



South Saskatchewan Lily Society Inc

Affiliate of North American Lily Society Inc

Our Website: <http://www.sasklilysociety.org>

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President's Message:

Hi my people,

I hope everyone survived the never ending winter and now that spring has finally arrived, about 2-3 weeks later than usual, we are all outside and busy getting ready for the upcoming growing season. I've been busy tidying up my flower beds and bringing out the patio furniture and making the yard look cozy and ready to plant pots etc. Spring is my favourite time of the year as just like they say a rebirth or I like to think a renewed awaking of warmer weather and everything is waking up from it's long winters nap. This spring has brought out many different creatures to our front yard where the bird feeder is. We have had visits from many rabbits which can be a nuisance. One rabbit in particular who appeared to have been in a battle with something, was hanging out here faithfully for almost 2 weeks much to the pleasure of our 3 cats but much to the chagrin of myself that I wasn't sure how to get rid of it. I called animal control which redirects you to a volunteer animal rescue group who basically left me hanging. I was more concerned that the rabbit might have rabies or needed attention but I was told point blankly there wasn't much they could do as long as it could still move and was eating. So there we were left with no option but to hope he went away which it did eventually. We have also been the home to 2 mallard ducks (1 male and 1 female) which once again excited our cats. I've started to feel like we have a nature preserve in our front yard. So welcome spring and welcome creatures big and small as long as they don't eat my plants and they entertain the cats then I guess I cannot really complain.

For those who weren't able to attend the spring general meeting and seminar, we had a lovely presentation by David Drummond on invasive plants and native species. He was a great presenter and very informative about the prairie lily and other species plants native to the prairies. We thank him for his presentation. At the general meeting we discussed the upcoming

dates for events this summer which I will list later in this letter. Also we still have vacant positions in the society and would love to see people fill these when we elect at the fall general meeting. Vacancies are for Newsletter (currently I am doing this but if someone would like to take over I would not argue); Social; Vice President and Lily Show. If anyone would like to step up please contact myself at (306)529-7777 or lilysociety3@gmail.com. We are also going to be looking for volunteers to come help out at the historical gardens as it will need a clean-up so again let me know if anyone is interested in helping and we will let you know a date and time. I would be nice to see other members attend events and seminars so that we could all get to know one another and that members are getting full value out of their memberships. Anyways I should be going for now and back out to the yard to finish off where I left off getting ready to plant and a little more cleaning. Bye for now and Have a Happy Gardening Season.



Important Dates for Upcoming Society Events:

***Lily Show—-July 22nd/2023—-Northgate Mall —Time 9 am to 4 pm** (we will be looking for volunteers for this event. This year will be the same as 2022 where we will just have a display of likes provided by different members. There will also be a spot for photos of lilies as we have had before for those interested in displaying. Please contact us if wanting to be a part of either display or working that day.)

***Annual BBQ—-July 28th—location is at Susan Park's House—Time 5 pm** (please inquire for directions if attending and also let us know if you will be attending) This is a

potluck style event so please bring your favourite dish such as a salad, dessert, etc, etc. Hamburgers and Hotdogs and fixings will be provided by the society.

***Bulb Packaging for Fall Sales—September 29th—Joan's Harris's House (3525 25th Ave)—7 pm**

***Fall Bulb Sale—September 30th—Victoria Square Mall —Time 9 am to 4pm**

—October 7th—Northgate Mall—Time 9 am to 4pm

***Fall Meeting/Seminar—TBD**

***Wind up Christmas Potluck—November 24th—Regina Floral Conservatory—Time TBD**

Other Events and Information that members might be interested in:

***Canadian Prairie Lily Society: Regional Show—Tentative Date is July 21 and 22 —Lawson Heights Mall—Saskatoon, Sask.**

***Canadian Lily Hybridizers and their Lilies” is a new book out written by Leanne Dowd. The book is a Historical reference for hybridizers and growers of lilies. It can be ordered on the following website: rb.gy/edoy8f**



Homemade Aphid Trap.
Place a YELLOW Solo cup upside down on a wooden stake. Attach with a pin or nail. Cover the outside of the cup with a thin layer of Vaseline. Aphids are drawn to the yellow, stick to the cup and die. The trap is easy to make and will save your plants from aphid damage.

73rd Annual International Lily Show

“Show Time in Chicago”

July 5th to 9th

The Chicago Botanical Gardens is welcoming the North American Lily Society for its 73rd Annual International Show and Symposium

Theme is “Great Expectations”

For those wanting to attend the conference you can make your hotel reservations and register at the website: <https://NALS2023,lilies.org>

Show Hotel is the Embassy Suites North Hotel in Deerfield and is close to the Chicago Botanical Gardens. Rates are \$139 per night for a king suite or \$159 for double suites. Breakfast buffet included. A hotel shuttle operates daily that can transport show attenders to the Botanic Garden.

A welcoming reception is planned for Wednesday evening, July 5th. On Friday evening, July 7th, NALS Research Trust Fund is planning to present its fundraising auction. On Saturday evening, July 8th, there will be the NALS award dinner.

This years Symposium Speakers are:

- * Dr Jim Ault—“A Midwestern Adventure in Orienpets and Trumpet Lilies” at 1 pm on Thursday July 6th.**
- * Patrick Brown—“Flow Cymetry— A Tool to Help Lilium Hybridizers” at 10 am on Saturday July 8th**
- * Madeleine Tinson—“A Passion for North Hybrids that Developed into a National Collection” at 1 pm on Saturday July 8th**
- *Ieuan Evans—“Killing Your Lilies” at 10 am on Sunday July 9th**
- *Marianna Szucs—“Initiating a Botanical Control Program Against Lily Leaf Beetles in Michigan” at 1 pm on Sunday July 9th**

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

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.

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