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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another growing season is coming to an end. I hope that 2012 has provided you with bountiful garden pleasures and that you've weathered Mother Nature's challenges. Like all gardeners I am sure you are looking forward to planting a few more bulbs or plants this fall. Gardener's are the best organizers - they always manage to find a spot to squeeze in a new member of the garden family. Sometimes that might mean that it's time for other members to leave home or to get moved to a different room. Gardening is like our living room furniture, we're always moving items around to find just the right spot or just for a little change.

Our bulb sales will be coming up and this is a great time to plan that rearranging or add to your lily family. A gardener's work is never done and we are always looking forward to next season.

Our annual show was a success. We had a good selection of stems, designs and attendance was the highest I have seen in a number of years. Thank you to all of those who were involved in planning, set up and take down, brought stems or helped man the greeting table and displays. A special thank to the judges, in particular Dolores Nelson whose help was invaluable.

Our AGM is coming up this fall and we have a number of positions to fill. We will be looking for a President, Vice President and other positions. Please let Phyllis Mueller or any current executive member know if you are interested in filling a post.

I look forward to seeing many of you all at either the bulb or the fall seminar. Happy gardening.

Gladys

**Don't forget to visit our web site at [www.ssls.ca](http://www.ssls.ca)**

# **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lily Show Report**

**The South Saskatchewan Lily Society held their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lily Show on July 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at the Golden Mile Centre in Regina. We had 133 entries in the Horticultural Classes and 12 in the Decorative Classes with 18 people participating.**

**Judges for the show were Dolores Nelson, Phyllis Mueller, Charlien Britton, Shirley Tuttosi, and Maida Gardner.**

**Thank you to our show sponsors: Valley K Lily Ranch, Sherwood Greenhouse, Friars Stained Glass, Dutch Growers Garden Center, Elaine Fellner, Dolores Nelson, and Maida Gardner. We also thank the Golden Mile Center for the generous use of the mall during the show.**

**Awards:**

**Grand Champion - Evelyn Chubak - Pink Giant**

**Jean Ericksen - Best Seedling - Dolores Nelson - Trumpet 2007-M-09**

**Canadian Pride - Canadian Hybridizer - Dolores Nelson - Trumpet 2007-M-09**

**Making Cancer History - Best Species - Pat Sargent - L. regale**

**Robert Erskine - stem with most buds and florets - Evelyn Chubak - Pink Giant**

**Sweepstakes - most 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons in Hort. Class - Dolores Nelson**

**Best Asiatic - Evelyn Chubak - Pink Giant**

**Best Trumpet - Dolores Nelson - Seedling 2007-M-09**

**Best LA - Dolores Nelson - Eyeliner**

**Best Newer Lily in Div. VIII - John Schofield - Zagora**

**Best 3 Stems - Dolores Nelson - Trumpet seedling 2007-L.R.-02**

**Best Vase - Viola Berwald**

**Best Basket - Phyllis Mueller - Peachy Keen**

**Best Oriental - Eileen Denis - Casablanca**

**Best Floral Arrangement - Gladys Ning - Traditional Charm - mass design**

**Best Novice Arrangement - Eileen Denis - Tradition - mass design**

**Thanks to all those who participated in the 2012 Show.**

**Your Show Committee: Gladys Ning, Pat Sargent, Shirley Widdifield, Phyllis Mueller, Maida Gardner.**



**Best Asiatic - Grand Champion - Most buds - Evelyn Chubak**



**Best Trumpet, Jean Ericksen,**

**Best 3 stems -Dolores Nelson  
Canadian Pride -Dolores Nelson**





## Species: *L. lancifolium*

The common old Tiger Lily (*L. lancifolium*) has become a favorite of mine since my neighbour accepted and planted it extensively on her city lot. This August there are over 160 stems gracing her perennial flower beds. It is truly a spectacular view.

*L. lancifolium* has 1.6 meter stems which can carry large numbers of reflexed orange-red flowers with purplish spots. It produces a pyramid arrangement of hanging turk's cap flowers. The narrow dark foliage arches from strong dark green stems. It blooms in late summer. In the axis of the leaves along the stems are many shiny black bulbils. These can be collected and shallowly planted to produce blooming size bulbs within a couple of years. This characteristic has been carried into many hybrid progeny and allows for relatively easy propagation of many of today's asiatics.

*L. lancifolium* is a native of China, Korea and Japan. It was cultivated as a field crop in these areas for about a thousand years and used as an edible bulb for human consumption. In 1804 Kew Garden received bulbs from Canton, China. Miss I. Preston received *L. tigrinum* var 'Diploid' to use in her Ottawa Experimental Gardens.

The species is normally self-sterile, although it can function as a seed-or-pollen-parent in crosses with other species.

Unfortunately many commercial stocks of *L. lancifolium* are infected with virus disease. This does not affect their vigor but it makes them dangerous neighbours to more susceptible species. It is best to give *L. lancifolium* its own garden area for the health of other liliium bulbs.

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There is a double variety called 'Floe Pleno' which is a triploid without stamens.

*L.lancifolium* var. *flaviflorum* is rich a gold in colour with spotted flowers.

This year a beautiful hybrid stem of 'Giant Tiger' and other hybrid stems of 'Pink Tiger' (*L.regale* hybrid x diploid *L. lancifolium*) were found on the show bench. Another *sport* is known as Port Alberni Hybrid which is a very tall variation that was introduced to many prairie gardens in the late 1980's.

The fact remains that as common as it is, the orange tiger lily (*L.lancifolium*) is one of the most useful and colourful flowers of the summer garden when planted in clumps of several bulbs. It is very welcome at the end of the summer growing season.

-Dolores Nelson



## **The Red Lily Beetle**



To this date we have had no reports of any sighting of the Red lily Beetle in Saskatchewan. Some of our members have been introduced to the beetle on their holiday journeys. Maida Gardner met the pest in London, Ontario. Ethia and Norman Brown met the ruby beauty in their son's garden in the northwest side of Calgary, Alberta. While all agreed that the beetle is very destructive and distinctive in its ruby red colouration.

-Dolores Nelson

## **South Saskatchewan Heritage Garden**

A brief meeting of the committee managing the care of the garden was held July 21, 2012. It was decided that we shall undertake to remove all bulbs from the three main beds, replenish the soil and work the areas before replanting with healthy bulbs where possible.

The west bed will be used to display the various divisions. We shall try at the same time to include those lilies that represent breeding historical advancements. As an example we will start with the Asiatics and include the various ordinations, which will include I. Preston's hybrid 'Brenda Watts'. We might also include Ed McRae's advancements in pixie type hybrids such as 'Orange Pixie'. The bed will continue to include all the divisions from Asiatics to Division VIII. The martagons and species will continue to be planted in the north bed.

The middle bed will continue to be home to those lilies hybridized in Saskatchewan. The aim being to show examples of heritage lilies introduced by specific Saskatchewan hybridizers. We will be showing a few of the hybridizer's strongest growing lilies.

The east bed will showcase what is new and introduce advancements in the development in lilies. Displays in this bed will likely change with our resources. One planting may be the NALS Award Winners or our show winners.

The plan of action is that those responsible for sections of the garden can call on volunteers to assist them in restoring the soil and removing the bulbs.

We do have a list of members who have offered to assist but if you wish to be involved please call Dolores at 586- 3697 as all help would be appreciated.

- Dolores Nelson

## **Congratulation Diann Putland**

Diann's ability to produce wonderful lilies along with her excellent skills in displaying lilies resulted in her success at the International NALS 2012 Show in Winnipeg. We were delighted to learn that she took home many of the top trophies at the Show. The list of her winning entries contained many of the wonderful time-tested beauties which Diann shared with us during the many years she operated her show and sale gardens.

### **Diann Putland's NALS 2012 Award Winners:**

**Isabella Preston Trophy** - Best Lily in Show: 'Karen North'

**Jan de Graaff Award**- Best Stem in Section D: "Karen North"

**Mears-Mersereau Award** - Best three stems of the same species, variety or cultivar: 'Willow Wood'

**Iowa Regional Lily Society Award**- Best Asiatic Hybrid: 'Karen North'

**Ontario Regional Society Award** ( In honour of George E. Holland)

Best stem of hybrid lily originated and named by a Canadian: 'Rosali nda'

**Tesca-Koehler Award** (North Star Lily Society)

Best stem of a named lily of Minnesota origin: 'Willow Wood'

**Barrie Strohman Award** ( Manitoba Regional Lily Society) Class 1.

A collection of 6 different lilies from any division or divisions, one stem of each, identified:

'Royal Sunset', 'Angel's Touch', 'Black Beauty', 'L. davidii var Willmottiae', 'Karen North', 'Rosali na'.

**Mid-America Lily Society Award** (Mid-Atlantic Lily Society) Class 4.

Collection of 3 Asiatic Hybrid Lilies with different orientation, one stem each from Division 1a, 1b and 1c all must be identified:

'Burnish Rose', 'Red Duchess' and 'Bold Night'

**The Prairie Peony Society** will have available 'Peony roots, Perennials and garage sale items' for purchase on Friday, September 21 (9:00 am to 6:00pm) and Saturday, September 22 (9:00 am to 5:00pm) at 60 Mathieu Crescent.

The Peony Society is doing a Painting Workshop as fundraiser called Peony's Bold & Beautiful. Acrylic. First 3 Saturday mornings in November. Argyle Park Community Centre. \$100 plus supplies, or \$75 plus supplies. If you have an annual Peony membership. Some painting experience an asset but geared more for the beginner to intermediate painting levels. Contact Gladys @ 543-0482 if interested.



## Violet's Lilies,

December 2011, the sewer under my house needed to be replaced. The contractor had to trench eight ' deep across the lawn. That work was done within a week and my front yard was converted into an unsightly mud pile. March, 2012 the snow melted, according to experts it could take years to restore the lawn. That sight was not very attractive, like an unkempt grave .

I was told many times to make lemonade from a lemon, insteadl decided to plant lilies, when asked what I wished for my Birthday? I replied " lily bulbs, which I could plant, to beautify the site." My family gave me 80 bulbs and from friends 50 more. Why lilies? I have seen them in gardens, they were very pretty, and according to neighbors easy to grow.



I was born and raised in Berlin, asphalt was the dominatnt ground cover.My mothers garden consisted of one geranium. In other words I had no idea of gardening. I was married twice and both husbands took pride in growing a lawn, just a few flowers to enhance the look of our yard. That was many years ago.

An advertisement in the newspaper said a lady who would speak on 'how to grow lilies. ' A neighbour and I went to listen. The speaker was Mrs. Dolores Nelson, who had won many awards for growing lilies.

For weeks I bombarded Mrs. Nelson with many questions, where to start. I hired a contractor to level the 'grave'. Then bought three yards of soil from the greenhouse. It took seven shovels per wheel barrow, which took a while to spread.( Hard labour, being slow ,my excuse ? My birth- certificate says 'born in 1932.')

One week later I raked a patch of 10'X 20 ' and bordered it with garden ties. People walking by , asked, "what was I planning to do," proudly I replied: 'I am starting a lily patch. '

I looked at my lily bulbs, and they were starting to sprout, but the temperature outside was still to cold to plant anything. I asked Mrs. Nelson what to do ? Her advise, start planting them in pots. Another neighbour came and helped, she had planted lilies bulbs before.

Inside my home the wall along the basement stairs was bare, it's size 12X10' high. Having some long boards





I built a temporary shelf, in order to place the flowerpots. I needed six levels. The back door has a glass window and extra light bulbs provided the necessary light for growing

Another week had passed and the lilies kept on growing, I guess they were curious about their new home. That gave me enough time to finish the green house, which is attached to the house. I had to hire a handyman for help, as some nails needed a man's touch.

Two weeks later I moved every lily into their new home I believe they liked it , I could almost see them breathing the spring air, and buds started to grow. Spring moisture was provided for our city by the heavens. Not to waste any time we received plenty, up to 5 mm rain , daily, steady for four days.



I looked at the patch , it had conversed into a sinkhole, with water standing one foot deep. Meanwhile the temperature, hovered around 10 above. I still had the emergency heater from the camper , which I used in the green house, to keep the lilies from freezing It was the middle of May when the sun came back, to assure us we were not forgotten. Then with the warm wind everything dried in a few days.

I started to plant with the tallest lily, four feet high. Depending upon the weather I planted a few more every day. It was amazing the amount of water the ground needed. I never refilled the sink hole with fresh soil, it became U shaped lily patch.

Four weeks later I received my reward, every morning another lily started to bloom. I could not say which one was prettier. They all looked liked they werecompeting, modelling their individual beauty. This kept me busy all spring, but I loved every moment of it. I came to the conclusion, to keep the lilies for future years , just grass is actually boring.



Thank you Lord and a big thank you to Mrs. Nelson and to all my friends who encouraged me.

It is a joy to rise in the morning and be greeted with God's masterpieces.

Violet Lochore

# The South Saskatchewan Lily Society Membership

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

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

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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## NALS Memberships

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](http://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 ?

<http://www.lilies.org>

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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