





THE ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
THE BULBLET VOLUME 32, NUMBER 2 SUMMER 2017

The Bulblet

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President's Lily pad Like us on Facebook; Follow us on Twitter

ARLS membership let me start by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as President of our incredible Society. When I joined the group six years ago I never imagined the privilege of leading the organization and working with all of you on our collective vision of *Promoting genus lilium as an excellent garden plant*. I am very excited about the future and continuing to grow our Society. I would like to extend my gratitude to Laurie Hepper for her strong leadership over the past six years; I will strive to meet the standard of excellence that she has established. I look forward to continuing to work with Laurie on the Board as she has agreed to assume the Secretary role. I would also like to recognize returning Board members; Britta Johnson (Treasurer), Bill Mackay and Suzanne Stack for their ongoing commitment as well as welcome Suzanna Durand to her first term on the Board. Thank you to Shauna and Terry Willoughby for accepting the appointments to the Web Editor and Librarian respectively. Lastly, thanks to Ada Socholotuik for her service on the Board over the last couple of years. If anyone is interested in joining the Board please let me know as we do have a vacant position.

One of the first orders of business for me is to share with you some of the activities the Society has been busy with. First, we extended a \$3000 donation of Casino funds to the St. Albert Botanic to allow them to build a pergola beside their lily beds in order to improve the profile of the beds. Next our show stem holders after many years of use were wearing and many were broken, so we have purchased 250 1" and 100 11/4" stem holders; we cannot wait to use them at the upcoming Annual Show. Finally, work is underway on a new ARLS website, watch for information in the near future on the launch of the new site!

Most importantly by now everyone's lilies should be up and growing. Hopefully the lily beetle has not visited your garden but if it has it's not too late to get out and eradicate them. Visit the Alberta Regional Lily Society Facebook page to see pictures of damage that they inflict and for recommendations on how to control the beetle. A quick reminder that the Martagon Show will be on July 8 & 9 at the U of A Botanic Garden (formerly the Devonian Botanic Garden) and the Annual Lily Show will be at the Greenland Garden Centre on July 22 & 23 and if you are looking for a vacation at the end of the month NALS will be in St Louis from June 28 – July 02. Hope to see you at all of the Shows!

Lorne Kaban

Newsletter Editor Any spelling and grammatical errors are all my own. If you see a data omission, please inform blackmartagon@gmail.com with the correction.

Newsletter deadlines- Feb- May- Aug- Nov 15



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Aug 15 for Sept 1 Bulblet Get your information in to blackmartagon@gmail.com
Please put subject: 'newsletter submittal' in email so I can find it in my inbox when I need it.

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Calgary Horticultural Society calhort.org
Edmonton Horticultural Society edmontonhort.com
North American Lily Society lilies.org
RHS Lily Group www.rhslilygroup.org/

Welcome to St Louis, Missouri for the North American Lily Society

70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium!

Convention Dates June 28 -July 2, 2017

Outstanding lodging and fabulous Lily Show at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis



Garden Tours at the Missouri Botanical Garden and Bellefontaine Cemetery Check our website at http://nals2017.lilies.org/ for more details To lend your time and support to this convention, please contact Lynn Slackman at lslackman@tenbytech.com

LILY VIGNETTE

I like to hear the stories behind the lily. A picture and approx. 25 words is all it takes. Submit to blackmartagon@gmail.com

MEMBER BENEFITS

Members receive discounts at the following businesses:

- * <u>ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTRE</u>. 10027-81 Ave. Edmonton 10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.
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- * VALLEY K LILY RANCH aka plantlilies.com

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22nd ANNUAL MARTAGON SHOW July 8 & 9

at the U of Alberta Botanic Gardens open 10 am to 6 pm daily June 1 to August 31

Thursday's until Aug 24 gate is open to 8:30 pm and gardens are open to dusk.

Show entries accepted Friday July 7, 5 pm to 9 pm and Sat July 8, 8 am to 10 am

Judging takes place 10:30am to 1 pm Public viewing Sat 1-5 pm & Sun 10am- 5 pm

check Facebook for updates- garden admission applies.

Contact Show Chair: Lorne at 780-812-3533 for entry and show details. Volunteers are still required for some positions. 2-4 hours of your time would be greatly appreciated.

32nd ANNUAL LILY SHOW July 22 & 23 Greenland Garden Centre. Hwy 16 at Cloverbar Road in Sherwood

Park. Greenland hours are 9 am to 6 pm Sat & Sunday

Show entries are accepted Friday July 21, 5pm to 9 pm and Saturday July 22 7 am to 9 am.

Judging is from 10 am to 1 pm Saturday.

Public viewing Sat 1 pm to 5 pm and Sun 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Show is free but feel free to shop or stop at the bistro.

Contact the Show Committee sec@arls-lilies.org 780-916-0922 or Floral Design Chair 780-469-1085

Volunteers are essential for the show please contact Britta 780-433-7869 to sign up for the information table, help with set up or take down or to be a lily ambassador.

Lily Sources

Valley K Lily Ranch Lynnette Westfall; asiatics, OTs, some martagons & species
RR1 Edberg TOB 1J0 http://plantlilies.com great resource and lily gallery. mail order only bulbs@plantlilies.com

Bertha Lardner: Martagon Lilies NE Edmonton 780-478-7929 lardnerbm@gmail.com

Parkland Lilies - Fred Fellner seedlings RR1 Vermillion 1-780-853-2355 final last years of hybridizing

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 location shopping onlyno mail order shipping. Stop by when in Calgary- check website for hours.

Lily Nook Nigel & Joyce Strohman; all things lily

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Box 220 Roblin Man. ROL 1PO 1-204-564-2236. ski_hugh@mts.net

SW-Gardens Sandra-Pat Willis: lilies from various divisions

22507 Kenesserie RD Thamesville ONT. NOP 2KO http://www.s-wgardens.com/ 1-519-692-5580 swgardens@yahoo.ca

LilyCrest Gardens Brian Bergman; Bergman seedlings, [OTs, asiatics, orientals & trumpets from active hybridizing]

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Beetle Musings <u>lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org</u>
Report your invasion. To Carlton University <u>lilybeetletracker@weebly.com</u>

There is also a resource page on the website

If you are in need of a beetle brochure to give to a
friend or neighbour. Contact sec@arls-lilies.org

(photos L. Hepper)



Remember the beetle emerges at the same time as your lilies and they are fertile. Keep watch. Kill the beetle. Report the beetle. Especially squash the larvae- [that black voracious lump on the underside of the leaf] JUNE IS LARVAE MONTH. Leaf damage is easily noticed and the larvae don't run, fly off or hide. Killing larvae will interupt the life cycle and if you get them <u>all</u> you may be lucky enough not to have

any more fly in for a year or two.

MY FIRST REAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE LILY BEETLE. BY LAURIE HEPPER

I am now in the unfortunate category of having beetle infiltration of my lily plantation.

First invader? On a windy May 10, a red flyer came in for a landing. It landed at my feet to scurry to cover- aha! Scurry no longer. I nabbed it. NOW WHAT? I am not going to squish It, yuk. Ahh, I will put it in a container to observe. I make it back to the garage beetle pinched firmly. What do I have that is easy to grab and stick this pest in so it won't escape, I want a jar, no available jars, but the zip-lock bags are handy on the bench. In it goes zipped shut. Is it moving hmm it looks like an antenna is quivering. Oops, I suffocated it taking it back to the garage, well I can watch to see if it revives. The next few days I am patrolling once before work and in the evening after work and sometimes a third time at dusk. Was that it one beetle? Am I really that lucky?

May 19 morning patrol; what is that red spec on my lily [Asiatic] near the garage? Yup beetle. Ok need to do that patrol. A quick survey got another one in the front yard [martagon]. Bagged and tagged the two beetles.

After work looked at my bag o beetles they are mating well that observation led me to Date that bag and the earlier one. (one female & 1 male) (earlier bag gender undetermined)

May 19 evening patrol bagged and tagged 2 more one front, one back [both martagons]. Ok now I can leave for the weekend am I going to regret this and find hordes of red bugs when I get back.

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May 21 evening patrol. I am back from the long weekend and I bagged and tagged three more red beetles; two from the back yard and one in front [2 martagons, 1 Asiatic] undetermined one died and the other two ignored each other. Observing the May 19 evening bag, they were definitely one male & one female.

May 23 morning nestled into the densest foliage of the Asiatic Fellner seedling group I bagged one more. All these bags were stacking up on my garage bench. The May 23 beetle laid an egg when I fed her for display at the May27 Fulton Place bulb sale gardeners swap. I wanted a living specimen to display.



Eggs and early stage larvae photo by L. Hepper

May 23 evening patrol I found eggs where I found the beetle in the morning. Aww [many four-letter words run through my brain] I'm in for it now. How do you get all the eggs?

May 24 evening patrol I found more eggs where I found the beetle on May 23. Scrambled eggs. May 31 evening patrol I got a red beetle courtesy of Glen, though it was not a red lily beetle. Ah well it is bagged until I can look it up on the internet. I finished my patrol, by now it has expanded to cover my neighbour's yard and her lilies. I have showed her how to look for them, but it is in my best interest to include her in my patrol too. I have seen leaf damage on all my patrols. Some from slug, some from leaf cutter bees, and some from beetle. The lilies with beetle munching get extra carful observation. I am definitely perfecting the beetle hunt yoga positions. I wanted a way to keep fit and get more flexible now I have a great motivator.

Well back to that strange beetle. I looked it up https://bugguide.net/node/view/15740 https://www.whatsthatbug.com/ and http://www.insectsofalberta.com/main.htm

It appears to be a scarlet malachite beetle that eats pollen and the larvae eats other insects. Ahh



GOOD BEETLE! Sorry to say, I have killed a few of these for being on my lilies last year. I guess I should wear a head lamp when I do my beetle patrol at or after dusk from now on. I thought it was an asparagus beetle, boy are they different from this- I guess I should look up bugs more often at least get the right name to the right bug. Insects of Alberta shows all the red beetles we have in the province. So, when someone says I saw that red beetle on my roses it is probably

NOT the lily beetle but the rose beetle ALSO BAD. Most of our red coloured beetles are good though, so no use squishing/killing (or bagging) them. If you see a red beetle nestled into the stamens of your lily look close for the black-green stripe down its back and leave it alone. If you see no stripe or spots it may be fair game to pluck it off and dispose of. I think that depends now on your bug identification skills.

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June 1 evening patrol; Arggh I have larvae! I did not get all the eggs. Where is my bag? I pluck the 4 leaves with black smears on them. the larvae are so small they are hard to identify but the black tarry streaks on the leaves could be nothing but voracious eating, poop smeared larvae. I definitely have moved to the next stage in the invasion- decimation and destruction. NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. If I don't get them bagged they are being smushed. Where are my garden gloves? Note when doing the searching & smushing, tie back long hair especially if it is windy; nothing is worse than having your hair in your face and black mucky hands that you can't use to get your hair back.



June 2 evening patrol my other pot of Asiatics got the beetle eggs- they hatched and what was left of the leaves are dangling on the stem limp and decimated. More bagged black blobs. They are easy to see at this stage. They must have grown at least 6x original hatch size. Now they are really easy to see, I don't need my reading glasses for this except some of them are in the leaf stem node migrating to the next leaf and you could miss them there especially if you have dark stems.

June 3 morning patrol this is where I hope I have no new findings and I can sigh in relief. But can't relax the diligence of my patrols as I may have more hidden eggs unhatched at this point. I think I have to wait to October to feel that I have repelled the invasion for another year. So, coffee and reading glasses in hand I am off for another patrol and session of beetle yoga. Oh, and I should grab the baggy and garden gloves just in case. Well that went well no new larvae sightings. Have I managed to get them all? Early stage larvae. Photo L. Hepper

June 4 morning patrol; totally unexpected, I found larvae on a small Asiatic, not even going to bloom this year and I obviously missed them from earlier the larvae were about half the size of a beetle. Ok they are bagged. Now I see a red blob on the end of an old lily stem. Yeah, I have not finished garden clean up yet. Yup bad beetle, bagged and tagged.

Further patrols have uncovered lady beetles on the lilies -no new eating machines or lily beetles. It is moving into mid June and all the mating and egg laying should be over with and if you believe the research the spring adults should be dying a natural death, if you notice they are not following that process contact lilybeetletracker@weebly.com



Well spoke too soon June 10 evening patrol; my first larvae on a martagon. It is as big as a beetle at this stage. Hope that is the last of them. It ate 3 leaves and was undiscovered for about 5-7 days by its size.

Hoping it is not at the drop to the ground and pupate stage and I got the sole eater. Otherwise I have not interrupted the life cycle and am in for more grief.

June 10, larvae photo L. Hepper

excellent garden plant

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June 12 evening patrol; found another larvae on my martagon. It had devoured three leaves and was working on the fourth. It now has a new plastic home. Largest one yet. I thought the June 10th one was big. How big do these things get?

So, I have some questions.

Do beetles travel in mating pairs? They are showing up in my yard mostly that way. Put to rest the beetle squadron flying down the street to land. They come silent in the night and eat when not observed. You wake up to nibbled leaves and no red pest. Do they hide? Siesta? I catch mine in daylight. Are they just the stupid ones? Or the only ones?

So far, they have sat on the top surface of leaves and waited for me to pluck them except for the first one. I think he was the scout and I caught it on patrol. Must have missed the other scout as the infiltrators- settlers are slowly staggering in. Do they know where I live or is it just the aroma of lilies drawing them in. At least it is not waves of them (yet).

Do beetles give off an odour when you squish them that says there is available rental space? Will this bring in more beetles?

Is the large time periods between my beetle sightings due to leaving no evidence of kidnapping/killing beetles (this is provided I have actually caught the whole bunch that came to dinner).

Would I get more beetles if I squished them? Maybe death by drowning is the best way to go. How far away can beetles smell lilies (are attracted to new lily gardens)? How far away can they smell the beetle invitation to a hot date of dinner and pleasure? Will we get beetle traps for lily beetles?

Is the back shell shape an indication of gender? I noticed the narrow, pointier shelled, smaller beetles appeared to be male. And the square shouldered larger shelled beetles appeared to be female. This was indicated by mating activity within the bags. Or in one case egg laying.

For anyone interested in the behaviours of beetles bagging and tagging will keep beetles alive for about a week without feeding. The ones I fed were still alive after a week.

For those who have beetle damage on their leaves. It closely resembles slug or leaf cutter bee damage. Slugs leave larger swaths of eaten leaves; leaf cutter bees leave a scalloped edge where they have cut pieces to take back to the nest tunnel. Beetles will usually eat round holes in the leaves.

Closely watch for beetles. You may not find them. My first invasion of beetles in 2015 ended up as Magpie treats, finally, a use for those birds. I did find the larvae. The larvae were four abreast steamrollering down the leave they were devouring. They were jarred and tagged. Larvae last less than a week in a jar before turning to mush even with leaves, though I did not give them fresh stuff; I could probably have extended their life but why. I found out that they eat, poop and grow; almost before your eyes they expand and eat more. This year the red bugs stood out dramatically so why did I miss the 2015 beetles? The larvae are not hard to miss in the mid cycle of eating destruction. Hope your beetle/larvae hunts go good and many are eradicated.

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One of the lilies the beetles & larvae found tasty. Photo by L. Hepper

ARLS Name tags Call Shauna to get an update.

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

UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS

We have an opening for a liaison with the Gardens. Call 780-916-0922 Laurie to volunteer. Arnold has stepped down due to health reasons. The Lily Beds at the UofABG will soon be laid out and hopefully planting of the Asiatics will be underway. The last of the lilies were accessioned this last winter and the full data base finalized. The Asiatics were potted up and are just waiting to be re-planted.

Events at the garden: check out the website for all events http://botanicgarden.ualberta.ca/

Twitter https://twitter.com/UABotanicGarden;

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/UABotanicGarden





2014 pictures from Olds College L. Hepper photos unrestricted beetle predation damage.

The NALS Quarterly Bulletin June 2017 has a great article on controlling the lily beetle by Paul Siskind.

He experimented with three types of insecticidal sprays. Neem Oil-hydrophobic extract, spinosad and clove oil deer repellant. Neem Oil- the cold pressed type containing azadirachtin is the product that actually works on lily beetle it disrupts feeding and also larvae metamorphosis from pupating. The product containing spinosad was the most effective, although if he had used the correct Neem oil product he states he would have had better success with that. All products were applied twice a week to lilies.

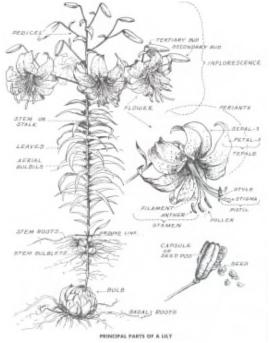
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Kerstin Engstrand, a journalist and gardener from Sweden is coming to visit June 22 to 24. The interview requested of Dr. Ieuan Evans is mainly planned for Rabarber trädgård, the first and only completely digital garden magazine here in Sweden. She is also coeditor of "Trädgårdsamatören" (print, 4 issues/year, for keen gardeners). For Your information, she has also published 14 bestselling books, all about gardening. She has also been published in The Garden and my photographs in the show catalogues of Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Flower Show.

Dr Evans is going to try to show her all the gardens around Edmonton.

Showing tips for the beginner

- Try to have your best stems to show.
- Aim to have as many open blooms as possible without having any faded blooms
- Flowers should be fresh clean and undamaged with no distortions such as leaning or bent stalks. Cut the stem length to two-thirds of height leaving one third in the garden.
- No disease should be apparent.
- Leave the pollen anthers on, but clean off all pollen on petals.
- Clean all debris and critters off of stems.
- The beginner has as much chance of winning a ribbon as the experienced show entrant. We have Junior sections too.
- ARLS has members and classification judges available during entry hours to help. We love to have new entrants to our shows. Come and have fun.
- Stem holders are available, just carefully pack up your stems in buckets, and bring them in.
- Details on entering the show are in the show schedules. See website and Facebook for a schedule.
- For specific details the Judging and Showing Handbook published by the North American Lily Society is available for purchase.
- Design section is a creative floral arrangement. Anybody interested in floral arranging can enter a design.
- A fresh lily or lilies must be dominant in all floral designs. DO NOT REMOVE anthers style & stigma etc.
- All plant material must be natural.
- Designs must be maintained during show by exhibitor and may not be changed once judging has taken place.
- Accessories can be anything except artificial plant materials and as listed in the show schedule section 3.
- The Annual Shows are well attended by the public and you do not have to be an ARLS member to enter a stem
 or design. Come have fun.



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THE ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY (an affiliate of the North American Lily Society)

presents its

32st ANNUAL LILY SHOW 2017

at the

GREENLAND GARDEN CENTRE

23106 Highway 16 East at Clover Bar Road - Sherwood Park



Judging 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PUBLIC SHOW HOURS

Saturday, July 22, 2017

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 23, 2017

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

ENTRIES IN SHOW: All lily growers are welcome and encouraged to enter lily stems in the Horticulture Section of the Show and all floral designers and "wanna-a-be" floral designers are encouraged to use their creative talents to enter designs in the Design Section of the Annual Show.

Visit Facebook.com/Abertaregionallilysociety for Show Schedules for the 2017 ARLS Annual Lily Show at Greenland Garden Centre.

The schedule has a list of Horticulture Stems to enter and Design Section; Floral Design List

Stems and Designs can be staged and displayed Friday, July 21 from 5 pm to 9 pm and Saturday morning, July 22 from 9 am to 9:30 am.

No exhibit may be removed until show is closed.



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DESIGN – SECTION 3 AWARDS ARLS ANNUAL SHOW 2017

Cecilia Bertram Award for Best Design

Design Sweepstakes Award

Gold

Silver

Lilium Award – Design that most enhances the lily

Youth Design Award

First Time Exhibitor Award

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SHOW SECTION 3 – FLORAL DESIGN 2017

2017 Floral Design Chair: Cecilia Bertram 780 469-1085 bertramc@telus.net

The Design Section is judged by an accredited Floral Design Judge.

Section 3-Arrangement Design Rules

- A fresh lily or lilies (genus Lilium) must be dominant in all designs.

Please leave lilies in their natural form – do not remove anthers, style & stigma, etc.

All plant material must be natural, whether fresh, dried or treated. Any type of accessory except artificial plant material permitted, except as listed within the various classes below. Design cannot be changed or added to after judging has the Exhibits will be judged with the Scale of Points for Judging as follows:

Design	30%
Colour harmony	20%
Distinction	20%
Expression	10%
Conformance	10%
Condition	10%
Total of	100%

-Exhibitors of any age may enter only one design per class 1-8

Exhibitors must maintain their entry until the end of the show.

The space allotted for each design is 24" (61 cm) in length and width.

- Class 1 Basket arrangement Viewed from all sides or can be one-sided; handle must be visible.
- Class 2 Lilies in a Vase Only lilies, no other flowers or baby's breath, but may include foliage. Any type of vase may
- Class 3 Bowl arrangement A bowl is a container having a diameter at its mouth equal to or greater than its height.
- Class 1, 2 and 3 can be done in the traditional style or the modern/creative style of design. Class 4 to 9 to be designed

modern creative design style.

Decorative Theme Arrangements – "Fashion"

Class 4 – Lady's Hat - a mannequin or support may be used.

Class 5 - Lady's Purse - use red & white lilies for Canada's 150th

Class 6 - Lady's Shoe

Class 7 - Evening Bag

Class 8 - Boot

Class 9 - Youth Design - for youth 16 years and under - design using any of the above articles.

Please reserve a space for each of your designs - notify me (#s above) in what classes you are exhibiting by July 19th to allow proper amount of space for each class. Thank you.