



The Bulblet



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President's Lily pad message

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



Well here we are nearing the end of August and what a beautiful summer we have had, especially if you like hot temperatures with some extreme weather mixed in. Today, August 19, 2018, was a great day as it was not too hot and more importantly I had the privilege of working in the garden *all day*. I was busy planting some incredible lilies that I got from Fred Fellner's lily field. For those that have never had the opportunity to visit Fred's gardens you have truly missed a lily fanciers absolute version of utopia. There are lilies of different shapes, sizes, and colours that simply overwhelm your sight as you become immersed in the beauty of the field. And for those of us that have a registered cultivar of Fred's in our gardens or that have taken home one or two bulbs or a half ton box full of

plants from the field we all know what incredible hybridizing work he has done. August (9th) also heralds another birthday for Fred so I would like to make a big shout out to Fred for the amazing hybridizing work he has done with lilies and also wish him a Happy 88th Birthday. Sorry went off on a bit of a tangent but I could not help myself, so as fabulous as the day was there were several signs that our days gardening may be numbered. First thing in the morning I heard the throaty song of the Sandhill cranes and thought to myself the group that nests near the lake at the back must be making their way to the adjoining field to feed but much to my dismay the distinct song continued through out the day as flock after flock made their way south. Then as I walked around the garden I noticed the leaves on some of the poplar trees are starting to yellow as well as those on the Amur Maple starting to turn that deep red, signalling the onset to the "F" word, FALL of course! So as with most summers I, and I suspect "we", need to sort the tasks on our gardening lists and start to prioritize those that must get done from those that will be deferred to next year.

Hopefully you had a chance to make it out to one or both of our Annual Lily Shows in July as there were great displays of lilies at both. For those that came out to the Alberta Botanic Garden for the Martagon Show, they got a look at the new Aga Khan garden which is a spectacular addition to the garden and regardless of whether you are a fan or not there are features that appeal to everyone. This year we had more people visit the Martagon Show than ever before (check out the Show summary in The Bulblet). Greenland Garden Centre again provided a great venue for the Annual Lily Show and while the weather was not entirely cooperative as there were a couple times that the floor drains in the greenhouse could not keep up with the downpour of rain but the Show must go on and it did. We were excited to have a couple of junior exhibitors, one in the horticultural section and one in the design. For those that have thought about showing lilies but haven't gotten up the courage, look for the information on the *President's Challenge* later in The Bulblet as there may be some inspiration for you to become the next First Time Exhibitor winner or better yet have the Best Lily in Show like my son Evan a couple of years ago.



With the fall comes the next round of ARLS bulb sales, don't miss out on your opportunity to add another amazing lily to your garden. Next summer ARLS will be hosting the Species Spectacular Season of Sharing contest (read more later in The Bulblet) and we will all have the chance to participate! All you need is a stem of a species lily in your garden, so if you don't yet have a species lily growing in your garden take advantage of the sale to get one or maybe two 😊. See you at Greenland on the 29th!

Enjoy the weeks ahead in the garden; if you have some late blooming interdivisional lilies or for me my *Lilium henryi* will be blooming into the middle of September!

Happy Gardening and See You at the Sales! Lorne

President's Challenge – "Show Us Your Lilies"

This year we had a great contingent of exhibitors at both the Martagon and Annual Lily Shows. The exhibitors brought in a fantastic selection of stems and the competition was friendly but intense and when all the judging was done many different winners were crowned! Sadly, we were not able to award the First Time Exhibitor Award at either of the Shows.

So, in an effort to inspire some new exhibitors I am issuing the President's Challenge! If you are interested in participating you need to come out to one of this Fall's Bulb Sales and you will be able to receive one FREE lily bulb, but in exchange you will have to sign up to participate in one of next year's Lily Shows. Because I am committed to keeping our regular exhibitors involved in showing lilies I am also willing to provide them with a FREE bulb as well, as long as they also bring a stem in to one of next year's Shows, but they will not be able to participate in the FTE competition. If someone accepts a bulb and does not follow through with bringing in a stem to one of the Shows next year then I will ask them to make a donation to ARLS to support other Society initiatives.

Come on out to the Fall Bulb Sales and get your FREE bulb – see you there!!!

Lorne

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Alberta Horticultural Association icangarden.com/clubs/aha

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

<https://www.facebook.com/calhort/posts/10155653635414592/>

Edmonton Horticultural Society edmontonhort.com <https://www.facebook.com/groups/14571255402/>

North American Lily Society lilies.org

RHS Lily Group www.rhslilygroup.org/



FALL BULB SALES 2018

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 reserve your bulbs.

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

Sept 24 EHS 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the atrium EHS members free. Entry fee to others. Central Lions Centre 11113-111 Ave Edmonton

Sept 29 Greenland Garden Centre 9 am – 5pm 23108 Cloverbar Road turnoff from Hwy 16 on North side

Sept 30 Muttart Conservatory City FREE ADMISSION DAY. 10 am – 5 pm 9626-96A Street Edmonton Come early to get best selection and avoid the crowds.

ANNUAL LILY SHOW REPORT July 21 & 22 2018

The Alberta Regional Lily Society
2018 33rd ANNUAL LILY SHOW SECTION 1 & 2 HORTICULTURE

		Exhibitor Name & Number		Variety, Name or SDLG Number
BEST LILY IN SHOW		Ieuan Evans	1	Class 1C Gwyneth
Sweepstakes Gold	12 FIRSTS REQ'D	Ieuan Evans	1	13 firsts
Sweepstakes Silver	9 FIRSTS REQ'D	Terry & Shauna Willoughby	10	10 firsts
Sweepstakes Bronze	6 FIRSTS REQ'D	Not awarded		
Best Alberta Bred Registered Lily Class 1 Fred Fellner Award		Ieuan Evans	1	Class 1C Gwyneth
Hybridizers Award from Class 4A, 4B, 4C, 7C & 12		Ieuan Evans	1	Class C red out-facing seedling
Best Canadian bred Registered Lily Award		Ieuan Evans	1	Class 1C Gwyneth
Jean Eriksen Award Best Pink Lily in Show		Ieuan Evans	1	Class 4B pink out-facing seedling
Best Up facing Class 1 & 2		Dianne Skimming	12	Class 2F Netty's Pride
Best Out facing Class 1 & 2		Ieuan Evans	1	Class 2H Lilass
Best Down-facing Class 1 & 2		Ieuan Evans	1	Class 1C Gwyneth
Best stem unnamed HYBRID SEEDLING Class 3, 5 & 6		Terry & Shauna Willoughby	10	Class 3A up-facing pink Fellner seedling



AWARD		Exhibitor Name &	Number	Variety, Name or SDLG Number
Best stem MARTAGON or MARTAGON HYBRID SEEDLING Class 1D, 7 & 13		Terry & Shauna Willoughby	10	Class 7B Tsing Out
Best stem Trumpet or Aurelian Class 8		Not awarded		
Best stem Oriental Class 9		Not awarded		
Best stem LA Class 10		Laurie Hepper	2	Class 10F Purple Eye
Best stem Interdivisional Class 11		Terry & Shauna Willoughby	10	Class 11B Fusion
Best stem Species Class 13		Terry & Shauna Willoughby	10	Class 13A l. tsingtauense
Best potted lily Class 14		Terry & Shauna Willoughby	10	Landini
FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR AWARD		NONE IN SECTION 1		
SECTION 2		JUNIOR SHOW		
BEST LILY IN JUNIOR SHOW Section 2		SARA YAREMKO	6	CLASS 2A OTHER LILY ALADDIN'S SUN LA
Junior sweepstakes	Gold	SARA YAREMKO	6	3 FIRSTS
	Silver	NOT AWARDED		



yes it is a real dragonfly come to visit.



THE ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

THE BULBLET VOLUME 33, NUMBER 3 FALL 2018

TOTAL NUMBER OF STEMS ENTERED IN SHOW Section 1 and 2	113	105 in section 1, 8 in section 2
TOTAL NUMBER OF STEMS ENTERED IN SHOW Section 2 YOUTH	8	
TOTAL ENTRIES HORTICULTURE- Section 1 and 2 <i>THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM STEM COUNT</i>	94	
# ENTRANTS HORTICULTURE	10	
Total ribbons given out HORTICULTURE	91	37 firsts, 40 seconds, 10 thirds and 4 Honorable mentions
TOTAL ENTRIES DESIGN SHOW Section 3	27	
# ENTRANTS DESIGN SECTION 3	6	
Total ribbons given out DESIGN SECTION 3	23	8 firsts, 7 seconds, 6 thirds, 2 honorable mentions

AWARDS	EXHIBITOR	#	DESIGN CLASS & NAME
BEST DESIGN IN SHOW "CECILIA BERTRAM AWARD"	Cecilia Bertram	3	Class 6 Anatomy- modern armature design
DESIGN SWEEPSTAKES GOLD	Cecilia Bertram	3	3 first place ribbons
DESIGN SWEEPSTAKES SILVER	Bertha Lardner	5	2 first place ribbons
LILIUM AWARD BEST DESIGN ENHANCING THE LILY	Maureen Bexson	8	Class 5 Chemistry- modern freestyle Nageire Ikebana design
YOUTH AWARD	Harper Lardner	7	Class 8 Youth- choose a science theme
NOVICE AWARD	Not awarded		
FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR AWARD	Harper Lardner	7	Class 8 Youth
PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD	Suzanne Stack	13	Class 6 Anatomy

2018 SHOW	
HEAD Judge	Emmett Wenger
Co judge	Laurie Hepper
Student judge	none
Recorder clerk	Suzanne Durand
Clerk	Dianne Skimming
Classification#1	Terry Willoughby
Classification#2	Leo Krupka
Head clerk	Melanie Farkas
Show Committee	Lorne, Laurie, Britta
Design Chair	Cecilia Bertram
Design Judge	Iris Solomon
DESIGN Recorder clerk	Maureen Bexson
DESIGN Clerk	Suzanne Stack

Our annual lily show started out with a bang. Those hardy souls who came out Friday night to stage their stems were entertained by the weather. Loud thunder and torrential rain flooded the venue on Friday night. Set up ground to a halt as water rose and blocked off entry to the greenhouse. Unless you were prepared with rubber boots or were a duck, things were looking more than a little wet. When the rain stopped Leo and Laurie swept the rain back into the gutters draining into the lake in the botanic gardens. Setup continued and classification could commence.

Our show was a bit smaller than usual with 113 stems and 27 designs. The hot early spring produced blooms well before the

July 22 show date, yet did not push the OT's and Orientals to bloom for the show. Exciting entries were from the two junior exhibitors one with a floral design and the other with eight horticulture entries. Both first time exhibitors in the Youth sections. Congratulations on your ribbons and awards Sara and Harper. We had 13 exhibitors; 10 in horticulture



and 6 in Design; with 3 exhibiting in both Sections. Congratulations to all entrants for finding that special stem in your garden to bring to the show this year. In many cases, the lilies were too far gone and did not make the cut this year.



The attendance was about 150 for each day which was surprising as the main entry doors had to be kept closed due to blustery winds so everyone had to come around through the back door.

Thank you to all our volunteers for set up, manning the show, and take down. Lots of hands make fast, easy work. See you all next year. Check out the species contest and the President's challenge in this issue.

LILY SOURCES

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

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

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) <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 Strohmam; all things lily

Box 846 Neepawa Man. R0J 1H0 <http://www.lilynook.mb.ca> 1 204 476 3225 info@lilynook.mb.ca

Skinner Nursery Hugh Skinner; martagons, species, asiatics

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

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UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS

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

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

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

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.



ARLS had the opportunity of getting 30 of these books. The final few are for sale at \$72 CDN. Postage is extra if we have to send them to you.

Pontus Wallsten **The Lily Species and their bulbs**

Does anyone want to provide a 1 paragraph book review?

ARLS MARTAGON SHOW TROPHY.

In 2010 one of our members, 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. 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 plaques 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 lilybeetletracker@weebly.com
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



Keep watch. Kill the beetle. Report the beetle. NALS quarterly bulletin has a second edition of what works to decrease beetle activity on your lilies. It would seem that a combination of hand picking, spray and diatomaceous earth is the best deterrent.

Adventures with lily beetles- Laurie Hepper

I sprayed Dr Doom again on the front yard June 17 when I saw a beetle. I figured I would leave the back yard until I saw a beetle on my lilies there. No beetles no damage. Had to spray again for August long weekend as time away again and needed to be sure there would be no beetle invasion while I was gone. Mid August and getting reports of devastating invasions in Beaumont, and parts of Edmonton. Have a few investigative nibbles on a few lilies, but no sign of beetles. Whether the Dr Doom gives them a bad taste in their mandibles and they move on or they turn toes up and die, either way all is good, there are no sign of eggs or larvae. The purpose of spraying has been achieved. My bees are still happy buzzing around the yard and my lilies are green and busy storing energy in their bulbs for next year. If anyone would like to share their beetle tribulations send a short story to blackmartagon@gmail.com

MEMBER BENEFITS

Members receive discounts at the following businesses:

* **ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTRE.** [10027-81 Ave. Edmonton](https://www.allseasonsgarden.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.** [TWP RD 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.ellersliegift.com) Membership card must be presented prior to purchase and discount may not apply to all products.

* **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.

ARLS CASINO REPORT

August 29 & 30 2018

REMEMBER WE RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$250.00 FOR EVERY HOUR YOU VOLUNTEER. 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.

As I write this I am getting ready for my second shift as casino volunteer. I as well as many other members are committed to the many projects that only casino funds will enable us to accomplish. It is one of the many reasons your membership fees are so low. We would have to raise \$380.00 per member per year to accomplish the same fundraising that takes place in two days. Our bulb sales and membership fees do not come close to this amount. They are important as casino funds do not cover all our costs. Casino funds are regulated to certain expenditures only. Our other fundraising of auctions, bulb sales and membership fees covers the expenditures not allowed with casino funds.



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 with significant annual monetary support for a summer student to conduct lily trials and research. In return we get articles and information from the research that aids all lily growers professional and amateur.

We support the Botanic Gardens at the Calgary Zoo, University of Alberta, and St Albert with funds, lily bulbs and liliium knowledge. The botanic sites allow ARLS to distribute and hopefully retain some significant breeding developments in diverse locations. This has the benefit of providing specimens for botanical observations that will support the hybridizers observations and provide the public with a look at the breeding developments of lilies.

We produce, print and distribute the lily beetle brochure in partnership with Olds College.

ARLS is gearing up for the next set of projects for our 2018 casino funds.

The best way to promote the genus liliium is to educate the gardening and general public about lily culture and pest management. Volunteer knowledge and support paired with casino funds enables ARLS to generate and distribute information that is direct and relevant to Alberta gardeners, gardens, hybridizers and lily aficionados.

Species Spectacular Season of Sharing Contest

Do you know what a species lily is?

Wikipedia provides the following definition: *Lilium is a genus of herbaceous flowering plants growing from bulbs, all with large prominent flowers. Lilies are a group of flowering plants which are important in culture and literature in much of the world. Most species are native to the temperate northern hemisphere, though their range extends into the northern subtropics. Many other plants have "lily" in their common name but are not related to true lilies.*

So, what does that really mean? If you've ever wondered where that beautiful cultivar that you have in your garden came from, it all started with a species lily. They are those wild or native lilies that exist across North America, Europe and especially Asia (Japan, China, Burma, and India) and were used by and continue to be used by hybridizers to create the incredible magnificent lilies we see today. A classic example is the well known martagon Mrs. R.O. Backhouse, which is a cross between *L. martagon* x *L. hansonii*.

As is the case with so many species around the globe some of our lily species are in jeopardy because of development or habitat destruction. We as lovers of Genus *Lilium* have a responsibility to ensure the preservation of these unique and diverse lilies. There are generally a couple of species lilies available at annual bulb sales each year so hopefully you have a few growing in your garden.

So that brings us to the fun and fantastic contest that ARLS is going to be holding next summer!! To support and encourage the growing of species lilies we are asking you to take a photo with any of the species lilies growing in your garden and either share them on the ARLS Facebook page or send them to me at dlkaban@hotmail.com and I will post them. For each individual species that is shared you will receive an entry for a draw at the end of the season to win a special species lily bulb. The contest will start at the beginning of the growing season in 2019, so you still have time to get a bulb or two of species lilies!

Can't wait to see your species lilies!

L. duchartriei

