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

Well here we are at the start of June and the rain has finally come. Tulips and crocuses are long past, with the species, Anemone Canadensis, is in full bloom right now creating the appearance of a beautiful white carpet. The weeds are also flourishing as I'm sure you all know! Hopefully you have gotten your spring bulbs planted and are now eagerly awaiting their display so you can see what you've added to your collection.

For those that were busy with seeds in January, I'm sure that you seedlings are now lush and green. It will be a little while before you can get them planted out in the garden so continue to pamper them - it will be worth it in a couple years when you see what you've created!

If you are going to lowa for the NALS Show and Convention (June 27- July 01), hopefully you've gotten your registration in as the early bird deadline was May 31. That said it's not too late to get signed up. Looks like they are going to have an excellent line up of speakers; Rick Rodick's - Species Lilies for the North, Mark Rigg's – Capturing Captivating Cameos of Your Garden's Lilies-The Stars of the Show!, to name a couple. lowa's hospitality is always amazing, so hope to see you there!

As for our ARLS Shows, the Martagon Show is scheduled for July 06-08 at the Uof A Botanic Garden. I am hoping that we get some cool weather to slow down those Martagons. Even with the late start the warm weather we had in May seems to have spurred them along. Mine here in the north are even starting to bud. I know that you will have a couple of stems to contribute to make sure we have a Show. We are excited to have Debora Petrie, from Manitoba, coming as our lead judge and we should have more visitors than usual due to the opening of the new Aga Khan Garden.

The Annual Show is scheduled for July 20-22 at Greenland Garden Centre and by then we might have an amazing display of OT's in the Show!

If you haven't checked out the updated website it might have to wait until winter but just in case: <u>www.arls-lilies.org</u>.

Happy Gardening and See You at the Shows! Lorne

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North American Lily Society lilies.org RHS Lily Group <a href="https://www.rhslilygroup.org/">www.rhslilygroup.org/</a>

# 23<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MARTAGON SHOW

July 7 & 8 2018

at the U of Alberta Botanic Gardens featuring the GRAND OPENING OF AGA KAHN GARDENS 2018

The University of Alberta Botanic Garden (formerly the Devonian Botanic Garden) is located in Parkland County, 15 minutes SW of Edmonton, 5 km north of Devon on Hwy 60.

Note: The Garden is not located on the U of A campus.

open 10 am to 6 pm daily June 29 - Sept 3

Thursday's July 7 until Aug 30 gate is open until 8:30 pm and gardens are open to dusk.

**Martagon Show entries accepted** 

Friday July 6 5-9 pm & Saturday July 7 8-10 am

contact Lorne 780.812.3533 for entry details

July 7 judging 10:30 am - 1 pm

Public viewing: garden admission applies

July 8 10 am - 5 pm July 7 1-5 pm

**NALS LILY SHOW & SYMPOSIUM** 

June 27, 2018 – July 1, 2018

Sheraton West Des Moines, 1800 50th Street West Des Moines, IOWA United

**States** 

More information at http://www.lilies.org/events/

# 33<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL LILY SHOW

July 21 & 22 2018

Greenland Garden Centre Hwy 16 at Cloverbar Road in Sherwood Park. Greenland hours are; 9 am to 6 pm Saturday & 10 am -6 pm Sunday

The North American Lily Society, Inc.

71st Annual International Lily Show And Lily Symposium

"Iowa: Celebrating All Together"



Hosted by the lown Regional Lily Society

**Annual Show entries accepted** 

Friday July 20 5-9 pm & Saturday July 21 7-9 am

contact Lorne 780.812.3533 or Laurie 780.916.0922 for entry details

July 21 judging 10 am - 1 pm

Public viewing free

July 21 1-5 pm July 22 10 am - 4 pm

Check out the show schedules on the website for details

## **FALL BULB SALES**

Contact Britta to volunteer to a bulb sale shift or packing party.
You get 10% off plus you get first pick of the bulbs. Book your time and list your bulbs.
Sept 24 EHS
Sept 29 Greenland
Sept 30 Muttart

## **LILY SOURCES**

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

RR1 Edberg TOB 1JO <a href="http://plantlilies.com">http://plantlilies.com</a> 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) <a href="http://www.rundlewoodgardens.ab.ca/">http://www.rundlewoodgardens.ab.ca/</a> <a href="mailto:info@rundlewoodgardens.ab.ca">info@rundlewoodgardens.ab.ca</a> location shopping only- no mail order shipping. Stop by when in Calgary- check website for hours.

Lily Nook Nigel & Joyce Strohman; all things lily

Box 846 Neepawa Man. ROJ 1HO <a href="http://www.lilynook.mb.ca">http://www.lilynook.mb.ca</a> 1 204 476 3225 info@lilynook.mb.ca

Skinner Nursery Hugh Skinner; martagons, species, asiatics

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 2K0 <a href="http://www.s-wgardens.com/">http://www.s-wgardens.com/</a> 1-519-692-5580 swgardens@yahoo.ca

LilyCrest Gardens Brian Bergman; Bergman seedlings, [OTs, asiatics, orientals & trumpets from active hybridizing] 51 Woodcrest Dr. Toronto ONT. M9A 4J3 Facebook.com/LilyCrestGardens 1-416-614-6394 <a href="mailto:bfberg@rogers.com">bfberg@rogers.com</a>

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# **UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS**

The Aga Kahn Garden opens this year. Come visit July 7 & 8 and take in the Lily show too.

Events at the garden: check out the website for all events <a href="http://botanicgarden.ualberta.ca/">http://botanicgarden.ualberta.ca/</a>

Twitter https://twitter.com/UABotanicGarden;

Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/UABotanicGarden">https://www.facebook.com/UABotanicGarden</a>

**ARLS NAME TAGS** Have you ordered a name tag. Call Shauna to get an update.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE NALS REGIONAL MEDAL** are being solicited please submit to Shauna Willoughby.

<u>Volunteering with ARLS</u> we now have a procedure to follow and track volunteer hours. When a volunteer reaches the required hours, they are eligible for a lily bulb. Please make sure you confirm your hours volunteered with your volunteer coordinator.



ARLS has the opportunity of getting 30 of these books with pre-orders of 23 already spoken for. The bulk buy lets us purchase them with a discount and they are going to be SIGNED. We are able to offer them at \$72 CDN. Postage is extra if we have to send them to you.

Pontus Wallsten The Lily Species and their bulbs

ARLS has a trophy that has been awarded the last few years for the ARLS MARTAGON SHOW.

A few years back, in 2010, Una Thompson created and donated a lily needlepoint tapestry to be the perpetual trophy presentation to the Best Lily in Martagon Show. In 2011 the ARLS Board of Directors voted to change the name of the award to the FRED TARLTON AWARD-BEST STEM OF THE MARTAGON SHOW. The tapestry was presented along with this award. This small tapestry was usually rolled up and left on a shelf before being passed on to the next winner as there was no way to display it except flat. In 2016 ARLS encased this tapestry into a shadow box frame centrally mounted with small plaques of all the winning stems and the presenters for each year of the Martagon Show displayed within the case.

Unfortunately show records are not comprehensive and not all winning stems and exhibitors are engraved on the plagues for each year.

If any member knows the show statistics of any of the early shows please email sec@arls-lilies.org so the records can be updated.



(photos L. Hepper)

Beetle Musings lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org report to ARLS if you have questions I will try to answer them.

Report your invasion. With a picture To Carlton University <u>lilybeetletracker@weebly.com</u> There is also a resource page on the website

Report your beetles - with a picture to Olds College Kfry@oldscollege.ca

If you are in need of beetle brochures to give to a friend or neighbour. We have new 2018 brochures. Contact sec@arls-lilies.org

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# FACEBOOK Albertaregionallilysociety THE ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER THE BULBLET VOLUME 33, NUMBER 2 SUMMER 2018



Remember the beetle emerges at the same time as your lilies or fritillaria and they are fertile. Keep watch. Kill the beetle. Report the beetle. Stir the dirt up first thing in spring to get them as they emerge from the soil. They do not hibernate under the lilies; they could be anywhere, including compost piles, and garden mulch- not necessarily yours.

#### Adventures with lily beetles- Laurie Hepper

So for my birthday this year Mother Nature blessed me with my first lily beetle- nice one. And successive days until the 11 of May 2- 4 beetles a day were bagged. I displayed them at Fulton Place garden swap for the gardeners. I also displayed the two chemical remedies that will interrupt the life cycle.

#1 talcum powder you can get this at most dollar stores as baby powder- make sure it is **talcum**. This has been reported as efficient in reducing early spring emergence from the soil. I bought some but have yet to see emerging beetles. I think I am still getting migration. This is sprinkled on the soil where the beetles are coming out from hibernation and it will clog their breathing tubes. Wear a dust mask while applying.
#2 Dr Doom commercial residual spray for ants and bedbugs. Hmmm well I had to go away for a week and with the beetle in my yard and wanting to show my lilies I sprayed the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. It is June 3 and still no beetles on my lilies, although I am picking beetles off the neighbours lilies. With the amount of lilies I have it took almost the whole can, but with 2 1/2 weeks and counting of beetle free garden it is a good back up for those who can't get out and do the beetle patrol. If you do not have a lot of lilies the can would last you all season. It requires application after dusk when the bees have gone home and **do not** spray the flower. Also Do Not spray during the day as it could burn your plants.

Also not a good remedy if the parasitic wasp is released near your lilies. The adult wasp needs the beetle larvae to propagate more wasps and if the beetle is killed there are no larvae to make more wasps. Find out if you are near a wasp release point before spraying any type of chemical.

I am still doing my beetle patrols now that I am home again- the beetle yoga is very beneficial. The beetle decided this year it would go mostly for the potted martagons, although I did note munching on Gloriana OT, and a garden martagon all in the back yard. Picked 2 off the front martagons, no munching damage so I think they had just dropped in- lucky me. Has anyone noticed they seem to travel in pairs or arrive that way?

# 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.
- \* <u>APACHE SEEDS LTD</u>. 10136 149 ST., <u>EDMONTON</u> 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

15% discount on all bulb orders, excluding shipping. Contact Valley K by email at webmaster@plantlilies.com to request the discount code BEFORE ordering. Follow Valley K on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/plantlilies sometimes she has contests.

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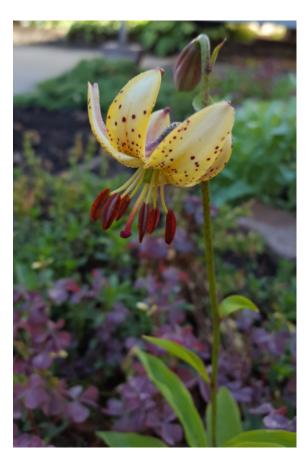
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Aug 15 for SEPT 1 Bulblet Get your information in to blackmartagon@gmail.com

Please put subject: 'newsletter submittal' in email so I can find it in my inbox when I need it.

#### **LILY VIGNETTE**

I like to hear the stories behind the lily. A picture and approx. 25 words is all it takes. What lily grows best in your garden? Submit to <a href="mailto:blackmartagon@gmail.com">blackmartagon@gmail.com</a>



This one (left) came up from discarded scales after packing. Anyone know the name?

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Moonbeam (unreg) Frank Skinner (right)



# **DATE TO REMEMBER**

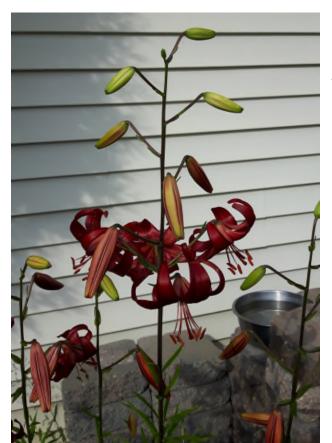
ARLS CASINO August 29 & 30 2018 at the ARGYLE CASINO. Edmonton

CALL leuan and let him know that you will work a casino shift. For those of you out of town we can arrange to have you stay across the street at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

REMEMBER FOR EVERY SHIFT WORKED, WE RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$2000.00 FOR ARLS. It is our major funding source to allow us to engage the public with lily information. Whether it is just to get them to visit a lily show or to give them detailed growing information or help them with the mitigation of the red lily beetle infestations plaguing Alberta gardeners now.

Our casino funds have paid for the new website, our new stem holders for our lily shows, a new projector and a smart TV for slideshows and presentations. ARLS funds Olds College for lily trials and research. We support the Botanic Gardens at the Calgary Zoo, University of Alberta, and St Albert with funds, lily bulbs and lilium knowledge. We produce, print and distribute the lily beetle brochure and are gearing up for the next set of projects for our casino funds. The best way to promote the genus lilium is to educate the gardening and general public about lily culture and pest management.

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Red Velvet

Photos L. Hepper

**Fusion** 



The Alberta Regional Lily Society

Promoting genus lilium as an excellent garden plant