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Dates to Remember:

- * **April, 14, 2018 Spring Meeting 10 am**
at the New Hope United Methodist Church
4525 Beaver Ave. Des Moines
- * **June 27-July 1, 2018 North American Lily Show and Symposium at the Sheraton West Des Moines!**

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Science, or para-science, tells us that geraniums bloom better if they are spoken to. But a kind word every now and then is really quite enough. Too much attention, like too much feeding, and weeding and hoeing, inhibits and embarrasses them. ~Victoria Glendinning

The President's Letter

Musings from the Prez...

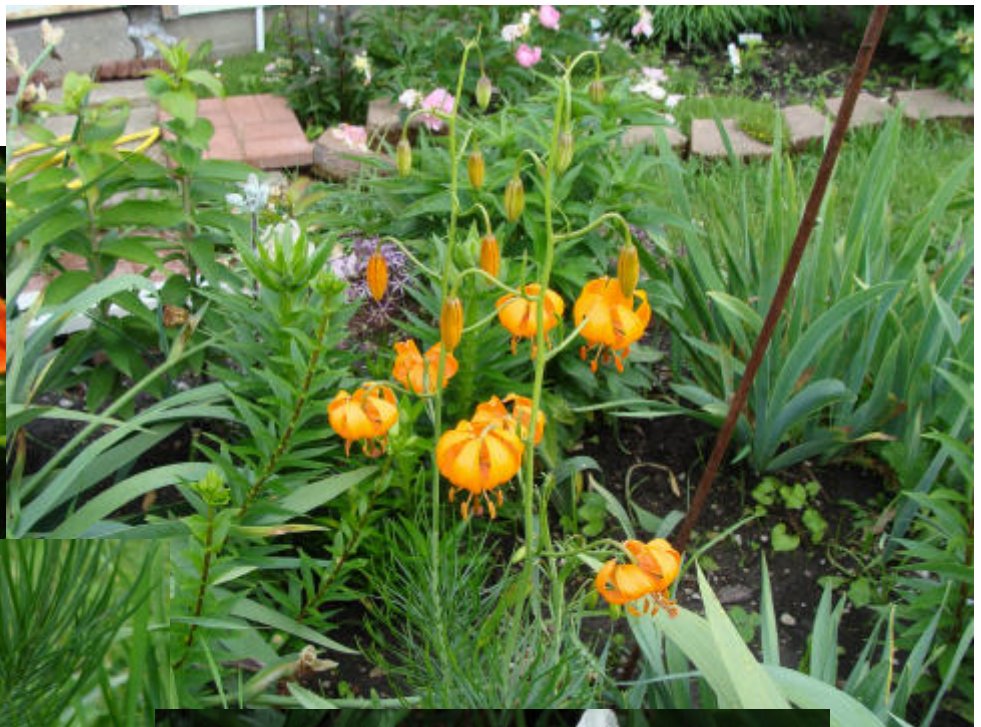
Spring is finally here and the little spring bulbs are starting to bloom. Snowdrops, crocus and scilla are popping up and daffodils won't be far behind. I'm hoping my lilies like their new home.

Another successful Flower, Lawn, and Garden Show is behind us already. Many thanks to all our volunteers who so cheerfully helped package bulbs, set up, sell lilies at the booth and tore down. Special kudos to Lewis Sears for storing and hauling tables, chairs and tubs and Mark Riggs for managing the lily orders and receipts. Mark had quite the surprise last week when more boxes of lilies showed up on his front steps. Fortunately he efficiently dealt with the situation.

Our April 14th meeting will be busy with elections and NALS preparations. We'll hear about volunteer opportunities and the benefits of volunteering. Until then, happy spring planting!

See you at the meeting;

Kristi Evans



Some early spring arrivals who will soon be gracing our gardens and welcoming the new garden season!

Clockwise from upper left:

Crimson Pixie: dwarf asiatic, *I. pumilum*,
Ann Marie's Dream: double asiatic, *I. pumilum* (yellow form).

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Iowa Regional Lily Society Winter Meeting

January 13, 2018

President Kristi Evans opened the meeting at 10:10 am. Secretary Minutes of the September IRLS meeting were read and approved. Seventeen members were present.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Wanda Lunn. Discussion of expenses and profit for the IRLS bulb sales plus expenditures for 2017. Website cost is only \$155.28 per year. Mostly electronic delivery of the Newsletter has added color photos and has really dropped the cost. To comply with recent non-profit regulations, IRLS was required to change the old checking account to a business account plus open a separate checking account for the NALS 2018 Lily Show and Symposium that we are hosting in June. Discussion of NALS 2018 hotel and facilities costs. Treasurer's report was approved.

Discussion of the IRLS Spring bulb sale at the Des Moines Flower, Lawn and Garden Show On March 16-18. Thanks you to former bulb chairman Wanda Lunn and her enthusiastic Cedar Rapids area volunteers who have packed & labeled all the IRLS lily bulbs for the past 9 years. Mark Riggs and Kristi Evans are the new bulb co-chairs. Bulbs have been ordered. Several packing sites were discussed. Sharon Johnson offered the New Hope Methodist Church. Twelve members signed up to pack bulbs in Des Moines on March 10th for the sale. Sale Bulbs will be shown on the IRLS website. All the bulbs will be available for the Sale at the Iowa Fairgrounds with no pre-orders by members.

IRLS Booth volunteers can get into the show free but need to contact Kristi Evans for shift information. Alternate bulb sale venues discussed for 2019. We need more members to volunteer to sell bulbs and offer lily information to the public at the IRLS booth.

President Kristi Evans reminded us that the Spring IRLS meeting on April 14,2018 will include opportunities for more members to get involved in IRLS activities. We will elect a new Secretary, Treasurer and Director. Discussion of duties of Officers of IRLS. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Discussion about Iowa hosting the 2018 NALS Lily Show and Symposium in West Des Moines.
NALS Co-chairs: Sue Williams and Wanda Lunn Registrar: Kris Jurik Show Chairman: Sue Williams
Registration Table & Clerk Chair: Jean Rhodes Hotel Liason & Hospitality Chair: Kristi Evans
Judging Chair: Kathy Anderson Classification: Nigel Strohman Publicity: Lynn Slackman & Peggy Nerdahl
Photography & Show Room: Mark Riggs Floral Design: Peggy Moody & Sandra Gossman
Speakers Chair: Sue Williams Bus Tour Chair: Wanda Lunn Show Photography: Art Evans

Discussion of NALS: Sue Williams read a schedule of daily events for the show week. The show will be held on June 2-July 1, 2018 at the West Des Moines Sheraton. Discussion of show bags plus collecting items to fill them. Discussion of Thursday night Sculpture Garden wine & cheese event. Discussion of cost of NALS Rosettes and Host ribbons for the Lily Show. Discussion of hotel voucher costs for Directors Lunch plus Judges and Clerks Lunch. Sue also noted deadlines for NALS registration and Design entry registration.

President Kristi Evans closed the meeting with looking forward to the future with a possible Judges Training School in 2019 or other educational opportunities for IRLS.

The meeting closed at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Wanda Lunn



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There is a lot of stuff happening at IRLS right now! We are putting on the finishing touches for the North American Lily Society Lily Show and Symposium this June 27 through July 1 at the Sheraton West Des Moines.

We have encountered numerous roadblocks and set backs along the way but it is finally all coming together. We will be discussing the show at our last meeting before the big event gets under way. We depend on you for your time and abilities, without all of our volunteers this endeavor would be impossible! Wanda has undertaken the daunting task of coordinating all of the volunteers as much as possible and getting the Bus Tour put together for our Saturday outing. She has also added another tour to the Pappajohn Sculpture Garden on Thursday evening. Mark Riggs is going to be busy handling the showroom and the photography exhibit as well as the volunteers who wish to help in those areas. Jean Rhodes has the massive undertaking as Head Clerk for the show and still offered to take care of the Registration Table and will be working with those volunteers.

In 2013 we put on an incredible show and we want to do it again! Please consider volunteering some of your time. The benefits are well worth the time you invest.

We are going to elect our first IRLS Secretary and our first IRLS Treasurer at this upcoming meeting as well as a directors seat. Don't miss this meeting, it is going to be jam packed with information and be historic on top of that! See you the 14th of April at 10 am at the New Hope United Methodist Church 4525 Beaver Ave. Des Moines

Please take some time to consider how you would like to help at the
2018 NALS Lily Show.

There will be opportunity to sign up for various work details and committees
after the business meeting.

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your garden?

<http://www.lilies.org>

The North American Lily Society (NALS) was organized in 1947 to promote interest in the genus *Lilium*. The society has active members from almost every state and province in North America, as well as from many countries around the world.



New members welcome!

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