

# The Iowa Seedling

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## IOWA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY

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Regional Affiliate of: *North American Lily Society* & *Iowa State Horticultural Society*  
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### Dates to Remember:

- \* Sept. 7, 2019 - Fall Meeting 10 am  
at the New Hope United Methodist Church  
4525 Beaver Ave. Des Moines
- \* Oct. 20, 2019 - Bulb Packing (Time to be determined)
- \* Oct. 26, 2019 - Lily Symposium 8:30 am-3:30 pm
- \* Jan. 11, 2020 - Winter Meeting 10 am
- \* Mar. 15, 2020 - Bulb Packing (Time to be determined)
- \* Mar. 20-22, 2020 - Flower Lawn Garden Show  
Varied Indus. Bldg, State Fair Grounds
- \* Apr. 11, 2020 - Spring Meeting 10 am
- \*\* All meetings are at the New Hope United Methodist Church  
4525 Beaver Ave. Des Moines unless otherwise noted.

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant. ~Author unknown

## President's letter

Ponderings from the Prez...

Happy Late Summer to all you Lily Lovers!

How is it possible that another summer is coming to an end already? I'm not ready to put my gardens to bed. I haven't even finished weeding them yet! Our Monroe County Fair was a few weeks ago. A Master Gardener friend encouraged me to enter some flowers. I've never entered anything in a fair before. Since none of our lilies appeared to be worth taking (by IRLS standards), I entered some dahlias, a sunflower and hibiscus instead. Funny thing was, the true lilies, daylilies and calla lilies were all mixed in the same class so I felt obligated to help them correct their classifications. By the time you read this newsletter, even the Iowa State Fair (the Best State Fair in the State!) will have sent the animals and exhibitors home and put everything away for next year.

The lily bulb selection committee has been working on choosing some beautiful lilies for our gardens. Please place your order with Mark Riggs as soon as possible. We are not ordering as many bulbs as we have in the past, so we won't have to store bulbs over the winter. Hopefully all the bulb orders will come at the right time for bulb packing so we can get our orders at the symposium. It will save money if everyone either picks up his/her order or makes arrangements with a friend to pick it up.

Speaking of the Symposium, save the date of Oct. 26th (9am – 3 pm) to attend our annual IRLS Symposium. We'll have several speakers and the bulb sale and exchange will be prior to the presentations (approximately 9:15 am.). Plan now to bring your extra lily bulbs to share. Lunch will be available as in the past.

The IRLS Board met last week and did some brainstorming for our organization. It's time to be thinking about next year's calendar. The Annual Show is planned for June 27<sup>th</sup> at Reiman Gardens. Do we want to do a lily tour in 2020? The weekend following the show is July 4<sup>th</sup> which won't work for a bus tour for obvious reasons. That means we go earlier (June 20<sup>th</sup>) and possibly not see a lot of lilies or later (July 11<sup>th</sup>) and conflict with the NALS Convention and Show (July 8-13, 2020 in Ontario). Or we could try something new like an "Open Gardens" tour. It might be a fun day to go around to our members' gardens and see what they have been growing. Think about it and where you'd like to go and let me know!

Looking forward to seeing everyone Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am at New Hope United Methodist Church in Des Moines. Stay cool and think of the beautiful lilies you're going to plant this fall

Kristi Evans, IRLS President

### 2019 Fall Bulb Sale and Bulb Exchange

Our fall bulb sale and bulb exchange will be held in conjunction with the Symposium on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Ruby Chapel at the New Hope United Methodist Church, 4525 Beaver Ave., Des Moines. The sale will open approximately 9:15 am.

The fall bulb sale means martagons will be available as well as several other lily varieties that we have not previously offered. These include Asiatics: Red Highland, Rokanje, and Trendy Savannah and Oriental Asiatics: Hotel California, Zeba and Samantha. Some popular varieties from past sales such as Elodie, Pink Giant and Patricia's Pride will also be included.

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The Fall Bulb Exchange gives members an opportunity to share their extra lily bulbs with others in the society. In order to keep the dirt mess at a minimum at the church, please bag your bulbs individually with a little peat moss and label them so they are easily shared. If you are new to growing lilies and don't have any to share this exchange also gives you access to new or heirloom lilies.

# Secretary's Report

Meeting Called to order by President Kristi Evans

1. Presentation by Peggy Moody on Floral Design for competitions
2. Elections for 2019-2020 New Board

Discussion was made during the nomination process for each position available. Nomination for President Kristi Evans was seconded, the vote taken, and Kristi Evans was voted to continue in the position. Nomination for Vice President Mark Riggs to continue and was seconded, but this changed later in the election process. Later Jean Smith was nominated, seconded and elected to become Vice President.

Secretary Jean Rhodes cannot continue as Secretary. Arlene Davis was nominated to the position of secretary and accepted the nomination, seconded and was voted in as our new Secretary.

The Treasurer position was described and Mark Riggs volunteered to run. He was formally nominated and seconded, a vote was taken and Mark Riggs is our new Treasurer.

David Moody has one more year on his term as a Director at large.

The second Director at large position is pending confirmation

Newsletter and Website are staying the same at this time.

Banking discussion covered current events such as accessibility of the bank to the Treasurer and elaboration of the job description.

The Secretary job description and obtaining current materials from the departing Secretary as well as maintaining current membership lists was discussed.

Due to some officers leaving before their current terms are over, the election cycle was also discussed.

Coming events 2019 Lily Show Saturday June 29, 2019 Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa Show Chair Jean Smith and Peggy Moody (?) See website for Schedule and more information Fall Bulb Sale and packing party Mark Riggs is in charge of this event date Oct. 26, 2019 (?) Lily Symposium in November (First weekend in Nov.)

We need speakers for the Symposium

Community Activities such as presentations

April meeting minutes continued:

Suggestions for updates to the Website were discussed such as contact links to officers. Newsletter information was discussed such as sharing information and the program that we use to produce the newsletter.

The elected officers and their terms are:

President - Kristi Evans - term ending April 2021

Vice President - Jean Smith - term ending April 2021

Treasurer - Mark Riggs - filling vacated position - term ending April 2020

Secretary - Arlene Davis - filling vacated position - term ending April 2020

Director at large - David Moody - term ends April 2020

Director at large - Sharon Smith (pending acceptance) - term ends April 2021

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Meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm

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2019 IRLS FALL Lily Bulb Sale ORDER FORM October 26th, 2019

ASIATICS	Full Sun Easy to Grow (mid June-mid July)	Height and Form	Price/bulb	#	Totals
Red Highland	TRUE RED LARGE FLOWERS	36-48" upfacing	\$3.00		
Rokanje	PURE WHITE LA	36-48" upfacing	\$3.00		
Elodie	SEMI-DOUBLE PINK NO POLLEN	36-48" upfacing	\$3.00		
Easy Dream	RED/BRUSHMARK, NO POLLEN	36" upfacing	\$3.00		
Pink Giant	LIGHT PINK/SPOTS ASIATIC TRUMPET	36-42" downfac	\$3.00		
Patricia's Pride	WHITE WITH DARK BRUSHMARK	36-48" upfacing	\$3.00		
Tango Strawberry & Cream	PINK WITH BRUSHMARKS/SPOTS	36-42" upfacing	\$3.00		
Trendy Savannah	COMPACT PINK WITH DARK BRUSHMARK	36-48" upfacing	\$3.00		
Pearl Melanie	HUGE SIDE FACING YELLOW TETRAPLOID	36-48" outfacing	\$3.00		

ORIENTAL CROSSES

Hotel California OA	LARGE YELLOW/RED CENTER/SPOTS	44-52" outfacing	\$4.00		
Zeba NOO	ENORMOUS OFF WHITE WITH RED CENTER	38-42" outfacing	\$4.00		
Samantha ORIENTAL	DOUBLE ROSE ORIENTAL W/ WHITE RIM	38-42" outfacing	\$4.00		
L. Auratum- Species	WHITE WITH GOLDBAND/SPOTS	24-48" outfacing	\$4.00		

ORIENTAL TRUMPET (July- August)

Late Morning	YELLOW/WHITE LARGE FLOWER	36-48" downfacing	\$4.00		
Corcovado	HUGE LIGHTAPRICOT GOLD	48-60" outfacing	\$4.00		

TRUMPET

Rising Moon	YELLOW WITH PINK EDGES- FRAGRANT	48-60" downfacing	\$4.00		
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MARTAGONS Part to full shade . Elegant in your garden (June) BIG Minnesota BULBS!

Gaybird	Dark Pink/Yellow	3-4 feet	\$14.00		
Dalhansonii	Dark Maroon	4-5 feet	\$14.00		
Sunny Morning	Yellow/Red	2-3 feet	\$14.00		

Name: Sub-totals

Address: 10% Disc for Members  
 City, state, and zip: Pre-Pay IRLS 2019-2020 Dues  
 Phone Number: (Incl. Dues)\$8 Total \$

Will you pick up your bulbs at the Lily Symposium on October 26? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Please send order to: markriggs1@mchsi.com. We will bill you for the cost plus shipping.

Minimum \$20 order plus actual shipping costs to ship bulbs to you.

Thank-you for your order! We appreciate your support of the Iowa Regional Lily Society. Not a member? Join today!