



The Bulblet



The bulbs are all in their beds dreaming of spring

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President's Lily Pad

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Hello Lily Friends!

Winter is well underway and my lily beds are under cover for the season after a garden overhaul in the hope of a more continuous flower season. I have spread them around more to showcase my favourites and interspersed them with my peonies, irises, and other perennials for a longer bloom season. I hope to share some photos next summer to see how close my vision is to reality. Anything new with your lilies?

Some more exciting news: our next casino is scheduled for June 6-7, 2023 at the Grand Villa Casino in downtown Edmonton! The funds received from the casinos fund our educational and research projects so please consider volunteering. No experience required. Parking and meals provided.

Stay tuned for information about the Winter Mingle. In the meantime, keep warm, safe, and healthy.

Dianne Skimming
President 2021-2023

ARLS AFFILIATES- we maintain memberships with these societies

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/>

Royal Horticultural Society Lily Group www.rhslilygroup.org/

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2617608858556096>



EVENTS 2023

WINTER MINGLE and awards presentation Sunday Feb 26 /2023

1:00 to 4:00 pm. The address is **4459-99 Street** but it is on the east side of 99 Street in a row of businesses. Bring a goodie to share, share some seeds from your garden, there will be a workshop to get dirt under your nails, awards and maybe a silent auction if people bring stuff.

AGM Sunday April 23 WOODVALE HALL

9:30 am- 3:30 pm meeting starts at 10 am; lunch noon; networking, speaker, silent auction, library from 1-3
A short Board meeting will be held at 1 pm. Agenda: lily shows.

BULB SALES SPRING April/ May

BULB SALES FALL Sept/Oct

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.
- * **LOCAL NURSERY** owned by the BIG GREENHOUSE. 26515A Township Road 514 [WOODBEND RD], SPRUCE GROVE (west of Devonian Gardens) 10% discount. Membership card must be presented and discount may not apply to all products.



LILY SOURCES

Bertha Lardner: Martagon Lilies NE Edmonton 780-478-7929 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 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

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

Parkland Peonies Adam Yakabuskie supplying peonies and martagons and Yakabuskie hybrids Calgary
<https://parklandpeonies.com/> 1-403-819-3881; parklandpeonies@shaw.ca
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UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA BOTANIC GARDEN NEWS

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

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

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

MUTTART is open again go check out the gardens; in and out.

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 arls@arls-lilies.org

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36th Lily Show Committee 2023	Lorne, Suzanne, Dianne, Britta	
Lily beetle	lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org	(Laurie)

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.

LILY BEETLE



- [Lily beetle report 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
- **There is also a resource page on the website**
- **Report** your beetles – with a picture to Olds College
- Kfry@oldscollege.ca - **all information submitted is also shared with Carlton University**



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- If you are in need of beetle brochures to give to a friend or neighbour. Contact lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org

(photos L. Hepper)

LILY BEETLE MUSINGS Laurie Hepper

lilybeetle@arls-lilies.org

My fall musing were short. I had to put all my bulbs into bags and found beetle pupae casings in my Claude Shride pot. They are all bagged in case they are populated. I think they were from the previous year, but not taking any chances. I never saw any indication of the red devils once I got to British Columbia.

A THANK YOU

"I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the ARLS for their overwhelming support of the publishing of the Canadian Lily Hybridizers book and also to all who have been so very generous in contributing to the Canadian Hybridizers lily beds here at Wonderland in Neepawa, Manitoba. The gardens will continue to evolve and visitors are always welcome. The number of different named Canadian hybridized lilies increases each year. It amazes me how many keep surfacing over time and from different sources. It is a privilege to be able to promote them."

I hope you all have a warm and healthy winter. Leanne Dowd

REVIEW OF 2022 FALL BULB SALES

This was the most challenging series of sales to organize and execute. In addition to our regular suppliers, we were fortunate to get the opportunity to help Mary Myndiuk from Sangudo to start liquidating her large collection of lily bulbs. We did not have a lot of notice about this nor a full concept of the scope of this project and so some of the organizing was lacking. We were basically to dig up half of her collection, wash, bag, label and sell the bulbs.

Four of us (Lorne, Susanne, my husband and myself) drove 1.5 hours to Sangudo, spent 9 solid hours digging and bagging by variety and then drove back. A rough estimate of the bulbs handled was about 1500 including all the little ones in each clump. Then an incredible group of volunteers spent the next 4 days washing, bagging, labelling bulbs and pulling pre-orders. This was followed by two days of sales at Greenland, an evening sale at EHS, two days of sales in Cochrane and shipping pre-orders. To say this was exhausting is an understatement, so we need to make changes for next fall when we will dig the rest of Mary's collection. This is an incredible opportunity to save these varieties and distribute them to gardens across Canada.

Lessons learned:

- Work with other lily societies earlier so they can put in their orders
- Dig on a weekend 2 weeks prior to sales with at least 8 people
- Bring more bags to keep varieties separate
- Organize more volunteers to process bulbs
- Allow a week to wash and bag
- Donate some of the bulbs to St. Albert Botanical Garden, community gardens
- One day of sales per location as sales are much slower on the second day
- Try to get a couple of other locations for sales



Highlights of the sales were:

- Finding varieties unavailable for years
- Enlisted 21 new members
- Almost \$3000.00 of pre-sales that were shipped to Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, NWT and throughout Alberta
- Almost \$4500 net profit
- Recruited a new sales location that is willing to sponsor spring and fall sales

I would like to thank all the incredible volunteers who helped to make these sales such a success. Without every one of you, these sales would not have happened.

Printing labels – Dianne

Digging – Susanne, Lorne, Don (my husband) and myself

Washing and Bagging – Lorne, Donna, Paul, Elsie, Christy, Judy, Don and myself

Manning Edmonton sales – Lorne, Dianne, Kathy, Christy, myself

Organizing Cochrane sales – Faye

Manning Cochrane sales – Faye, Lindsay and myself

Auctions – Lorne

I want to extend a special thanks to Lorne who was there for every job, Donna who spent 4 days washing and bagging bulbs and my husband who dug, washed, hauled and drove everywhere. I apologize to anyone I missed but please know that your time and efforts were most appreciated.

Britta Johnson

Bulb Sale organizer

Show winners 2022

After 2 years hiatus [thank you COVID] ARLS resumed our shows and as it was the 25th and 35th shows, it was a big deal.

Trophies and prizes will be handed out so try to make it to the Winter Mingle for the awards presentations.

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25TH MARTAGON SHOW 2022 Lorne Kaban **SHOW CHAIR**; Emmett Wenger & Cheryl Siemens **JUDGES**;
Laurie Hepper & Terry Willoughby **CLASSIFICATION** ; CLERKS Lorne & Suzanna Durrand;
120 stems, 107 entries, 5? Exhibitors, ? ribbons given

BEST IN SHOW- FRED TARLTON AWARD
GOLD SWEEPSTAKES

orange class VIII seeding by Bryan Bennett
Bryan Bennett



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- SILVER SWEEPSTAKES exhibitor 3
- BRONZE SWEEPSTAKES exhibitor 4
- HYBRIDIZERS AWARD BEST STEM CLASS 8 SEEDLINGS -Bryan Bennett
- BEST ALBERTA BRED MARTAGON-ALBERTA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY AWARD** Maroon King by exhibitor #4
- BEST COLLECTION OF SIX AWARD unknown
- FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR AWARD not awarded
- JUNIOR SHOW AWARD – BEST IN SHOW not awarded

35TH ANNUAL LILY SHOW 2022

HORTICULTURE Lorne Kaban SHOW CHAIRS; ?? JUDGES; ?? CLASSIFICATION; ?? & ?? CLERKS;
? stems, ? entries? Exhibitors, ? ribbons given

- BEST IN SHOW** stem of Gwyneth by leuan Evans
- GOLD SWEEPSTAKES** minimum 12 firsts - Bertha Lardner
- SILVER SWEEPSTAKES** minimum 9 firsts- leuan Evans
- BRONZE SWEEPSTAKES** minimum 6 firsts Britta Johnson
- HYBRIDIZERS AWARD-** stem of Evans seedling by leuan Evans
- BEST ALBERTA BRED REGISTERED LILY CLASS 1- FRED FELLNER AWARD** stem of Gwyneth by leuan Evans
- BEST UP-FACING REGISTERED ASIATIC** stem of Sorbet by Bertha Lardner
- BEST OUT-FACING REGISTERED ASIATIC** stem of Red Velvet by Britta Johnson
- BEST DOWN-FACING REGISTERED ASIATIC** stem of Gwyneth by leuan Evans
- BEST CANADIAN BRED REGISTERED LILY** stem of Sorbet BY Bertha Lardner
- BEST UNNAMED hybrid SEEDLING** seedling by leuan Evans
- BEST LA** stem of Sweet Zanica by Britta Johnson
- BEST OT** not awarded
- BEST AURELIAN / TRUMPET** not awarded
- BEST ORIENTAL** not awarded
- BEST DIVISION 8 EXCLUDING LA** stem of Kaveri by Judy Rybaczk
- BEST PINK LILY- JEAN ERIKSEN AWARD** stem of Evans by leuan Evans
- BEST MARTAGON** not awarded
- BEST POTTED** not awarded
- BEST STEM SPECIES** stem of L. Michiganense by Bertha Lardner
- FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR AWARD** stem of Kaveri by Judy Rybaczk
- JUNIOR SHOW AWARD – BEST LILY IN SHOW** not awarded
- JUNIOR SWEEPSTAKES GOLD SILVER BRONZE** not awarded

DESIGN

Dianne & Suzanne SHOW CHAIRS; ?? JUDGE; ?? CLASSIFICATION; ?? CLERKS
? designs, ? exhibitors, ? ribbons given

- BEST DESIGN -CECILIA BERTRAM AWARD** Suzanne Stack Class 1 Vase
- PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD FOR MOST POPULAR DESIGN** Suzanne Stack Class 2 Topiary
- BEST DESIGN ENHANCING LILY- LILIUM AWARD** Suzanne Stack Class 8 Water
- GOLD SWEEPSTAKES DESIGN** Suzanne Stack
- SILVER SWEEPSTAKES DESIGN** Bertha Lardner
- YOUTH DESIGN AWARD** not awarded
- FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR DESIGN AWARD** not awarded



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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.

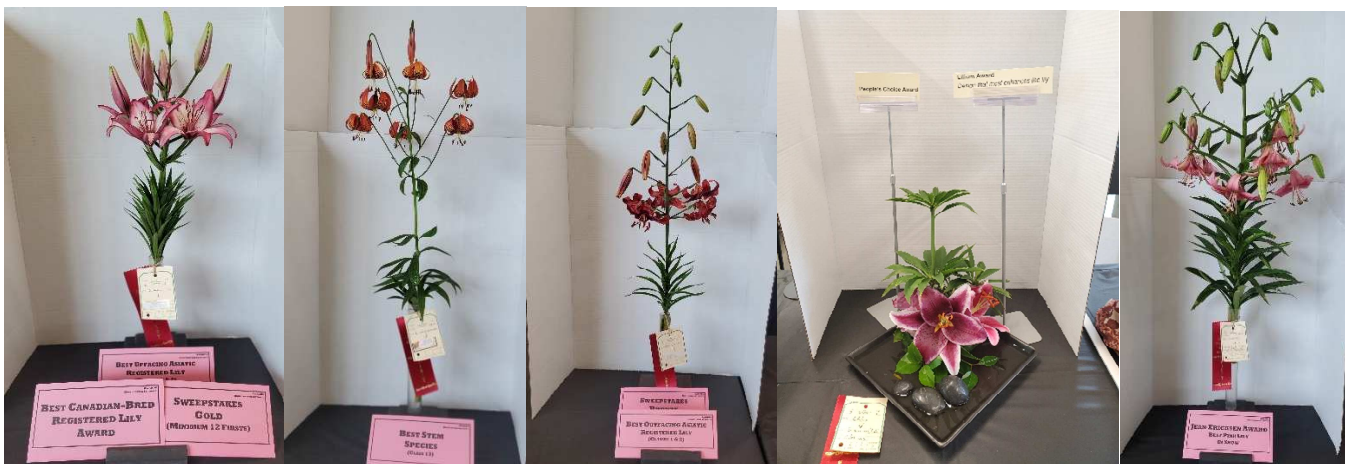
Leanne Dowd leannekiss.lk@gmail.com

Leanne is also working on a new edition of her Canadian hybridizer and lilies book. We are looking forward to seeing all the additional pictures that she has received from members and lily growers.

Leanne would like some help in tracking down where to get these lilies LIST FOLLOWS. If you have any idea or actually have a bulb you can spare to sell to her, also share with people you think might have these in their garden; drop her a line.

Alex 5, Amelia, Donna, Apricot Jewel, Bennett's Big Bang, Black Gold, Briana, Brianne, Brown, Buttercup, Butterfly Kisses, Contrails, Darcie, Debra, Jeanne, Dusky Bells, Easter Charm, Enigma (a Tarlton trumpet), Eros, Firefox, Fred's Red, Glynis, Golden Jubilee, Happy Camper, Hay River NWT, Hummer, Iced Melon, June Bride, Keeper, King Orange, Lady Godiva, Lea's Beauty, Lemon Queen, Lillian Eileen, Lily Simonet, Linda May, Red Raven, Robert Simonet, Serena, Trinita.

Lyndon Penner has an announcement. I have gotten so much support from so many of you regarding my most recent book, 'The Way of the Gardener'. I am so very thankful and so appreciative! In fall, my publisher contacted me and told me that they want to re-release it...as an audio book. Audio books are very cool right now, apparently. (*I didn't know that.) I assumed they would get a professional voice actor to do it and I said yeah, cool, I'll totally sign off on that. No, no. They didn't want a professional. They wanted me to do it. Really? (I guess having the author read their own material is the way to do it.) So I spent three days in November in a teeny-tiny little recording studio in downtown Vancouver and from what I've been told, they are quite happy with how it turned out! So the release date for the AUDIO version of 'The Way of the Gardener' is January 30th! It will be available on Audible, ABC, BookBeat, Downpour, Findaway (which distributes to other retailers including Apple), Hoopla, Kobo, Libra FM, Mackin, Midwest Tapes, Overdrive, ZebraLoution, and Storytel. (Most of these I have never heard of so I'm hoping you have.) If you've always wanted to take me on a road trip without actually taking me on a road trip...now you can!



photos by Dianne Skimming