

Dig This by Peg Tillery (for 8-13-08) Lilies, Books and Organic Gardening Course © 2008

On a walk through our neighborhood the other evening I was inhaling the most exquisite scent. It was a garden abundantly decorated with Oriental Lilies. The experience made me think about B&D Lilies out of Port Townsend. Visit <http://www.bdlilies.com> to spend at least an hour (I kid you not) exploring all the gorgeous blossoms available for purchase. For details on how to visit the nursery and gardens call 360-765-4341 or email [catalog@bdlilies.com](mailto:catalog@bdlilies.com).

If scented lilies make you sneeze, like we did in the Extension Office one afternoon when I brought a bouquet of Oriental Lilies into the office, then Asiatic Lilies (most are unscented) might just fit the bill instead. Day lilies are also delightful, lending daily new blooms for several months beginning sometimes as early as May and lasting until as late as October.

Lilies have been hybridized to satisfy a wide variety of gardener needs and wants. The B&D Lilies site has a host of helpful and technical information. The photos are exquisite and tantalizing. Each photo has an accompanying page with a much larger photo and a host of information. Be careful, though, there are literally hundreds of lilies to choose from. You may want them all.

Other plants offered at the site are Eucomis (Pineapple Lily) and Peonies. B&D Lilies is celebrating its 30th year anniversary. Founded in 1978 the story of the nursery, garden and propagation fields is told on the site along with a host of photos. Dianna and Bob, whose last names do not appear on the site, are revamping their display gardens and fields. They are selling their antique farm implements. If you're reading this column today and want to know more about their antique "garden art" as they call it, call them at 360-765-4341 for more details.

Our local Kitsap Regional Library branches have an incredible collection of books for gardeners. Here's just a portion of the sections available: 712.6 (Garden designs, plans and construction); 635.7 (Herb gardening); 635.9823 (Greenhouse gardening); 635.9517 (Native plant gardening); 635.9674 (Water gardens); 635.986 (Container gardening) and the following magazines are available too: "Fine Gardening," "Garden Design" and "Garden Gate." Plus several others and much, much more. You can use [www.KRL.org](http://www.KRL.org) to access the complete online database. KRL library users can actually access printable articles from magazines, newspapers and journals from around the world. The possibilities appear to be endless. Check it out!

Last, but not least, in today's bouquet of items is information on this year's upcoming "Organic Gardens You Can Eat" course. It's a series of 4 classes designed and taught by WSU Extension Kitsap Master Gardeners. They'll help you create your own backyard organic vegetable garden. The 4-series class, all Saturdays, will be held: September 20 and October 18, 2008 and February 28 and March 21, 2009. Classes begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The classes this year are at the Norm Dicks Government Center,

345 6th Street, Bremerton. Visit <http://kitsap.wsu.edu> to download a form to register. The rate for all four classes is \$125. Scholarships are available and payments can be arranged. We cannot accept credit card payments. The registration deadline is September 12. You can also call 360-337-7224 to request a mailed registration form and class schedule. Visit the Open Class Horticulture area in President's Hall at the Kitsap County Fair, August 20 through 24 to pick up a brochure on the course or ask questions.