



2013 Annual Martagon Show Impresses

Another year and another amazing Annual Martagon Show. This year's 18th Annual Show provided another fantastic showing of both registered and soon to be registered seedling stems. The over 450 members of the public that attended the Show at the Devonian Botanic Garden were in awe of the colour variety, number of blooms and overall diversity that this dainty little lily has to offer. If they weren't totally smitten with this incredible member of genus *Lilium* after touring the Show, then when they visited the awesome Martagon beds at the Devonian they definitely wanted to add this plant to the garden and we expect to see a number of these folks at our bulb sales this fall.

We were extremely fortunate to have a very diligent and professional team of judges that scrutinized the 159 stems and awarded; 28 first, 27 second, 23 third and 3 honourable mention ribbons. Kevin Frey and Laurie Hepper expertly classified the lilies and were then followed by Barbara Jean Jackson and Terry Willoughby who worked collaboratively and cooperatively to evaluate and judge each stem and provide the appropriate ranking. With the support of their team of clerks, Melanie Farkas, Suzanne Stack and Evan Kaban they were able to expeditiously complete their task and allow the doors to open to the public before the 1:00 pm target.

Our compliment of exhibitors was made up of 14 gardeners cutting stems from their gardens to bring to the Show. Once again the field was made up of a number of veterans but there were also a few first timers rounding on the group. Based on the number of junior exhibitors in this year's Show we will be evaluating the potential of adding a Junior Category to align with the Annual Show. Ieuan Evan's stem of Mrs. R.O. Backhouse took home the Fred Tarlton Award for the Best Lily in Show, while Bryan Bennett was won the Gold Sweepstakes with his 9 first place stems.

This year we added some Door prizes for anyone visiting the Show; Melanie Farkas won a one year membership, while Shane Snider and Tony Gentile took home a Martagon bulb to add to their gardens. We also used the entry forms to get some feedback on the spread of the lily beetle. There were three positive responses, one of which was from Nova Scotia but more concerning were the two local responses, one in South Edmonton and the other in Stony Plain.





Once again we had a great team of volunteers to greet the public. Thanks to Cecilia Bertram, Melanie Farkas, Laurie Hepper, Arnold Semeniuk and Suzanne Stack, they not only graciously represented ARLS but in the process but also sold three new memberships, four renewals, three Prairie Gardens and two each of the Martagon Lilies and Lets Grow Lilies books. It's that effort that allows us to continue to achieve of mandate of *Promoting genus Lilium as an excellent garden plant*. Laurie Hepper also provided photographic support by taking pictures of all the winning stems in the Show. Also thanks to our dedicated volunteers that help with the cleanup of all the stems when the show is done.

Finally, let me extend my thanks to the Devonian Botanic Garden staff for their ongoing support and to anyone I may have missed and everyone else involved in making this year's show successful, if you didn't make it to this year's Show mark July 5th and 6th your calendar for 2014.

Show Chair – Lorne Kaban



Show Results Record 18TH Annual MARTAGON LILY Show 2013

		Exhibitor Name & Number		Variety, Name or SDLG Number
BEST LILY IN SHOW Fred Tarlton Award		Ieuan Evans	11	Mrs. R.O. Backhouse
sweepstakes	gold	Bryan Bennett	21	9 First/9 Second/6 Third
sweepstakes	silver	Ieuan Evans	11	8 First/9 Second/8 Third
sweepstakes	bronze	Bertha Lardner	14	4 First/2 Second/3 Third
Best collection of six Martagons Class XIII		Bryan Bennett	21	Seedlings
Hybridizers Award from Class VIII		Ieuan Evans	11	Small White Up-facing
Alberta Regional Lily Society Award-Best Alberta Bred Martagon		Bryan Bennett	21	Irish Cream
Award of merit for species other than martagon display		Bryan Bennett	21	L. concolor
NAMES FOR SWEEPSTAKES				
Sweepstakes firsts				
Sweepstakes seconds				
Sweepstakes thirds				



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TOTAL NUMBER OF STEMS ENTERED	159 Stems	Total number of ribbons given out	1 st 28 2 nd 27 3 rd 23 HM <u>3</u> 81	
Display stems entered	2 Stems	Showing Fasciation		
TOTAL ENTRIES	139 Stems			
# ENTRANTS	19			Thanks are extended please submit to Show Chair

SHOW PERSONNEL			
Judge	Barbara Jean Jackson		
Co judge	Terry Willoughby		
Student judges			
Head clerk	Melanie Farkas		
Clerk	Suzanne Stack		
Clerk	Evan Kaban		
Classification#1	Kevin Frey		
Classification#2	Laurie Hepper		
Show chair	Lorne Kaban		
Show Awards Chairs	Lorne Kaban & Kathy Strawson		

Information Desk Volunteers:

Cecilia Bertram
Melanie Farkas
Laurie Hepper
Arnold Semeniuk
Suzanne Stack

Take Down Volunteers:

Mike Danchak
Melanie Farkas
Amethyst Farkas
Barbara-Jean Jackson
Evan Kaban
Arnold Semeniuk
Shauna Willoughby
Terry Willoughby