

Society enjoys program on lilies

by Grace Marcellus
On Wednesday evening, Sept. 28, 57 members of the Elmvalle and District Horticultural Society enjoyed the informative slide-talk presentation on lily culture by Mr. Carl Caldwell of Longford Mills. He is a hybridizer of lilies. He stressed that beds must have good drainage. If drainage is a problem, then raise the beds. The new strains come in a wide range of colors, shapes, sizes, and types, with up to as many as 30 blooms per stem.

Tips and Techniques:
When you cut your roses back in the fall, instead of discarding the canes, remove the leaves and push the bottom end of the cane into about 6 inches of

soil. The canes should sprout and grow new bushes in the spring. During the first year, they need lots of moisture. Some

varieties "take" better than others.

Topic of the October meeting will be "under

Water Flowers" by Murray Towns from the Bass Lake Conservation Area.

Occupant is saved

Damage will run into the thousands of dollars following a house fire early Saturday morning at 326 Third St., Midland, reports Fire Chief Hal Belfry.

Much of the rear of the two-storey home was destroyed while heat, smoke and water damage was considerable throughout the entire residence.

Two people were at home at the time. One managed to flee the flames and smoke while another had to be rescued by a passerby.

Calvin Cruise is credited with saving one of the occupants from certain death.

Grease burning on a stove is thought to have been behind the blaze.



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