



The Iowa Seedling

June 2023

Iowa Regional Lily Society

<https://www.iowaregionallilysociety.com/>

Affiliate of the North American Lily Society

www.lilies.org

2023 Dates to Remember

All dates and locations are subject to change

June 23	IRLS Lily Show set-up Reiman Gardens, Ames
June 24	IRLS Lily Show Reiman Gardens, Ames
July 5 - 9	2023 NALS Show and Convention Chicago Botanic Gardens
September 16th	IRLS Fall Meeting 10:00 am - Noon
October TBD	Bulb packaging
October/November TBD	IRLS Symposium, Bulb Exchange, and Fall Bulb Sale

IRLS Lily Show for Beginners

The Lily Show in June is a wonderful day out for IRLS members – the beautiful setting of Reiman Gardens enhanced by table after table of remarkable lilies. If you are new to the Lily Society, there are two aspects to the annual show you may be interested in – showing your stems and displaying your lily photos. There are tips for beginners later in the newsletter.

Please consider participating in one or both.

A complete program for the show, including lily divisions and descriptions, will be emailed to all members in early June.

It is a golden maxim to cultivate the garden for the nose, and the eyes will take care of themselves.

– Robert Louis Stevenson

IRLS June Meeting



June 24th, 2023
Noon – 2:00pm



Reimen Gardens
Ames Iowa

All are welcome to attend.

Those that bring an entry into the show are welcome to have a free lunch.

Awards will be given for Lily stems, designs, seedlings, and photos.

Proposed Agenda -Summer

Introduce Guests

Secretary's minutes

Treasurer's report

Review of Elections and need for volunteers

NALS Show and Convention July 5-9, 2023

Vote on Bylaws amendment

Fall meeting Sept. 16, 2023 - New Hope

United Methodist Church

Fall Bulb Sale

Symposium October 28th or Nov. 4th?

Group Show Photo immediately following the meeting.

President's Perspective

June 1, 2023

So far, this spring has been spectacular. No floods, no serious hail or windstorms and the temperatures have been great for getting outside to work in our gardens. What a great relaxing time to think and just be, even if you are just weeding! I am finally getting the rest of my lilies planted in the ground from our bulb sale in March. Not because of uncooperative weather but just because we have been busy with lots of other irons in the fire. The sprouted lilies were potted up a month ago and they have done fine. However, I took the box of still-in-the-bag lilies out to the front sidewalk (planning to plant them) and forgot to bring them in when it got dark. They did not appreciate the sun baking them the next day before I realized they were still out there. Oops!

I'd like to thank Jean Smith for the wonderful job she has done leading the IRLS as our President the past two years. She is extremely well-organized, has lots of good ideas and is always prepared. I hope she will continue to keep me on my toes as I am acting president until we have new leadership.

The current excitement in the Iowa Regional Lily Society is our upcoming Lily Show, June 24th at Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa. This is not just another show; it is the 50th Anniversary of the IRLS Show so we want to make it special. Florence Vander Meiden has provided us with the following Golden Anniversary themes for the Design Classes:

1. A time to Celebrate
2. A Beautiful time
3. A time to Reflect – use something old
4. Its Big and Bright – your choice
5. Memories
6. A special Anniversary – must use yellow
7. My First Design

Unfortunately, Florence will not be able to participate in the show this year. At almost 92 years old she is starting to slow down a little. I will bring some of the scrapbooks from earlier years to share with everyone. Anyone who has other memorabilia to share is welcome to bring it along. Please consider mounting some of your beautiful lily photos to enter in the Photo Contest. If you have questions about how to prepare them, Mark Riggs is the Go-To Guy for answers. The IRLS will provide food from Hickory Park for lunch so please let me (KE 515-979-3818) know if you plan to join us for lunch. We'll have a short meeting after lunch followed by a group show photo to commemorate this special show. Then we can get back to talking to visitors about lilies!

Looking forward to another beautiful, fragrant lily show. See you there!

Kristi Evans
Acting IRLS President

50th IRLS Annual Lily Show

Show Title: “Golden Jubilee IRLS 50th Anniversary”

The themes for designs are:

1. A time to Celebrate
2. A Beautiful time
3. A time to Reflect – use something old
4. Its Big and Bright – your choice
5. Memories
6. A special Anniversary – must use yellow

Never Shown Lilies Before?

Many people are unsure what to bring to the first show or two where they show lilies. It's easy - Bring Lilies!

There are usually experienced members around who will help you if you are unsure of the name of your lily or what division it is in. They will also offer tips on how to “groom” your stems, so they look their best for the show. Consider bringing these handy items to help prepare your lily stems for showing:

Small sharp scissors	Exacto knife	Q-tips
Soft artists paint brushes	Rhubarb or celery stems	Make-up removing sponges
Ink pens and pencils	Nippers to trim stems	Return address labels

The IRLS will supply stem holders and entry cards for each exhibit entered.

The bottom line - bring lots of stems. You'll be amazed at how beautiful they look when displayed with all the others. Check out the IRLS website for other tips and information about lilies:

<https://www.iowaregionallilysociety.com/>

Photo Contest

Mark Riggs is in charge of the photo display and Photo Division and he does an excellent job promoting IRLS by drawing people in with the most beautiful photos. Do you have photos to share?

Photography Rules

1. Limit of two (2) photos per class per exhibitor.
2. Photos must have been taken by the exhibitor.
3. All photos must prominently feature “true” lilies (genus lilium).
4. Photos cannot have been entered in an earlier IRLS Photography Division.
5. Judging will by ballots cast by Lily Show visitors.
6. All photos must be 8”x10” or 8.5”X11” and must be mounted on 1/8” to ¼” thick cardboard, poster board, or foam board the same as the photo. IRLS will supply holders.

7. All photos must have the following printed information: name, address, phone number, email (optional) and name of lily (if known).
8. Photos must be picked up at the end of the show. Photos not picked up will become the property of the Iowa Regional Lily Society, unless other arrangements have been made.

For more information on the photography division, contact Mark Riggs at markriggs1@mchsi.com

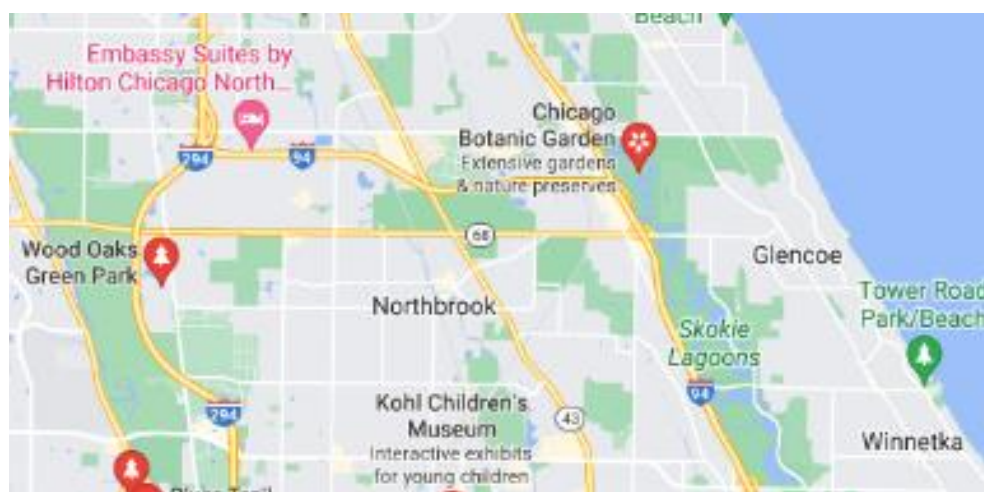
2023 North American Lily Society Show and Convention



Join us for the 73rd Annual International Lily Show & Symposium, July 5 – 9, in Chicago.

Lodging will be provided by the Embassy Suites Northshore Hotel in Deerfield and the show venue will be located at the Chicago Botanical Gardens.

2023 NALS Show and Convention July 5, 2023 - July 9, 2023



NALS holds an Annual Meeting and Lily Show each summer, hosted by one of the regional lily societies. The shows include a cut flower show that attracts hundreds of stems as well as informational meetings and social gatherings. Attending a NALS show is a great way to see the latest lilies, as well as to enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded lily enthusiasts.

More information will be posted at <https://www.lilies.org/event/2023-nals-show-and-convention/>

IRLS Board

Election to the Board

Elections were held at the April 22 meeting. There were three Board positions to fill; current President Jean Smith and current Director Shelley Bain will leave the Board while current Treasurer Mark Riggs chose to run for another term. We are still in need of a Board President as Kristi Evans only took this on as an interim. We have no Vice President. Please contact Kristi if you or anyone you know is interested in either position.

Board & Task Contacts

Iowa Regional Lily Society – June 2023

President	Kristi Evans - INTERIM	dna4n6ia@gmail.com	2-year term expires 2025
Vice President	OPEN		2-year term expires 2026
Secretary	Arlene Davis	robyndgnsr@aol.com	2-year term expires 2026
Treasurer	Mark Riggs	markriggs1@mchsi.com	2-year term expires 2025
Director	Jean Smith	jmarsmith8@gmail.com	2-year term expires 2025
Director	Deanna Caputo	caputo@heartofiowa.net	2-year term expires 2025
Director	Sharon Smith	wicketsblooms@aol.com	2-year term expires 2025
Website Contact	Kristi Evans	dna4n6ia@gmail.com	Appointed
Newsletter Editor	Jean Smith	jmarsmith8@gmail.com	Appointed
Lily Show Chair	Kristi Evans	dna4n6ia@gmail.com	Appointed

4-22-23 IRLS Meeting Minutes

Called to order by Jean Smith President at 10:05 am - New Hope Church

1. **Secretary minutes:** minutes of last meeting approved.
2. **Treasurers report:** (Mark Riggs, Treasurer) A spreadsheet was presented. Current Balance is \$14,691.82 It was decided that regular updates to be sent to Board of Directors.

3. **Next Spring Bulb Sale:** Home Expo, this year low attendance due to weather. Contact Dan Tye 720-234-5337 regarding next year's vendors and fees. dan@nationwideexpos.com
-We sold out of bulbs for this year.
-We are looking into smaller venues such as the Polk County Master Gardeners, ISU Extension, or Warren County Fairgrounds. Jean has some information

4. **Current donations and fees:**
 - New Hope Church donation for use of facilities \$1000 paid for 2 years
 - Reiman Gardens donation for use of facilities for annual lily show \$700 to be paid at show
 - NALS donation for speaker support at conference \$1500
 - Flowers for Gerritt Vander Meiden, longtime member who passed, \$107
 - Website paid at the end of February, \$467 to host and maintain site

5. **Proposed amendment to the By-Laws:** To clarify how the organization will handle Dissolution should we need to disband the IRLS. This amendment was discussed with the following proposal:

Section XII. Dissolution of the Organization

Article 1. Members must be notified at least 30-day in advance of a proposed dissolution vote by the Board. The notification may be by mail or email.

Article 2. A majority vote by the members of the Board of Directors is necessary for dissolution and distribution of assets.

Article 3. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, all assets of the organization shall be distributed to one or more non-profit garden related entities selected by the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Sharon Smith and seconded by Mark Riggs to vote to send the proposed amendment to the membership for approval. The membership vote on this Amendment will be taken at the next meeting of the IRLS at the Annual Show, June 24th.

6. **Nominations and elections:**

President – Kristi Evans will be acting President until we find new leadership.

Vice President - Open
Secretary - Arlene Davis
Treasurer - Mark Riggs
3 Directors: Deann Caputo, Trish Patrick, Jean Smith
Newsletter Editor – Jean Smith
Shelly Bain is leaving the IRLS board.

9. **Discussion concerning storage of IRLS assets.** Lewis Sears has indicated that he would like to have help in storing some of the IRLS equipment. Jean Smith and Trish Patrick will check into the prices for renting a storage unit. It was suggested that we purchase plastic storage tubs to replace the old boxes in which the stem holders are stored.
10. **Information Letter:** Mark is creating an info letter for volunteers at a sale booth, such as the Spring Bulb Sale, send suggestions to Mark Riggs. We need to create clear signage for the booth.
11. **How to get new members involved:**
 - Invite them to a meeting. Offer to pick them up if they live near you.
 - Send out email to membership with an interest list for volunteers:
 - Areas we need help with are publicity, marketing, group promotion, etc.
 - Have a mini orientation for new members on expectations and how things work.
 - Send ideas to Arlene Davis.
11. **Garden tours with carpools.** There was minimal discussion. No garden tours planned at this time. Let's get a committee to work on plans for next year.
13. **Lily Show:** June 23rd and 24th 2023. Title of show is "Golden Jubilee 50 years of IRLS – Anniversary"
Volunteers for Friday and Saturday sign-up sheet passed around.
Reiman Gardens is confirmed.
Friday time: 3-5pm for set up.
Saturday schedule:
 - 6:30 am start stem and design prep
 - 9:30 am all stems and designs in place
 - 9:30-10 am Judges and clerks meeting
 - 10-noon Judging
 - Lunch (please get your reservation in to Kristi)
 - 12-4pm Show is open to the public
 - 4-5pm Take down and clean upProgram- needs a committee to work on, Shelley has the document.
Florence's List for classes for designs is as follows:
 1. A time to Celebrate
 2. A Beautiful time
 3. A Time to Reflect- use something old
 4. Its Big and Bright
 5. Memories
 6. A Special Anniversary-must use yellow
14. **NALS Convention and Show:** July 5-9, 2023 in Chicago. Mark Riggs and Kris Jurik are planning to attend. The group voted to approve a \$95 Scholarship towards Registration for anyone in IRLS who was attending the convention.

15. **Schedule:** September meeting date: Sept. 16, 2023 New Hope United Methodist Church

Symposium October: 28th or Nov. 4th depending on ISU/U of I football game!

We'd like to spend some money on getting a well-known speaker and try to get a bigger crowd to attend. Advertise to the Des Moines Garden Club, Botanical Center, Master Gardeners Reiman Gardens, etc. See if we can rent the meeting space at the Arboretum.

18. **Meeting Adjourned:** 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Davis (Secretary) – first half

Kristi Evans – second half

Lily Education

Types of Lilies

But which lilies to choose?

The catalogs, with their pages and pages of breathtaking pictures and tempting descriptions, are a marvelous confusion of exciting possibilities. We can't grow them all! Some are easier than others and some bloom earlier or later. Some need full sun while others prefer a bit of shade.

We can't tell you about each one, but lilies are classified into several broad categories according to various traits that they share in common. So let's look at them according to the classification system into which they have been placed. We can't tell you about each one, but there is a Horticultural Classification that arranges the various types of lilies into broad groups according to parentage, further classified by flower shape.

Asiatic Hybrids – Horticultural Division 1

The Asiatic hybrids are among the earliest to bloom, and also the easiest of lilies to grow! You can plant these lilies almost anywhere...especially in brightest sunshine with lots of gay garden plants for company. They have the broadest color range of any division, including whites, pinks, plums, yellows, oranges, and reds.



Division 1 - Asiatic Lilies

Their flowers can be upfacing, outfacing, or pendant, and generally are not scented.

Technically speaking, Division 1 lilies are hybrids derived from such species as *L. tigrinum*, *L. cernuum*, *L. davidii*, *L. maximowiczii*, *L. x maculatum*, *L. x hollandicum*, *L. amabile*, *L. pumilum*, *L. concolor*, and *L. bulbiferum*.

Martagon Hybrids – Horticultural Division 2

Along with the earliest of the Asiatic, blooms another entirely different group called the martagons, or martagons hansonii hybrids. These are tall lilies with many little down-facing flowers and whorled leaves. Martagons appreciate some shade, and are quite decorative in the woodland garden. Though it might take them a year to adjust to a new garden, once established, the



Division 2 - Martagons

martagons will thrive for years. Yellow, white, pink, lavender, light orange, deep dark red are the colors most often seen, often with whimsical freckles and spots. Martagons do not typically grow well in hot, humid climates.

Candidum Hybrids – Horticultural Division 3

Division 3 includes hybrids derived from such as *L. candidum*, *L. chalcedonicum*, *L. monadelphum*, and other related European species, but excluding *L. Martagon*. This division includes very few entries, and they are not easily found in commerce.

American Hybrids – Horticultural Division 4

There are many lilies native to North America. If you live on the West Coast, you perhaps are familiar with *L. columbianum*, and *L. pardalinum*. There are other lovely and different ones too. In the east there are *L. canadense*, *L. superbum* and *L. philadelphicum*. In the middle states there is *L. michiganense*, and, in the



south, *L. grayi*, *L. michauxii*, *L. catesbaei* and *L. iridollae*. Just because these lilies grow wild does not mean they are easy to grow in your garden. You might try them in time. The bulbs which are made up of little jointed scales are unique while the blooms are like bouncy, bright butterflies on swinging curved pedicels. Bulbs of this group when planted 5 inches deep in cool, light soil, can make huge clumps if left undisturbed. They

show off best in dappled shade on the edge of woodlands with ferns and other native plants. American Hybrids bloom about the end of June and early July although if they are planted south of Philadelphia they will bloom in late May to mid-June.

Division 4 includes hybrids derived from North American species, such as *L. pardalinum*, *L. humboldtii*, *L. kelloggii*, and *L. parryi*.

Longiflorum Hybrids – Horticultural Division 5

This division includes hybrids derived from *L. longiflorum* and *L. formosanum*. These hybrids are generally elegant white trumpets, easily raised from seed, but not particularly hardy in the garden.

Trumpet and Aurelian Hybrids – Horticultural Division 6

To some people no lily is a real lily unless it is a trumpet! Who can deny that a trumpet lily is like no other plant in the garden — tall, stately, serene and magnificent, raising its huge waxy flowers full of fragrance above lesser insignificant companion plants. Happily, trumpet hybrids are easy to grow especially the type called Aurelians with their inheritance of hardiness from the rugged species, *L. henryi*. The old type of Regal lilies with their wheel-shaped inflorescence are still grown but have been superseded by newer strains with tall pyramids of bloom colored not only pure glistening white, but bright gold, yellow, chartreuse, pink, plum, and apricot, with some having backs of brown, purple or iridescent green! Some of the trumpets are pendant like bells on a pagoda; others flare widely in a shallow bowl shape; and still others are upfacing.

Trumpet lilies gradually blend into Aurelians as the season progresses. Trumpets and Aurelians are classified in the same division. *L. henryi* is a tightly recurved lily, and when crossed with the trumpets, it is responsible for the flaring of the



petals, the wide bowls, sunbursts, and stars.

These Aurelian sunbursts and flares typically bloom later than the trumpets. They favor their *L. henryi* parent more so and have taller, often more willowy stems. Sometimes secondary and/or tertiary buds are a feature of these late bloomers giving them a long and glorious season.

Trumpets and Aurelians are all important lilies as prima donnas of the July and August garden. Feature them amongst drifts of summery annuals combined with phlox and meadow rue, delphinium and platycodon. Plant in front of climbing roses and against evergreens or next to the patio. These are the lilies that will give your garden individuality and distinction. They may need a bit of staking lest the huge flower heads break in a sudden summer storm; they may benefit from mulching in colder climates; and some protection from spring frosts as the shoots emerge is important but these little services are amply repaid by the long season of spectacular, fragrant bloom. Trumpets and Aurelians are very easily grown from seed too. Choose some of the very best clones and strains and try your hand at hybridizing.

Division 6 includes hybrids derived from *L. luecanthum*, *L. regale*, *L. sargentiae*, *L. sulphureum*, and *L. henryi*.

Oriental Hybrids – Horticultural Division 7

Lilies of this exotic group are not among the easiest to grow. But you will try them we know! Like a fairy spell, one glimpse of these enchanting flowers will cause you to lose all sense of practicality. Just to possess one and to grow such a magnificent plant in your own garden is the unswerving desire of many lily lovers.

These *L. auratum* and *L. speciosum* hybrids are typically stronger and more resistant than their species parents and are often more spectacular. *L. speciosum*, the old Rubrum lily, is reasonably dependable and *L. auratum* var. *platyphyllum*, the broad-leaved variety of the Gold Band Lily is more vigorous than its cousins; but for sheer bewitching beauty, please try some of the newer strains. Give them plenty of water, provide humus rich soil that is acidic, and mulch for a cool root run.

Division 7 includes hybrids derived from *L. auratum*, *L. speciosum*, *L. nobilissimum*, *L. rubellum*, *L. alexandrae*, and *L. japonicum*.

Interdivisional Hybrids – Horticultural Division 8

In recent years, thanks to modern technology and scientific initiative, a number of startling interspecific hybrids have been attained through the use of cut-style pollinations, embryo rescue and other methodologies.



LA hybrids are the result of crossing *L. longiflorum* (the Easter lily) with Asiatic varieties. Most of such crosses on the market have larger flowers, a very slight fragrance and hardiness.

The OT hybrids involve crossing Oriental lilies with Trumpet/Aurelian

lilies. OT hybrids can be outstandingly beautiful, robust and durable, such as 'Black Beauty' through to the currently popular 'Leslie Woodriff,' 'Scheherazade' and 'Starburst Sensation.'

OA hybrids are derived from crossing Orientals with Asiatics. New and exciting lily characteristics are the promise of such lines. Newer lines involving crossing these new hybrids (e.g. OTLA) mean that the future will bring even more variety, beauty, health, hardiness, and disease resistance.

Species – Horticultural Division 9

Species lilies are wild lilies. Native lilies occur in North America, Europe, and especially Asia (Japan, China, Burma, and India). It is from these wild lilies that breeders have created their magnificent hybrids for our gardens. Species lilies oftentimes possess a delicate charm that appeals to many people, and many of the species make fine garden plants, while others are a challenge to grow.

Source: <https://www.lilies.org/culture/types-of-lilies/>

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,

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