



The Iowa Seedling

April 2024

Iowa Regional Lily Society

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

Affiliate of the North American Lily Society

www.lilies.org

2024 Dates to Remember

All dates and locations are subject to change.

April 13, 2024, 10am-12:30pm	Spring Meeting New Hope UMC-Ruby Chapel - Election of Officers, Show Planning
June 28, 2024 3-5pm at Rieman Gardens	Set up for Lily Show
June 29, 2024 – all day at Rieman Gardens	IRLS Lily Show- Rieman Gardens
July 10-14, 2024	NALS Convention and Show hosted by North Star Regional Lily Society
September 14, 2024	IRLS Fall Meeting at New Hope UMC -Ruby Chapel
October 26, 2024	IRLS Annual Symposium
"The garden year has no beginning and no end." - Elizabeth Lawrence	

IRLS Spring Meeting

April 13

10 am – 12:30pm

New Hope United Methodist Church
4525 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines 50310

All members are welcome to attend and participate.

Proposed Agenda

Secretary's minutes

Treasurer's report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Storage of Assets – Arlene Davis
- bulb sale report

NEW BUSINESS:

- IRS Lily Show - June 28-29
- NALS Show and Convention July 10-14
- Election of Officers
- Speaking opportunities
- Show Planning

Current Board of Directors

President – Kristi Evans (Term expires 4/2025)

Vice-President – Deanne Caputo (Term expires 4/2024)

Secretary – Arlene Davis (Term expires 4/2025)

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Newsletter Editor - Jean Smith

**Iowa Regional Lily Society Agenda
April 13, 2024
New Hope United Methodist Church**

Call to Order
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Storage of Assets – Arlene Davis
 2. BULB SALE REPORT: Mark Riggs
- Leftover bulbs from the bulb sale
Suggestions/observations/ideas for next year

NEW BUSINESS:

1. IRLS ANNUAL LILY SHOW at Reiman Gardens, June 29, 2024
 - a. Title for Show: SHOW ME THE LILIES!
 - b. Classes for Design
 - c. Show Booklet
 - d. Advertising
 - e. Judges
 - f. Public Award Ceremony at 4:30pm before we break down the Show.
2. 2024 NALS Convention and Show Planning - Minnesota's North Star Lily Society (NSLS) is hosting
NALS this year, July 9-13, 2024. Voted last meeting to continue to support the IRLS Award (\$50).
Donation for Speakers (\$1500) Mark will take care of this.
3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - a. President – Kristi Evans (Term expires 4/2025)
 - b. Vice-President – Deanne Caputo (Term expires 4/2024)
 - c. Secretary – Arlene Davis (Term expires 4/2025)
 - d. Treasurer – Mark Riggs (Term expires 4/2024)
 - e. Directors – Trish Patrick (Term expires 4/2025), Jean Smith (Term expires 4/2024)
 - f. Newsletter Editor - Jean Smith
4. *Speaking Opportunity: Knoxville Garden Club on either August 13 at 6:30pm or September 10 at 6:30pm Let me know if you are interested in doing this!

LOOKING AHEAD:

- June 28, 2024, 3-5pm Set up for Show.
- June 29, 2024, 7am-5pm IRLS Lily Show
- July 9-13, 2024, NALS Convention and Show hosted by NorthStar Lily Society
- Sept. 14, 2024, IRLS Fall Meeting at New Hope United Methodist Church
- Oct. 19, 2024, 10am-12 Bulb Packing for Fall Bulb Sale
- Oct. 26, 2024, 9 am-3pm Lily Symposium at New Hope United Methodist Church

Adjourn

President's Perspective

From the President's Perspective...

We thought winter was gone and spring had sprung until the snow hit this weekend! It's true if you don't like the weather in Iowa, wait a few minutes and it will change! Seventy degrees a month ago and thirty-two degrees now....

The warm weather in February and March have brought us a very early spring. The crocuses are already finished blooming and the daffodils, hyacinths, and scilla are starting their part of the show. The grass in our front yard has become a verdant green and almost needs to be mowed. Even some martagon lilies are already beginning to pop their noses out of the ground. The weeds are getting a head start, too!

A Huge THANK YOU to all who helped pack bulbs (Mar. 2) and attended the IRLS booth at the Home Show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, March 8-10, 2024. We can't do this bulb sale without many hands involved. As always, it was fun talking/teaching about lilies and seeing people who seek us out every year to buy our lily bulbs. We sold over 400 bulbs but unfortunately, we still have about 100 bulbs left from the sale. If you know of anyone who missed the sale, please contact me (515-979-3818) to order and arrange for delivery. Any bulbs left when I am ready to plant will go in the ground to grow this summer. They will be dug for the Fall Bulb Sale.

We will hold our annual election of officers at the April 13th meeting. Please consider what you might be able to do to help our organization. The positions of Vice-President, Secretary, and one Director are all up for election. Please help us fill all these positions!

Our Annual IRLS Show will be June 29th, at Reiman Gardens. We'll do some planning for that. Let's see if we can get people we know (non-members) who grow lilies to bring them to the show. That will be our opportunity to share our knowledge and teach them how to groom lilies. We'd also like to encourage more IRLS members to try designs for the Show.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am at New Hope United Methodist Church in Des Moines.

Enjoy the warmer weather and think of beautiful lilies 🌷

Kristi Evans
IRLS President

Spring Bulb Sale Jacobsen Building at Fairgrounds

Des Moines, IA is 240 miles away from Bloomington, MN and North Star Lily Society (NSLS) is that far away from Iowa Regional Lily Society (IRLS.) The IRLS had their Spring 2024 lily bulb sale at the Iowa State Fairgrounds March 8-10, 2024, on the floor with many other vendors of a large variety of products and services.

When Luminita Vollmer arrived at the Iowa State Fair, a few of the local members of the IRLS were already preparing the bulbs for display. Kristin Jurik and granddaughter, Jean Smith and granddaughter, Paul Satre, and Lewis Sears were already making presentation adjustments to the table and taking idea notes for the following year. Later on, Arlene Davis and Lois Wergeland came and volunteered. The packaging of the bulbs happened the weekend before, and the extra bulbs were neatly stored under the display table.

The bulbs sold in the sale were in varieties of colors and categories, starting with Asiatic, Orientals, Oriental hybrids and Interdivisional. One of the newer lilies was the tiny pot lilies, used for planting in pots on the deck or on the borders of gardens together with other plants. Some of the names available were Avalon Sunset, Navona, African Queen, Mount Aspiring, Regale Album, Corsage, Fata Morgana and others. A good seller was Zelmira, an Orienpet with a peach color, large flower.

The large Jacobsen Building started to warm up as the large doors closed and the conversations became more interesting as the public started wandering around. The bulb selection was varied, and it nicely created an attractive area that was drawing people in.

Luminita attended the show both to purchase a few of the bulbs as well as to support the organization and get to know the IRLS members that were staffing the bulb sale. Luminita has been an IRLS member since early 2023 and has presented at the annual IRL Symposium on lily species last fall. Peggy Nerdhal, another North Star Lily Society member created a card to promote the upcoming Iowa Regional society lily show at the Reimann Center on Jun 29, 2024. The card Peggy created was displayed on the table with bulbs, and it was an excellent way to both advertise the show and open discussions with the visitors.

The show went on for 3 days, and many of the IRLS members volunteered to staff the show bulb sale. Luminita spent the night in Des Moines and came in early to restock the display table and staff the early shift. Deanna and Beverly Caputo, Kristy Evans, Jean Smith, Mark Riggs, and many others came later in the day to continue selling the bulbs.

Well done team IRLS!

Luminita Vollmer - NSLS and IRLS member



51st IRLS Annual Lily Show

Save the date - June 29th, 2024, for the IRLS annual Lily show. Rieman Gardens will be our gracious host again this year. Planning will be discussed at the April meetings.

2024 North American Lily Society Show and Convention

2024 NALS Show and Convention

July 10-14, 2024, Minneapolis, MN

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024

North American Lily Society - 74th Annual International Lily Show & Symposium

The NALS Show and Convention will be hosted by the North Star Regional Lily Society
More information will be posted at <https://nals2024.lilies.org/index.html>

Questions may be emailed to Show Chair Barbara Ronningen
at bjronningen@yahoo.com.

IRLS Meeting Minutes

IRLS Fall Meeting

Sept. 16, 2023

Arlene Davis, Secretary

-Call to Order 10:09

-Present 14

-Secretary minutes from June 24 mtg. Approved

-Treasurers report Approved, see attached

-Current Board of Directors

President Kristi Evans

Vice President Deann Caputo

Secretary Arlene Davis

Treasurer Mark Riggs

Directors Trish Patrick, Jean Smith

Newsletter Editor Jean Smith

-Report on IRLS SHOW June 24, 2023, 17 lilies won awards at the Lily Show this year, listed in the newsletter, we also had 2 new lilies that had never been shown before at our show.

-Report on NALS Show by Mark Riggs and Kris Jurick. We had 3 members attend this year's show and we helped fund them. Mark won The Ontario Lily Society award for best Canadian Hybrid with "Frisco" a clone of "Silk Road."

-The Amendment for how to handle Dissolution of the Organization should it ever become necessary was discussed and Passed by Acclimation of members present, after discussion on what to do about membership dues, notification of membership. The board serves in service to the membership.

-This year's Audit was discussed Luminita Vollmer volunteered to do the audit. She will work with Mark on the numbers and paperwork. Motion was made by Peggy Moody and seconded by Luminita V. Passed by acclimation.

-Fall Bulb Sale and Symposium October 28

450 Bulbs have been ordered by Mark impute was given by the board on which varieties. Forrest Peiper will bring a crate of Aurelian lilies to share. Members are encouraged to bring Lily Bulbs to share with other members.

-Fall Bulb Sale and symposium

We begin at 9 am with an “Ice breaker.” The bulb sale and exchange will happen from 9:10 to 9:30 am

- Speaker #1 Dean Brand will speak on the “Enabling Garden” in Altoona from 9:30- 10:15am
- Speaker # 2 is Peggy Moody who will speak on “Prepping our Lilies for Show” 10:30- 11:15am
- Lunch and Continued Bulb Sales, also sharing of bulbs from 11:30 – 12:45 (Let Kristi know if you plan to attend)
- Speaker #3 Lumiinita Vollumner will speak on Species Lilies from 12:45-1 pm
- Speaker #4 TBA will speak on “Bugs and Beasties in your Garden” 1:45-2:30 pm

-Promoting and recruiting new members was discussed

Peggy Suggested we provide Bucks as an incentive to attract and keep new members instead of the 10% discount we have now.

If you have suggestions, please contact Arlene Davis. We are forming a committee, and she would love to have volunteers and suggestions from the members.

-A publicity Committee was formed by Peggy Nerdhal and Luminita Vollmer they can use your helpful suggestions.

Peggy Nerdhal brought in IRLS Flyers to distribute.

Suggestions for the future included Flyers, Calendars, Bookmarks, Pictures, Member Perks, QR Code for general information on IRLS that refers people to our website.

-Storage of Assets was discussed. Arlene Davis volunteered space at her place. Materials will be moved there watch for notice to assist with this endeavor. Assets are currently being stored by 4 of our members.

-Future Purchases were discussed.

We will need additional plastic storage tubs for storing some assets.

Purchase of a metal etching tool for members to use.

-Sponsoring a garden in the community. Purchase and distribution of “left over Blubs” from sales and how to use them.

Next Meeting October 28, 2023

Adjourned at 12:02 PM

**IRLS Winter Meeting
January 27, 2024
Arlene Davis, Secretary**

Call to order 10:09 am 15 + 1 on Zoom.
New Hope United Methodist Church

1. Secretary: Minutes from the last meeting will be sent out to the board and this meeting, contact webmaster, and send minutes to them. Minutes of last meeting, approved by acclamation.
2. Treasurer: current balance \$7641.50 Yearly audit pending

Old Business

3. Storage of Assets: Things are slowly migrating to Arlene Davis, after the next bulb sale she will take home more of our stuff. Inventory to follow.

4. How do we want to spend our money to best share Lily Knowledge with the public?
Bookmarks with QR codes Linking them to the Website. Enticing the young people to our group, what do we have to offer? Use phone trees to boost participation in events. More discussion next meeting

New Business

5. Spring Bulb Sale 2024: Mark Rigg- blubs have been ordered for the Spring Bulb Sale
Bulb Packing will be on March 2, 10:30am at New Hope UMC Ruby Chapel.
Bulb sale: March 8-10 Jacobsen Building at the State Fair Grounds
Sign-up sheets are being filled now, please sign up. Contact Mark Riggs or Kristi Evans
An event Flyer is being designed and will be available at the Sale.

6. IRLS Annual Lily Show: Rieman Gardens, Ames June 29, 2024, Luminita Volmer has volunteered to come up with this year's show theme, "Show Me the Lilies" and Design Class categories to be published as well as a show book. We discussed awards that we will be continuing and possible new awards, old awards we need sponsorship for.

The Family of Gerrit & Florence Vander Meiden donated \$500 for the Vander Meiden Award for 3 stems of the same clone, strain, or species to continue for the next 10 years. The Family of Dian Curran donated \$250 for the Dian Curran Seedling Award for Best Seedlings grown from seed be the exhibitor. More awards were discussed, and this is to be continued at the next meeting.

The Awards Ceremony is currently held at a luncheon during the show. Different ideas were discussed such as a dinner and logistics for a multiple day event. Set up is as always, the day before the event, this year from 3-5 pm, and on event day 6 am. Judging starts at 10 am and the show runs till 4 or 5 pm. We will need volunteers to set up, clean up and be at the event to assist as judges, clerks, etc. don't forget your lilies.

Jean will get a list of garden clubs to Luminita.
Donate lily books to libraries and other groups that will use them.

7. 2024 NALS Convention and Show planning, sponsoring group Minnesota's North Star Lily Society-July 9-13, 2024. We will be continuing the IRLS Award \$50 and donation of up to

\$1500 toward a speaker. Several members have decided to attend and some will be volunteering at the event.

8. “Speaking Opportunity” The Knoxville Garden Club has invited us to speak at their meeting. Kristi has volunteered. We need more people willing to go out and speak at events. A workshop will be planned to teach people how to prepare and present a lily talk.

Coming Events

3/2/2024 Spring Bulb Packing 10:30 AM NHUMC

3/8-10/2024 Spring Bulb Sale

4/20/2024 IRLS Spring Meeting Officers Election and Show Planning

10/19/2024 Fall Bulb Packing

10/26/2024 IRLS Lily Symposium

Adjourned 12:02 PM

IRLS Board

Election to the Board

Elections will be held at the April 13 meeting. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Kristi who can answer all your questions.

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 2024
Secretary	Arlene Davis	robyndgnsr@aol.com	2-year term expires 2024
Treasurer	Mark Riggs	markriggs1@mchsi.com	2-year term expires 2025
Director	Jean Smith	jmarshsmith8@gmail.com	2-year term expires 2025
Director	Sharon Smith	wicketsblooms@aol.com	2-year term expires 2024
Director	Trish Patrick	Tpatrick5350@gmail.com	2-year term expires 2024
Website Contact	Kristi Evans	dna4n6ia@gmail.com	Appointed
Newsletter Editor	Jean Smith	jmarshsmith8@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 -

Spring Bulb Sale

Lily Garden Tour

Fall Symposium

Meeting Host/Greeter

Speaker at garden clubs

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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