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Dates to Remember:

- * **April 19, 2014** - Spring Meeting @ the Waukee Library, 950 Warrior Lane, Waukee, IA at 12:30 PM
We will have elections this meeting for 1 director and the Sec/Treasurer
Our program will be a panel of Accredited NALS Judges answering your showing and judging questions
- * **June 27-28, 2014** - NALS LILY JUDGING SCHOOL
@ Reiman Gardens, Ames, IA
- * **June 28, 2014** - IRLS LILY SHOW @ Reiman Gardens, Ames Iowa

"All through the long winter I dream of my garden. On the first warm day of spring I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar."
-- Helen Hayes, American actress, 1900-1993

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The President's Letter

Dear Lily Friends,

I'm sure Spring has arrived, the calendar says so! The weather, however, does not seem to be comforting us with normal spring-like behavior. Even last year, cold as it was I had mowed my yard by this time. This year it is April and my grass is just starting to turn green. I have been out cleaning up the beds and so far have seen no signs of lily life in any of my beds. The tulips are about an inch above the soil right now and the daffodils are only a half inch above the soil. My daylilies are starting to show some green and the alliums are putting up foliage, so...it won't be long until we can start seeing the first blooms of the season.

The Flower Lawn and Garden Show was an awesome success once again. Despite the less than ideal weather we had a good turnout and sold almost 700 lily bulbs!

Speaking of blooms, you will want to mark your calendars now! **Our IRLS Lily Show will be held June 28, 2014** at (drum roll please) Reiman Gardens in Ames, IA. Kristi Evans has negotiated with Reiman Gardens and we will not only be having our Lily Show there, but we will also be hosting a *NALS Judges School*. **The Judges School will be held on Friday, June 27th, 2014.** This will be a day of practical application and classroom covering courses one and two and the written test. On Show day, the 28th, the students will clerk the Lily Show and then do their identification test and judge a mock show.

This is a great chance for you to get judges training, even if you don't want to become an accredited judge, you will learn what the judges are looking for in a stem, you will be able to identify all the parts of a lily, you will have a greater appreciation of your own lilies, and IRLS is picking up most of the cost of the school! You only need to purchase the NALS Judges Handbook, "Showing Lilies: A Handbook for Judges and Exhibitors" for \$10.00.

If you are interested in pursuing full accreditation, there are some items to keep in mind, which will be covered in an article later in the newsletter. *Come on, Take the plunge, it will be a fun time and the price is right!*

Please contact me if you need more information, or wish to register for the class and get your book purchased. Sue at llilyfan@iowatelecom.net

Sue



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Iowa Regional Lily Society Winter Meeting on January 11, 2014

IRLS President Sue Williams called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm at the the Waukee Library in Waukee, IA .
Twenty two IRLS members were present.

The Secretary's minutes of the September 2013 IRLS meeting were read by Wanda Lunn and approved as read. IRLS Treasurer's Report was read and approved as read. Discussions of educational and charitable contributions for IRLS to make included scholarships, public garden benches, hiring speakers for meetings and hosting a Lily Judges Training School. A Judges School would be of use to re-train current Judges, qualify new Judges and be informative for all Iowa lily growers. Sue Williams noted that we would have to bring in a NALS instructor twice to fulfill the qualifications. Discussion.

Teresa Deeth motioned up to \$3500 for the cost of bringing in a NALS instructor and holding the lily Judge Training School if possible this spring. Becca Wichert seconded. Passed. The IRLS Board will make the final decision after investigating the possibilities and schedule.

Sue Williams gave a final report on the very successful International NALS Lily Show and Symposium hosted by our local IRLS in Des Moines last June 25-30,2014. Becca Wichert gave the NALS Show Treasurer's report noting a few outstanding checks have not been cashed yet. The checking account still has a small positive balance that will be returned to the IRLS treasury when it is closed in January.

The IRLS Lily Symposium and Fall Bulb Sale was held October 26, 2014 at the Waukee Public Library. Members picked up bulb orders & traded bulbs dug from their garden. A Thank You note was read for the donations given by IRLS members in exchange for historic lily bulbs from the Vander Meiden garden. Florence and Gerrit Vander Meiden's daughter is a missionary. Members listened to four speakers and spent a day talking of better ways to grow lilies.

Three IRLS meetings plus the Lily Symposium are hosted at the Waukee Public Library each year. Teresa Deeth motioned that we donate \$500 to thank the library for the space they will give us in 2014.

Lewis Sears seconded. Passed.

The IRLS Spring Lily Bulb Sale will be held at the Des Moines Flower, Lawn and Garden Show on March 14-16. Member pre-sale of bulbs on IRLS website in January. Lewis Sears motioned a free "Thank You" lily bulb be added to each spring member order for helping make the NALS Show such a success. Kristi Evans seconded. Passed. Members can pick up orders at DSM Sale or can be shipped.

Secretary's Report cont...

Vice President Kristi Evans will chair the 2014 IRLS Lily Show on June 28. Discussion of assorted venues where the general public could be exposed to the beautiful lilies. Wanda Lunn motioned to allow up to \$300 for Lily Show venue expenses. Seconded Becca Wichert. Passed. Discussion of creating more stands for Trumpet and Orienpet stems. Peggy Moody moved to add up to 50 over-sized stem stands. Florence Vander Meiden seconded. Sue and Ted Williams will build the stands and be reimbursed for costs. IRLS lily stands will be used for the NALS Lily Show July 2014 in Minnesota.

The Lily Garden Bus tour is being organized by Kristi Evans. Gardens and tour route is being chosen.

Jayne & Stan Venard requested that IRLS storage items and shed be removed from their property. Discussion. Lewis Sears is willing to store the tables and supplies at his house. Board has final choice.

The IRLS Spring meeting will on April 19, 2014 at the Waukee Library at 12:30 pm. There will be elections for one Director and the Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations welcome. Hospitality Committee: Kris Jurik. Kristi Evans and Sue Williams. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm and was followed by refreshments and a "Clematis" presentation by Rita Minard.

Respectfully submitted, Wanda Lunn IRLS Secretary / Treasurer





Judging School

The Iowa Regional Lily Society is hosting a NALS Lily Judges School on **June 27 and 28, 2014** at the Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa. Our teachers will be Dr. Art Evans from Gravette, Arkansas and Dr. Brian Bergman from Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

This is a great opportunity for you to get inside a judges mind! The IRLS is going to cover the lion's share of the cost of the School, all that you, as the candidate/student, need to cover is the cost of the handbook. Showing Lilies: A Handbook for Judges and Exhibitors. This book can be ordered from Sue Williams via email or phone.

Some things to keep in mind if you wish to pursue the full Judges Accreditation:

1. Must be a NALS member for at least 3 years prior to becoming fully accredited and must continue to maintain membership to maintain judges status.
2. Have grown lilies as a hobby or professionally for at least 5 years before accreditation.
3. Have a knowledge of lily species, strains, and clones and have the ability to identify the commonly seen ones at a show.
4. Shown lilies in at least 3 NALS sponsored or NALS affiliate shows.
5. Have made some effort to study mechanics of exhibiting, schedule arrangement, results of judging, and the classification of lilies exhibited by attending a lily show as either an exhibitor or spectator.
6. Have had some experience in flower show management, (Lily Show preferred) by serving on a committee or as chairman.
7. Have completed all 3 parts (courses) of the judges training and passed the exam with at least a 70%.
8. Have filled out and sent in the basic application form for accreditation.
9. Served as a satisfactory student judge or apprentice at 3 or more NALS approved lily shows under the guidance of at least 3 different NALS accredited judges.

While this seems like a lot to do, it really isn't a problem for most of you. If you join NALS now, you will be a 3 year member by the time you will likely complete your student judging. Almost all of you have been growing lilies for a number of years already. If you haven't developed your knowledge of species, strains, and clones; the course will get you started. Almost everyone has studied the lilies to figure out placement at the 2013 show. Helping with the IRLS Show fits in nicely with #6. See, you're almost a fully accredited NALS judge, just steps 7,8, and 9 to complete!

The fun and education isn't meant just for Judges candidates! If you want to learn a little more about our favorite flower, then this is a fun and cost effective way to do so. So, schedule your day off work and join us for the NALS Judges School on June 27-28, 2014. The price is right and you will be learning with friends.

Please Reserve your book and chair by May 20, 2014* with: Sue Williams 641-877-9741 or llilyfan@iowatelecom.net

*This will allow you to receive your book and packet in time to do the requested pre-study of materials.

Future Events

Here are some important Dates to add to your calendar. We all have such busy schedules it is never too early to make plans!

April 19, 2014 - IRLS meeting at the Waukee Library 12:30 meeting

June 27-28, 2014 - NALS Lily Judging School hosted by IRLS

June 28, 2014 - IRLS Lily Show at Reiman Gardens, Ames Iowa

July 9-13, 2014 - NALS International Lily Show and Conference hosted by the North Star Lily Society
This will be the last close International Lily Show for several years. You don't want to miss it!! The Hilton Airport/Mall of America is the home of the 2014 NALS Show and Convention. The hotel is conveniently located near I-494 at 3800 American Blvd E, Bloomington, MN, USA, 55425.



From the Editor

With the beauty of spring finally arriving, gardens to clean up after a very long winter, extra hours at work, and illness (nothing serious, just annoying) I must apologize for the briefness of The Seedling. It seems like you have plenty of time, when, six weeks ago, I'll get on that in a few days; becomes OMG, I just have a week to get that done! I was hoping for some member contributions for this newsletter, alas, you are stuck with just my thoughts and musings; I have been giving the Judging School quite a bit of thought, I am happy that the IRLS is in a position to offer the School at such a reasonable cost to all the candidates. May I encourage everyone reading this to seriously consider taking the course. It will increase your lily knowledge tremendously, you will spend quality time with others of like passions, everyone can use a Friday off work now and then, and you will only have to provide \$10.00 for your "Showing Lilies" handbook. The last time IRLS hosted a Judges School was back in 2008, so now is the time if you have ever considered becoming an accredited lily judge.

I enjoyed the Flower, Lawn, and Garden Show this year. It is a time to see spring all around you for 3 days, reconnect with friends, and have 3 days off work in a row! When I came home I didn't come alone, a beautiful garden stork came home with me. I jokingly call it Tuesday, because Tuesday is my long day at work each week and I will need one whole Tuesday to pay for it! See you at the meeting, Sue

What's new in 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.



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