

# SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY INC.

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# President's message

Well here I am finally, the world's best (or worst. depends on how you look at it) procrastinator. I have lots of excuses on why I have not sat down and wrote this sooner, but I will procrastinate on letting you know what those are. The biggest is that I am too lazy to walk to the basement where my computer is. It is all of eight steps. The same reason that I can't make supper, the deepfreeze is in the basement also. Or of late, I could just open the garage door and put stuff out there. Hope this weather quits soon, as I am still pumping water.

Just listened to the Farm Report the other day and they are forecasting another above average runoff in the spring. It said that all the lakes and rivers were high, when we went into winter. I feel sorry for the farmers north, as it seems to be getting worse every year with more farmland flooding. I am still having the problem with the well overflowing and the external sumps filling with water. I need someone to start me a Go Fund Me Page, as I looked into having the water pumped away, and it will cost between 7 and 10 thousand dollars by the time do the trenching, sump pit and pump. I did not want to spend that much money this year, as did so many other projects. You won't recognize the yard. Cut down the big tree in the back. Hauled away the cottage next door and burnt it. (Picked up nails for weeks.) Then had foundation destroyed and hauled away. Good thing I have nice neighbors as they brought in a tractor to rip the house down, the wife volunteered the husband of course.

But that still leaves the water. Bitch!!!!! Bitch!!!!!! You would too if you had to haul 200 ft of hose in and out of the house twice a day so that it does not freeze. Last year was so much better. So remember to Go Fund Me for next year, or I will have to save my pennies. OOPS mean my dollars. Turn 65 in January so maybe the government will help me with some Old People Money. So for some happier news, we have a couple of new people on the executive. Shirley Tuttosi will be moving in to Advertising, and Lu Narine will be taking over Membership. Also Allan Daku has volunteered to be on Program and Education. Thank you very much to these people, as the executive has been lacking in the last couple of years. This will be my last year as President, as I am already two years beyond my term, and Brian Porter has only stayed on as Vice-President because I begged. So be thinking of these positions for next term, and we still need someone to take over Show Chair. I will be keeping an eye on the weather, to pick a date in January for the Executive meeting. So let me know if there is some date that does not work for you. We will also be reviewing our by-laws this

year, so if you have any suggestions let us know. If there are to be any changes made it must be put in writing at least three weeks before the next General Meeting, where it will be voted on by the membership.

At the Fall General Meeting Dr. Evans discussed using Decis to control the lily beetle. It was passed in the minutes that the Lily Association would look into purchasing this chemical and make it available to our members. I have done some research, which shows that this chemical is very toxic in the mixing stages, and is very harmful to other insects and marine life. It is also very strong. Takes only a couple of ounces to spray an acre, so probably only a drop to do a yard. Will try phoning Bayer Crop Science as they produce this chemical.

On to better things. My addictions have increased in my old age. Have decided to include Daylilies and Irises in my compulsions. Picked up a bunch of daylilies at Cherry Lane's end of year sale. Whoever won the Gift Certificate to Cherry Lane at the Fall Seminar is a very lucky person. Also the one from Valley K. My last and final addiction is Glucosamine. Have been trying it for my knees. Been spending too much time down on them planting the other addictions and praying for money for the water. Got a couple of catalogues so far. Vessey's included a preview catalogue, along with the seed on this year. Thus I have been able to fuel my drool quota even earlier this year. That's right people, I do have a few spare minutes in the day to sit in my chair, drink coffee, and look at the pretty pictures and plan for a wonderful garden next summer.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. (Don't care if I am politically correct) and will see everyone soon. Got to go back outside and pump some more water. Santa Claus was nice this year and gave me an early present of new overalls and jacket. He is a Peavey Mart shopper. Very wise. Hope Mrs. Claus brings me some new gloves.

Bye for now Susan

## Contact Preference

Suggestion was that an entry be placed in the newsletter explaining the situations, that we want to keep members informed, and our method of contact will be via email <u>unless</u> they identify their preference is something else and if so must indicate what that is. They should contact the membership chair so the membership list can be updated with the preferred method of contact.

### Fall Seminar

The fall seminar was held at the Eastview Community Centre on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and was attended by 14 members. Reports from the various committees were read. Nominations took place for the 2017 year with a couple of new faces, namely Louise Nadine, and Allan Daku. Thank you for stepping up. Your help is much appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35. Show awards were presented and followed by lunch.



Grand Champion
& Best Div VIII Non-LA

& Best Div VIII Non-LA Allan Daku - "Purple Prince"



Best Floral Arrangement



Sweepsteaks

Dr. Ieuan Evans presentation on the ease of growing Martagon lilies.











# North American Lily Society 70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium

# NALS 2017 Lily Show & Symposium News

The 70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium, in St Louis, Missouri, June 28 - July 2, 2017, would not be complete without a fabulous Lily Show. Our Lily Show Team is currently constructing an extensive show schedule that includes Horticulture and Design, as well as a Lily Photo Contest. Our Lily Show will be open to the public on Friday afternoon, June 30, 2017, after show judging is complete, and will be available for public viewing until Sunday afternoon, July 2, 2017. Please check our <u>Tentative</u> Schedule of Events for specific admission times.

Each section of our Lily Show schedule has outstanding classes that will entice you to participate. The Horticulture division of the lily show always has exciting classes for seedling, named single stem lilies, as well as a challenging class for exceptional collections of lilies. Awards from each section of the show schedule will lead to the selection of the "Top Awards" for the Horticulture Division of the Lily Show.

Awaken your creative spirit and exhibit a design at the Lily Show. If you are traveling long distance, we will have lilies, containers, floral accessories, and other flowers you can use for your design. Kim Peterson, our Floral Design coordinator has constructed some outstanding classes for the <u>Floral Design Division</u> that will challenge and stretch your imagination. I know we have some fabulous designers from North America who create extraordinary designs at their local lily shows. Make your travel plans to arrive on Thursday, and spend the afternoon, or evening, meeting other designers and creating a new design at the 70th Annual International Lily Show! Please note, out of state exhibitors are encouraged to

enter designs in our Class 5 "Classic Chocolate Treats" – a Creative mass design. Plant material and containers will be provided for this class. Do you have an eye for photography? Peggy and Rod Nerdahl have assembled an exceptional Lily Photo Contest as the photography portion of our Lily Show. Many lily enthusiasts from around the world share their photos on social media and other lily forums. Consider exhibiting your photos of lilies at the 70th Annual International Lily Show! Please refer to our Lily Photo Contest form for additional information about exhibiting your extraordinary photos.

The <u>Lily Show page</u> on our website has been updated with *Tentative* Show Schedules, and will soon contain forms and instructions for the Lily Show as we near closer to the 70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium. In addition to tours, educational opportunities, and renewing friendships, the Lily Show is an important part of every convention. It showcases a contribution of lilies and talent from across North America and renders a spectacular display of our favorite flower, the *Lilium*.

Sincerely,

Lynn Slackman

Chairperson, 70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium



Ron Sitter proposed that a change be made to the bylaw where if the society dissolves that the money be distributed between the University of Saskatchewan and Honeywood Nursery. Reason for this was to keep the society's dollars within the province and not go external. Decision was that an overall review of the bylaws was due and that the Director's meeting in January would address this. Suggestion was that the newsletter have an article asking for suggested changes.

### **BEETLE TRACKING**

The 2015 specimen that was sent in and positively identified has been added to our provincial nonnative species tracking list. Is there any chance that you have locational information on the beetle so we can begin mapping it on our provincial data management system (iMapInvasives) and tracking its spread?

Thanks again, Ahdia.

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http://www.biodiversity.sk.ca/Invasives.htm

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Individual- \$10 for one year ( ) \$25 for three years ( ) Family- \$12 for one year ( ) \$31 for three years ( )

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Or apply on line at www.sasklilysociety.org

Our web site is now fully functioning and we need input from the members with articles, stories, photos, or anything you would like to share with others.

Please include your name in your correspondence.

If you have a question or comment please use the web email to contact Issy. ssls2013@gmail.com

