



# The Bulblet

GARDENS ARE WELCOMING SPRING

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## President's Lily Pad

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If you haven't checked out the updated website: [www.arls-lilies.org](http://www.arls-lilies.org).*

Happy winter season, fellow lily fans! Dec 2021

Welcome to winter 2021/2022! Time to dream about which new lilies we might add to our gardens, or maybe a new bed to put them in. Perhaps you are growing some from seed indoors or using tissue culture to produce new plants. Or maybe you simply immerse yourself in garden catalogs and let your imagination run amok like I do. Whatever you do to recharge, Happy New Year!

COVID has continued to create challenges for us, but we hope to have our regular AGM for 2022 in April, and resume in-person activities.

Some of you may know that Lorne needed to resign his post to deal with family issues but don't worry, he's back as a director on the board. Welcome back, Lorne - we missed you! In the meantime, I was appointed to fill his big presidential shoes. Elections were held at the 2021 AGM in November and my position is now official. Congratulations to our new board on their appointments and re-elections.

If you can volunteer, on the board, or at an event, please let us know. The more you put into your society, the more you get out of it! No experience necessary and it's a great way to learn more about our beloved lilies or society governance.

Hello lily friends! Spring 2022

Winter 2021/2022 has had some very interesting weather, but no matter what the conditions are like I think about lilies! "When it's cold?" I look at pictures of lilies. "Then it's warm?" I think I better start planning for the arrival of my lilies. "Now it's snowing?" I'm relieved because that will be good cover to protect my snoozing lilies. "Oh no, now there's more brutal cold?" Darn, this can't be good for my lilies! "What now rain and it's the middle of winter?????" The moisture should be good for my lilies though! "Weather moderate" That gets me thinking about, should I build another bed for more lilies? Why not?" It just doesn't stop, does it? All about lilies! I know that many of you can relate to this obsession, no I mean many of you share my passion for lilies! ☺

Your ARLS Executive and Board of Directors are very optimistic about the opportunity for us to come together again and enjoy some fellowship talking about our lilies and enjoying some lily events! We are actively planning for the summer, hopefully we will be together again for the AGM in April, bulb sales in late April and early May, and then in July we are working towards our Martagon and Annual Shows! As we coordinate these events, we find ourselves shorthanded and in need of volunteers. We are really looking for more



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members/people to get involved to keep things running. Volunteering a few hours of your time benefits everyone and helps to maintain and build on our vibrant Society. Some of the activities you could become involved in are board member; help out with sales or shows; support the newsletter, website, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram sites; or maybe you want to be part of the Society executive. We would appreciate any skills or talents you may have - talk, labour, expertise of many sorts, artistic or financial skills, or sometimes just being present. Everyone has something to contribute. Ask yourself what you can do to promote lilies as a fabulous garden plant and keep your Society thriving.

We hope to see you in person for the 35th Annual Lily Show and 25th Martagon Lily Show, as well as our AGM in April. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook for up-to-date information, just in case Covid pushes us into the virtual realm again.

Stay warm and healthy and keep dreaming about your lilies!

Dianne Skimming, President  
The Alberta Regional Lily Society  
been interesting but no matter

### **ARLS AFFILIATES**

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

Calgary Horticultural Society [calhort.org](http://calhort.org) [@YYCGardening](https://www.facebook.com/calhort/) <https://www.facebook.com/calhort/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/14571255402/>

North American Lily Society [lilies.org](http://lilies.org) <https://www.facebook.com/NorthAmericanLilySociety/>

RHS Lily Group [www.rhslilygroup.org/](http://www.rhslilygroup.org/) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2617608858556096>

### **EVENTS 2022**

#### **AGM 2022 NOTICE FOR APRIL.**

**AGM Meeting and elections are now scheduled for APRIL 24 Saturday, conditions permitting, we will have it at Woodvale Hall.** We have great hopes of being able to meet in person and catch up with all our lily friends.

**IN VIEW OF THE NEW EDMONTON BYLAWS on mask wearing in effect until MARCH 1 2022 and the new variants coming into the region, let Britta, Laurie, or Dianne know if you want a Zoom meeting LINK, we will be holding both an actual and virtual meeting, hopefully with speaker. We are working on it.**

**10 am to 12 noon meeting to receive reports, cover new business, Elections**

Lindsay and Mike are the outgoing directors with two vacancies. We also need to fill the Secretary position. If you are interested in having a voice on our board, please reach out to one of the current board to talk about your interests and concerns.

Lunch, silent auction, library

1 pm – 3:30 pm silent auction, networking and Speaker (if we can get one)-

#### **BULB SALES 2022**

Contact Britta to volunteer for a bulb sale shift or packing party.

You get 10% off plus you get first pick of the bulbs. Book your time and reserve your bulbs.

The bulb sale list may not have all sale bulbs listed. It is a listing of what ARLS has ordered or been offered in time for publication.



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SPRING: Spring sales are going ahead.

**MEMBER PRE-SALES GUIDELINES**

1. All orders to be sent to [brittaj@telus.net](mailto:brittaj@telus.net) or [finance@arls-lilies.org](mailto:finance@arls-lilies.org)
2. Orders will be taken starting April 17, **NOT** before.
3. Bulb orders will be filled in the order received.
4. Quantities are very limited for some varieties. There will only be 1 bulb per variety per order to start. If there are bulbs left after the public sales, extras will be added to your order.
5. Orders may be picked up Friday, April 22 at Britta's – 9115 67 Ave. Edmonton or at public sales. Let me know beforehand so I can have your order along.
6. All mail orders must be paid by cheque or e-transfer before shipping.

**ARLS SHOWS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL 2022 and we may have a Martagon Show but not an Annual Show, things are still unsettled.**

**please continue to check our Website and Facebook page**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Martagon Show** Keep an eye on the social media for updates we are working on it. ARLS will place a notice in June newsletter and social media if it goes ahead.

**NALS Show Ontario** POSTPONED UNTIL 2023- until then NALS is virtual.

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Lily Show** POSTPONED UNTIL 2023

**MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS AT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:**

\* **ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTRE.** [10027-81 Ave. Edmonton](https://www.allseasonsgardencentre.com) 10% discount.

Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.

\* **APACHE SEEDS LTD.** [10136 149 ST., EDMONTON](https://www.apacheseeds.com) 10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.

\* **CANNOR NURSERIES LTD.** [26515A Township Road 514 \[WOODBEND RD\], SPRUCE GROVE \(west of Devonian Gardens\)](https://www.cannornurseries.com)

10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.

\* **ELLERSLIE GIFT & GARDEN** [10330 Ellerslie Rd SW, Edmonton](https://www.ellersliegiftandgarden.com) Membership card must be presented prior to purchase and discount may not apply to all products.



**LILY SOURCES**

**Bertha Lardner: Martagon Lilies** NE Edmonton 780-478-7929 [lardnerbm@gmail.com](mailto:lardnerbm@gmail.com)

**Dr. Ieuan Evans Lilies** Martagon & Asiatic lilies. Spruce Grove. Feel free to peruse my new website where they are featured in "Shop" at <https://drieuanevans.com>

**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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**Lily Nook Nigel & Joyce Strohman; all things lily**

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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)

**Jeffries Nurseries Ltd.** P.O. Box 402, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, R1N 3B7

29053 Trans Canada Highway #1 35 miles west of Winnipeg near Portage la Prairie Man. [www.jeffriesnurseries.com/](http://www.jeffriesnurseries.com/)  
204-857-5288 [jeffnurs@mts.net](mailto:jeffnurs@mts.net)

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

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

51 Woodcrest Dr. Toronto ONT. M9A 4J3 [Facebook.com/LilyCrestGardens](https://www.facebook.com/LilyCrestGardens) 1-416-614-6394 [bfberg@rogers.com](mailto:bfberg@rogers.com)

I'm on a mission to collect as many Canadian - hybridized lilies as possible with the intention of providing a safe haven and ultimately preventing the loss of these important lilies. I would like to put a call out to members of the ARLS to see if anyone has any of the more obscure varieties that aren't typically available commercially. I would pay for them of course.

**Leanne Dowd** [leannekiss.lk@gmail.com](mailto:leannekiss.lk@gmail.com)

## UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS

**The garden is open by reservation admission only**

Check out the website <http://botanicgarden.ualberta.ca/>

**Twitter** <https://twitter.com/UABotanicGarden>;

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/UABotanicGarden>

## **MUTTART is open again**

## REQUESTING NOMINATIONS

ARLS is now awarding the **CATHY & ARNOLD SEMENIUK VOLUNTEER AWARD** for an outstanding volunteer who goes above and beyond in supporting our Society in its endeavours and events.

Please forward your nominations with a supporting letter to [arms@arms-lilies.org](mailto:arms@arms-lilies.org)

## **THE ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

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Lily beetle	<a href="mailto:lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org">lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org</a>

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

**VOLUNTEERING WITH ARLS** 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.

Heart month is a little early to get our hands dirty outside, but we dream, plan and anticipate with seeds- stay healthy everyone.

Love is the flower of life, and blossoms unexpectedly and without law, and must be plucked where it is found, and enjoyed for the brief hour of its duration. - D. H. Lawrence

*Photo from dreamstime.com*

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. - Anonymous





- [Lily beetle report](mailto:lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org) [lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org](mailto:lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org)
- also, if you have questions, I will try to answer them.
- **Report** your beetles. With a picture, To Carlton University [lilybeetletracker@weebly.com](mailto:lilybeetletracker@weebly.com)
- **There is also a resource page on the website**
- **Report** your beetles – with a picture to Olds College
- [Kfry@oldscollege.ca](mailto:Kfry@oldscollege.ca) **all information submitted is also shared with Carlton University**
- If you are in need of beetle brochures to give to a friend or neighbour. Contact [lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org](mailto:lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org)

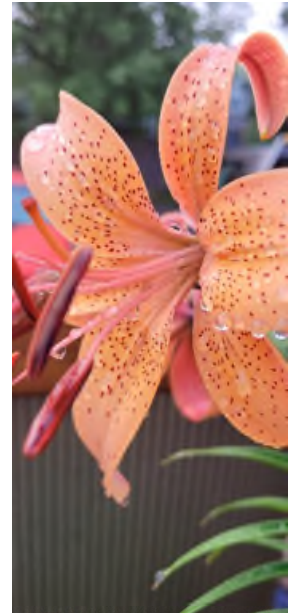
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**LILY BEETLE MUSINGS Laurie Hepper**

[lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org](mailto:lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org) I hope everyone has looked through the beetle control brochure and have selected a few control methods to try. Please share the success or failure of what you try. It is great to share what works.



Northern Explorer Fred Tarlton 2013 L Hepper photo



Fellner seedling 2022 L. Hepper photo

Gardening is learning, learning, learning. That's the fun of them.  
You're always learning. –**Helen Mirren**