



IEUAN EVANS AND JUSTIN PASULA, GOLD STRAW MEDIA

## 2020 QB Editor Award Winner

The winner of the 2020 *QB* Editor Award is someone familiar to many in the North American Lily Society. His byline is regularly featured in the *Quarterly Bulletin*.

The winner selected by the *QB* Editor Award Committee is Ieuan Evans for his article "What do we Mean by 'Soil Fertility'?" It was published in the June 2020 issue.

The committee read and reviewed all articles published in the past year (September, December, March, June) leading up to when the North American Lily Society traditionally presents its International Lily Show and Symposium in July. This year the lily show was postponed to next year.

Evans will receive \$100 as the 2020 *QB* Editor Award winner.

These people served on the *QB* Editor Award Committee: Marianne Casey, Larry Diehl, Charlie Kroell, Barbara Ronningen, Lynn Slackman, Sandy Venton and Mary Zocchi.

Evans regularly attends NALS functions and often serves as auctioneer for the NALS Research Fund Auction.

He hybridizes mostly martagon hybrid lilies near Spruce Grove, Alberta. He has grown lilies since 1996 and has selected a hundred or so seedlings as having potential to be registered from tens of thousands of seedlings.

On the facing page is a photograph of flowers from new martagon seedlings he has grown this year.

In 2017, he won the Isabella Preston Trophy for the Best Lily in the Show in St. Louis. The winning stem was a martagon lily named for the eldest of his three daughters, 'Megan Evans.'

He has a bachelor of science agriculture degree from the University of Wales and a doctorate in plant diseases and micro-



Ieuan Evans makes it look easy in his YouTube video "Martagon Lily Propagation with Dr. Evans." Opposite: flowers of some of Evans' new martagons.

nutrients from the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Evans was provincial plant disease specialist for Alberta Agriculture until retiring in 2002. He has researched diseases of potatoes, fruits, elms and cereal grains. He also is known outside of lily circles for the Evans cherry, a sour cherry cultivar found in an orchard near Edmonton, Alberta, surviving since the 1920s even though cherries had not been considered hardy enough to thrive in the harsh climate of Canadian prairies.

Evans in 2012 was inducted into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame in recognition for his outstanding contributions to our agriculture industry.

He also is a biweekly columnist for a Canadian publication, "Grainews."

On YouTube, there are several videos featuring Evans, including "Martagons Galore" and "Martagon Lily Propagation with Dr. Evans." **QB**