

# The Iowa Seedling

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### Dates to Remember:

- \* Jan 14, 2017 - IRLS Winter Meeting 12:30 pm at the New Hope United Methodist Church  
4525 Beaver Ave. Des Moines, IA.  
Program on Garlic by Jean Rhodes to follow meeting.
- \* April 8, 2017 - IRLS Spring Meeting 12:30 pm
- \* March 17-19, 2017 - Flower, Lawn, & Garden Show  
Varied Industries Building/State Fairgrounds
- \* June 24, 2017 - IRLS 44th Annual Lily Show @  
Reiman Gardens, Ames, Iowa
- \* June 28- July 2, 2017 - NALS Lily Show in St. Louis, MO

Gardening: a leisure-time activity involving lots  
of time and little leisure.

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# The President's Letter

Dear Lily friends,

2016 has passed into history, and was a year of contrasts for me. The weather was above and below normal for most of the year, it couldn't seem to settle on average, but rather swung from one end of the pendulum to the other, with very little time spent in the "normal" range. I'll be honest, I didn't mind the cooler July/August or the warmer October/November! December gave us both ice fishing and 45 degrees on Christmas!

New lilies joined the rest of the 'kids' both spring and fall, of course, that causes us to look forward to seeing them this coming summer. Before that however, we need to get through January and February!

Our Lily Show was small, but some really great stems were exhibited! Don't forget to make plans to come and show at this year's show. It'll be a great 'warm-up' for 2018 when we host the NALS Lily Show once again. Has it been almost 5 years already?

The NALS Show in Chicago was AWESOME... at least for one of us! Congratulations to Wanda Lunn on being the FIRST Iowan to have her name engraved on the Isabella Preston Award.

2016 was also a time of shake up for the IRLS, the IA Public Libraries changed their meeting room policies and that has made it hard for us to book a meeting room with them. Thank you to Sharon Smith and the New Hope United Methodist Church for giving us a meeting place until we can locate a permanent site. Our January meeting and most likely our April meeting will be held there. The address is: 4525 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

Our Lily Symposium was on October 29th and was held at the New Hope United Methodist Church. We had presentations on a wide range of topics and I believe a good time was had by all who were able to attend. We hope to see you at the 2017 Lily Symposium (most likely the 28th of October).

One of the saddest times for me was the passing of my mentor Dorothy Schaefer, I truly believe if she hadn't taken my arm and guided me to a seat beside her, I would not be involved with the IRLS, which has been a VERY good experience for me!

I look forward to starting our new lily year with you this January 14th at the New Hope United Methodist Church. You won't want to miss Jean Rhodes presentation on Garlic!

See you soon,  
Sue Williams

## Secretary's Report

### Minutes of the Iowa Regional Lily Society Fall Meeting September 10, 2016

President Sue Williams opened the meeting at 12:30 pm. Secretary Minutes for the April IRLS meeting were read. Discussion. Flower arrangement program demonstration by Peggy Moody at the meeting was added to minutes of April meeting. Motion to approve by Peggy Moody. Seconded by Jayne Venard. Treasurer's Report read and approved.

The IRLS bulb sales have added to the Treasury with adequate monies to support the obligations of hosting the NALS International Lily Show in Iowa in 2018.

IRLS would like to again donate funds to Botanical Gardens in Iowa. Peggy Moody nominated Central Gardens of North Iowa. Newton Botanical Gardens was also suggested. Discussion of other Iowa Botanical Gardens. Trish Patrick motioned to suspend donations until 2017. Wanda Lunn seconded. Passed.

Charter IRLS member Dorothy Schaefer passed away on August 3, 2016 at 105 years old. Dorothy was a former NALS Executive Secretary and member of IRLS for 52 years. There was much discussion on how to honor her extensive service to IRLS and NALS, plus her trumpet hybridizing of the beautiful Iowa Trumpets. Jayne Venard related how Dorothy's trumpet seedlings were sent to Cebeco early on for research/breeding and 3000 bulbs were finally returned to Iowa in the late 1980s. Jayne helped Dorothy register four of them as the huge tetraploid "Iowa Trumpets" in 1988 : "Iowa Snowflake", "Iowa Orange Glow", "Iowa Gold" and "Iowa Sunrise". Discussion of creating IRLS and NALS Lily Show Award in her honor. Peggy Moody, Jayne Venard and Florence Vander Meiden worked with Mrs. Schaefer over the years and will create a committee to set up the award.

Vice President Kristi Evans announced that the 2017 IRLS Lily Show will again be hosted by the Reiman Gardens on June 24, 2017. Reiman Gardens feels that our Lily Show is an excellent addition to their attractions and appreciates the informative garden hints that IRLS members extend to Lily Show visitors. Discussion of setting up areas and awards. IRLS donates an amount each year to the Reiman Gardens to thank them for hosting our Lily Show.

Sue Williams announced that the IRLS Lily Symposium will be on October 29, 2017 with five speakers, bulb trades and bulb sales. Waukee Library will no longer be a meeting place for IRLS due to a change in their room reserve policies. New policies: Groups can only reserve a room 30 days in advance and can be cancelled with only 12 hours notice. No food or beverages allowed. No sales of bulbs, books or other items. Discussion of new venue for IRLS meetings & events. Kristi Evans said Reiman Gardens could not host the Lily Symposium since it had a home football game on October 29, but might be able to host IRLS meetings. Prices are too high to rent room at Des Moines Botanical Center and other public venues. Sharon Smith said she would check to see if her Des Moines area church could host our Lily Symposium in October. Mark Riggs mentioned venues he would approach. Discussion continued for a while.

IRLS will not host a Bus Tour in 2017 due to scheduling conflicts with the IRLS Lily Show in late June, July 4th conflicts and the mid-July NALS Lily Show in St. Louis. This has been an annual IRLS event, but we need to concentrate on hosting the NALS International Lily Show in 2018. Peggy Moody so motioned. Florence Vander Meiden seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting ended with a tribute to Dorothy Schaefer including a 2004 video of Dorothy talking about her Lily experiences provided by Dorothy's niece Christina.

Respectfully submitted by Wanda Lunn , Iowa Regional Lily Society Secretary

# Treasurers' Report

Iowa Regional Lily Society Custom Summary Report

January 1 through December 2016

Income		Expense	
<b>IRLS Sales Income</b>			
"Lets Grow Lilies" Sales	96.00	Gifts & Memorials	50.00
2016 Fall Bulb Sales	2,228.14	Insurance	266.00
2016 Spring Bulb Sales	5,698.03	IRLS Contributions	1,150.00
Garden Stakes Sales	88.50	<b>IRLS Sales Expenses</b>	
<b>Total IRLS Sales Income</b>	<b>8,110.67</b>	2016 DSM Bulb Sale Booth	100.00
Lily Symposium Income	90.00	2016 Fall Lily Bulb Cost	1,850.29
Lily Tour Bus-income	1,227.00	2016 Spring Lily Bulbs Cost	1,964.87
Member Dues	967.00	Bulb mailing cost	656.94
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,403.67</b>	<b>Total IRLS Sales Expenses</b>	<b>4,572.10</b>
		IRLS Website costs	116.46
		Lily Show Expenses	295.10
		Lily Symposium Costs	117.09
		Lily Tour Bus cost	1,244.24
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,190.46</b>	Miscellaneous	20.84
		Newsletter costs	81.38
<b>Assets: Checking 10,349.37 CDs \$4000</b>		Speaker Allowance	300.00
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,213.21</b>



## Future Events

Here are some Important Dates to add to your calendar. It is never too early to make plans!

March 17-19, 2017 - Flower, lawn, and Garden Show

April 8, 2017 - Irls Spring meeting

June 24, 2017 - IRLS Lily Show

June 28-July 2, 2017 - NALS Lily Show and Convention



The Head Table  
at the IRLS Show  
June 2016.

Wanda Lunn  
First Iowan to win Best  
in Show at a North  
American Lily Society  
Lily Show!  
Congratulations!





Join us Jan 14, 2017

Jean Rhodes presents a program on Garlic.

We eat it, cook with it, and some of us grow it. Come learn all about Garlic in Iowa.

Jean will give her program immediately following the IRLS business meeting

## What's new in your garden?

<http://www.lilies.org>

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