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**This issue is your absolute last one if you have a 2015 membership. Please send in your membership renewal by March 30, 2016 so you can vote at the AGM.**

## LILY VIGNETTE *[this space could use a lily picture and short paragraph about it]*

*Members do you have a lily that you would like to spotlight. I would like to publish info not found in the registry or if it is a seedling what great story can you tell about it.*



## President's Lily pad

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I send off a package of seeds I received from Fred Fellner to the RHS seed list. I included some of my martagon OP seeds and the reply was that they are VERY receptive to ANY martagon seeds. So if you have any seeds harvested from last year and thought "Oh way too late!" they will be in next year's seed list. I am planning on sending some more seeds in June so it is not too late at all. Drop them off at the AGM or send them to me and I will mail them to RHS make sure you have the name of the lily x OP (or cross) and your name on the envelopes. The seed order is going in and I have bulb orders to do as well. If you would like to have some interesting plants Hugh is bringing plants as well as books to the AGM.

As to our gardens Suzanna reported pussie willows out already. I have not see any green yet and hope that the lilies stay down until the frosts are done as trying to find buckets tall enough for early lilies is challenging. I am thinking of trying tents this year.

*Good growing Laurie*

Newsletter Editor Any spelling and grammatical errors are all my own. If you see a data omission please inform [news@arls-lilies.org](mailto:news@arls-lilies.org) with the correction.

## GARDEN DAYS, a NATIONAL EVENT

It is a 3 day celebration over the father's Day weekend in June 17, 18, 19 2016. Look for events on [www.gardendays.ca](http://www.gardendays.ca). Garden days activities can be accessed at [Facebook.com/CanadianGardenCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/CanadianGardenCouncil) [Twitter.com/CanadasGardens](https://twitter.com/CanadasGardens) [Instagram.com/canadiangardencouncil](https://www.instagram.com/canadiangardencouncil)

## MEMBER BENEFITS

Members receive discounts at the following businesses:

- \* **ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTRE. 10027-81 Ave. Edmonton** 10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.
- \* **APACHE SEEDS LTD. 10136 149 ST., EDMONTON** 10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.

\* **CANNOR NURSERIES LTD. TWP RD 514 WOODBEND RD, SPRUCE GROVE (west of Devonian Gardens)**

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\* **VALLEY K LILY RANCH aka [plantlilies.com](http://plantlilies.com)** 15% discount on all bulb orders, excluding shipping. **Be sure to state you are an ARLS member and wish to receive the discount**, membership is verified with ARLS due to difficulty in showing member card via the internet, phone, etc. Follow Valley K on Facebook

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[icangarden.com/clubs/aha](http://icangarden.com/clubs/aha)

Calgary Horticultural Society [calhort.org](http://calhort.org)

Edmonton Horticultural Society

[edmontonhort.com](http://edmontonhort.com)

North American Lily Society [lilies.org](http://lilies.org)

RHS Lily Group [www.rhslilygroup.org/](http://www.rhslilygroup.org/)

### Lily Sources

**Valley K Lily Ranch Lynnette Westfall; asiatics, OTs, some martagons & species**

RR1 Edberg TOB 1J0 <http://www.plantlilies.com> great resource and lily gallery. mail order only

1-780 877 2547 [bulbs@plantlilies.com](mailto:bulbs@plantlilies.com)

**Parkland Perennials Bob Yaremko ; martagons & species and peonies**

Box 560 Bruderheim TOB 0S0 <http://www.parkland-perennials.com> 780 796 2382

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**Parkland Lilies Fred Fellner seedlings** RR1 Vermillion 1-780-853-2355

**Rundlewood Gardens Specialty Nursery; martagons** 1643 Altadore Ave SW.Calgary (corner of 16th Street and 46th Ave SW) <http://www.rundlewoodgardens.ab.ca/> [info@rundlewoodgardens.ab.ca](mailto:info@rundlewoodgardens.ab.ca) location shopping only- no mail order shipping. Stop by when in Calgary- check website for hours.

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**Skinner Nursery Hugh Skinner; martagons, species ,asiatics**

Box 220 Roblin Man. R0L 1P0 1-204- 564-2236. [ski\\_hugh@mts.net](mailto:ski_hugh@mts.net)

**SW-Gardens Sandra-Pat Willis; lilies from various divisions**

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## Speakers

Hugh Skinner is going to come talk to us at the Spring AGM.

## Name tags

For those members who ordered name tags, our supplier has been very ill and is on the mend, however his recovery is slow so be patient our tags are giving him a goal to strive towards.

## Newsletter deadlines- Feb May Aug Nov 15

May 15 for June 1 Bulblet Get your information in to [news@arls-lilies.org](mailto:news@arls-lilies.org) Please put subject: 'newsletter submittal' in email so I can find it in my inbox when I need it.

## Beetle Musings

[lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org](mailto:lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org) Report your invasion.

(photo L. Hepper)

Remember to look for red when lilies poke their heads above ground.



## Style & Stigma By L. Wilmottiae aka Wilma



You will recall mention of me writing a book on lilies after I returned from a previous trip to China several years ago. After giving this much thought while abroad this last time I decided to write the book, but it would be a cook book on using *lilium* bulbs in the kitchen ~ that is cooking with them. **Well**, if that didn't cause a stir (pardon the pun) at the Horte Cafe for weeks following my return! I didn't dare go near the place.

*L. pumilum* and *L. amabile* wanted to start a new business back then and had decided I should be a partner but this time around I wanted to venture out on my own. They wanted to compete with the Horte Cafe and I wanted to enhance that business by selling my recipes to the Lead Cook to offer those living on Mysteria Lane (and the general vicinity) with a good variety in food fare despite lilies being a main ingredient. **Well**, that necessitated another Town Hall meeting. Everyone gathered, even the glowing *Belles* family members, *Silky Belles*, *Creamy Belles*, *Blushing Belles* and *Ivory Belles* all fluttering their pistils and tepals like no one had ever seen before. It was unusual for these *lilium* to attend a Town Hall meeting so I surmised that

something must be cooking (again, pardon the pun). However, I did realize that this was just their opportunity to dress for the occasion and strut about you might say. One of them was wearing a perfume



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so cheap and strong that I'm surprised it didn't tranquilize her but they fluttered in nonetheless. No one else seemed bothered by the scent as they dwelt on the problem of the day. Even *L. wardii* (tall, handsome and obnoxious) settled into a chair and *L. brownii* (new on the Lane) accompanied him, nostrils flaring and petals quivering. It was a scary sight for me but I remained calm. I wanted this to be a peaceful afternoon.

The Master Gardeners on the Lane, *L. Henryii* and *L. Davidii* were to oversee the meeting as they had seemingly learned a lot about lilies while in Hay River, N.W.T., but did they know enough about lily recipes and cooking lilies to engage in dialogue for or against my idea? With *L. humboldtii* being their role model I felt this could be a huge battle for me but I sat in my chair calm, composed and confident that a decision would be made in my favour and my cook book could be offered for sale in the Community and on Mysteria Lane soon. I could then start testing recipes, writing the book, get it published and then introduce the new food to all my *lilium* pals and those I hoped were still my friends.

How would the discussion and vote go? As I looked around the room my confidence waned as I could see many napping and nodding off in their chairs. There is a very fine line between meditation and taking naps in the middle of the day ~ a very fine line, so it scared me to think that those present were actually nodding off and would miss voting. It was worse than the afternoon and evening Social Hours at the Community Centre with everyone present nearly falling off chairs from want of stimulation. All I could think about was "Chicken Lily Perogies", "Deep Fried Lily Bulblets with Jalapeno", Jamaican Lily Bulblets" and Asian Lily Stir Fry" – those being the dishes I savoured the most while in China. I had to think up and write my own recipes for those dishes, test them in a yet to be determined kitchen, re-test, re-write, re-offer them to a trusted few to taste and all those thoughts kept my mind occupied waiting for this un-necessary meeting to start. This was merely another opportunity for every lily on Mysteria Lane to gather for something to do on a nice afternoon rather than staying home to productively plan the upcoming gardening year ~ at least this is how I felt.

I'm still awaiting the outcome of this meeting (and it sure wasn't a gala affair save for the *Belles* clan), as voting was by secret ballot and the decision was withheld and everyone filed out of the building. It seems a permanent move from Mysteria Lane may be necessary when all I really wanted was to get back home to a normal life.

*[well Wilma your life is interesting. I am sure our members would love to have a short article on just which lilies are best to eat. I have heard they are sort of peppery.]*

## OUTSIDE THE BOX DESIGN WORKSHOP

The workshop went well and all 14 who attended said they enjoyed it and learned much from the demo and their hands on design being judged and critiqued.



On January 30, 2016



ARLS sponsored a Floral Design lecture and demo on creative contemporary floral design presented by Iris Salmon, a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers and a Certified Floral Designer as well as being an AIFD Certified Floral Evaluator Judge. Iris is the Floral Educator and Retail Operations Manager at the Grower Direct Corporate

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Head Office in Edmonton. She is passionate about the floral industry and enjoys working with people, teaching and sharing how wonderful the floral design industry is and helping them discover their passion for floral design. She certainly helped the 14 participants find and increase their love of floral design. She got our creative talents flowing and we produced designs that were "out of the box" of the usual modern designs.

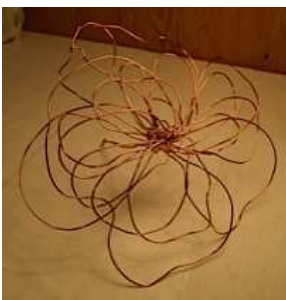
Several of the participants were first time floral designers and they produced designs that tell us that they will be challenging those of us who have been doing floral design for several years in the upcoming ARLS Shows.



Iris demonstrated several techniques as we were creating our 'High Style' Free Style Design. The first was how to tape an oasis into a design vessel making certain that we do not cover the centre of the oasis with the tape. Although we do not have to follow any particular rules when creating designs in the contemporary free style, we should be conscious of the principles of design balance, proportion, contrast, dominance, rhythm, scale - as they will enhance our design. She demonstrated how to manipulate leaves by shaping them, rolling them and stabilizing the roll with glue dots/dashes or by pulling the stem through the leaf. The focal point of the design should impact the design but there may be more than one focal point. Complementary colors and open areas of space in and around the design also help to enhance the design. Iris stressed the importance of finishing the back of design to add depth to it as well as to cover the mechanics.

As each participant completed her design she had it judged and critiqued by Iris, a procedure much appreciated as it helped us learn where we did well and where we needed to improve to make our designs more creative and outstanding.

The second project was to design on an armature using copper wire. First we twisted the stem or holder for the armature. Next we shaped and twisted the wire into a holder for flowers and greens and there was a lot of stomping of feet as we flattened the armatures into shape. Once this was completed we attached the stem and inserted the flowers and fillers to make an arrangement that we tied with bind wire and inserted into a tall vase.



Reports were that it was a very good session on design



and that the participants had a good learning experience. Thanks to ARLS for their sponsorship and it is my hope that each participant will enter at least one, if not more, design in the Annual Show.

*[thank you Cecilia for organizing this workshop for our floral designers]*

## Devonian Botanic Garden news

If you visit and have a concern about the lily beds call Arnold Semeniuk, DBG liaison. 780-987-4763

Events at the garden: check out the website for all events. [www.Devonian.ualberta.ca](http://www.Devonian.ualberta.ca)

**Twitter** @DevonianGarden; **Facebook** DevonianBotanicGarden

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES:

### ARLS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SPRING 2016

April 16, 2016 Woodvale Hall on the Millwoods Golf Course, Edmonton (nearest bus on 50<sup>th</sup> Street)

AGM Elections 10- 11 am- followed by members networking/ or BoD meeting, lunch a weaving demonstration & speaker Hugh Skinner

Bring something for the silent auction.

non-members - \$5.00 to attend seminars, members - no charge

No fall general meeting is planned as attendance has been so low we have not had quorum.

Show awards will be given out at the Winter Mingle 2017

## LILY SHOWS 2016

**ARLS 21<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARTAGON SHOW**

**July 2 & 3 2015** Devonian Botanic

Gardens Hwy 60 Spruce Grove. contact Lorne to clerk, judge or volunteer.

**NALS 69<sup>TH</sup> International Lily Show**

**Chicago July 6- 10 2016**

**ARLS 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL LILY SHOW July 23 & 24 Greenland Garden Center Hwy 16 Sherwood Park**

## Spring bulb sales & education events

April 9 & 10 Calgary Horticulture Society Spring Garden Show- Spruce Meadows

April 16 Bonnyville Gardener Days

May 28 Fulton Place Gardener Swap

Nominations for the NALS Regional Medal are being solicited please submit to Shauna Willoughby.

An ARLS membership is a great gift for a gardening friend or relative.



## It's a "Saturday in the Park"



If you have never attended a NALS Show, or if it has been awhile, you don't want to miss the 69th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois, July 6-10, 2016, for "Saturday in the Park".

One can easily spend more than a day seeing the beautiful 385 acres of the Botanic Gardens. Enjoy on foot, or by tram (\$20 tram ticket is free with your NALS 2016 registration). Enjoy the lilies growing in the garden and bring your camera to photograph the lilies during the "Shoot Those Lilies" symposium session offered by Frans Officer. You will also have the opportunity to participate in behind the scenes Chicago Botanic Garden tours open to registrants only. Take breaks from the sun in the auditorium or the classrooms of the Regenstein Center to hear symposium sessions geared for novice to experienced lily growers. Get even more out of your

NALS 2016 experience by planning to volunteer a couple hours to set up, clean up, clerk, judge or visit with local show visitors on the lily show floor and talk about your favorite topic, "lilies."

The hotel accommodations are reasonable at \$109 / night including complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast each morning and an Evening Reception, as well as a free shuttle bus that will transport you to and from the Chicago Botanic Garden. All show activities take place at the garden in the Regenstein Center except membership meetings, the Friday night dinner / auction, and the Saturday night awards dinner held at the hotel. A shuttle from the hotel to the train station is also available if you wish to do some sightseeing via public transportation. If you are travelling by car, enjoy free parking every day (\$20 per day value) at the Chicago Botanic Garden. The Show committee, consisting mainly of NALS board members, is arranging for numerous speakers throughout the show and lots of ideas and travel directions for sightseeing around Chicago before, during or after the show. Check out our website at <http://www.nals2016.lilies.org/>, register today (or soon to get the early bird rates) and bring those lily stems, floral design materials and lily photographs so we have the best NALS show ever!



<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/chicagobotanicgarden/>

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