

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**The 2005 Prairie Garden available NOW**



**The 2005 Prairie Garden** is available NOW at bookstores and garden centres across the prairies. Featuring “Lilies”, this year’s issue of **The Prairie Garden** should prove to be an inspiration. Our guest editors, Jennifer Bishop and Barbara-Jean (BJ) Jackson, both involved with the Manitoba Regional Lily Society (MRLS), encourage us to participate in the 2005 North American Lily Society conference and show, to be held in July, 2005 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have solicited articles from lily gardeners from across the prairies and beyond, with topics relevant to the novice as well as the expert lily grower.

The 16 page color section includes many photos of lilies with an emphasis on prairie hybridizers’ creations, including Collicutt’s ‘Northern Star,’ Ronald’s ‘Morden Butterfly,’ Skinner’s ‘Rosalinda,’ Patterson’s ‘Edith Cecilia’ and Burnett’s unregistered ‘Alex 5.’ There are also striking photos of bumble bees and hardy roses, a monarch butterfly gracing a cosmos, this year’s featured houseplants, and a full-page spread of one of our native prairie orchids – find out if you’ve seen this beautiful wildflower before! The winner of The 2004 Prairie Garden Award for Excellence: The Memorial Rose Garden in Pilot Mound, Manitoba is also illustrated. Mona Hughson, writing about this community-based project assures us that, “If your life is boring, just plant a rose garden in your town and you will be amazed at what can happen!”

The General Gardening section looks at a wide variety of topics, among them heritage landscapes, vegetable gardening, raising monarch butterflies, growing viburnum and caring for coniferous evergreens. Churchill is presented as a town where community beautification efforts are well underway. Assiniboine Landing, a new Qualico development just outside of Winnipeg in Headingley, is also featured. Learn more about how to control the ever-present dandelion. Another article discusses a creature usually welcome to gardeners – the bumble bee, but not to this Transcona gardener. All this and much, much more!

Be prepared to be entertained by the 2005 edition of **The Prairie Garden**. This is the 66<sup>th</sup> year for this digest-sized gardening annual published by The Prairie Garden Committee, a group composed entirely of volunteers. **The Prairie Garden** has a standing order list of gardening enthusiasts who receive this book as soon as it comes off the press each year. To order, or to be placed on the standing order list, send your request along with a cheque or money order for \$11.95 (\$9.00 plus \$2.95 shipping and handling) to: The Prairie Garden, P.O. Box 517, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2J3. Orders may also be placed by telephone: (204) 489-3466, fax: (204) 489-1644, or by email at: [prairiegarden@mts.net](mailto:prairiegarden@mts.net). For more information, visit our Web site: [www.theprairiegarden.ca](http://www.theprairiegarden.ca) or contact the Editor, Audrey Hosegood, at (204) 944-9907 or by email at the address above.

