

*Ontario Regional Lily Society*

*an affiliate of the North American Lily Society*

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Lily Show at the RBG: July 8, 9, 2000

Annual Picnic: July 16, 2000

Annual Bulb Auction: October 1, 2000

International Lily Show, hosted by the ORLS next year: July 11 to 15, 2001

*From the President:*

Hello to all of our lily growing friends and a warm welcome to new ORLS members. It was good to meet some of these members at the ORLS Annual Meeting in April. We hope that they will again join us as we begin our lily growing activities for 2000.

Fast approaching is our annual show at the RBG on July 8-9th. There should be a good showing of stems. A mild winter and the absence of a late spring frost has given us ideal growing conditions. If you have never exhibited before, consider an entry this year. There is a special class for novice exhibitors which could earn you a hand painted lily plate and a place in the Court of Honour. Experienced exhibitors will be on hand to help you stage your exhibit. The show also provides an opportunity to view a variety of lilies before making selections for fall planting. Some of the bulbs of the varieties shown will be available at the ORLS bulb auction and sale in October.

The show is a great opportunity to socialize with lily growers. It will also be possible at the show to arrange for car pooling for those who plan to attend the ORLS picnic on July 16th. This year Tom Gratrix has invited us to his lily growing enterprise near Coldwater. From all reports, the spectacular display of lilies will make the drive worthwhile. For a sneak preview of Tom's operation, you can visit his web site at [www.Bconnex.net/~gratlily/](http://www.Bconnex.net/~gratlily/)

As part of the show activities, we have arranged for the Garden Cafe at the RBG to open at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday July 9th, to provide a continental style breakfast for ORLS members, at a cost of about \$9.00. This will be staged as a round table chat session where we can discuss lilies, our show and the International Symposium in Clackamas, Oregon. Some of our members will have just returned from Oregon and will have some input. If you wish to attend, contact me by Wednesday July 5th, so that we can make reservations. We may have a special visitor at this breakfast.