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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The sounds that you hear are me crying (if I only had a beer to cry into), and the sound of me ripping out my hair in frustration. The crying is the weather. We have had every possible rain storm that is imaginable. The only garden that I have in and probably will have in are my tomatoes. Every thing else is a mud puddle. The tomatoes still have the cans on to protect from the winds. The rest of the gardens are just a jungle of weeds. Have not got in and too wet and cold to use Roundup.

But the grass loves the weather. Need to cut every couple of days and then lay on ground and clean out mowing deck as it is plugged.

As for the lilies. Had a flash flood when it was melting. Washed some of the bulbs out of the ground. Never dried out and have lost probably 20 top 25 lilies. That is most of the crying, because some of them were my older lilies. Will have to go around begging to see if can replace. I like the older lilies more than some of the newer ones. The older are hardier and seem to last forever, while some of the new varieties die out after a couple of years. Oh well, nothing you can do, just keep on plugging along.

As for the frustration. Went to the seminar that the White City Garden Club. Introduced myself to the group and offered our support in any way that we could help in the release of the parasitic wasp. Donated bulbs to be sent to Saskatoon to supply food for the lily beetle, as the beetle larvae is where the wasp lays its eggs to hatch in the spring. Then dug a bunch of lilies from my garden to also send to Saskatoon. Then as you know I sent out an e-mail asking for people to donate their yard to host the wasp. Lu kindly offered her yard and quit picking beetles to let the beetle propagate.

A week later Dr. Tansey asked if we could find another release site as they had a large supply of wasps. And then before I could contact other societies, he informed me that they had overcalculated and did not even have enough wasp to release in Regina. Poor Lu.

The White City Garden Club also spent a week picking beetles, eggs and larvae to donate to the project.

There will be release sites in Saskatoon. Do not know how many and if we will receive next year.

Keep your hopes up and pray for better weather. At least I did not get hail. My brother lives in Carlyle. They got tornado, 3 inches of rain and a 9 hour power outage.

Off to have breakfast and do a few things. Got the new microwave installed. Deep Freeze delivered yesterday. Lawn tractor and rototiller fixed. Now only injector system to do. Tore all the muscles in my back trying to do it myself. Should know I am getting too old for this.

Susan

List of Events

Spring General Meeting
Cancelled due to lack of participation

Lily Display
Setup
Fri, Jul 24
Display
Sat, Jul 25
10 am-3pm
Northgate Mall

BBQ
Wed, Jul 29
Looking for someone to host

Bulb Packaging
Fri, Sept 25
3525 25th Ave
Joan Harris
6pm

Bulb Sales
Sat, Sept 26
Victoria Square Mall
9am-4pm

Sat, Oct 3
Northgate Mall
9am-4pm

Fall General Meeting & Seminar
Sat Oct 17 or 24
To be determined by speaker

Christmas Potluck
Wed, Nov 18
Tentative to be booked
6pm
Regina Floral Conservatory

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