



Manitoba Lily Connection

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President's Message

Greeting all lily enthusiasts.

Spring is about to arrive, as the days are getting longer!

I'm so glad the winter has not been as cold as last winter, but I am worried about the 3 melts we have had, what effect they have had on all the perennials.

There have been a couple of horticultural events already in Winnipeg and elsewhere in the province. MRLS will be at Gardening Saturday and the Mothers' Day Plant Sale.

But our own first event of spring is the Spring Seminar, which is in Winnipeg. This year's seminar will contain information on some new Lily varieties, information about the lily beetle and the Lily beetle wasp, lily gardening, a film, of course the bulb sale.

The year continues with the July show in Winnipeg. As you may know already, unfortunately, there won't be a lily show in Neepawa, as there won't be a "lily" festival this year. Happily, the Lily Nook will be open for Garden Visits July 20, 2015 to July 26, 2015.

If you want another lily event, the North American Lily Society is having their Annual Lily Show and Conference in Calgary, AB. It's in Canada! It's a drivable distance! As well, there are the 2 Saskatchewan lily societies' shows.

Our lily year will then conclude with the Annual Fall Bulb sales.

Hope to see you at all the Lily Events.

Ted Sobkowich
President (2013-2015)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Board of Directors would like our membership to express their views on the future of the Awards Windup Event. This event was created to give our membership recognition of their awards and as a season's ending get together for all. Unfortunately attendance has been minimal every year. What is your opinion, should this event continue or should we go back to giving out the awards at the end of the season's last show?

Send your opinion to: petrie@mymts.net

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Upcoming Bulb Sales
Gardening Saturday Bulb Sale
March 28th , 2015

The first MRLS bulb sale for 2015 takes place at Gardening Saturday. There will be a large selection of bagged bulbs as well as many potted bulbs for you to choose from this year. All bulbs will be sold at discounted prices. We hope to see everyone there for this opportunity to save on lilies!

Spring Seminar Sale
April 11, 2015

Next up is the Annual Spring Seminar Sale. Held this year at the CanadInns Polo Park in Winnipeg, join us for the bulbs and so much more. It is a fun day and a good way to see what is new and different this year. Further information on the seminar can be found further on in this newsletter.

Mothers Day Bulb Sale
May 12th, 2015

Last but not least for the spring season is the bulb sale at the Gardens Manitoba Mothers Day Plant Sale held at the Canadian Mennonite University. We will have a good selection of potted bulbs as well as bulbs ready to pop into the ground for summer blooms in your garden. Prices will be reduced on all bulbs for quick sale. Stop by and take home a bargain!

2015 Spring Seminar and Annual General Meeting

The MRLS Board of Directors is pleased to advise that the MRLS Spring Seminar will be held at the CanadInn Polo Park in Winnipeg on Saturday, April 11th.

Please note that we will start registration at 9:30 a.m. and that the Seminar itself will commence at 10:00 a.m. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch at noon, with a bulb sale to be held after lunch.

Our speakers will be Wilbert Ronald, Nigel Strohman, Joel Penner, Ed Czarnecki and Brenda Newton. Wilbert will give a presentation on the new material on which he is working, Nigel and Wilbert will both be speaking about new lilies for 2015, Joel will give a presentation on his photography, Brenda Newton will give a presentation on companion plants for lilies, and Ed Czarnecki will give us all an update on the lily beetle, and will list the pros and cons of the various pesticides and insecticides, such as Bug Begone, End-All, Sevin, Dr. Doom as well as Safers products and Sunlight laundry detergent.

Elections for the Executive and the Board will take place at 1:30 p.m., and we will finish the Seminar off with the Rainbow Auction at 3:30 p.m. and finish at 4:00 p.m.

The registration fee is \$35.00 for singles and \$60.00 for couples. A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please register early so that we may make the necessary arrangements for lunch.

We look forward to seeing you all there, as it will be an interesting and information day.

Sandy Venton

DO YOU HAVE LILY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK?
Send them all to petrie@mymts.net and a panel of lily experts will answer them for you at the Annual Spring Seminar and AGM on April 11th 2015

Manitoba Horticulture Association's Stevenson Award



MRLS member Lynn Collicutt was honoured with the Stevenson Award by the Manitoba Horticulture Association at the 2015 MHA Convention in Winnipeg. This award recognises her significant contribution to horticulture in Manitoba, especially her work in the development of new and different plant varieties including her work with lilies.

**Membership Renewals are now past due.
Please use the enclosed form to renew.
Email recipients see the attachment include
with the newsletter.**

NALS JUDGES SCHOOL

March 21-22 at the East View Neighbourhood Centre, 615 6th Avenue, Regina, SK.
The South Saskatchewan Lily Society to invite your participation in our 2015 Judges School.

Dr. Brian Bergman will be providing the instruction from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 Saturday, March 21. Those wishing to become NALS Student Judges will complete their assignments on Sunday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m. Those wishing to AUDIT the course are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for accredited judges, members and guests to upgrade their knowledge and competence.

Required reference material: "Showing Lilies: A Handbook for Judges and Exhibitors", 2006 Revision of the North American Lily Society, Inc. This book can be purchased from Stephanie Sims, NALS Executive Secretary, and P.O. Box W, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805 (Stephanie@lilies.org) Please, note that you should read and study this handbook before attending the Judges School.

Fee: \$ 35 including lunch for those wishing to become student judges
\$ 15 including lunch for those wishing to Audit

Please send your name, address and email to: Dolores Nelson - 3830 20th Ave, Regina. SK S4S 0P4.
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Diann Putland

Born: October 12, 1942

Died: February 19, 2015

Diann Putland, beloved wife of Denis Putland of Churchbridge, SK, passed away at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina, SK on Thursday, February 19, 2015. She was 72 years of age.

Memorial donations can be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund or to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency as tokens of remembrance.

After a short, but courageous, battle with cancer, Diann (Rosalie) Putland peacefully passed away on February 19, 2015 at the age of 72 years. During her illness, she never lost her sense of humor and there were many bouts of laughter.

Diann was born on October 12, 1942 in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, the daughter of Emil and Elizabeth (nee: Schmidt) Kitsch. She attended elementary school north of Langenburg, Saskatchewan and completed High school in Langenburg. Diann was baptised on October 25, 1942 and confirmed on May 25, 1958 into the Lutheran Church.

Diann married Denis Putland of Churchbridge, Saskatchewan on July 24, 1964. After their marriage, they lived for 50 years on the family farm south of Churchbridge where they raised their daughter, Roslyn Bourak and their son, Ross Putland.

Under the guidance of her mother in-law, Diann became an avid gardener, a pleasure which blossomed into a love of flowers. Diann was bitten by the lily bug later in life and started growing lilies for sale. She also started crossing lily lines and developed and registered some of her very own varieties. When the workload got too heavy she stopped selling them and grew them for enjoyment only. In addition to the lily field, she also maintained a large yard with many perennial flower beds.

In 2014 they sold their farm yard and moved into Diann's dream home in Churchbridge where a vast array of lilies and perennials followed her into their town garden.

During her life she was active in the Potashville Music Festival, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the local Business Association, the Provincial Horticulture Association, the Provincial Lily Associations and the North American Lily Association.

Diann leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memory, her husband, Denis; her daughter, Roslyn and John Bourak and grandson Jordan Bourak; her son Ross, and Tammy Putland; her sister, Yvonne, brother, Glenn and Laurie Kitsch, sister, Myrna and Greg Schick and sister, Marilyn Phipps; brother-in-law, Jim Millham. She was predeceased by her parents, Emil and Elizabeth Kitsch, and her sister, Beverly Millham.

2015 Events

Gardening Saturday

Date: March 28, 2015

New Location: Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Ave., Winnipeg

MRLS Spring Seminar and AGM

Date: April 11th 2015

Location: CanadInns Polo Park, Winnipeg

Garden's Manitoba's Mother's Day Plant Sale

Date: May 10th 2015

Location: Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg

NALS Show and Convention

Date: July 15th to the 19th

Location: Sheraton Cavalier Hotel
Calgary, Alberta

MRLS Lily Show

Date and venue to be announced

The Lily Nook's Lily Days

Date: July 20th to the 26th

The Lily Nook welcomes you to stroll through over a thousand lily cultivars during their peak bloom at the Lily Nook show gardens. Our growing field will also be open for public viewing for the week. Potted lilies available for purchase. We are located in beautiful farm land, 4 km south of Neepawa, MB, 80098 on highway #5 South.

Fall Bulb Sales

Winnipeg: September 26th

Brandon: October 3rd

Dauphin: October 10th

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