



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

Affiliate of the North American Lily Society, Inc.

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

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### **President's message**

I, Susan Parks, of Avonhurst, Saskatchewan, being of sound mind and body (some people dispute both of these statements) solemnly do declare this to be THE YEAR OF THE WORM.

I do not care what the Chinese want to call it. I will call it what I want, and I am the PRESIDENT!!!

Spent the month of May hunting tent caterpillars. They started out in the row of willows that I have behind the house. They love willows. num num. That was bad enough. Neighbour went to Fort Qu'Appelle for BTK. They were out of course. So we made sure that we had the cleanest worm in Saskatchewan. Started out with vinegar and Dawn. Ran out of Dawn and resorted to anything we could lay our hands on. Any dish soap, shampoo, 2in1 shampoo and conditioner. When it rained the next day, my girlfriend phoned to ask if the worms were out showering. If they weren't dead they had the softest, fluffiest, best smelling fur around. Finally the willows are under control and they moved on to the fruit trees. Being the kind hearted person that I am, I offered free ice cream pail swimming lessons to all worms that wanted to participate. Had lots of takers. Still going on. The other beach goers are displaying their gorgeous bodies draped across the blooms of my snowball bush. Guess they think they look good.

As we continue the saga, as I gathered worms for swimming lesson, guess who wanted to join in, the leaf rollers. I said no, and they were CRUSHED. And not to be left out are the cutworms. Planted the tomatoes on Saturday, by Tuesday they had got four of them. So sitting in the rain cutting lids of coffee cans so that I could put them around the plants. Peavey Mart was also out of cutworm powder, due to the epedemic. Do not want to cause another epedemic, so will whisper softly (No lily beetle so far.)

I still have too much water, good thing it was a nice winter, because I pumped my well every day. Going to have a line trenched in this fall, as the well is pumping out every 45 minutes and the external sumps that I had dug are still pumping also. Lost a few lililes to

rotting. Of course, the new Starburst and my Cafe Noir. Just an excuse to buy some new ones this fall. But am growing a good crop of moss again.

Now on to better things. Remember that there will be a martagon display, in conjunction with the Peony Show, June 17, 18. At the Cathedral Community Center, so if you have a bloom or two bring them along for us to display. Also still looking for people to work at the Lily Show, July 15, 16. If you have not already signed up give me a call at [306-771-2700](tel:306-771-2700). If I am not around, I am in jail. Received the phone call. REVENUE CANADA, HEAD OFFICE. There has been a lawsuit filed against my name. (Did not know Revenue Canada handled lawsuits) If I do not respond immediately, they will issue a warrant for my arrest. Good, I need a rest from yard work. Hope to get visitors. Two girlfriends, also received calls, so hoping to share a cell. And also need workers for both bulb sales. Contact me!!

Again more workers needed. The Lily Society, along with the Peony Society will be hosting a luncheon for a bus tour of Saskatchewan Horticultural Society. They will also be touring the Historical Garden at The RCMP grounds. The Regina Horticultural Society is also having a garden tour the same weekend and has asked to tour the garden. They are a self directed group so do not need anyone there for them.

Lou Narine has graciously agreed to host our BBQ, July 20, this year. Her address is 759 Queen Street. WE will also be seeing the Historical Garden, and dropping in at Ron and Jan Sitters place. More information will be provided as we get closer to this date.

Would also like to thank Jacynthe Wionzek, for her donation to the Lily Society, we will use it for sponsorship for the Lily Show

Continuing on with insects, had to get the bug book out. Some new kinds of bees that I had not seen before. Viola, I stopped ripping your head off as no other flowers were blooming and the bees were upset. The bees were bigger than the flower. I still got one bee to identify. Gigantic, almost as fat as my thumb, with an articulated body.

And so that he does not feel left out, even though he is a little bigger than a bug, a shout-out to my favorite moose as he delicately walks through the flower beds, not stepping on anything. But he has scared my Peter Barr Peony so bad (missed it by an inch) that it is only now starting to come out of the ground.

Tune in a few months from now for another saga of THE FUNNY FARM. Bye for now, no coffee, no chair. Time to pick weeds and cut grass.



Brian accepting the *Grin Grant* for the Lily Society

### **Growing Roots in the Neighbourhood Grant (GRIN)**

The South Saskatchewan Lily Society was one of two successful applicants to receive a GRIN grant from the Regina Horticultural Society (RHS) in 2016. An award of \$500 was presented to Brian Porter at the April meeting of the Regina Horticultural Society. RHS makes grant awards of up to \$1000 annually for worthy garden-related projects.

Our application, “Lily Preservation and Promotion”, estimated costs of up to \$1200 and proposed the addition of educational signage to our lily garden on the RCMP grounds. Parts of the garden will also be renovated. We plan to improve the soil and remove and replace several of the martagon lilies that are not thriving. Some replanting of the species lilies is also anticipated. Anyone wishing to help with the renovation and replanting should get in touch with Brian Porter, chairman of the lily garden project.

Proposals for the signage have been completed and will be presented to a graphic artist this month to design the signs and arrange for their production. After that, the signs will need to be mounted and installed in the garden. Some volunteers are needed for this as well.

## Plant Sale

We had another successful plant sale in part thanks to Marion Lake who donated plants to the sale. They were much appreciated.

We had plant sales of:

bulbs:-	\$434.00
cost of bulbs:-	251.24
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net income:-	182.76
other plants:-	189.50
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Profit:-	\$372.26

## Upcoming Events

### Martagon Display

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### LILY SHOW **SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

**July 15 and 16, 2016** at the Northgate mall  
staging times - Thursday, July 14 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 15 - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
show times - Friday, July 15 (after judging) to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 16 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
stem dispersal 3:30 pm

### **ALL ENTRIES WELCOME**

Susan is still looking for workers for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> if interested contact Susan: [306-771-2700](tel:306-771-2700)

### BBQ and Windup

Will be held at Lou Narine, She has graciously agreed to host our BBQ, July 20, this year. Her address is 759 Queen Street.



### **Spring Red Lily Beetle Seminar**

SSLS was fortunate to have Dr. Ken Fry speak about the Red Lily Beetle at our spring seminar on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Fry wears many hats. He is Coordinator for the Environmental Horticulture Program and an Entomology Instructor at Olds College School of Environment, author (*Garden Bugs of Alberta*), and research scientist. He has a special interest in biological control of insects and has done much work with commercial garden, fruit and cereal crops. His interest has naturally brought him into the world of the Red Lily Beetle.

Due to time and work constraints Dr. Fry was only able to do an evening presentation. Dr. Fry had many interesting slides in his power point presentations. His talk covered the history of the Red Lily Beetle's adventure into North America, current infestations, its life cycle, plant preferences and suggestions on ways of attempting to control the beetle. Death by a thousand strikes was a common phrase for the evening.

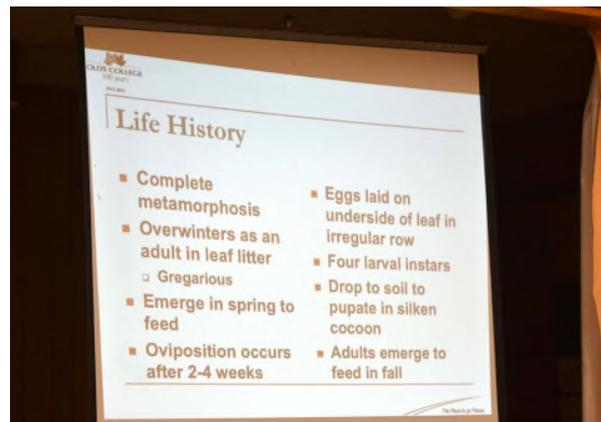
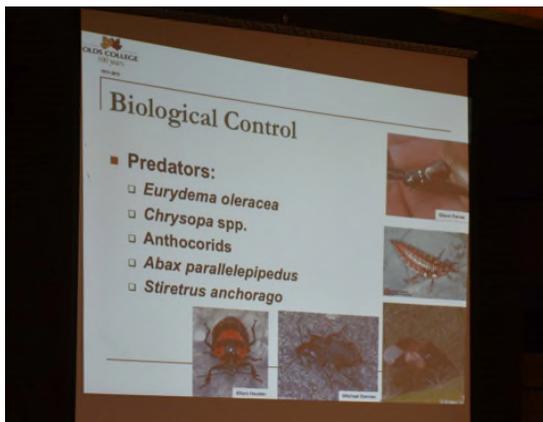
The battle with the Red Lily Beetle starts early. The adults, when they emerge in spring, after overwintering as an adult, tend to feed on fritillaries. They use the plant to eat but not for laying their eggs. So if you have any plants check them regularly and capture as many adults as possible. Preventing them from reproducing is a good start. An adult beetle can lay up to 200 eggs. Continuous monitoring of your lily patch and eliminating the larvae and adults can keep their numbers down. Monitoring what you have for mulch is key too; some mulches provided better insulation ratings for the adults. Few pesticides or other home remedies are effective without harm to beneficial insects. There are many websites with excellent information on the red lily beetle.

Of particular interest was the work that they have been doing with the wasp that uses the lily beetle larva as a host for its young. Many of us were surprised by the size of the wasp; she is just a little thing but doing a big job. Trials with the wasp are still being monitored. It takes a few years to see if the wasp is able to survive our winters and effectively reproduce. The wasp egg is incubated in the larvae and emerges in spring as an adult wasp. The wasp will never eliminate the beetle but may help to control their numbers.

Attendance at the seminar was not as good as was expected. We were honoured to have NALS President Sandy Venton attend. Sandy brought a couple Manitoba lily enthusiasts as well. One of them turns out to be an entomologist who is an old acquaintance of Dr. Fry's; they were able

to reminisce about days gone by. Also attending were some people from Saskatchewan's Invasive Species area; they are interested in knowing where the red lily beetle is found in Saskatchewan. Please check our website for more information on reporting lily beetle sightings.

Just recently on a Facebook 'Gardening in Saskatchewan' group a woman posted pictures of the red lily beetle larva devastating her lilies. She was asking *what is this creepy creature that is eating my lilies*. Her location is listed as Saskatoon. So the lily beetle is here and appears to be both in south and central Saskatchewan. Having Dr. Fry talk on the invasive bug was good timing. His excellent slides, expert knowledge and sense of humour made for a very interesting and entertaining evening.





## BEETLE TRACKING

The 2015 specimen that was sent in and positively identified has been added to our provincial non-native 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,  
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Individual- \$10 for one year ( ) \$25 for three years ( )  
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