



## **SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY INC.**

Affiliate of the North American Lily Society, Inc.

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### **Presidents message**

Hello all you tough Canadian people.

Just heard that we have had the coldest February ever recorded. At least we do not have the snowfall that other parts of the country have had. Don't know what Brian Bergman in Ontario has had. The downside to this is that I did not have any snow cover at all when the temperatures were so cold.

Well on to happier things. Do not forget to register for the judges school (register with Dolores Nelson), even if you only want to audit the class it will give you good insight in what you want to look for in your lilies if you are entering them in a show. Also don't forget the general meeting will take place on Sunday March 22 at 1pm after the judging students have written their exam. There has also been some minor changes in the wording of some of the classifications at the show so make sure to look at your program. Dolores will discuss these at the May meeting and also in the design classes this year's theme is 50 Years Waving the Flag and she will demonstrate some of the designs. So try to attend the plant sale on Wednesday May 13th and bring what extra plants you have for sale.

As we all know this is tax season, and it comes down to paying the income tax you owe or buying all those lovely plants that are available in those catalogues that keep coming in the mail. Of course you know what decision that I made. Have bought some of the new interdivisional bulbs the last couple of years and hope that they are hardy enough to make it through the winter. Love my lilies, but do not coddle them. They have to survive on their own. Bought Kushi Maya two years ago, made it through the first winter, hope it comes through again. Beautiful lily! But still have lots of room in my heart, if not the garden, for the old reliables.

See you at the meeting. Susan

## **Society Events**

### **Spring Seminar**

General meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 21st at 9 am  
Queen City Eastview Community Centre. 615-6th Avenue.

### **Plant Sale**

Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 5 pm at the Floral Conservatory 1450 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
Pizza will be ordered. Changes discussed regarding the show schedule. Followed by a  
presentation by Dolores on Hybridizing.

### **Lily Show**

July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> all entries welcome. North gate Mall

### **Lily Picnic**

July 29<sup>th</sup> 5pm John Schofield's 90 Cannon Street

### **Bulb Packaging**

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm-

### **Bulb Sale**

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 9 am-5pm-

### **Bulb Sale**

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Northgate Mall 9am -4pm

### **Fall Seminar**

Oct .24<sup>th</sup>-

Gladys will present a Power-point presentation.

### **Christmas Party.**

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Regina Floral Conservatory. 6 pm. Potluck and gift exchange.

Re: The Cancellation of the 2015 Judges School

### **SSLS General Meeting; Saturday March 21, 9:00 a.m.**

It is necessary to cancel the Judges School which was to be held on March 21 & 22 due to lack of student interest. Those of you who sent funds to cover the cost will be reimbursed.

We did have a good number interested in auditing the instruction so in future we may try to support a refresher workshop for judging and exhibiting. We shall keep you posted if this educational opportunity becomes available.

The South Saskatchewan Lily Society's General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. This will take place at the East View Community Centre at 615 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

We do need your attendance at this meeting to approve the 2015 officers, budget and programs. Following the general meeting there will be an educational program related to 'Lily Hybridization'. This will be followed by lunch

## JUDGING (Reference: the New Zealand Judges Handbook)

### What are the judges looking for?

Generally judging is done by scale points according to condition, vigor, placement of flowers on the stem, substance, form and colour of the flower.

**CONDITION**, which is the most important, includes the stage of maturity. Generally it is considered that a stem of lilies is in its best condition when the lower flowers are open but not faded, and the upper ones are still in bud. The plant should also have no evidence of disease or insect blemishes, as well as no fading or thinning of the petals due to prolonged cold storage, and six pollen anthers should be present. Freshness of pollen on florets is important. **DO NOT REMOVE** pollen anthers.

**VIGOR** refers to the length and sturdiness of the stem, the number and size of the flowers and the size, colour and attractiveness of the foliage.

**PLACEMENT** of the flowers refers to their placement on the stem. They should be placed in such a way that the individual flowers do not interfere with one another and spiral separately on the stem rather than crowd at the same level or in whorls. In general the more flowers per stem the better, provided there is no fasciation (flattened stem syndrome) and they are well placed. However, petals and stamens may be removed from the stem if the flower is faded and ready to drop but care must be taken to leave the pistil intact to prove placement of flower and hereby possibly earn points for flower count.

**SUBSTANCE** of flower refers to thickness and rigidity of the tepals (petals). Firmness which withstands exposure to sun and wilting is desirable. This characteristic is particularly important when judging seedlings and bulbs first flowering. In general a flower with broad petals of good substance is preferable to a flower with narrow soft petals.

**FORM** of the flower is based on its conformity with typical form of the species or cultivar and comparison to other different species, cultivars and seedlings.

**COLOUR** of the flower should be clear, definite and attractive rather than dull and muddy.

**STAGING** a potted plant, a stem or a flower with its correct name written on the staging card is an advantage and worth a point or two. It is also appreciated by those who have lost name tags.

When staging a group of florets an odd number is better staged than an even number. Placement of colour is also important.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sincere sympathy that we remember members of the Saskatchewan Lily Society members that have passed from our presences:

Shirley Widdifield-

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Shirley Widdifield on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Shirley was a teacher with the Regina Public School system for thirty years. She loved children and found teaching very fulfilling. After retirement she pursued her many hobbies including painting, stitchery and doll collecting.

Shirley served on the Show Committee managed the awards. She was an enthusiastic lily grower and her pleasant company will be missed.

David Drysdale

David Leslie Drysdale passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan on Monday, December 22, 2014 at the age of 57 years.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

David served as our first web master and had the difficult task of educating our members in how to be an internet communicators. He provided the "Making Cancer History Award" for the Best Species. David provided and tended to the Senior Citizen's Memorial Lily Garden in Estevan. He was honoured by the City of Estevan for his efforts. David had a wide knowledge of lilies and worked for a number of years in the nursery which provided bulbs for our sales.

Diann Putland

Diann supported the South Saskatchewan Lily Society from its founding in 1991. Diann was a champion gardener and served as a mentor for us all. Her bulbs could be always counted on to be true to breeding and of the best quality and condition. She specialized in the older garden varieties that were breed in Saskatchewan and had customers throughout Canada and United States. She presented her stems well and was rewarded with many major awards.

Diann provided educated seminars on lilies and floral arrangements to our Society members. She provided gifts of bulbs and her husband Dennis woodwork. Diann on many occasions has hosted bus-loads of enthusiastic lily growers at Hillcrest Harmony Flowers where with Dennis' help provided for her guests comfort. Diann enjoyed "talking lilies", and just how to grow and hybridize these wonderful plants.

Diann was a champion of 'lilium' and a mentor to all lily growers.

**Condolences** are extended to Linda Langenbacker on the death of her husband, Wolfgang.

May this wee poem bring her comfort as she looks at her wonderful planting of *L. philadepicum* :

I took a day to look for God  
And I found Him not. But I trod  
By rocky ledge, through woods untamed,  
Just where one scarlet lily flamed.  
I saw his footprints in the sod.

... Bliss Carmen

## Lilies for Free

Propagation from scaling is the most cost-effective and rapid method to increase a clone. This method is used to increase the number of selected seedlings or a special costly lily. Commercial growers use this method of increasing their stock.

1. A new plant can be grown from just one scale of a healthy lily bulb.
2. To remove individual scales from bulb bend the scale outwards until it snap off at the base. Take care to break the scale right at the basal plate.  
It does no harm to the bulb to break of a few scales for propagation but do not be greedy as scales are the lily's food supply for the next year.
3. On a small plastic bag write the title/name of the lily. Fill the bag with slightly damp peat moss.
4. In a dry plastic bag put the clean scales with a shake of a suitable fungicide.
5. Pack the scales in layers in the peat moss being careful to completely cover them. Perforate the bag to allow for good aeration.
6. Incubate the scales in warm well ventilated room. Asiatic requires 6 to 8 weeks until bullets and roots form while trumpets and species require 12 to 14 weeks. Check that peat remains just moist.
7. Once the bulblets form, you can place them the refrigerator until the cooler days of August.
8. Plant out in rows in the garden and mulch well for the first winter.
9. Flowers can be produced in 2-5 years after the bulblets are taken from the scales depending on the lilies varieties used.

## *A Gardener's Prayer*

*Author Unknown*

*May the bunnies never nibble on your young and tender shoots.  
May your transplants settle in and put down hardy roots.*

*May your weeds come out real easy and your lawn be fungus free.  
May you never put your back out or inhale a bumblebee.*

*May your roses never stab you or your hoses spring a leak.  
And may everyone come 'a calling' when you garden's at its peak.*

*May you never grow too weary as you toil for hours and hours  
And may you never be too busy to stop and smell the flowers!*



### **SSLS EXECUTIVE FOR 2013-14**

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## *The South Saskatchewan Lily Society Membership*

Make payments to SSSLs-c/o Viola Berwald @ 10 Ruby Place Emerald Park, SK S4L 1A9

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Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**\*\*\* PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE UP-TO-DATE\*\*\***

Or apply on line at [www.sasklilysociety.org](http://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.  
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