

Dr. Marina Baranova, a lily specialist from the Russian Academy of Science at Kanarov Botanical Institute in St. Petersburg will be visiting in Ontario, following her visit to Oregon where she is scheduled as the guest speaker at the NALS Symposium. We have invited her to attend the breakfast on July 9th and as well our picnic on the 16th. Neither of these invitations has been confirmed at this time but we hope that she will be able to attend at least one of these events.

We are happy to report that Penny Lipschik, from Harley, has agreed to be our social convenor. Florence Brown will lend some of her experience to Penny in carrying out this job. A big thank you to these ladies.

I know you will want to join me in extending to Mary Lynne Brown our sincere thanks for her term as President of the ORLS for the years 1998-2000. Mary Lynne has shouldered a heavy responsibility, serving as President as well as newsletter editor, while combining a career and family responsibilities. Well done Mary Lynne and thank you.

*Dawn Suter*

Thank you Dawn. I'll admit that I am happy to give up the post of president, especially with the International Show coming up next year.

The breakfast Sunday morning is a new venture. It sounds like a great idea, a chance when it will be a little quieter, and members can talk over the show. Good luck with this. Over the years, events have been added and deleted from the show programme, as some events prove to be more popular than others. Maybe the Sunday breakfast will become a tradition.

Thank you to Maureen Barber for typing the schedule again this year. You will find a new division on page 2, for interdivisional hybrids.

Olive Fowler is again painting our plates, mugs and eggs. To those who haven't won a ribbon at a lily show, this is your chance to win a beautiful hand-painted plate. If you entered last year, but did not win a ribbon, you may enter the novice class again.

*Mary Lynne*

## PICNIC

Check out the picnic information on the last page. Tom Gratrix is one of our members who has made the hobby of growing lilies into a business.

## LILY BUGS

Maureen Barber is wondering if anyone else has lily bugs. They are slightly longer and narrower than a ladybug, and no spots. More red than orange. The larvae have the habit of covering themselves in their excrement to avoid being eaten. They will make short work of your lily bed. Please let us know how far they have spread.