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President's Message

Here it is August 31st. Warm, then hot, then cloudy and cool, windy with some rain, a bit like the whole summer has been. Hopefully, the season has been good for all, even with the late start, battling with the lily beetle, the very hot days.

Did you take time to enjoy our lily show in Winnipeg and the Lily Festival in Neepawa, or even the North American Lily Show and Convention in Des Moines, Iowa?

Did you wonder at the first flower of a lily seed, from a cross that you made a couple of years ago or from the bulb you planted last fall?

As we look at the very, very late lily blossoms and the swelling and ripening lily seedpods, I look forward to seeing what new bulbs are available this fall at our Annual Fall Bulb Sale. We are back at the Conservatory so note the venue change. I understand that the bulb committee is busy looking and placing orders for the Oct 5th sale in Winnipeg and Brandon and the Oct 12th sale in Dauphin.

Some good news. There will be a new lily introduction from the lily breeding work of Dr. Wilbert Ronald. See page four for further details and pictures.

Keep the date, October 19th, open for our fall potluck get together when the awards from the July Show will be handed out to the winners. There will also be also a short video presentation will be given.

See you this Fall,

Ted Sobkowich



The Connection by Email

MAKE IT YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF DELIVERY

Change your newsletter delivery method to email and help the MRLS go "GREEN". Some of the benefits to you are:

1. A new feature in selected newsletters starting December 2013 will be bonus picture pages not included in the printed newsletter.
2. Full colour all the time and every time.
3. Less mess, less clutter, less fuss. No more trying to figure out where to put all those paper copies.
4. Faster delivery to your inbox! Get all the information faster and more efficiently. No more waiting for the Mail-order bulb list to come to your door. No more waiting to find out the details of upcoming important MRLS events.
5. That satisfaction that comes from knowing you are being a responsible custodian of our environment

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2013 MRLS SHOW AWARDS

NEEPAWA SHOW

BARRIE STROHMAN AWARD

Best Stem in the Show
John & Joan Svenson (Brandon)
Entry - Elora

Lillian Luky Award

Best Stem in Show developed by a Prairie Breeder
John & Joan Svenson (Brandon)
Entry - Elora

William Silversides Award

Best named Asiatic Lily in the Show
BJ Jackson – BU (Brandon)
Entry - Stroynaya

Dr. F.L. Skinner Award

Best Stem grown from Seed and exhibited by the Breeder
Ed Cznarecki (Wpg)
Entry - Seedling

Thomas & Lynn Smith Award

Best Trumpet/Aurelian in the Show
John Rempel (Wpg)
Entry - seedling

Jean Ericksen Award

Best Interspecific Hybrid (Div VIII) in the Show.(Excluding
L.A. Hybrids)
John Rempel (Wpg)
Entry - Easter Morn

Gordon Danzinger Award

Best L.A. Hybrid from Division VIII
Kathy Sanderson (Holland)
Entry - Globe

Junior Design Award

Best Design in Section J
Declan Smith (Neepawa)
Entry - School Time

Design Award

Best Design in Section K
Declan Smith (Neepawa)
Planting Time

Awards not listed were not awarded

of Stems - 127
of Designs - 37
Exhibitors - 45

WINNIPEG SHOW

BARRIE STROHMAN AWARD

Best Stem in the Show
John Rempel
Entry - Alex-5

Criddle Award

Best stem of a Cultivated Lily Species
Rita-Len Giesbrecht
Entry - L.davidii

Lillian Luky Award

Best Stem in Show developed by a Prairie Breeder
John Rempel
Entry - Alex-5

Ed Robinson Award

Best Martagon in the Show
Deborah Petrie
Entry - Raspberry Delight

William Silversides Award

Best named Asiatic Lily in the Show
John Rempel
Entry - Alex-5

Dr. F.L. Skinner Award

Best Stem grown from Seed and exhibited by the Breeder
Ed Cznarecki
Entry - Seedling 2003

Jean Ericksen Award

Best Interspecific Hybrid (Div VIII) in the Show.(Excluding
L.A. Hybrids)
Gwen Jamieson
Entry - Purple King

Gordon Danzinger Award

Best L.A. Hybrid from Division VIII
John Rempel
Entry - Queens Promise

Design Award

Best Design in Section K
Bev Hooper
Planting Time

Awards not listed were not awarded

of Stems - 94
of Designs - 4
Exhibitors - 16



Hats off to the Neepawa Lily Festival Show Committee. This year's show had sixteen Section J (Junior Design) entries and The winner of Section K (Design) was younger than 16 years old! Way to go Neepawa. Generating interest in young people for lilies and gardening in general can be a challenge and it would seem you have risen to it.



2013 NALS Slate MacDaniel Award
(by Sandra Venton)

The Slate MacDaniel Award is the highest recognition for service to the North American Lily Society. The award this year was presented by Sandra Venton, Canadian Vice President of the North American Lily Society to our own Nigel Strohm at the NALS Show and Convention in Des Moines Iowa. As the recipient of the Slate-MacDaniels Award, Nigel Strohm is very seldom in the spotlight but ever present behind the scenes. He has attended many NALS conventions, and has been Classification Chair or co-chair at numerous NALS shows, which is a difficult, lengthy and unheralded effort, to say the least. Nigel has been a NALS Director and the Canadian Vice-President as well.

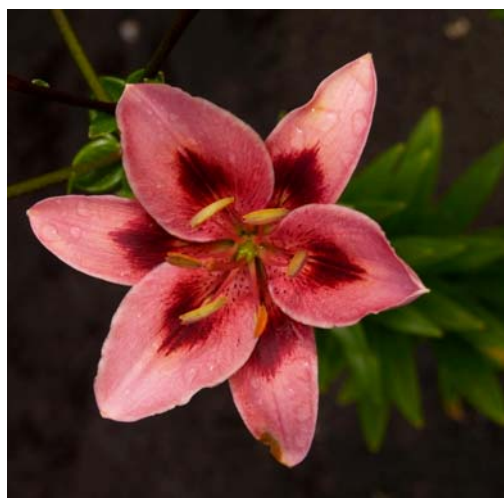
He also does classification at all Manitoba Regional Lily Society shows, and is always smiling and willing to help. In the past he supported and facilitated his beloved father's hybridizing efforts and he continues to expand the goals of that hybridizing program into the future through evaluation and propagation of those crosses. He has gone to great lengths to find and obtain hard to get lilies from around the world to increase the genetic diversity of the genus liliium here at home.

Nigel has been a mentor to me and to other members of the MRLS as well as to many in regionals throughout the NALS society. His enthusiasm and willingness to share his knowledge has helped them to develop and maintain a true love of lilies.

Barrie Strohm's Seedlings Selected for propagation By Nigel Strohm



RB-13-06



RB-32-02



RB-31-Vortex



MRLS EXCLUSIVE

(From Dr. Wilbert Ronald hybridizing program)

**AVAILABLE AT THE 2013 BULB SALES IN
WINNIPEG, BRANDON AND DAUPHIN**

HELP US NAME THESE LILIES

This is so new that it does not even have a name yet. If you have any suggestions for a name for this or the future introductions below contact Deborah Petrie at petrie@mts or register your name choice (at the membership table) at one of the upcoming bulb sales.

This Aurelian Introduction stands straight, with strong stems, at 4 to 6 feet high, averaging 5 to 5 1/2 feet. Its green tinted, white buds open to reveal a face that is white with a rich amber orange throat radiating to the centre of the petals. The papillae, from its *L. henryi* heritage, are enhanced with a richer, almost reddish dark amber. The nectary furrows are a cool darkish mint green, which travels up the style and filaments, lightening as it goes. The pollen is a rich orangey, red/brown which complementing the wonderful bold papillae. The flowers face down, but at 6 feet, you can look up into their faces. There are some secondary buds and a few plants even have tertiary flower buds.



NEW

(From Dr. Wilbert Ronald hybridizing program)

AVAILABLE IN 2014



Some new selections from the Jeffries Nurseries breeding program performed well this year and we are able to show some photos. The first is a Northern Carillon seedling with shorter stature (60 cm) and trumpet pink flowers with gold colour on the inside of flowers and very light fragrance. It is listed as NC x Oriental but we wonder if it is NC X Asiapet. It is a nice grower and we hope to give it a suitable name and introduce it in the Lily Nook 2014 catalogue. Its shorter stature will be great for potting and use as an edging plant in front of the taller OT lilies.

A second selection that will also be available next year is a wide cross of Easter Morn X Firey Belles. This is another significant bridge in our wide crosses of lilies. The flowers show intermediate characteristics and are only slightly fragrant. This has potential to serve as a further crossing parent as the pollen looks good and there has been some seed set. Photos of these three lilies courtesy of Nigel. Strohman.

**MRLS Fall Bulb Sales
Winnipeg
October 5th, 2013
Assiniboine Park Conservatory
15 Conservatory Dr, Winnipeg, MB,**

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

**Dauphin
October 12th, 2013
Market Place Mall
1450 Main St S, Dauphin, MB**

Autumn is the time for planting lilies and also the time for the annual MRLS bulb sales. There will be a great selection of lily bulbs available, whatever your height, color or classification preference might be. This year we have a new seedling to be named in time for the bulb sale from Dr. Wilbert Ronald. (*See "What's New" for details*) There are also *new to us* Asiatics, LAs and OTs. Drop by and see us, at any of our 3 sale locations. (*See left for details*).

As usual we will have a good selection in our Mail Order list too.

(note venue change of Winnipeg Sale)

MRLS FALL POTLUCK SUPPER & AWARDS PRESENTATION

Date: Friday, October 19th
Place: Kirkfield Westwood Community Centre
165 Sansome Ave, Winnipeg, MB

Time: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m.

A digital presentation will be given by Joel Penner. Joel was given many stems from the MRLS NALS show held in Winnipeg in 2012. This is our chance to see the amazing work he has done with them

Awards Presentation to follow

The remaining bulbs from the fall sales will be offered at a discount and Greeting Cards by Joel will also be on sale.

Please bring a hot or cold dish or desert
MRLS will supply plates, utensils and beverages

Spouses and friends are always welcome

Further info or to RSVP contact:

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DO YOU HAVE IT?

(by Deborah Petrie)

I have heard many reports of a new syndrome developing in gardeners. It is called ***Lily Beetle Hysteria!*** This causes them to dig up their lilies and give them away or, heaven forbid, to destroy them completely! They have also been known to swear a solemn oath that they will never grow lilies again! This syndrome has been fuelled by well meaning but misguided media outlets publishing incomplete information and speculation about this sensitive subject.

For all those afflicted with this syndrome, I have some advice...

KEEP READING!

There is no reason to dig and destroy the lilies you love to grow in your garden. There are ways to control the lily beetle. Researchers both in Canada and the USA are working on more alternatives even as you read this. There are members of the MRLS exploring possible resistance in some lily species and there are other members (many, in fact) who deal with the beetle in Winnipeg and a few other areas of the province quite successfully every day.

You might also want to think about this. Gardeners still grow potatoes in the face of the potato beetle, roses have not been eradicated from our gardens due to aphids, mites or thrips and hosta still occupy a place in the shade garden even though slugs can obliterate a well established clump almost overnight. The difference is that gardeners have learned to deal with the old critters we love to hate and lily loving gardeners will learn to deal with these "new" ones too. So take heart! There is hope for the lilies we love and for the gardeners who have succumbed to this new syndrome. This, too, shall pass.

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