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President's Message

I received a telephone call the other evening from a TRUE GARDENER.

While sorting her dahlia tubers, Mary McGregor of Carmen, found the exact variety she was certain I had lost. Mary was ready to share a slip. A gardener indeed!

Another way of sharing is evident in the names and faces that turn up repeatedly at horticultural events. Giving time and effort to support our societies will ensure active, effective and worthwhile results, a benefit for all. We work hard to attract new participants in our group, yet at the same time treasure and make use of our more senior members' experience.

Make a new gardening friend this Spring, share a lily bulb or two. Enjoy the results.

I hope you each discover a happy surprise in your gardens this Summer.

Susan

Do you know the Hall of Fame lilies?

Black Beauty, White Henryi, Casa Blanca, Enchantment, Connecticut King, Journey's End, Scheherazade, and Red Velvet.

The Species Lily Preservation Group is dedicated to preserving species lilies through a bulb propagation program and encouraging preservation of species natural habitats. It is a great way to get virus free species lily bulbs for the garden and to preserve a few of the ancestors of our modern day hybrids.

To join mail \$9.00 for one year or \$25.00 for three years membership to:

Species Lily Preservation Group
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Please send your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and permission (if you want) to be included in the membership list sent to all the members, with your check. Or a membership application can be printed from the NALS website at www.lilies.org and there should also be a NALS membership form on the website.

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Lily Breeding: Isabella Preston, 1881-1965 NALS 1966 Yearbook

MISS ISABELLA PRESTON was born in Lancaster, England in 1881 where she received her early education in private schools. Her parents were very fond of gardening and she had her own little flower garden. In 1906 she attended a short course in horticulture at the Swanley Horticultural College in Kent, England.

In 1912 she came to Ontario with her sister. She was determined to become a horticulturist and attended lectures on horticulture at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. Here she worked occasionally in the college greenhouses and later with strawberries and vegetables under the direction of the late Professor J. W. Crow who taught her the principles and practices of plant breeding.

She was given some pots of lily seedlings but these soon died. Several species of lilies were acquired and from 1914 to 1917 she made many crosses between the species. The young seedlings were planted out but these died during the severe winter of 1917-18.

In July, 1916 she crossed *L. sargentiae* with *L. regale* and raised several seedlings which flowered in 1919. One of these was later named George C. Creelman. For many years it was an outstanding trumpet lily. Many of the fine trumpet lily clones and seedling strains are descendants of the Creelman lily and its sister seedlings.

In 1920 Miss Preston joined the staff of the Division of Horticulture of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Canada as Specialist in Ornamental Horticulture. Here, under the direction of the late W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, she hybridized lilies, roses, lilacs, Siberian iris and flowering crab apples. During her many years at Ottawa the horticultural people of the world came to see her plants. The plants were not the only attraction. Miss Preston was a genial and kindly person with a vast store of horticultural knowledge and an afternoon with her in the ornamental plantings was a choice and stimulating experience long to be remembered. She grew and knew all the garden flowers that would thrive at Ottawa. She wrote and talked about them. She was the Grand Lady of Canadian Horticulture.

She retired from the Experimental Farm at the end of 1946 and moved to Georgetown, Ontario where she made a large garden in which she grew many of the varieties of plants which she had originated. She had many years to enjoy her garden, but failing health forced her to curtail her activities and after an illness of several months she died on December 31, 1965.

She received many honors for her contributions to horticulture. The North American Lily Society made her an honorary member in 1959 and awarded her the E. H. Wilson Memorial Award in 1961. The Society named its award for the best spike in the annual international show the Isabella Preston Trophy.

Lilies originated by Miss Preston at the Central Experimental Farm:

The "Stenographer series" of lilies named for the stenographers at the Central Experimental Farm was Miss Preston's greatest achievement in lily breeding. These were produced from a cross made in 1929 between *L. davidi willmottiae* and a (*maculatum* X *dauricum*) seedling. A few bloomed in 1931 and the rest in 1932. These were all bold striking lilies that were distinct from the lilies that were being grown at that time. They arrived on the scene just as lilies were again becoming popular as garden plants and when most of the lilies available were imported bulbs of the species, many of them virus-infected.

The Stenographer clones seeded freely when crossed with each other and with other compatible files, and many of their descendants have been named and introduced. In the International Lily Register and its first Supplement, 78 of the lilies for which the parentages are given are descendants of the Stenographer series. There are undoubtedly many more in gardens. The ease with which Stenographer seedlings could be raised, and their variability and beauty stimulated much interest in lily cultivation and breeding.

THE STENOGRAPHER LILIES

Grace Marshall: Named 1934, Dark red, facing outwards.

Lillian Cummings: Named 1934. Orange Red.

Lyla McCann: Named 1934. Orange.

Brenda Watts: Named 1939. Orange red, facing outward.

Edna Kean: Named 1939. Dark red, facing outward.

Muriel Condie: Named 1939. Orange, facing outward.

Phyllis Cox: Named 1939. Brilliant orange red.

THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT LILIES

This group was raised from seeds of the Stenographer series. From open pollinated flowers of Edna Kean, these were raised:

Spitfire: Named 1949. Orange, upright facing.

Hurricane: Named 1941. Red, upright facing.

Mosquito: Named 1942. Orange, drooping.

Open-pollinated flowers of Lyla McCann produced:

Typhoon: Introduced 1943. Red, upright.

Corsair: Named 1944. Yellow, blushed red, upright.

Lysander: Named 1946. Red with small spots, upright.

YELLOW-FLOWERED LILIES

Several attractive yellow lilies were produced as descendants of the Stenographers. These came at a time when there were practically no other yellow lilies in this group. Now there are many. I recall with much pleasure the excitement of seeing in the late 1930's several plants of Coronation in full bloom about the Fourth of July at Ottawa. They were vigorous, free-flowering and the flowers were a beautiful yellow. Miss Preston was very proud of her yellow lily which she named Coronation because it first flowered the year of the Coronation of King George VI.

Coronation: Named 1936. Clear bright yellow, faintly spotted. Nodding, reflexed.

Sovereign: Named before 1948. Yellow, bowl-shaped with reflexed tips.

Addington: Grace Marshall X Lyla McCann. Named in 1952. Yellow, upward-facing. D. G. Griffiths Cup. NALS 1951.

Yamaska: Coronation X Lyla McCann. Named 1954. Yellow, outward and facing down, strongly reflexed.

Other lilies originated by Miss Preston: *L. tigrimax*, *L.*

Report on Trip to Australia, Victoria, B.C, and Calgary: March 1- April 7/01

Following the blessed death of my dear wife Mary, on October 29, last year, after about 15 years with Alzheimer's Disease, I felt the need to go home, to see our families and mutual friends again, in Australia, to share some nice nostalgic memories with them, as we tried to mutually comfort each other, in her passing. And I thought that it would be a good opportunity too, to see some of our good Lily friends there; especially those that I have been corresponding with for some years; including by Email, per our NALS and Liliun Listserves.

Then I contacted my family members and many others to make arrangements that would be suitable to all, put together a detailed Itinerary covering my planned visits to the Eastern States of NSW, Victoria, and Tasmania, and circulated copies to all involved. Then it was soon time to pack my bags, and head off to Vancouver early on March 1, with only a few hours stopover with our oldest son Damien, who operates the Cyclotron equipment at the TRIUMF Centre, of the Physics Dept. UBC, before flying off with AC/CP to Hawaii, then Sydney, to arrive there at 8.45 a.m on March 3rd. The long about 18 hours flight, was fine, even though I could not sleep, but just rested, to arrive in Sydney feeling fresh and looking forward to being welcomed by some of my family members. This reunion after 12 years since my last visit, was delightful and they took me to one of their nice homes, to stay, for an initial four days, to get acquainted, before I went South. I was able to see, and phone many family members, old colleagues, and other friends, as I made detailed arrangements for my subsequent Interstate visits, to many people and places, of my past acquaintance and interest.

I was carrying a couple of hundred packets of Lily seeds for distribution, kindly donated by some of our members, and others, and declared them at Sydney A/P. This caused a couple of junior Plant Inspection staff some concern; but it was soon settled, once the Chief Inspector was called to look at them. Australia is one of the few very "Clean" countries as far as Plant / Animal Quarantine needs are concerned; and so they are rightly quite strict about the importation of any materials that might make problems for them, and the value of their exports. The recent BSE and Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks in UK and Europe, have led to much intensified efforts by Australia and N.Z, to try to keep these huge, disastrous problems out of their countries.

I did not know of any Lily people in NSW, and so I concentrated my efforts amongst the well-known people and their Lily Societies, in Victoria, just below NSW, and in the island State of Tasmania, .250 miles south of the mainland, across Bass Strait. On March 5th, I flew to Melbourne A/P, confirmed arrangements for visits in Victoria on my way back, and then proceeded to Launceston, the major City of Northern Tasmania, where Mary's family members met me and took me under their fine care, at the lovely village of Westbury; where Mary was born

and had lived till she became a Nurse, when she moved to Sydney, where we met 52 years ago.

From Westbury, I visited several families of relatives and friends in NW Tasmania, including by kind invitation from Joe Hoell, an internationally well-known Australian Lily-Breeder, and developer of advanced techniques in germinating and speeding up the growth of Lily seedlings. I was his guest for three days, at Georgetown, on the lovely Tamar River. He showed me his Greenhouse full of gorgeous orchids, containing many pots of young lily seedlings developing nicely; then his about- "Zero Tillage" garden, taking up his whole backyard, packed with maturing tall healthy lily stems, in friable, rich soil, with large fat green pods on them, mostly of his Interdivisional crosses; and finally his lathe-house full of magnificent Begonias, of every colour pattern, and form, mostly of his breeding. Clusters of multiple 6-8" blooms, were common on these beauties. He gave me seeds of these, with instructions as to how to grow them well. Wish me luck!

Joe has a chipping machine, with which he cuts up all clean garden residues, including green crops that he grows for this purpose, before applying them as mulches continually, during the growing season. Then in Autumn (Fall), he applies "Roundup" to the whole area, to kill all vegetation. Then In Spring, he applies a short-lived pre-emergent weedicide, that kills any plants, mostly weeds, that soon germinate. Then a few weeks later, the lilies pop up, and grow away unimpeded.

Joe developed the wet, live sphagnum moss method of germinating seeds, including hypogeal types, directly under lights, warm, which can often enable one to dispense with the cold vernalization period normally required, when seeds are germinated in bags or pots. Green leaves can soon show, and the seedlings grow away faster than otherwise, to considerably foreshorten the time to first flowering, by a year or more. He is also a skilled hybridizer of complex interdivisional hybrids, and has produced many very fine new lilies that way. He showed me many of these from his slide collection, and gave me a fine set of slides and prints containing many of his best ones, that I will share with members on a future occasion.

Joe and other members of the Northern Tasmanian Lily Society organized an evening meeting in Launceston, on March 10th, where I made a presentation on Martagons, that was much appreciated. The major emphases in Australia, are on Asiatics, Trumpets, Inter-Divisional hybrids, and some Species. Most of their lilies have names unfamiliar to us. I distributed seeds then, and received some in exchange. I joined their very active Society, and expect to receive their good Seed list shortly.

Next I flew back to Melbourne, to be met at the A/P by Ron and Marina Moodycliffe, who took me to their nice home in 2 1/2 acres of sloping gardens, at Mt Evelyn, in the beautiful, eucalyptus-forested Dandenong Ranges, to stay there over the weekend of March 16-19. They produce many lilies, especially

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Trumpet/ Aurelian hybrids, and some Species. They have the

climate to raise their lilies from seeding to maturity, outside, in shade houses, and then in gardens. They use styrofoam fruit cases, as containers for their seedlings. Their insulating value helps to cushion thermal shocks, and I saw many fine seedlings thriving in them.

The Moodycliffes arranged a fine reception for me, by the regional Lily people. This included a barbecue and lunch outside in their vine-covered Gazebo, followed by a tour of their gardens; and then by my lecture on Martagons, in Ron's Photographic Studio on-site. A good discussion followed over refreshments, and as for the other lecture-sites, I left them some of our Canadian Lily Catalogues, and exchanged seeds with them. The about 35 attendees were very keen on Lilies, and deeply appreciated my visit to them. I thanked them for honouring me with invitation to come, and for their presence.

On Monday 19th, the Moodycliffes drove Max McCoy and I to visit Beth and Lindsay Arthur, at Thorpdale South, in beautiful rolling-hills Dairy country. The Arthurs have a lovely property on top of a hill looking out such a landscape, with a spring for their adequate water supply. Most of eastern Australia, from the NSW border south, was under a prolonged drought when I visited these areas. But the Arthurs' s gardens looked very nice, in their Fall condition. Many tall lilies were evident, with big fat seed-pods ripening on them. They put on a grand hot roast-lamb Lunch with all the trimmings for us, with Jeff Boden, another breeder of fine Lilies from South Australia, also joining us for the occasion. Then we exchanged photos, ideas, and Catalogues, till our party had to return to the Dandenongs, at eventide.

They dropped me off at the home of an "old mate", Niall Brennan, who directed our Dramatics group in Melbourne, 54 years ago, now Retired on 170 acres, amongst the "big timbers", at Gladysdale, where I had a most pleasant stopover, before returning by train to Melbourne, to visit some old friends and places of long ago. Then I returned to Sydney, to spend the rest of my time in Australia, mostly with my families, and colleagues; including to visit my next brother Raphael and his families, at Gerringong, on the south coast; and then my youngest sister Clare, and one of her sons, at his farmlet, in Northern NSW, by train, for a couple of days at each location. My Dad had taken us on Camping trips to these beautiful regions, when we were young; and so re-visiting them, brought back many nice nostalgic memories.

On March 31, I reluctantly had to depart for Hawaii, and we met a tailwind that clipped 2 hours off the normal about 11 hour journey. Then after a short stopover, we proceeded on to Vancouver, to arrive on March 31st their time, where my son met me. Next morning I took a fine Ferry trip over to Victoria Island, where I was met by my kind hosts, Sara Campbell and Walter and

Jill Britton, of the Victoria Lily Society, and taken to the Campbell home, to stay for a few days.

This was a most enjoyable experience, as their hospitality was excellent. They took me around their fine gardens, to some other lovely gardens and plant Nurseries, including the UVic Botanical Gardens, to be topped off by several hours exploring and enjoying the world-famous Butchart Gardens, in all their Spring finery. Then I gave the lecture that they had set up at a joint meeting of Victoria Lily Society people with members of the Gordon Head Garden Club, on Lilies, especially Martagons, to a keen, appreciative audience of about 80 people, who were glad to receive the Lily and Delphinium seeds that I distributed, during coffee-time.

Then I returned to Vancouver on April 4th, and flew to Calgary, to spend a few delightful days there with our daughter Maria and family, before returning home on April 7, to be welcomed by snow! But this did not last long, and our really nice Spring soon came along, to invite me to return to our cottage at Sandy Bay, RMBV, to begin another fine year of gardening and other activities there. And now I have most of the garden tasks under good control, and enjoying the lovely spectacle already; that promises to produce the best-ever displays there. For instance, as I write, I am looking out on gardens with over 300 fine stems of Martagons forming bud-clusters at 3-4' high; plus many Asiatics, Spring bulbs, Clematis, early perennials, and some annuals, all in flower, in a bushland setting, with flowering native cherries, saskatoons, plums, columbines, etc in full bloom.

This Trip was very worthwhile, and very much more interesting and rewarding than expected, when planned. Refreshing fine old memories of people, events, and places in one's past, is one of the delights of life, and is to be encouraged. I would like to return when the Lilies there are in peak bloom, in January February, to savour the beauty and fragrance, of so many there, that I was shown as photographs. There is an excellent International Lily Conference planned for January 2002, in New Zealand, which some of our members will be participating in; to be followed by great Lily and other trips throughout N.Z. Australia is only a few hours flight away; and so spending some time there, before or after the NZ Conference, would be easy and

Question & Answer

Q: When is the best time to move lilies?

A: You can move lilies anytime through their growing period as long as you take soil with the bulbs and are careful not to break the sprouts off. In general Fall is the best time to move them after frost when the bulbs are going into their dormant stage. Be sure to water in after planting so that the soil settles in around the bulb, leaving no air pockets.

THE NOVICE'S NICHE

Why Not Grow Martagons?

By: Doreen Sage

With all this in mind, you will realize that a martagon bulb is a good investment and that you should have one or more.

These lilies are one of the hardiest and earliest for our area. However, they are not grown by many gardeners. Perhaps the name "Martagon" is a little unusual. Perhaps the price makes the buyer nervous about investing in an unknown. As you become more aware of the qualities of this lily, I am certain that you will be anxious to try one.

The name martagon is derived from a Turkish word denoting a type of turban worn by a Sultan. The species is native to Eurasia, always growing in well-drained but well watered soils. The whorled sets of leaves makes this a most attractive plant whether in bloom or not.

The flowers do not come in all the colours that you are used to with the Asiatic lilies. Instead, they are delicate little flowers, mostly with reflexed (curled back) petals and sepals and down facing. Some do have out facing blooms that are star like. Most are soft pastels or very dark, many have spots, some do not.

Because of their earliness, they must be watched if a spring frost is forecast. A tomato cage and a covering will protect. However, the plant itself will break under the weight of the protection so a cage or stake should be used.

Martagons appreciate semi-shade with filtered light and cool conditions. Gardeners with shady places will find them ideal. Martagons multiply slowly. The advantage is that the clump will not have to be dug up and divided very often. This is one of the reasons the bulbs cost more than Asiatics, (most Asiatics multiply quite rapidly).

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the Martagons should be in bloom. Look at them in public gardens, garden friends' gardens who grow these gems or in growing fields such as those in Neepawa. Choose your favorites, and plan on buying/ordering for fall planting. These are very long lived bulbs and if good growing practices are followed, this bulb will give you many years of flowers and eventually, more stems. This does mean that there are most bulbs under there, so you can dig and divide if you wish.

Many crosses have taken place, producing lovely clear pinks, peaches, creams and, soft yellows. These strains were sold as the Paisley hybrids. Ed Robinson of MB made use of these hybrids in his crossings. Many hybridizers are still working on Martagons. This is a long, slow process. Using standard methods, it takes seven years from seed to flowering bulb. Some hybridizers have found ways to shorten this time a bit. When planted outside, the seed does not produce leaves the first year, so they work at making the seed react to an artificial shorter year. This is the other reason why martagon bulbs cost a bit more than others.

Home Expression Show Report

We Were There!!!

Being a member of the "Friends" has advantages. Last fall, the Manitoba Regional Lily Society was asked to attend a meeting of the Conservatory, with Ron Mark, show manager of Home Expressions - Manitoba's Home & Garden Show. There, an invitation was extended to member societies of the Friends to each have a garden display on the third floor of the Convention Centre, during the Home Expressions event, March 7th -to 11th. After some thinking, and meeting among the various society boards, the bonsai, herb, orchid and lily societies accepted the invitation / opportunity / challenge.

Each group had two sections, 8 ft wide by 20 ft long, along the "Grand Avenue" on the third floor. Over the succeeding months, plans were made and changed, designs drawn and changed, volunteers coordinated, materials search for, grown and supplied. All was pretty well ready for March 7th. The people came, looked, admired, asked questions and took handouts.

In our garden, the two sections consisted of three raised beds of lilies, intermingled with some plant from the Conservatory and some cedars. In an enclosed sun room their was display material that illustrated, with pictures, some of the different types of lilies we can grow in Manitoba and some information on and examples of bulb types, scaling, flower parts, hybridization, seeds, planting and tissue culture. We had vases of lily flower stems, that gradually opened through the show, which were grown by a local cut-flower grower. There were also a couple of beautiful lily flower arrangements prepared by Susan Leblanc.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings were slow. There were more people, in attendance Friday and many more on Saturday and Sunday. When the lily society volunteers asked "Do you grow lilies?", the response was usually "Yes", with a few "No, but I want to." For us, there were too many responses of they didn't know there was a lily society in Manitoba! The Home Expressions experience was great exposure for us, the Manitoba Regional Lily Society. Over the last three months, as a result of being at the Home Expressions Event, we have some new members in the lily society. Welcome to all of you. if you have questions or suggestion for us, please phone or write and tell the members of the board or the newsletter staff Please make yourselves known and have fun.

Junior Gardener's Program

By: Jennifer Bishop

HOW LILIES ARE JUDGED

I recently had the honour and pleasure of representing the MRLS at 2 separate sessions of Junior Gardeners for the East Kildonan and West Kildonan Horticultural Societies. They both have a good solid Junior Gardener's program with a combined enrollment of approx 25 children ranging in age from 4 years to 18 years old. The children are taught how to plant seeds, how to care for the soil, how to look after their gardens and generally shown that gardening is one of the great pleasures in life. I had the pleasure of introducing them to the 'World of Growing Lilies'.

The MRLS donated bulbs to the project, I developed a condensed guide that was suitable for the children to follow and the gardening clubs provided the pots, soil and bulb food.

The seminar was designed for the children to have a hands on experience by actually planting a bulb in a pot, getting to keep it and watch it grow throughout the summer. They were provided with a detailed guide on how to plant the potted lily into their garden if they chose to do that, and how to care for the lily if they decided to continue growing it in the pot.

The day was very exciting, particularly at the East Kildonan seminar which was held at Shrimers Nursery. Shrimers set up large planting tables outside for us in the center of the shrub and tree area. The day was a beautiful sunny warm day and while we were doing the step by step exercise of how to plant a lily bulb a crowd of adult shoppers gathered to watch and listen also. There where a lot of questions not just from the children but also from the parents who accompanied the children and from the adults in the audience. I ran out of handouts and had to start writing on whatever piece of paper we could find, where they could get more information about Lilies, buy good lily bulbs and about the MRLS and NALS.

I believe that we were provided with a great opportunity to promote not just the growing of lilies but also to promote MRLS. I invite all the membership to approach their own Horticultural Societies, Gardening Clubs and schools and offer their services to do a seminar on planting, scaling, hybridizing or just giving a talk about growing lilies and the lilies that you have growing in your garden. By doing this I believe that we can further promote lily growing in other people's gardens, promote MRLS and generally get new people interested in gardening with lilies. I would be happy to share with anyone the small amount of material that I have developed for teaching the children and the handouts that I put together for the seminars. If you do not feel that you want to personally do the seminars please provide the contact information to a member of the Board and we will arrange to do the sessions. However, I encourage you to get involved because the experience is wonderful. There is not a better feeling than seeing the bright smile on a young child's face who has just

1. Entries not made according to schedule are automatically eliminated.
2. The official NALS scale of points is to be used in evaluating specimens entered in competitive horticultural classes , except as noted below and for unnamed hybrid seedlings, hybridized and grown from seed by the exhibitor.

	Points
Condition	30
Vigor	20
Placement on stem	20
Substance of flowers	10
Form of flowers	10
Color of flowers	10

3. A modified Lighty System will be used for judging unnamed hybrid seedlings, hybridized and grown from seed by the exhibitor.

Breeding Advance will be evaluated as follows:

	Points
Vigor	20
Placement on stem	20
Substance of flowers	20
Form of flowers	20
Color of flowers	20

A First Place entry must score high in at least two attributes.

4. One First, Second, Third, and one or more Honorable Mentions may be awarded in each class where merited. Only exhibits placing First will be eligible for Special Awards and Trophies, with the exception of "Best in Show" which may be selected from any collection.
5. In judging collections, diversity of form and color as well as uniform quality and balance of collection as a whole are to be considered. Each stem must score 90 points or over for the collection to win a First Place ribbon.
6. In classes for three of the same species, variety, or cultivar, consideration will be given to uniformity.
7. Judges should not make entries in sections they have been assigned to evaluate.
8. An exhibit of unusual merit, not provided for in the schedule, may be given a special commendation if the judges so desire.
9. Judges are requested to provide written comments about all entries for Certificate of Commendation and Award of Merit.
10. Sweepstakes Awards will be awarded to the person with the most First Place ribbons; in the event of a tie the Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons will be counted successively.
11. In judging "Best in Show", stems from multiple stalk classes may be considered.
12. A decision by the judges is final and may not be changed unless all judges concerned are present, preferably before the show opens to the public.

NOTICES:

Anyone interested in learning to be a NALS accredited Judge?

Please contact Barrie Strohman at 204-476-3225 for further information and/or to sign up for the course. When enough names are signed up, a course date will be set. We

Lily Questions?

If you have a question or thought on lilies just contact us, 'the editors' and we will publish it on a question and answer spot in the newsletters.

Let us know what else you would like to see published in your newsletter

E-mail: nstrohman@escape.ca or Phone: 476-5908

Please be on the look out for the **Lily Beetle**. The larva is a humpbacked, dirty yellow grub with a dark head, repulsively covering itself in dark, slimy excrement. The adult is up to 8 millimeters (0.25 inch) long and bright scarlet with black legs and antennae. The eggs are laid on the underside of the foliage. There has been reports of them in Manitoba this Spring. If you spot any contact; Dr. Wilbert Ronald at 204-857-5288 or Nigel Strohman at 204-476-5908 to report the area they are in and for further info.

Hybridizing Clinic!!!

Are you interested? Of Course !!!

The clinic will be held by Jennifer Bishop and Ted Sobkowich.

Please call Jennifer, at 885-1414 (wk) or 661-5036 (hm), to let her know if you will attend.

Place: 23 Chopin Blvd., between Wiebe's Dr. and Uxbridge Rd. N., (North Kildonan), back yard of Jennifer Bishop.

Time: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, July 24h, 2001
(Yes, There will be lilies in bloom).

What to bring: Tweezers, one or two strips of Aluminium foil (2 1/2 to 3 inches wide by 8 to 12 inches long) and pen and pencil. And if you have a lily flower (florete), which has just opened its anthers, that you would like to use as a pollen parent (optional).

If you desire, any resulting seed pod will be saved by Jennifer and sent to you in fall. She will provide a tag to identify

MRLS Field Day, at Reg Gallop's cottage and gardens, Saturday July 7, 2001

Our annual interesting, enjoyable visit to Reg's place, should be fine this year, too. The gardens are looking great now (late May), and should present much of interest and delight to those members and friends who may attend this year. And the happy fellowship involved, makes for a great day amongst us.

About 100 different Martagons are looking particularly attractive in late May, with over 300 nice stems about 30" high, now forming bud-clusters, many of which should still have lovely blooms on them during the Field Day. Many other Lilies, mostly Asiatics, LA's, and Species should also be in flower then, with the later Trumpets, and Dr Wilbert Ronald's Oriempets, Asiapets, "Belle", and "Easter" series moving along nicely

Another highlight of these gardens is that they are in a beautiful lakeside bushland setting. The result of collecting over 25 years of rows of selected "Pacific Giants" Delphiniums. There are over 100 different ones that should be flowering during the Field Day, along with many other plants, including perennials, and lots of annuals.

The traditional MRLS Feast that is a highlight of this event, involves barbecued chicken supplied by Reg; while the participants bring the rest, including home-baking. Susan Leblanc at 864-2254, has kindly agreed to act as co-ordinator of the arrangements, to ensure a balanced, adequate supply of "goodies". Those planning to come should contact her to advise her of the number of potential attendees, and of what kind of meal items that they plan to bring.

Parking is limited in the street, and so car-pooling should be carried out as much as possible among those attending. If anyone needs a ride, then please advise Susan, who will find a place in a vehicle for you.

To get to Reg's cottage at Sandy Bay, RMVB, proceed from where you are, to Highway 59N, and continue till Victoria Beach; but do NOT turn in there. Keep going straight ahead on Highway 504 till McCawley Rd, first on the Left, then proceed to McCord Drive, turn left, and look for # 23 GALLOP, on the lakeside.

Parking places approved by the Police will be indicated on arrival. Please come early, as there is much to see, including a bushland back garden, and a fine long Sandy Beach, looking out at Elk Island Nature Reserve, which can be visited if the weather is calm. Lunch will be ready about 1. p.m. Bring your camera equipment, too. I look forward to seeing many of you at this enjoyable event.

Reg Gallop

Coming Events:

MRLS Lily Show 2001

Date: July 27-28, 2001
Place: St. Vital Center, Winnipeg, MB.
Info: See show schedule insert for more details

Reg Gallop's Cottage Garden Tour

Date: Saturday July 7, 2001
Place: Sandy Bay, on the Eastern Shore of Lake Winnipeg.
Info: See page 4 for Details

Wilbert Ronald's Orientpet Field Tour

Date: August 4, 2001 at 11:00 AM
Place: Jeffries Nurseries Growing Range located near Southport off Trans Canada at over pass, 1 mile South Hwy 240, 1 Mile East Hwy 331

2001 Lily Festival

Neepawa, MB

Lily Capital of the World present from July 19th-22nd. Daily guided architectural and lily bed tours & kids events.

Thursday: Breakfast Among the Lilies, festival grand opening, Lily Bingo, beef BBQ, St. Dominics Tea Party.

Friday: Outdoor Living Trade Show, Moonlight Madness, Exclusive Lily Show, Anglican Church Tea, bingo, cabaret.

Saturday: Lily Parade, Lily Show, antique car show, farmers market, trade show, beer garden, cabaret.

Sunday: Lily brunch, Exclusive Lily Show, Festival Home tours, Garden Path B&B open house, entertainment.

For Full festival details, to pre-book tours and events, or to order raffle tickets, please call us at (204) 476-8811 or toll-free 1-877-633-7292

**Dates for MRLS Fall Bulb Sales
Winnipeg & Brandon to be announced**

The North American Lily Society Show

Hosted by the Ontario Regional Lily Society

Date: July 11-15, 2001
Place: Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington, ON
Details can be found www.execulink.com/~mhomick/ or ph Michael Homick at 519-842-8134 or Ian Barber at 905-827-5944, email: isbarber@cips.ca

Canadian Prairie Lily Society Show

Date: July 20 to July 21
Place: The Mall at Lawson Heights
134 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon, SK
Info: Chairperson is Barbara Adams-Eichendorf at 306-947-2830

South Saskatchewan Lily Society Show

Date: July 20 & 21
Place: Southland Mall, Regina, SK.
Info: For further information contact show chair; Maida Gardner at 306 586 5703.

Alberta Regional Lily Society Annual Martagon Lily Show

Date: July 7 & 8
Place: Devonian Botanical Gardens, west on the Yellowhead, then south on Hwy #60

ARLS Annual Lily Show

Date: July 20 & 21
Place: Bonnie Doon Shopping Center, Main Con course on 83 St. and 82 Ave. Edmonton, AB
Info: Cards and Info of both shows may be obtained by phoning - Lil Mclean at 780-467-2660.

International Lily Conference 2002

The New Zealand Lily Society invites you to the 70th Anniversary of their society at the international Lily Conference in Christchurch New Zealand January 11-14, 2002.