



Manitoba Lily Connection

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Editor's Note

As this newsletter was going to press, word was received that our President, Ed Czarnecki, passed away on Sunday, March 13th. The MRLS extends condolences to Thelma and the rest of his family. A complete obituary will be published in the next newsletter.

President's Message

Spring is in the air, it is that time, well. ok, maybe not here in Manitoba. But I was in B.C. the last week of February and man, it sure seemed like Spring. The grass was green, daffodils and crocuses were blooming, tulips and roses were budding and the lilies were up already. They had plus 10-12 temps, people walking about in shorts and t-shirts and bedding plants were on sale at Superstore. Then I came back home on the 28th and reality hit, still two feet of snow. Yes, mild temps by our standards here but not what they had out there. Oh well, spring is coming, we will be gardening and it did whet my appetite somewhat.

On that note, our Spring Seminar is coming up on April 2nd. We have an interesting speaker, Tim Zimmerman, coming in from Minnesota and MRLS members Ian Wise and Fran Wershler will be making presentations as well, check for the agenda elsewhere in your newsletter.

Don't forget the Mothers Day Plant Sale on May 8th, we will be selling a great selection of lilies and you can get all your Spring bedding plants there as well.

So lets get ready for spring. It is on the way and we will be getting our hands dirty sooner than we may think.

Len Giesbrecht
Vice President

South Saskatchewan Lily Society Lily Beetle Information Night

Date: April 14, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Peter's Church, 100 Argyle
Street, Regina.

(Please use entrance on the south side)

South Saskatchewan Lily Society is hosting an information night with Dr. Ken Fry. Dr. Fry is an entomologist at the University of Alberta and has prior experience as a research scientist with emphasis on biological control of insect pests. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and to bring a friend.

No admission is being charged.

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Upcoming MRLS Bulb Sales

Gardening Saturday Bulb Sale

March 19, 2016

The first bulb sale for 2016 is at the Friends of Manitoba's Gardening Saturday at the Victoria Inn 1808 Wellington Avenue in Winnipeg. There will be a selection of bagged bulbs including martagons at excellent prices to start your lily growing season. We hope to see everyone there for this opportunity to save on lilies!

Spring Seminar Sale

April 02, 2016

Next up is the Annual Spring Seminar Sale held this year in Headingly. Join us for a great selection of new bulbs and the ones you wish you had purchased last year as well. 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.

Mother's Day Bulb Sale

May 8, 2016

Last but not least for the spring season is the bulb sale at the Gardens Manitoba Mothers Day Plant Sale held as usual 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. Stop by and take home new for this year's lily garden.

2016 Spring Seminar and Annual General Meeting

The MRLS Board of Directors is pleased to advise that the
MRLS Spring Seminar
April 2, 2016
will be held at the
Headingly Community Club,
Headingly MB., 5353 Portage Ave.

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.

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Our speakers will be  
Tim Zimmerman, Ian Wise, Fran Wreshler

Tim Zimmerman will be speaking on Developing Pollen free Lilies and a second on Lilies from Minnesota or similar topic. Ian Wise will be reporting on the current status of research on the Red Lily Beetle here in Manitoba. Fran Wreshler will share information on Martagon Lilies

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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. finishing 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,

Manitoba Regional Lily Society
Spring Seminar and Annual General Meeting
Saturday April 2, 2016
Headingley Community Club,

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| 9:30 a.m. | Registration and Refreshments |
| 10:00 a.m. | Presidents Welcome. Ed Czarnecki |
| 10:15 a.m. | Breeding Pollen Free Lilies. Tim Zimmerman |
| 11:15 a.m. | Lily Beetle Report. Ian Wise |
| 11:30 a.m. | Martagons / Shade. Fran Wershler |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:30 p.m. | Annual Meeting
Election of Directors |
| 2:00 p.m. | Lily Breeding in Minnesota. Tim Zimmerman |
| 3:00 p.m. | Refreshments and Door Prize |
| 3:30 p.m. | Rainbow Auction |
| 4:00 P.M | Closing |

Manitoba Regional Lily Society Seminar Registration Form

Please pre-register by March 28, 2016
Registration - \$35.00 ea. - Includes coffee breaks and noon meal

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Send To: MRLS c/o Marlene Puls - 99 Macalester Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2X6

It's a "Saturday in the Park"



If you have never attended a NALS Show, or if it has been awhile, you don't want to miss the 69th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois, July 6-10, 2016 for "Saturday in the Park". One can easily spend more than a day seeing the beautiful 385 acres of the Botanic Gardens. Enjoy on foot, or by tram (\$20 tram ticket is free with your NALS 2016 registration). Enjoy the lilies growing in the garden and bring your camera to photograph the lilies during the "Shoot Those Lilies" symposium session offered by Frans Officer. You will also have the opportunity to participate in behind the scenes Chicago Botanic Garden tours open to registrants only. Take breaks from the sun in the auditorium or the classrooms of the Re-

genstein Center to hear symposium sessions geared for novice to experienced lily growers. Get even more out of your NALS 2016 experience by planning to volunteer a couple hours to set up, clean up, clerk, judge or visit with local show visitors on the lily show floor and talk about your favorite topic, "lilies."

The hotel accommodations are reasonable at \$109 / night including complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast each morning and an Evening Reception, as well as a free shuttle bus that will transport you to and from the Chicago Botanic Garden. All show activities take place at the garden in the Regenstein Center except membership meetings, the Friday night dinner / auction, and the Saturday night awards dinner held at the hotel. A shuttle from the hotel to the train station is also available if you wish to do some sightseeing via public transportation. If you are traveling by car, enjoy free parking every day (\$20 per day value) at the Chicago Botanic Garden. The Show committee, consisting mainly of NALS board members, is arranging for numerous speakers throughout the show and lots of ideas and travel directions for sightseeing around Chicago before, during or after the show. Check out our website at <http://www.nals2016.lilies.org/>, register today (or soon to get the early bird rates) and bring those lily stems, floral design materials and lily photographs so we have the best NALS show ever!

MRLS Membership Renewals are now past due. Renewals can be made at Gardening Saturday or the Spring Seminar. You can also contact Marlene Puls at mmp99m@mymts.net.

2016 Events

Gardening Saturday

Date: March 19, 2016

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

MRLS Spring Seminar and AGM

Date: April 2, 2016

Location: Headingly Community Club,
Headingly MB., 5353 Portage Ave.

Gardens Manitoba's Mother's Day Plant Sale

Date: May 8, 2016

Location: Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg

NALS Show and Convention

Date: July 6 -10, 2016

Location: Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois

MRLS Lily Show

Date and venue to be announced

The Lily Nook's Lily Days

Date: To be announced

Fall Bulb Sales

Winnipeg: September 24, 2016

Brandon: October 1, 2016

Dauphin: October 8, 2016

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