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# The Bulblet



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

Wow! Where has the summer gone, as I sit to write this message some of the leaves are turning that bright yellow that signals the onset of fall and the crows are starting to flock together. The late Asiatics have just finished blooming, but I am lucky enough to still have a couple of lilies in bloom in my garden, L. henryi and an Aurelian seedling. Some of you may also still be enjoying some of the later OT's in your gardens, I'm a little envious because for the most part those are annuals in my northern country garden. Overall, I have had a very good gardening season with lots of moisture and a steady bloom of lilies throughout the summer. And of course, a steady flush of weeds to keep me busy. Depending on where you are in the province you've either had lots of rain, like in my garden, or you were dealing with drought conditions in the south, somewhere in Central Alberta there were probably ideal conditions. Both the ARLS Shows were successful this year with lots of stems and great displays. Congratulations to all the award winners, if you didn't see Britta's amazing Best in Show lily, Kushi Maya, at the Annual Show check out the great picture of her with the stem on our Facebook page!

With the change in season comes the ripening of seed pods, Martagon pods are starting to pop and ready to harvest. Get out and collect your seed, if you have extra send a few packs to Laurie so she can put together another package to send to the RHS. This year we got some interesting seed packs in return and it helps to share some of the unique crosses you may have across the globe. It is also time to move any of those bulbs that are not in an optimal location or have started to become crowded. Dig them up, relocate them, and make sure you share the extras with your neighbors or donate some to the upcoming ARLS bulb sale. The sales are always great chance to add to your collection, as you all know we can always find room in our gardens for that one amazing cultivar we saw this summer! Check out the details and list of available bulbs in the Bulblet.

Hopefully we still have many weeks ahead to enjoy our gardens and get all the fall clean up done and of course get those bulbs from the sales planted. Happy Gardening and see you at the bulb sales.

Lorne Kaban

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North American Lily Society [lilies.org](http://lilies.org)

RHS Lily Group [www.rhslilygroup.org/](http://www.rhslilygroup.org/)

**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.

## LILY VIGNETTE

I like to hear the stories behind the lily. A picture and approx. 25 words is all it takes. Submit to [blackmartagon@gmail.com](mailto:blackmartagon@gmail.com)

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\* **ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTRE.** 10027-81 Ave. Edmonton 10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.

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23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MARTAGON SHOW JUNE 23 & 24 2018 [July 7&8 if spring is late]  
at the U of Alberta Botanic Gardens open 10 am to 6 pm daily June 1 to August 31  
Thursday's until Aug 30 gate is open to 8:30 pm and gardens are open to dusk.

## NALS LILY SHOW & SYMPOSIUM

June 27, 2018 - July 1, 2018

Sheraton West Des Moines,

1800 50th Street West Des Moines, IA United States

33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL LILY SHOW July 21 & 22 Greenland Garden Centre. Hwy 16 at Cloverbar Road in Sherwood Park.  
Greenland hours are 9 am to 6 pm Sat & 10 am -6 pm Sunday



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.

## Harvest Fair

Sat, Sep 16 @ 9:30 AM — 1:30 PM

SG Grain Elevator Museum Site, 120 Railway Avenue, Spruce Grove, Alberta, CA

Free, farm-themed country fun! NEW this year - the Alberta Regional Lily Society is having a fall lily bulb sale! The Spruce Grove Farmers Market and Ag Society Concession is also open. Hosted by the Spruce Grove & District Agricultural Heritage Society.

## Bulb Sales 2017

Volunteer for the packaging party. A chance to get first pick of all the bulbs as your thank you. Volunteer for one of the bulbs sales and put in your reserve order of first pick bulbs.

**Sept 23 SATURDAY** 9 am – 5 pm Greenland Garden Centre 23106 Hwy 16 & Cloverbar Road SHERWOOD PARK.

**Sept 24 SUNDAY** 10 am – 5 pm Muttart Conservatory 9626- 96a St. EDMONTON Admission Free day

**Sept 25 MONDAY** 6:30-8:30 pm Central Lions Centre 11113-113 St. EHS meeting non-member admission charged.

Call Britta to volunteer for the sales preparation and sales 780-433-7869 [brittaj@shaw.ca](mailto:brittaj@shaw.ca)

## **North American Lily Society 70th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium**

Lynn Slackman, Show Chair, for the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual NALS event did an amazing job of organizing and executing the Show and Symposium. With sponsorship from NALS, the Mid America Regional Lily Society and various other generous donors and a committed group of volunteers they hosted a beautiful function at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The courtyard provided a nice area to sit and share stories with other lily nuts, while the rest of the hotel was warm and welcoming with meals that provided delicious flavour and insight into the local cuisine. The Show had a wide variety of Lilium on display, Species, Martagons, Asiatics, Trumpets, Orientals, and many interdivisional crosses. There was a total of 200 stems entered, with exhibitors from all across North America. Kathy Andersen again coordinated many skilled teams of judges to expertly evaluate the stems and determine the many award winners. In the end, ARLS' own Ieuan Evans captured the Isabella Preston Trophy for the best lily in the show with his stem of Megan Evans (read more about Ieuan's success in the later article). The room was also surrounded by many creative designs, demonstrating how lilies can be incorporating into arrangements to provide an incredible display. The tours of the Bellafontaine Cemetery & Arboretum and the Missouri Botanic Garden were incredible. The Cemetery established in 1849 provided an amazing walk through history and contained unique varieties of mature trees as well as many plantings of lilies. The Botanic Garden, one of the top in the world, provided an amazing collection of flora from around the world including many lily displays. The



tour of the greenhouses was interesting and informative and facilitated the education component of the Botanic Garden.

There were a multitude of other enjoyable activities for attendees of the Symposium to participate in. The bidding at the NALS Research Trust Fund Auction was intense with many coveted items up for sale. When all was done over \$4000 was raised for the Fund. The Awards Banquet was an excellent social event with a fabulous meal and an opportunity to honor the winners of the Show. There was also a great roster of speakers at the conference and you can look forward to an overview of their presentations in the upcoming Bulblets. Overall, the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Show was fun and informative for all those that attended, a great chance to network and learn from other lily enthusiasts and see a part of the country and amazing lilies from across the continent.

If you haven't taken in a NALS Show yet, start planning to be in West Des Moines, Iowa from June 27 – July 01, 2018!

## **LILY SOURCES**

### **Valley K Lily Ranch 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](mailto:bulbs@plantlilies.com)

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

**Parkland Lilies - Fred Fellner seedlings** RR1 Vermillion 1-780-853-2355 final last years of hybridizing

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Call for all lily seeds. For those of you who do not deadhead your lilies and leave the seed pods to ripen. ARLS collects seed to send to the Royal Horticultural Society to help promote our lily growing in Alberta by sharing our seeds from local lilies. They require any species seed you can collect, will greatly appreciate any martagon seeds and if you have some crosses please share a few seeds with the RHS. If you need seed envelopes we can supply them or just drop off a labelled bag in my mail box. Call 780-916-0922 and I will give you my address. Laurie Hepper. Alternately bring them to one of the bulb sales.

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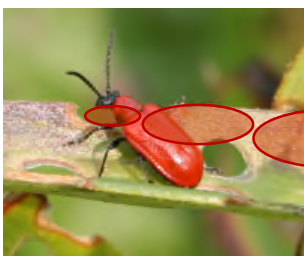
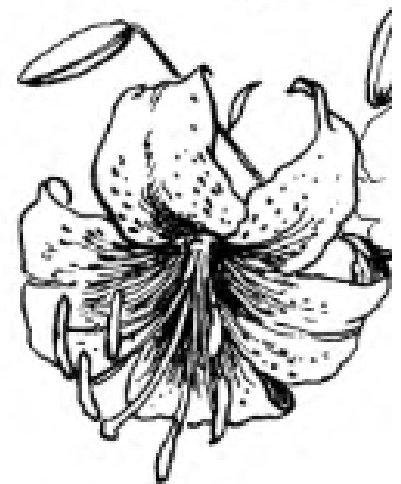
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(photos L. Hepper)

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Report your invasion. To Carlton University

[lilybeetletracker@weebly.com](mailto:lilybeetletracker@weebly.com)

**There is also a resource page on the website**

If you are in need of a beetle brochure to give to a friend or neighbour. Contact [sec@arls-lilies.org](mailto:sec@arls-lilies.org)

**Remember the beetle emerges at the same time as your lilies and they are fertile. Keep watch. Kill the beetle. Report the beetle. AUGUST- SEPTEMBER is the month of new beetles. Kill them before they hibernate for the winter.** 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.

### THE BEETLE INVASION CONTINUES... Part 2

I wrote my piece in the last newsletter, and I was mostly certain I had got them all. I was on the look out for red and figured any new ones would either fly in later or emerge from pupae that resulted from missed larvae. We went away for a couple weekends in July and I gave thanks for all that beetle yoga a few times while quadding and boating. And on my garden survey upon returning no new beetle activity. So, imagine my surprise when Aug 10 I went out to check my garden and Three beetles. Well they got bagged up, but Oh my! low and behold a new batch of larvae and eggs was all over Soiree. That took a couple days of close inspection and dedicated removal. Again, tie up the long hair it does nothing but get in the way. So, this is the question Is this a late breeding of the spring beetles going for a second egg laying spree? or are the early fall emergees fertile and starting a season early just to confuse the issue. Not really happy either way as it just means my beetle yoga in not April to June but all the way to the end of August. I know I will be in better shape but really eggs all the way to August! So, it is September now and I have not seen any beetles since Aug 10 and although I monitor the lilies there does not seem to be any new munching holes. Can I relax until spring now?

Laurie Hepper

### UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS

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

The new Asiatic beds are blocked out waiting for the bulbs. Drop by the gardens and check out the new Aga Kahn garden near the lake. It is under construction and set to open next year.

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

### ARLS Member, Ieuan Evans, Sweeps the NALS 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Show in Saint Louis



For those of you that have shown lilies you know that you go out into the garden and wander about looking for a stem or stems that you think look good enough to win the Show. In the days leading up to our trip to Saint Louis for the NALS 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Symposium, Ieuan went through this exercise. The timing was really good as there were many Martagons in his garden that were just starting to open or were on the verge. He went through looking for the best of the best in hopes that he would find the one that would catch the judges' eye at the NALS Show.

**Ieuan's Award Winning  
Stem of Megan Evans**  
Photo Compliments of Lynn  
Slackman

Wednesday morning the florists' box was loaded in the trunk of the car and we were off to the airport. As we entered the terminal in Edmonton I read the writing on the box: "Cut flowers – no plant material". I thought to myself, *Dr. Ieuan Evans* is a plant pathologist maybe that's why he did not realize that cut flowers are plant material. Anyway, when we placed the box on the conveyor we expected that Ieuan would have a visit from some of the Agriculture inspectors at the airport. But onto the plane we went, hoping that we would see the box in Saint Louis.

So, we landed and waited and waited, the luggage carousel was emptying and no box and then, to Ieuan's relief, down the chute came the box. At the hotel, we proceeded to the staging room and unpacked the box, the stems had travelled very well. Ieuan spent the next morning staging stems; many exhibitors stopped and looked because there were many impressive stems.

Friday morning was time for the judging and it became clear that there were a couple of stems that stood out from the rest. Ieuan's stem of Megan Evans, a dainty white pollenless Martagon, was one of those being singled out. When it came down to the vote for the Best Stem in the Show (Isabella Preston Award) it was clear that this little Martagon was going to win the honor hands down. But wait the accolades didn't stop there; the stem was also awarded the Earl N.

Hornbeck Award for showing the greatest advancement in hybridization, Jan De Graaff Award for best stem in Section D, Claude Shride Award for best hybrid lily of Martagon derivation, Fred Tarlton Award first place with highest bud count (30 – was actually higher than that), and the Ontario Regional Lily Society Award for best stem of a registered hybrid lily originated and named by a Canadian. The winning for Ieuan did not end there, some of his other stems were awarded; Emerson Hickling Award for seedling in Section C showing the most breeding advance, David Griffiths Award for best stem of an unnamed hybrid grown from seed by exhibitor, Michigan Regional Lily Society Award for best stem in Section E, Mears-Mersereau Award for best three stems of same species, variety, or cultivar, Barrie Strohman Award for the collection of 6 different lilies from any Division or Divisions, one stem each, identified, and Ed Robinson Award for collection of 3 different Martagon hybrid lilies, one stem each, identified by name or seedling number/code.



**Ieuan in Front of His Winning Stem**

Photo Compliments of Lynn Slackman



**Ieuan receiving the Isabella Preston Award for Best Lily in Show from outgoing NALS President, Sandy Venton**

Photo Compliments of Chuck Robinson, QB Editor

In the end Ieuan captured a total of 13 Awards for his incredible display of Martagon lilies. Ieuan was in shock for the next couple of days about his overall success. He was very humble and

grateful. For any of you that know leuan it may come as a surprise but there was even a fleeting moment where he was speechless. There are very few that have been recognized at this level at the NALS Show. In the end, this is not surprising that a man that has dedicated so much time to the hybridizing of Martagon lilies would deserve this acknowledgement for his accomplishment. leuan, ARLS is proud of your accomplishment. Well done!

## ARLS honours the departure of a member.

The Semeniuk Family held a memorial for Arnold at the U of A Botanic Gardens Pine Pavilion on Aug 25. Arnold made sure it was a perfect day and as family and friends and many from ARLS gathered to remember him and celebrate his life with us.

**(John) Arnold Semeniuk 1943-2017** On July 14 2017 surrounded by the scent of lilies from his garden, the sound of country music and voices of loved ones, Arnold departed life to join his beloved wife Cathy. Arnold and Cathy were very active in ARLS. Both volunteered at and ran the bulb sales for many years. Arnold and Cathy inducted their daughter Melanie and granddaughters to volunteer, enter shows and become members of ARLS. They both became an integral part of the ARLS functions and it was a joy to see the whole family attend many with them. It is with great sadness we say good by to Arnold.



Pictured (*not current*) are Arnold winning an award for a show entry (*President Kevin Frey & Show Chair Laurie Hepper presenting*); Showing his humorous side in the winners group photo (his granddaughter, Amethyst is in the foreground, in front of the Willoughby family); And with Cathy and many others at one of the bulb sales. (*photos L. Hepper*)

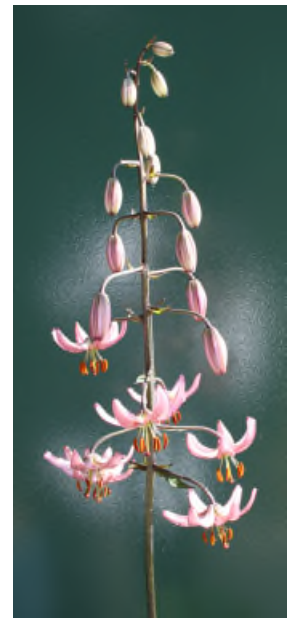
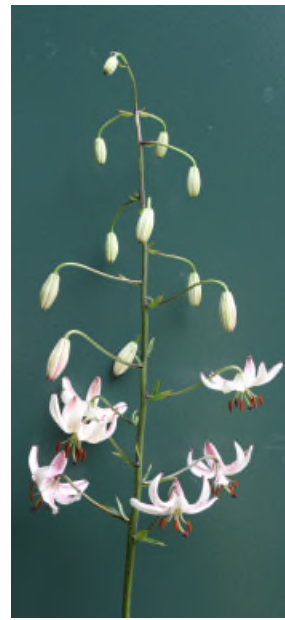
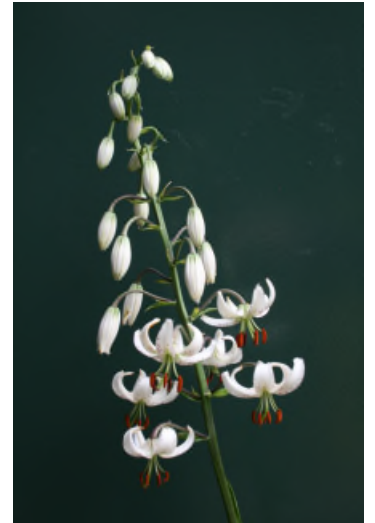
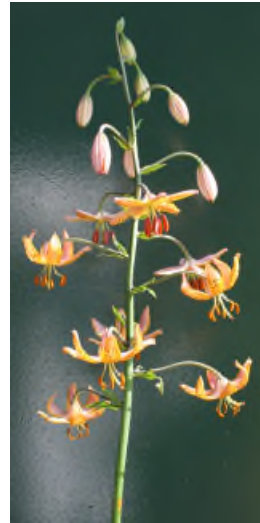
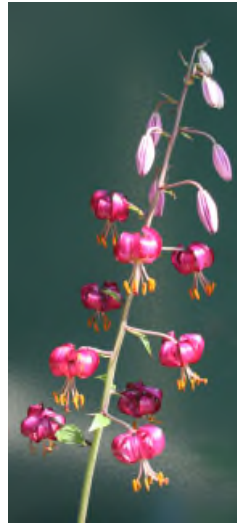


**Martagon Show- Best stem of Show Fred Tarlton Award- Megan Evans by Ieuan Evans**

(photos this page by L. Hepper) This lily will also appear at the bulb sales.



Other show colour.

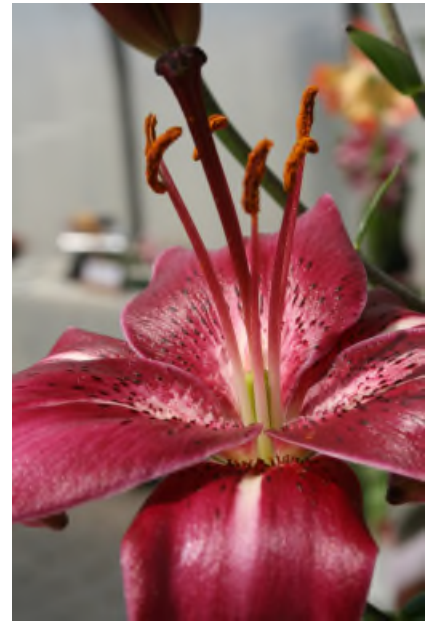


**Annual Show Best of Show Kushi Maya by Britta Johnson**

(photos this page by L. Hepper)



Iowa Rose



Willoughby seedling



Bowl Suzanne Stack



Basket Dianne Skimming



Ladies Shoe Cecilia Bertram

Other show colour.  
Come enter your stems or design  
talent in 2018's show.



Sweet Surrender