

VISITING THE LILY LADY

This was the headline on the front page of the *Ontario Farmer, Production Section*, in April of this year. Accompanying the article: an across-the-page view of Estelle Horner's lily garden, as well as Estelle working in her garden. Estelle is a member of our lily society, and recently served on the Board of Directors. She relates that it was her frustration with receiving the wrong bulbs, up to 50% of the time, that got her into selling lilies and daylilies. Like many lily growers, Estelle initially received a couple of lily bulbs as a gift, and got hooked. This blossomed into her own business, selling about 250 varieties of both the lilies and day lilies.

Congratulations to Estelle for the recognition.

SOCIAL CONVENOR

As Dawn mentioned above, Penny Lipschik has volunteered to be social convenor. Penny is a busy farmer, so we really appreciate that she has volunteered to help us out at this hectic time of the year. Thanks, Penny. (I'll bet that she will accept any offers of assistance: 519-449-2321)

NALS

Do you belong to the North American Lily Society? Dues are U\$20/yr or U\$55/3 yrs.

Contact the Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 272, Owatonna, MN 55060
You'll receive *The Quarterly*, an excellent publication containing lots of lily information, and a yearbook.

ST. GEORGE LILY GARDENS

Don't forget that every year the town of St. George has a lily festival that takes over the town. They celebrate lilies the week-ends of July 8 & 9, and July 15 & 16. St George is a thriving small town, with antique shops, restaurants, and, if you have kids, Willy's Ice Cream Bar. Located north of Brantford, on Hwy 5 just east of Hwy 24, it's just over an hour's drive from Toronto. Close to Paris and Cambridge. If you're coming from Toronto way, you can make a stop at Don Zver's Pottery shop in Troy. I hear that there's a fairly nice restaurant attached to the pottery shop.

Dick McQueen reports that they get about 800 people a day for the festival, with people coming from 8:00 a.m. and all day. If you're not one for crowds, head up during the week. The gardens are in the middle of town, open to the public, and well worth seeing.