



# SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY INC.

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## Vice presidents message

As I sit in my chair covered with a blanket, holding my hot cup of coffee, clutching my seed catalogues, I wonder if this weather is ever going to end. The groundhogs promised it would.

The winter started not too bad, with little snow, but the banks are getting higher and higher, hope no flooding this spring. Could not take another one, have lost lilies the last couple of years due to excessive moisture.

To top the woes had septic problems in the fall. They dug up the whole back yard. Had two bobcats (machines not animal) digging for three days. Problems fixed. No money left (retirement is hard on the pocket book) no yard left.

Those seed catalogues might come in handy.

Well always tomorrow, next week, or next month, hope not next year.

Already have a couple of plant orders in.

Think I'll add a couple of new addictions; saw some nice irises and peonies.

Hope spring will arrive, not too quickly and we all have a wonderful year.

Susan Parks.



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## Springtime

Oh, spring came to my garden  
and caught it unaware  
wearing just a few old leaves  
and a dejected air.

But when spring left my garden,  
its work so deftly done,  
many, many Daffodils  
were dancing in the sun.

*-Velma D. BATES.*

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**The South Saskatchewan Lily Society is inviting you to join us  
on a Lily Tour on July 19-20, 2014.**

**Schedule**

**9:00 a.m. - Saturday, July 19**

**Tour members are to board the Moose Mountain Tour Bus at the Northgate Mall parking lot to travel to Saskatoon.**

**11:30 - Visit the Canadian Prairie Lily Show at the Lawson Mall and you may obtain lunch at this facility.**

**2:00p.m - Visit the Horticultural Gardens at the Forestry Farm and possibility the CPLS historical lily plants at the University of Saskatchewan.**

**5:00 p.m. - Saskatoon Travelodge are to provide overnight accommodations. Each room will accommodate 2 persons if this does not meet your accommodation's needs please call Dolores at 306 586 3697. If there are additional costs involved they will be your responsibility.**

**The Travelodge have meals and refreshment available on site.**

**9:00 a.m. - Sunday, July 20**

**Board bus for Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery, Parkside, Saskatchewan**

**10:30 a.m. Tour and join in the "Lilies in Bloom" celebrations.**

**A barbecue lunch is available to purchase.**

**3:00 p.m. Board bus for return trip to Regina**

**8:00 p.m. - Arrive at the Northgate Mall parking lot.**

**Please take advantage of the travel arrangements as we need a full bus to cover the costs of this tour. The approximate charge per person for travel and accommodation, at two per room, is one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.00). You are responsible for your own food costs.**

**If you are interested in this tour we would like to know. Call Brian Porter at 306- 543 8259 or Dolores at 306 586 3697 to save you a seat.**

**You have until June 15<sup>th</sup> to confirm your interest by sending payment to Dolores Nelson 3830 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Regina , SK S4S 0P4**

## 'Miss Feya' – a New Favorite



'Miss Feya', an Oriental-Trumpet hybrid, first came to my attention in the Gardenimport spring 2011 catalogue. Described as "stunningly demure, 24 cm (9.5")", maroon-crimson flowers with silver edges, darker midribs and beauty spots", I was easily enticed to try it, particularly as the bulbs were advertised as "top size 16/18", and at a price no higher than the Asiatic lilies they listed. I ordered only one bulb, and planted it in a favored spot in my yard, the site of a previous water lily garden, now filled in with good soil, and with good drainage beneath. Although I did not keep a record of how many flowers it produced, I did take a photo or two of the "stunning" blossoms on August 18. It was then that I became really impressed with this lily, and made note that I ought to get more. It seems to me that I did not find any bulbs available in the fall catalogues and so waited in hope of finding more in the spring of 2012. Alas, Gardenimport did not offer it, but a little further search led me to find it in the Vesey's spring catalogue. Since I did not know if my original lily had successfully over-wintered, I went ahead and ordered the minimum three bulbs they offered, and they were planted adjacent to the original bulb. As I recall, most or all of the flower buds aborted on these that year, but the original bulb wintered and bloomed even better in 2012. I have given the bulbs a light mulch of leaves each fall. The performance of these lilies continued to improve in 2013. The original bulb grew to a height of 54 inches, with the younger ones growing perhaps 12-18 inches shorter. I love the broad, dark green leaves on this cultivar, much wider than on most lilies. The fragrance of this lily is excellent, and with the later blooming period, it really helps to extend the lily season. I hope it will persist for a long time, but this being Saskatchewan, one really doesn't know whether an Orientpet will survive every winter. It was all I could do not to order more, but with space at a premium, I did not. I do hope to see more of these lovely fragrant blooms in 2014.

'Miss Feya' was registered in 2008 by the Lily Company BV, of Andijk, the Netherlands. The information given there is that the parentage is unknown, but that it was bred by Robert Griesbach (an American breeder) before 1995 and named by the Lily Company in 2005. They named it for Feya Tjittes, granddaughter of one of their employees. According to B&D Lilies of Oregon, however, this lily likely has a different origin.

The original name of this lily is probably 'LaVern Friemann', bred by him, but named after his death. Mr. Friemann was a county extension agent in the USA. He was very keen on breeding lilies, and pioneered the use of colchicine (a toxic compound) to convert diploid lilies into tetraploids (double the number of chromosomes). By doing so, he increased the possibilities of lily breeding and set the stage for the development of Orientpets. He was also known as the breeder who created the original seed parents for such famous trumpet lilies as 'Pink Perfection', 'Golden Splendor' and 'Copper King'. 'LaVern Friemann' was a cross of his tetraploid converted 'Journey's End' with a tetraploid converted 'Rachel Pappo' which is 'Imperial Crimson' x Black Beauty'. The seedling was selected by B&D Lilies in 1992, and scaled for propagation. Propagation was slow and thus the lily was not introduced until 1999, at the price of \$80

per bulb. Even at that price, it sold out quickly, and was removed from the B&D catalogue in the fall of 1999. At some point, it appears that Dutch companies obtained bulbs, tissue-cultured it into mass production, and gave it a new, more appealing name (a practice not unheard of, unfortunately). B&D has evaluated this "new" lily and found it to be identical to their 'LaVern Friemann'. The good news is that the bulbs no longer sell for \$80 and are well within the price range of most lily growers. It does, however, seem to be mainly in listings of general merchants rather than lily specialist catalogues. You can find it in the 2014 spring catalogs of Botanus and Veseys (both have websites too). One final note - the Lily Register of 2007 indicates this lily has "up to three flowers", but I can assure you that it produces considerably more than that, and Botanus suggests up to 20 blooms.

Brian Porter

## **SSLS EVENTS-2014**

### **March 1<sup>st</sup> 9-2pm - General Meeting.**

The meeting at 9am is to set our budget for the year

Also for nominations for positions still vacant.

Lunch will be supplied. Followed by a Social

-a sharing of garden photos and gardening experiences

There will be a silent auction

### **May 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm Plant Sale**

Pizza will be ordered followed by a presentation

on getting ready for the Lily Show.

### **July 5<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm Martagon Display**

Golden Mile Shopping Centre

### **July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Honeywood Tour**

Tour of Saskatoon Lily Show and gardens

Overnight at the Travelodge. Next day to

Honeywood for "Lilies in Bloom".

### **July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Lily Show**

### **July 30<sup>th</sup> 5 pm - Potluck Picnic and Garden Tour**

at Susan Parks.

### **September 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm Bulb Packaging**

### **September 27<sup>th</sup> Bulb Sale**

Golden Mile

### **Northgate Mall October 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **October Fall Seminar**

Speaker Brian Bergman

Silent Auction.

### **November 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm Christmas Potluck**

Floral Conservatory. Gift Exchange

## Spring Seminar

Our Spring seminar was held on Mar.1,2014 at the Eastview Community Centre in Regina. Fourteen hardy souls attended on one of the coldest days of our winter. Hot coffee, donuts and muffins got us going as Susan Parks, our vice president opened the meeting. It was a productive meeting and the year's agenda was laid out and discussed. The meeting ended around eleven am.

We all enjoyed Dolores Nelson's hot pea soup with a variety of sandwiches and fruit for lunch. Thanks Dolores for the tasty soup. Our raffle was a success with Violet Lochore winning our main prize, a metal garden stake in the form of a beautiful rose. Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

Approximately ten prizes were given to us for our raffle.

Our Show and Tell segment began next with members sharing photo albums or pictures, especially of their lilies. Shirley Tuttosi put together a power point presentation with pictures of beautiful gardens and yards sent to her from members. Well done Shirley. We thoroughly enjoyed watching this presentation.

Ron Sitter showed us all how to completely transform a front yard with hours of hard work.

Looks beautiful Ron. Joan Harris



### SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LILY SOCIETY INC GENERAL MEETING Eastview Neighbourhood Centre, 615 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue March 1, 2014

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President, Susan Parks called the meeting to order at 9:25 am.

**Present:** Maida Gardner, Olga Martin, Phyllis Mueller, Carolyn Preston, Susan Parks, Viola Berwald, Linda Langenbacher, Violet Lachore, Shirley Tuttosi, Brian Porter, Dolores Nelson, Joan Harris, Jessie Carlson, and Norm Brown

#### Agenda:

Motion: Phyllis Mueller / Linda Langenbacher "That the agenda be approved as presented." CARRIED.

#### MINUTES: October 19, 2013:

Jessie Carlson read the minutes.

**Motion:** Phyllis Mueller / Linda Langenbacher "That the minutes be approved as corrected." CARRIED.

Corrections were: the spelling of Maia Shaw and approval of officers should read 2014 not 2013.

#### Old Business:

Dates to remember:

1. May 14, 2014 Plant Sale at the Regina Floral Conservatory at 6 p.m. (Shirley Tuttosi will book).
2. Peony Show - June 27 & 28 at the Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre.
3. Martagon Show at the Golden Mile - Ron Sitter will book.
4. Tour to Saskatoon and Honeywood Heritage Nursery - July 19 & 20 Cost: \$130.00 plus meals.  
Dolores Nelson reporting. (See above for details)
5. July 24, 25 and 26 SSLS Lily Show at the Golden Mile. Dolores has contacted Ted Sobkowich to be our judge.
6. Bulb Sale:
  - September 27 at the Golden Mile Mall.
  - October 4 at the Northgate Mall. Ron Sitter is contacting both of these Malls.
7. Fall Seminar: Dolores Nelson has booked Brian Bergman. Tentatively October 25. Location to be booked. Brian Porter will try to book the Eastview Community Centre.
8. November 26 - Christmas Potluck at the Conservatory.

**2. Jean Erickson Award:** This was discussed in detail. This has always been award to a pink Asiatic seedling as this was Jean's favorite color.

Motion: m/s Olga Martin / Maida Gardner

"That the Jean Erickson Award be given to the best Asiatic Seedling"

Dolores Nelson will inform NALS of this decision.

**3. Budget and Treasurer's Report:**

Total Assets at the end of the year was - \$13,103.09

The Budget had been distributed to all the members present. (See attachment #1)

Motion: m/s Viola Berwald / Dolores Nelson

"That the budget be approved as presented." Carried

**4. Historical Garden:** signage is being done.

**5. Education:** done in the Old Business.

**6. Newsletter:** One will be coming out in the near future.

**7. Publicity:** Shirley Tuttosi has been publicizing the July Tour.

**8. Social Committee:** Joan Harris & Viola Berwald

Lunch is provided for today.

**9. Membership:** Viola Berwald

Members: 70. There are 4 more to renew. Diane Putland has asked to have her name removed as she has moved to Churchbridge.

**10. New Business:**

1) Election of a Nominating Committee: Jessie Carlson, Gladys Ning and Susan Parks agree to serve.

2) Committee for the Lily Show:

- Dolores Nelson will review and update the Show Schedule using the NALS Schedule.

It was agreed that we would have entries by classification and remove registered and Non registered. Named varieties are encouraged so the public can get lilies that they see at the Show.

- Maida will coordinate the set-up.

- Ron Sitter has already agreed to book the Golden Mile.

3) Invitation from the Regina Floral Conservatory

This is to go and see what they are doing and have to offer to the community. It is held March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m. Susan Parks agreed to attend.

4) Appreciation: Linda Langenbacher expressed Thank You to the Executive for all their work in planning all our events,

**11. Adjournment:**

Motion: m/s Phyllis Mueller / Carolyn Preston

"That the meeting be adjourned." 10:50 a.m.

**Program:**

Shirley Tuttosi did an excellent Power Point Presentation of member's gardens and flowers.

Members also shared some pictures of their flowers and gardens.



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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

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***SSLS EXECUTIVE FOR 2013***

***PRESIDENT - VACANT***

***VICE-PRESIDENT - SUSAN PARKS, BOX 22 AVONHURST, SK -306-771-2700***

***PAST PRESIDENT-GLADYS NING -18 FORSYTH CRESCENT REGINA SK -306-543-0482***

***SECRETARY - JESSIE CARLSON- 316 HABKIRK DRIVE REGINA, SK -306-586-0211***

***TREASURER - RON SITTER- 971 MCCARTHY BLVD. REGINA SK -306-543-934***

***SHOW-CHAIR - VACANT***

***MEMBERSHIP - VIOLA BERWALD- 10 RUBY PLACE EMERALD PARK, SK-306-781-3355***

***PUBLICITY- SHIRLEY TUTTOSI- 1015 BRODER STREET, REGINA, SK -306-569-0804***

***HISTORICAL GARDEN - BRIAN PORTER -7119 STEER AVE.REGINA, SK -306-543-8259***

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CAROL DUNCAN-306-586-8126, JOAN HARRIS- 306-584-1888, MARLENE DAVIS-306-584-3774***

***SOCIAL-JOAN HARRIS/VIOLA BEWWALD- 3525 25<sup>TH</sup> AVE.REGINA, SK -306-584-1888***

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# The South Saskatchewan Lily Society Membership

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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\*\*\*

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

E-mail: [smtut1@sasktel.net](mailto:smtut1@sasktel.net)



## 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.



*New members welcome!*

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