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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all, Mother Nature never ceases to amaze me - it is after the May long weekend and she's trying to snow. I know it's not that unheard of but... I was hoping it wasn't going to be this year. I have already put out some of my annuals but lucky for me not any tomatoes!

Thanks to all of you who participated in our plant sale by bringing and buying plants. It's always nice when we have a big selection. Now we just need bigger yards! Following a pizza supper Dolores entertained us an update on the plans to revitalize our historical/educational garden.

Because of the NALS being so close to us this year and the restricted numbers of dedicated volunteers we have decided to skip the biannual martagon display. Hopefully we'll have one for you in 2014. I would encourage all members, that can, to visit Winnipeg and take in the NALS show (July 11-15). And of course don't forget to bring your stems out for our show in July. Maida is still looking for volunteers to help. If you can spare some time please give her a shout.

This year we have added a container lily category and will allow individual blossoms to be displayed. The display will gives us a chance to highlight the lilies that no longer meet the standard for being entered as a stem but would be excellent to educate and entice the public and fellow members.

Just a reminder that we are going to need some executive positions filled this year. Please contact Phyllis Mueller if you are interested in serving on the executive. This is your chance to get some of your ideas implemented! Change is good.

I wish you all a great gardening year and hope to see you all at the July show. Happy gardening. Gladys

Don't forget to visit our web site at www.ssls.ca

Historical Garden Report

By the end of May most of the beds have been cleaned of their winter debris. The paths are clean and there was no marked animal damage.

Ethia and Norman Brown, Maida Gardner and Tony Davidson cleared the crusted soil off the central bed and dressed the surface with organic black soil and peat. This was a major work project and it is hoped over the summer to loosen the soil well and prepare it for replanting in August and early September. If you are able to give a few hours to assist please call Gladys Ning (543 0482). You will be contacted in early August as the project gets organized. We shall be working in small groups and it is hoped that this shall only require a few hours of your time.

The Lily Leaf Beetle

We shall be monitoring the presence of the Lily Leaf Beetle in Saskatchewan again this growing season. During the three years we have monitored our area we have not received any reports of infection.

If you do suspect you have the beetle please collect a species in a plastic baggie call Shirley Tuttosi at 569-0804 in southern Saskatchewan and Bonnie Lawrence at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. It is required that the beetle be officially identified before mustering action.

In April Dr. Naomi Cappuccino from the Carleton University in Ottawa was contacted regarding the field testing of the single release of *Tetrastichus* in 2010. She indicated that they did get a few parasitized larvae in the summer of 2011, indicating that the wasp has been established.

Dr. Cappuccino is preparing a report, which she will send to us when it is completed. Carleton is planning to submit a petition for a second parasitoid, *Lemophagus errabundus*. We shall look forward to receiving this report.

We have also been contacted by Chit Newfelt, chair of the Invasive Species Council for Saskatchewan, who will share our experience to date with the council and the Native Plant Society.

It is nice to know that we have the support of these groups as they visit various areas of Saskatchewan during their summer inspections.

Preparing for our SSLS show

All members are encouraged to exhibit in the annual show. One does not have to be a hybridizer, or specialist, the annual show provides the opportunity to share a stem of a favorite lily and inspect other cultivars they may never have space or conditions to grow. The effort to get a stem to a show is far more difficult to explain than to do. Knowledge of the basic techniques is helpful and of course trial and error and practice have their place to preparing for the showroom.

Select the best stem, those with a healthy, vigorous appearance, free from weather or insect damage or disease. Ideally the stem will have the number of blooms and buds typical for that cultivar, all well spaced and with good colour and size. Technically one bloom must be open for the stem to be judged.

Cut the stems in early morning or late evening and immediately plunge into water for an hour to harden. When hardened place into container which will transport it without crushing the leaves or petals (5-10 gallon drywall buckets work well and have a handle that string can be attached to for stem support) . This is the first chance to consider staging a stem: if it leans, support material may be needed when the stem is placed in the actual show container, so bring material such as Styrofoam peanuts, excess lily stems, or rhubarb.

Consider doing an initial grooming at home. Remove all leaves that would be in water. Carefully trim all leaves to remove brown tips or insect damage, but retain the basic shape of the leaf. Heavily damaged or broken leaves and flower parts should be removed, and avoid leaving any stub on the pedicle. Clean each leaf with a wet cotton swab to remove any dirt, spray residue or insect remains. If cleaning is necessary on the bloom, use a dry artists brush to remove any dirt or pollen. If appropriate, cover the anthers with foil cups, or tissue to prevent them from staining the tepals. Take some cotton balls and Q-tips, support material, and scissors to the show. Allow ample time and drive slowly.

At the show, try not to hurry through staging the stems in the containers. Fill out the entry cards with the name of the cultivar, its division, and the class. Ask the show committee or an experienced member for assistance, they are glad to help. Place your stems on the table in the class where it will be judged, the committee may move it if necessary. When done, leave the exhibit room. Hopefully when you return you will find a ribbon on your stem, or even better, your stem will be placed on the winners' table.



Lilium Species : Lilium Martagon

L.martagon is the most widespread of all lily species and one of the oldest lilies in cultivation. L.martagon is predominantly a southern European lily. However, it has a sub-species which has a wide distribution in eastern Asia extending through Siberia and Turkey to Mongolia. L. martagon was officially named by Linnaeus in 1753.

L. martagon seems to make its self comfortable in most conditions and many soil types from forest shade to the English lime soil. It sets seed readily but the seedlings can take up to eight years to flower. Undisturbed L.martagon can form long lasting colonies. The various colonies are often separated by distance with resulting unique variations. All varieties have some similar structure and there are no barriers to cross pollination.

L.martagon species has a variable colour range of shades of red, pinks and lavender to very dark maroon. L.martagon var. album is a white variety There are twenty some varieties listed in Woodcock-Stein including L.martagon var. flavidum a yellow variety found in Bavaria in 1920. Some varieties that grow in colder climates have hairy or fuzz growth on their stems, pods and under their leaves. The leaves are dark green to purple tone which are generally arranged in whorls in tiers on their very strong stems. The small waxen flowers are pendulous with strong recurved tepals. The form of the flower has been identified over the years as 'turks capped' in shape. The seed pods are good sized and produce delayed hypogeal germination seed.

In Honeywood Historical Lily Gardens home yard there is a lovely stand of L.martagon in shades of pink and white. They looked like true wild lilies which have developed a stand among the low forest surrounding the garden buildings. It was like finding a lost treasure.

Note:

The North American Lily Society's web site has an excellent article on martagons written by Frans Officer. Look under the title "Lily Galleries" www.lilies.org

The SSLS Library has a copy of Dr. Eugene Fox's book "Martagon Lilies" which is very informative. Please call Shirley Tuttosi the librarian to access (569 0804).

-D. Nelson



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Manitoba Moments



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If you have any interesting articles, tidbits, or special lily events that you would like mentioned in up-coming newsletters. Please feel free to send them to me at my home address: 1015 Broder Street, Regina, SK S4N 3P8 or at my personal

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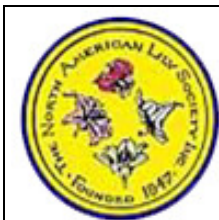
All memberships are to be paid in American funds. This gives Canadians the option of paying by credit card, money order or cheque for those having American accounts. There is also the option of using the NALS Web Site www.lilies.org as a means of paying membership with 'pay pal'.

Individual or family memberships for one year are 25US\$ and 70US\$ for three years.

What's new in your garden?

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The North American Lily Society (NALS) was organized in 1947 to promote interest in the genus *Lilium*. The society has active members from almost every state and province in North America, as well as from many countries around the world.



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