



The Iowa Seedling

September 2024

Iowa Regional Lily Society

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Affiliate of the North American Lily Society

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2024 Dates to Remember

All dates and locations are subject to change.

September 14, 2024	IRLS Fall Meeting at New Hope UMC -Ruby Chapel
October 26, 2024	Bulb packing
November 2, 2024	IRLS Annual Symposium- Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens, 909 Robert D. Ray Drive Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2897
January 25, 025	IRLS Winter Meeting at New Hope UMC -Ruby Chapel
	"The garden year has no beginning and no end." - Elizabeth Lawrence

IRLS Meeting

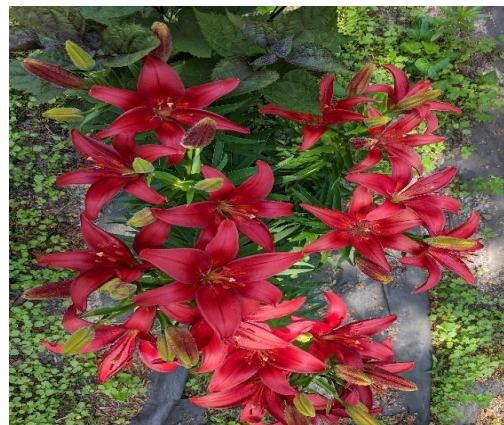
September 14, 2024

New Hope United Methodist Church

All members are encouraged to attend. Bring a fellow gardener.

Agenda

- Secretaries Minutes
- Treasurer Report
- Old Business
- Report on IRLS Show June 29, 2024
- Report on NALS Show and Convention July 9-13, 2023 (Mark Riggs, Kris Jurik)
- Fall Bulb Sale in conjunction with Symposium
- Symposium November 2, 2024 at Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens
- Bulb bucks discussion
- Membership Drive discussion
- Election of Treasurer
- New Business



President's Perspective

From the President's Perspective...

September 2024

Ponderings from the Prez...

Happy Late Summer Already!

Thank you all for the gorgeous Lily Show at Reiman Gardens at the end of June! In addition to our usual participants, we had quite a few out-of-state members enter stems this year which made for an amazing show of lilies. See the list of winners elsewhere in the Newsletter.

How is it possible that the kids are back in school already? I'm not ready to quit gardening for the year but I sure won't mind when the weeding is done for the season! Another Iowa State Fair is behind us and it's time to look ahead to the holidays coming up fast. Did you ever notice how time seems to speed up as we get older, and we don't have enough time to accomplish all that we'd planned?!

We will be ordering lily bulbs very soon so if you would like to request certain varieties, please let me know as soon as possible. We plan to sell the bulbs at the Fall Symposium on November 2, 2024.

We are going to try something new this year and hold the Symposium at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens from 9am to 1pm. We can't bring food into the Gardens and we won't have enough time to go out, so we need to shorten the length of the Symposium. Afterwards we can go out to lunch as a group if there's interest. We'll have 3 speakers (instead of four) and have the bulb sale and bulb exchange. Those who are not helping with set-up, clean-up, presenting, or working in some way, will need to pay the entrance fee for the Botanical Gardens. Plan now to bring your extra lily bulbs to share.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a few days, Sept. 14th 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

51st IRLS Annual Lily Show

Our Lily show at Reimens Gardens was a big success. Arlene Davis reports that according to the green cards we had at least 110 entries, according to the judging sheets 105 entries. This includes the 3 of a kind and other multiple stem entries. Since we do not put green cards on the photos, we don't have the number of entries. Great show everybody.

Thanks to the Lily enthusiasts from Minnesota, Missouri and Kanas for participating in our show. In Iowa we had an early season and many of the beautiful lilies bloomed a week or two early. The Lilies north of Iowa were at their peak. It was fun to have so many new entries from people who usually would not have attended our show. The night before the show we enjoyed conversation and fellowship at a local restaurant.

Award		Person	Lily
IRLS Award – Best in Show	Section A-G	Forrest Piper	19095
IRLS Award – Best in Show runner up	Section A-G	Tim Zimmerman	Lycos
IRLS Award – Best Trumpet Lily in Show	Section A-D, F	Deanne Caputo	Ice Caves
Founder Award – Greatest number of Blue Ribbons	Section A-D, F-G	Forrest Piper	20
Species Award – Best Species Lily in Show	Section E, F, H	Kim Peterson	Henri I
IRLS Award – Best Iowa Grown Outfacing Asiatic Hybrid	Section A-D, F-G	Kris Jurik	Drew Castle
Main Family Award- Best Iowa Grown Up facing Asiatic Hybrid	Section A-D, F-G	Not Awarded	
Lunn Family Award – Best Down facing Asiatic Lily	Section A-D, F-G	Forrest Piper	Connecticut Yankee
Best Brush Mark Lily Award	Section A-D	Denise Halderson	Yellow Bruse
Williams Award – Best Registered or Named Speckled Lily	Sections A-H	Forrest Piper	Argo
Best Interdivisional Lily Award – sponsored by Jean Smith	Section A only	Tim Zimmerman	Lycos
Evans Highest Bud Count Award	Sections A-H	Kim Peterson	Henri I (47)
The Van Meiden Award – 3 stems of same clone, strain or species	Section F	Kim Peterson	Henri I
Dian Curran Award- Best Seeding in Show	Section B-D	Forrest Piper	19095
David and Peggy Moody Award Three Asiatic lilies with different orientations	Section G	Not awarded	

Container Merit Award – Best Iowa Grown Lily in a container	Section H	Not Awarded	
IRLS – Artistic Design Award	Division II	Kim Peterson	Aerial Show
Moody Award – Best use of Lilies in a design scoring 90 points or more	Division II	Arlene Davis	Take This Show on the Road
Lovely Lily Photo Award – Best Photo in Show by Public Vote	Division II	Peggy Nerdahl	
Bet Butler Novice Award – Exhibitor who has never won a Blue Ribbon before, with the most Blue Ribbons		Not Awarded	

IRLS Meeting Agenda – September 14, 2024

IRLS Fall Meeting
September 14, 2024

The Purpose of the IRLS is to learn and share about growing lilies and to promote public interest in growing lilies.

Call to Order

Secretary's report: April 13, 2024 meeting

Treasurer's report

Board of Directors

President – Kristi Evans (Term expires 4/2025)

Vice-President – Deanne Caputo (Term expires 4/2026)

Secretary – Arlene Davis (Term expires 4/2025)

Treasurer – Open

Directors – Trish Patrick (Term expires 4/2025), Jean Smith (Term expires 4/2026)

Newsletter Editor - Jean Smith

Report on IRLS Show June 29, 2024

Report on NALS Show and Convention July 9-13, 2024 (Mark Riggs, Kris Jurik)

Fall Bulb Sale and Symposium November 2, 2024 9am-1pm

1. Lilies need to be ordered for the bulb sale.
2. Members are encouraged to bring any extra bulbs they are willing to share.
3. The Symposium will follow a slightly altered format:
 - a. 9:00 am-9:15 am Bulb sales and exchange
 - b. 9:30- 10:15 am Speaker #1
 - c. 10:30 – 11:15 Speaker #2
 - d. 11:30- 12:30 Speaker #3
 - e. 12:30- 1:00 Finish bulb sale and clean up

Bulb Bucks - volunteering, packing bulbs, sales, presentations, etc.

Membership Committee – to work on getting and keeping new members.

1. Arlene

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New Business:

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Bulb packing: October 26, 2024 New Hope United Methodist Church
- Symposium: November 2, 2024 at Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens
- Winter Meeting: January 25, 2025 New Hope United Methodist Church

2024 IRLS Symposium

Plans are underway for our Fall Symposium and Bulb Sale. In the past it has been held at the New Hope United Methodist Church in Des Moines. We have an opportunity to hold the Symposium at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens on November 2, 2024. Several IRLS members present at the Spring Garden Market at the Botanical Gardens in May had the chance to talk to folks from the Botanical Gardens about the possibility of using their facility for the Symposium, meetings and even the Show.

The advantages of having the Symposium at the Botanical Gardens are that we would have greater exposure to the public, they would advertise for us, and we would be able to sell bulbs to the public as well as share our member bulbs. We would like to bring in a lily expert as the keynote speaker, so Kris Jurik will be talking to the Lily Experts at NALS in Minnesota in July to see who we can invite.

Some of the topics that have been suggested are:

- Diseases of lilies – Botrytis, Viruses
- Lily Beetle Sightings
- Climate Change Effect on Lilies
- New Lily Varieties
- Propagating lilies
- Hybridizing lilies
- Preparing lilies for the Show
- How to keep deer and rabbits from eating lilies
- Virtual Education available from NALS

We plan to have the member bulb exchange and bulb sale in conjunction with the Symposium so make sure your lilies are labeled when they bloom so you know which varieties you will be able to share.

If you have any other ideas or suggestions for speakers, please let Kristi Evans know (515-979-3818).

IRLS Meeting Minutes

Iowa Regional Lily Society Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2024
New Hope United Methodist Church

Call to Order

Members present: Kristi Evans, Sharon Smith, Bev Caputo, Deanne Caputo, Beverly Swift, Mark Briggs, Trish Patrick, and Jean Smith

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. President – Kristi Evans (Term expires 4/2025). She will continue until 2025.
- b. Vice-President – Deanne Caputo (Term expires 4/2024). She will take another year until 2026.
- c. Secretary – Arlene Davis (Term expires 4/2025). She will be asked to be the treasurer.
- d. Treasurer – Mark Riggs (Term expires 4/2024). Mark does not want to continue.
- e. Directors – Trish Patrick (Term expires 4/2025) she will do until 2025 unless someone else wants this position. Jean Smith (Term expires 4/2024). She will take another term.
- f. Newsletter Editor - Jean Smith will continue for another term.
- g. Beverly Swift will be the secretary if Arlene takes the treasurer position. She will need to take minutes and keep the roster of members.

Mark said there needs to be a Corporate Officer Transition form filled out for the bank and other legal documents. He does not want to handle the bulb ordering either.

Sharon moved that we accept the provisional slate of officers and Jean seconded. All approved.

4. *Speaking Opportunity: Knoxville Garden Club on either September 10 at 6:30pm Let me know if you are interested in doing this!

OTHER

Sharon asked if we could send out a notice 2-3 days ahead of time for the meetings.

Symposium topics were suggested:

- Red Lily Beetle
- Virus of lilies and how to treat.
- Climate change and its affect
- Prep for showing lilies.
- Someone from NALS to talk about the organization.
- New varieties and the hybridizing procedure
- A hands-on decorating of a pot and planting scales

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sept. 14, 2024 IRLS Fall Meeting at New Hope United Methodist Church
- Oct. 26, 2024 10am-12 Bulb Packing for Fall Bulb Sale
- Nov 2, 2024 9 am-3pm Lily Symposium at New Hope United Methodist Church

IRLS Board

Election to the Board

Elections were held at the April 13 meeting. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Kristi who can answer all your questions. The Treasurer position is OPEN.

Board & Task Contacts

President	Kristi Evans	dna4n6ia@gmail.com	2-year term expires 2025
Vice President	Deanna Caputo	caputo@heartofiowa.net	2-year term expires 2026
Secretary	Arlene Davis	robyndgnsr@aol.com	2-year term expires 2025
Treasurer	Need a volunteer		
Director	Jean Smith	jmarsmith8@gmail.com	2-year term expires 2025
Director	Trish Patrick	Tpatrick5350@gmail.com	2-year term expires 2024
Website Contact	Kristi Evans	dna4n6ia@gmail.com	Appointed
Newsletter Editor	Jean Smith	jmarsmith8@gmail.com	Appointed
Lily Show Chair	Deanna Caputo	caputo@heartofiowa.net	Appointed

*When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden. –
Minnie Aumonier*

Iowa Regional Lily Society Membership Application



The Iowa Regional Lily Society (IRLS) is a friendly group of gardeners and flower lovers who wish to share their experiences of growing, propagating, hybridizing, showing, and enjoying these delightful plants with you!

IRLS dues are \$10.00 for a two-year membership for individuals or households.

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please check the committees or activities that most interest you -

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Bulb Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Lily Garden Tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Symposium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Host/Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker at garden clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Bulb Sale |

Please list a skill or interest you have, not listed above, that you are willing to share.

The Iowa Regional Lily Society is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation dedicated to educational and charitable purposes. Donations to the Iowa Regional Lily Society are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

For more information or to inquire about your membership status,
contact Arlene at RobynDsgSr@aol.com.

Make your check payable to IRLS and send to:

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