighted to share this "little bit of Eden" with so many for the past 40 years, including with our wonderful Lily friends for our annual Field Day Picnics, NALS Show tours, and other visits. All of us have great, thankful, memories of these so pleasant occasions that will remain with us always.

But now aging and its relentless toll on our health and stamina, has made it too difficult for us to cope with the physical work involved in properly caring for our over 1000 lovely lilies (mostly Martagons from MRLS), and numerous other beautiful plants there; and so we will be offering this property for sale this coming Summer. We hope that a buyer with strong Gardening interests will be able to take it over, to keep it in the good condition that it deserves while enjoying its many attractions. It is with this hope, that we are informing you now, in case any of you, who know it well, may possibly be interested.

Pat and I expect to be at the forthcoming MRLS Spring Seminar, and will then be able to give anyone interested more details, including pictures. We will be moving a few of the lilies and shrubs there to some raised beds that we will have built shortly at our home in the city so that we can keep up our interests in and enjoyment of these beauties, with minimal efforts.

With Best Wishes, for an early, wonderful Spring, and a great Gardening Season soon to come for us all.

From The Editor

(By: B. J. Jackson)

After seven years as newsletter editor and another three assisting the previous editor with proofreading, printing and mailing, this newsletter is my last for the Manitoba Regional Lily Society. It has been a definite learning experience for me in many ways, and I have enjoyed immensely working with the Board of Directors and the members of the Society in assisting them to provide the best in education and lily related experiences. I've seen a lot of changes during my tenure, most notably the move to offering the newsletter by e-mail to reduce the costs to the Society.

I will miss working with you all and in particular, the biggest part of my job, nagging authors to submit their articles and news events. I hope you will continue your support to whomever takes over the job next. It is time for me to move on and get back to the gardens.

Thank you once again and I'll see you in the garden and at the MRLS events, of course!

MRLS 2013 Spring Seminar

(By Ted Sobkowich)

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2013

Time: Registration begins at 8:30 am, the Welcome at 9:00 am

Place: CanadInnPolo Park, 1405 St. Matthews Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0K5

The daylight is getting longer, the temperatures are warming up, the MRLS annual Seminar is coming, Spring is arriving in Manitoba! Thoughts turn to seeds and planting. But where did those lily hybrids come from, that we all so love. This year, we have our own talents to draw upon, to tell us how to get our own lily seeds. We begin with John Rempel's 'Hybridizing 101'. We will learn how easy it is to cross lilies and produce our own "Hybrid Lily Seeds".

If you missed the NALS Show and Conference in July, you now have the chance to hear Nigel Strohman give his presentation on the breeding work of Ed Robinson and the ongoing evaluation of his martagon seedlings. In the afternoon, our education continues with 'Hybridizing 102', by Dr. Wilbert Ronald. He will tell us about the current hybridizing between the different lily groups.

All the talks will have tantalizing photos. Of course, we will have the chance to buy some hybrids at lunch time! Also, it is our Annual General Meeting, if you have the desire to help direct the Society, there are positions on the Board available. The day ends with our Pick-a-Prize Draws.

Think Spring!

A Short Note on Species.

As I'm thinking about this year's Spring Seminar, I wondered, how many species that were used to make the early hybrid lilies would be hardy enough to grow here in Manitoba.

I took a quick look at Wikipedia's list of species and a couple of books. There are about 100 species and their variants. We can grow all 5 species of the Martagon Section: *L. martagon*, *L. hansonii*, *L. tsingtauense*, *L. distichum*, *L. medeoloides*, and their variants. From the Candidum Section, we can grow *L. bulbiferum* and perhaps *L. monadelphum*. In the Asiatic Section the species are: *L. davidii*, *L. duchartrei*, *L. henryi*, *L. lancifolium*, *L. lankongense*, *L. leichtlinii*, *L. amabile*, *L. cernuum*, *L. concolor*, *L. pumilum*, and perhaps *L. callosum*, *L. taliense* and *L. wardii*. The Trumpet Section gives: *L. leucanthum*, *L. regale*, and perhaps *L. sargentiae*. With the Oriental Section, perhaps *L. auratum* and *L. speciosum*, for a couple of years. The Dauricum Section has *L. dauricum* and *L. maculatum* (also known as *L. wilsonii*). Finally from the American Section: *L. pardalinum*, *L. canadense*, *L. michiganense*, *L. superbum*, and if you are very fortunate, *L. philadelphicum*.

With those species and all their variant forms, that is quite a number of Lily species for your Manitoba garden.

How many do you grow?

MANITOBA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY

2013 SPRING SEMINAR AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, April 6th, 2013 - CanadInn PoloPark Winnipeg
1405 St Matthews Ave, Winnipeg, MB, R3G 0K5**

(Registration - \$30.00 - Includes coffee breaks and hot lunch)

PROGRAM

8:30 - Registration / Coffee / Socializing

9:00 - Welcome by Vice-President – *Ted Sobkowich*

9:15 – Lily Hybridizing 101– *John Rempel*

10:30 - COFFEE BREAK & SOCIALIZING

11:00 – Ed Robinson’s Lilies– *Nigel Strohman*

**12:00 – LUNCH, SOCIALIZING,
FOLLOWED BY SPRING BULB SALE**

**1:30 - MRLS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- (Nominations for Officers & Directors)**

2:00 – Lily Hybridizing 102 – *Dr. Wilbert Ronald*

3:00 - COFFEE BREAK & SOCIALIZING

3:15 – Pick-a-Prize Draws

4:00 - Closing (Approximately)

2013 Events Schedule (Revised)

Gardening Saturday - March 23rd, 2013
Canadian Mennonite University
500 Shaftbury Blvd Wpg. MB

MRLS Spring Seminar—Saturday, April 6th, 2013
CanadInn Polo Park
1405 St Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

North American Lily Society Show and Convention
"Celebrating Lilies in the Heartland"
June 26-30, 2013
West Des Moines, Iowa

MRLS Combined Show - Saturday, July 13th, 2013
Grant Park Shopping Centre,
1120 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Neepawa Lily Festival Show - July 19th, 2013
Neepawa, MB

Fall Bulb Sales

Winnipeg - October 5th, 2013
Assiniboine Park Conservatory
15 Conservatory Drive, Winnipeg, MB

Brandon - October 5th, 2013
Central Community Centre
529 - 4th Street, Brandon, MB

Dauphin - October 12th, 2013
Market Place Mall
1450 Main St. South, Dauphin, MB

MRLS Awards Windup
Tentative date—October 19th 2013
Wpg, MB - Venue TBA

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