



The Bulblet



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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.

Let me start with saying I hope that you have all had a safe and enjoyable summer. I know that this pandemic has lent itself to me having more time than usual to actually spend in my garden. Now that said, with the constant rain throughout the summer, the weeds still gave me a run for my money! In the end, the time in the garden was wonderful and I thoroughly enjoyed my lilies while they were in bloom, played with a little bit of pollen and am now waiting for some seed pods to ripen.

Hopefully, some of you also used the time to become would be hybridizers. It all starts with one anther to one stigma and away you go, you are a hybridizer, or maybe you do it the old fashioned way and let the bees do the work for you and then you harvest the open pollinated seed from a parent plant that you choose. Either way, this will give you something to do this winter while you continue to social isolate because those seeds will need to be planted! And if you have some extra seeds remember to share them with other gardening friends, ARLS member or the NALS seed exchange is always happy to accept extra seeds for sharing across the globe with other lily growers.



I have to say that I've missed seeing so many of you this summer at our Martagon and Annual Shows, so much of what I get from growing lilies is the fellowship and friendship that comes from being part of the Society and know each and every one of you! I have to admit that I have not been fully isolated as I have taken a couple of day trips to visit a few close lily friends and to see what was going on in their gardens and swap some stories! Hopefully you have been able to the same.

One of these forays involved a trip to Fred Fellner's farm, by Vermillion, in mid-July to share in the final dispersal of Fred's incredible lilies. Terry and Shauna Willoughby, Victor Darel and I converged on the farm for a day of visiting, great food and digging amazing lilies that Fred had thoughtfully marked for us to add to our gardens and breeding programs. It was a fantastic day, but on my way home I could not help but feel some sadness as it is truly "The End of an Era" (watch a future Bulblet for more on this) that started almost some 40 years ago. I've been visiting Fred's place for about 10 years now and have always been amazed by the continued improvement in the lilies and the beauty of the field! And last week I visited for the final dig as Fred has generously bestowed the last of the bulbs to this Fall's Bulb Sale, don't miss out on getting a few for your collection!

So now to some very exciting news, ARLS is going to be having our annual Fall Bulb Sale. It hasn't been easy but our efforts have paid off, it's going to take more than a Global Pandemic to keep us from supporting you to get some new lily bulbs for your gardens. We are going to be in Britta's garage the afternoon of Friday, Sept 25 and then at



the Bountiful Farmer's Market on Saturday, Sept 26. Check the article inside the Bulbulet for more details. Please remember that we want you all to be safe and healthy, so please be sure to wear face coverings and we will be working to maintain social distancing and good hygiene for the sales. For those that can make it, I so look forward to seeing you there and for those that cannot we will be sure to work to make every effort to send you a package with your lily order.

In the meantime, enjoy the weather and get out and do what you can for garden clean up and most importantly stay safe and healthy!

Lorne

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Alberta Horticultural Association icangarden.com/clubs/aha

Calgary Horticultural Society calhort.org @YYCGardening <https://www.facebook.com/calhort/>

Edmonton Horticultural Society edmontonhort.com @YEGgardening

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

North American Lily Society lilies.org <https://www.facebook.com/NorthAmericanLilySociety/>

RHS Lily Group www.rhslilygroup.org/

AGM NOTICE FOR OCTOBER.

AGM Meeting and elections are now scheduled for October 18 Sunday

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

Cecilia Bertram, Mike Danchak, Ieuan Evans, Dianne Skimming are the outgoing Directors

Lunch, silent auction, library

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

BULB SALES 2020

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.

FALL: please be considerate and wear a mask.

September 25- Britta's garage 9115 - 67 Avenue noon-4 pm back alley is drive thru, try to park to the left and don't block driveways.

September 26 - Bountiful Farmers Market 9am – 4 pm Saturday 3696-97 Street Edmonton street parking available if lot is full be prepared to walk.

ARLS EVENTS 2020

25th Annual Martagon Show 2020 POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

NALS Show Ontario 2020 POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

35th Annual Lily Show 2020 POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

Casino we have casino dates Sept 29 & 30 as originally reported. Call Ieuan Evans to volunteer.

FALL AGM Sunday Oct 18 Woodvale Hall



MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS AT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

* **ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTRE.** 10027-81 Ave. Edmonton 10% discount.

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

* **APACHE SEEDS LTD.** 10136 149 ST., EDMONTON 10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.

* **CANNOR NURSERIES LTD.** TWP RD 514 WOODBEND RD, SPRUCE GROVE (west of Devonian Gardens)

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

* **ELLERSLIE GIFT & GARDEN** 10330 Ellerslie Rd SW, Edmonton Membership card must be presented prior to purchase and discount may not apply to all products.

* **VALLEY K LILY RANCH** aka plantlilies.com LAST YEAR

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>



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.

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

LILY SOURCES

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

Valley K Lily Ranch LAST YEAR- WILL BE CLOSING 2020 - SELLING OFF STOCK 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

Parkland Lilies - Fred Fellner seedlings RR1 Vermillion 1-780-853-2355 FINAL YEAR FOR BULBS

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 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. R0J 1H0 <http://www.lilynook.mb.ca> 1 204 476 3225 info@lilynook.mb.ca



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 **FACEBOOK** [Albertaregionallilysociety](https://www.facebook.com/Albertaregionallilysociety)
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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

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

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

22507 Kenesserie RD Thamesville ONT. N0P 2K0 <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]

51 Woodcrest Dr. Toronto ONT. M9A 4J3 [Facebook.com/LilyCrestGardens](https://www.facebook.com/LilyCrestGardens) 1-416-614-6394 bfberg@rogers.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 closed until January 2021

You can still go down and enjoy the gardens, and pick a few lily beetles.

NOTICE

In case you missed the small print or a visit to the Valley K website, 2020 is the last year for that source of lilies. Order your stock as soon as you can.

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Lily beetle

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(photos L. Hepper)

- **Lily beetle report** 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
- **There is also a resource page on the website**
- **Report** your beetles – with a picture to Olds College
- Kfry@oldscollge.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



LILY BEETLE MUSINGS Laurie Hepper

Hi all I left off at June 13 with my musings. So I have collected my bags of beetles with dates and now we round out the year, well most of it as beetles are usually around as long as there are lily leaves to chomp before settling down for a long winters nap.

June 25 1 beetle, it laid an egg in the bag so I gave it a leaf to see if she would lay more- nope. July 6 found another one. Why is it you can do a full patrol and not find any and you walk by a lily you just searched a half hour ago and there is one front and centre out in plain site.

July 9, I plucked a leaf with larvae. Yuck. Spray obviously was not on those leaves they had almost eaten through half the leaf and were super large. If there was spray residue they would be pepper flecks. Time to increase my patrols as I might have to spray soon. July 22- 2 in first patrol, 5 in second patrol. July 26 I catch a small beetle it has narrower shoulders and 1/3 smaller than the ones I have been bagging. I am going to assume a new hatch and the summer migration is starting. July 29- 3 in morning patrol, 13 in evening patrol. Yup I have a super migration. All the spring larvae have pupated to beetles and are moving out to new accomadations. Arghh. I sprayed!

July 30 found a little bugger eating my blooms. Just what I need. Good thing that smart bug was stupid enough to get caught. Aug 14- 2 more, Aug 15- 1, Aug 16- 1, Aug 19- 1, Aug 22- 1 beetle and it is still alive in the bag on Sept 13 and my last beetle bagged Aug 27 and it is still alive in the bag.

My little hunting adventures are not without peril. The July 29 hunt with 10 beetles in the evening bag, the others I had stuffed into the morning bag, was found the next day with only 1 beetle in it. I had used a bag that was in a pocket of my fleece. I keep zip bags in all my pockets so I have one handy when I go out in the garden. I guess it had a hole worn in it and they got out. I recaptured 6 on the back screen-door and found 2 in the cat's water fountain, she would not tell me how beetle water tasted, but it was a pinkish tint when I cleaned it out. And the last one is still at large so it may have flown out the door or I have it dead somewhere in the house. I don't have lilies in the house so no food to find it with. Who knows it might be one of the beetles I bagged later from the garden, or I will find it in a book shelf somewhere.

So now mid September and no sightings in my garden. I have another report from Crestwood that they are still out and about with 6 kills. So no stopping patrols until all my lilies are finished storing their food and stems cut down.

Just be aware if you interrupt the breeding cycle you reduce the numbers that will pester you next year. This year the lilies of choice for munching were the Fellner asiatics, a couple of choice martagons. The tasty bloom was from a Bergman Asiatic cross. And I had multiple tastings on most of my other asiatics. At least the small munch marks left are there to tell me that the beetle found it not quite to taste and I hope it had fatal indigestion.

My steady influx was from the Bethel church a few blocks away. They have an extensive garden with lilies that has no one tending it this year so the lilies are brown sticks which means they flew off to greener gardens, namely mine, in the neighbourhood.



I have a bunch of dead beetles anyone want to make jewelry?

fedkojewelry.com makes much nicer jewelry
I see enough beetles in my garden



Drop Leo a card or email as he recovers . I am sure he would love to hear from you.



Brtiia has shared some of her pictures with us. These are just a few of the beautiful blooms that made the summer more enjoyable for many of us. More time in the garden was a pleasure and a restful retreat.

Top left and clockwise:

Gold Band lily - auratum var. platyphyllum which I kept in the garage in a pot over the winter and has 5-6 blooms this year.

The yellow and pink ones were from a bag of mixed Orientals and are possibly **Stargazer** and probably **Conca d'Or**. All of these are heavily scented and 8+ inches across.

The little fringed white one is **Mariposa Lily - calochortus apiculatus**, a member of the lily family. It is about 6-12" tall and was growing in sun to part shade in the Crowsnest Pass. Picture was taken July 15



ARLS 2020 Fall Bulb Sales

Sorry for the delay in getting the details out on the Fall Bulb Sales in these COVID times we have had a few challenges pulling together all the details, but we are there now!

This year we are very excited to have a large offering of Valley K bulbs. We are saddened by the news that this will be the final year of sales but want to wish Lynnette all the best in her retirement! We have limited numbers of some varieties so it will be first come first serve.

Sadly another era is coming to an end, this year marks the final year that Fred Fellner's will have bulbs to dig out at the farm. At the young age of 89 Fred continues to actively work on his farm but after almost 40 years of hybridizing that adventure has wound down. Fred's vision for his lilies was always "The Best is Yet to Come" and for those of us that have some of his hybrid's in our gardens we know that the best are very beautiful lilies. So don't miss out on getting a few of these bulbs.

In addition, we will have some amazing Evans and Willoughby Martagons for sale!!

We have captured many of the available varieties in the newsletter brochure but please be aware that there may be other varieties with very limited numbers that will only be available at the sale.

Orders can be placed starting on September 20, 2020 to Britta Johnson's email: brittaj@telus.net. Due to the logistics, any orders sent prior to the 20th will be ignored until all other orders are received. We are encouraging ARLS members to pick up their orders on Friday, September 25, 2020, those that require mailing will have postage added to their cost of their order. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!

Sale dates:

Friday, September 25, 2020 @ 9115 - 67 Avenue NW (garage in the back alley) from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 26, 2020 @ Bountiful Farmer's Market (3696 – 97 Street) from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Any bulbs left after the sales will be posted to Facebook for other lily lovers to purchase.

**Please note we have gotten a few special bulbs that we will be offering to members through our email auction format again this year!!!!
Watch your email for details!!!**