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The NSLS newsletter created for the benefit of the membership and in support of our mission.

NSLS Mission

Our mission is to promote interest in the genus *Lilium* in the Upper Midwest. We do that by having public bulb sales, educational meetings, and an annual lily show.

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2020 NSLS Calendar June - December

July 10 - 12

North Star Lily Society Open Gardens

Open to the public Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. See details in the insert.

July 10 - 12

NALS Lily Show, Ontario Canada

CANCELLED

Society web page www.lilies.org

Friday, Oct 23

Fall bulb Wrap

Saturday, Oct 24

Fall bulb Sale

Saturday, Nov 14

Fall Educational Meeting

Minnesota Garden Events: <http://crosspollination.weebly.com>.

Lily Quotes

Alfred Tennyson (1809 - 1892)

Now folds the lily all her sweetness up,
And slips into the bosom of the lake;
So fold thyself, my dearest, thou, and slip
Into my bosom, and be lost in me.

Front cover - Lilies grown by Martin Toon. Photo by Peggy Nerdahl.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Susan Bloyer

Wow! Our lives have changed drastically since our last newsletter!

Things continue to change, so we're rolling with it. NSLS decided to cancel the March meeting to comply with state regulations.

We elected our recommended secretary and two directors. We also had our bulb sale on line, and delivery using social distancing.



As you all know by now, both the NSLS and NALS (North American Lily Society) lily shows were postponed by a year. As a replacement for the show, we've come up with a way to still share our wonderful lilies and we hope you will participate!

To make this idea work, we are asking our members to submit photos of their lilies. We are going to post the photos submitted on our website for all to enjoy. Please take a picture of your Martagons, Asiatics, Orientals, Trumpets, Interdivisionals, and others and submit them. This is our chance to show off all of our lilies, not just the ones ready for the show! Now I need to find a way to get better resolution than my cellphone permits....

One thing that we've decided not to change is our annual open gardens. There will be martagon gardens in June (my garden is not likely to be in great shape, but I'll have enough to make up for) and another set of gardens in July.

In all cases, please respect the homeowner's health by wearing a mask and maintaining six feet of distance from all other individuals other than those in your household.

I hope that you are enjoying your gardens as much as I am! We got a little bit of a headstart on the weather this year, so I can already see the little buds of my martagon blooms. I hope it waits until close to Father's Day to open! I planted the Asiatics that I bought at the spring bulb sale but haven't gotten the fancy ones in yet. I hope they survive my neglect! Please wish me luck.

Last but not least, we are still moving forward and planning on the Fall bulb sale and November Educational meeting. Let's think positive and stay healthy!

Susan Bloyer, President

FLilium duchartrei
Closeup Photo by Peggy Nerdhal



2020 Summer Events with Lilies

2020 NSLS Lily Show - CANCELLED

The North Star Lily Show has been cancelled for July 11 and 12, 2020 due to all cancellations of large gatherings and lack of venue. Gardening and showing our lilies however will continue. Please see the alternate activities described in the newsletter.

We Need Your Photo

A lily photograph display on our website will be one activity to replace our cancelled annual NSLS show. Mary Wickersham, our web master has offered to upload lily stem or floret pictures to the website. If you would normally cut a stem or floret to bring to the show, you can submit photographs instead. Forrest Peiper suggested that we do this throughout the summer, so we get to see martagons and later blooming OTs that we normally don't have in the show.

There will be no judging, but will advertise links to our floral display on Facebook, NALS and other places, so that many people will enjoy your photographs. Don't forget to check the [Member-submitted photos](#) frequently from the end of June throughout the summer for pictures.

Your 2020 photos should be sent to pix@northstarlilysociety.com starting June 20, 2020. Senders should include their name, the lily division, and the lily variety if known. Senders can specify "anonymous" if they do not wish to have their name displayed. Photo size is not important.



Lilium taliense grown by Martin Toon. Photo by Peggy Nerdahl.

Visiting Lily Gardens is an Essential Activity

North Star Lily Society is offering activities to take the place of the annual lily show that has been cancelled. One such activity is open gardens. Members are offering to open their gardens June 20 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM for the in-the-garden martagon show and July 11 and 12, 9 AM – 2:30 PM for the in-the-garden lily show. We have a head start on the list of gardens as listed below. If you are not on this list and would like to open your garden, too, then contact peggynerdahl@comcast.net or 952-479-7478 by June 14. We will post updates to the garden tours on the NSLS facebook page for the June open gardens and by mail / email for the July open gardens.

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Lilium fragesi (Left) and
Lilium majoense (Right)
Photos by Peggy Nerdahl.



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Safety first. Visitors to the gardens are asked to be healthy, wear cloth face masks, keep 6 feet of separation from other family groups and limit to 10 people in a garden at a time. If the maximum number of 10 has been reached, you may wait by your car until someone leaves and you can take their place. Visitors are asked to bring cameras and share pictures / videos for the website. Plan to bring a lunch or get fast food. Hosts may provide bottled water.

If you can't attend open gardens, Peggy Nerdahl will plan to make a video of all the open gardens and upload to YouTube within a few days of the open gardens. We will add the link to the front page of the website as soon as it is uploaded to YouTube. If you wish to take a video of your garden or other gardens, you are welcome to share your video with peggynerdahl@comcast.net 952-479-7478 or cell 763-221-1648. Make sure that the gardener is pictured in part of your video, so we can tell whose garden is on display. Search terms that would be used on YouTube for the completed video are North Star Lily Society, Peggy Nerdahl, Lily Gardens.

2020 Spring Bulb Sale - Barbara J Ronningen

The 2020 Spring Bulb Sale was an enormous success – despite all the hurdles that were thrown in the way. First, there was this pandemic, then Bachman's closed, and finally, customs and USPS took a long time to get one of our biggest orders to Minnesota from Canada.

I am so impressed with the work of the Bulb Sale Committee – Forrest Peiper, Bill Bauer, Jenn Lanz, Tracey Nelson and Mary Wickersham. These folks put in hundreds of volunteer hours, and the result was a highly successful sale. Let's have a virtual round of applause for their work.

By the numbers, 1,186 bulbs were sold – we sold out! 88 orders were received from 70 members (no sales this spring to the general public). Average order size was 12 bulbs. This year because of the online approach 5 members outside the metro area opted to have their bulbs shipped to them. Thank you to all the members who embraced this sale and made it a big success!

Bulb Sale Income and Expenses (subject to revision) are listed the right:



Lilium langkongense grown by Martin Toon.
Photo by Peggy Nerdahl.

Total expenses for bulbs	\$ 2,621
Other expenses	\$ 369
Refunds for bulbs that didn't arrive	\$ 88
Total income	\$ 3,735
Net income	\$ 657

Editor's Note: all pictures of species lilies were provided by Peggy Nerdahl and came from her visit to New Zealand. Species are rare and more difficult to grow in our regular gardens, collectors use their skills and special techniques to grow them. Enjoy!

Lilies in New Zealand - Part 2

By Peggy Nerdhal

Continued from the March 2020 Edition of the NorthStar Lily News

The second day, we drove south of Christchurch towards Dunedin, first to Geraldine, to Dave and Lois Atwoods' home. Dave is pictured with Timaru City, one of



Des Paulson's registered lilies. Dave had gorgeous lilies, but also Rhododendrons, species fuschia (native to New Zealand) and some unusual trees including a claw foot maple. He is a collector of a wide variety of plants, rare plants and also many species. Rick Rodich would be in his element with Dave Atwood.

Jim and Bev Kane in Timaru were our next stop - pictured with Peggy below. Jim started growing lilies later in life, just 4 years ago. You would never dream it, because he has such a gorgeous lily collection.



He and Bev Winter started growing lilies about the same time and it didn't take them long to fill their gardens with our favorite flower along with many other beautiful plant materials.

His roses had not a blemish due to a regular spraying schedule. I enjoyed a yellow lily- really prolific. Jim said he would send me some seed. And look at the size of the lilies Jim grows!



Our last stop of the day was at the home of renowned lily hybridizer, Des Paulson. He had a *kellogii* blooming, a western U.S. species lily - quite hard to grown, but we saw it!! He shared some pollen with me from one of his trumpets. When we first met him in 2014, Des had done some hybridizing with the MN hybrid, 'Louise' and came up with a lily that he named 'Leoni'. Des's orange trumpet was on the cover of the North Star Lily News last month.



There is more to tell, so you will have to ask me if you are interested. It is such a pleasure to meet lily gardeners where ever we are in the world. They are wonderful people.

Open Gardens 2020 for NSLS Members Only

Sat June 20 - Sat Jul 11 - Sat Jul 12

Saturday, June 20, 2020, 9 AM – 2 :30 PM

Barbara Ronningen

My garden is a collector's garden! I have about 19 martagon varieties, not all bloom this year. Since I live in the St. Croix Valley, martagons often have a later bloom time here than in other areas of the metro. I garden on very sandy soil, and battle deer and rabbits. I lost a few stems earlier this spring, but have a new fence that should eliminate the deer, and hopefully rabbits. Varieties include: Red Sails, Black Prince, Terrace City, Orange Marmalade, Sarcee, Braunschwieke, Mahogany Bells, Sunny Morning, Aspen Gold, Lois Hole, Pink Morning. I have OP marts from Mrs. R.O. Backhouse and Claude Shride. Species include tsingtauense (eaten), alba, albiflorum, dalhansonii (eaten), hansonii (appears to be blind). **I'm at 15324 11th St. So., Afton, MN** - first house on the right. Please contact me to find out whether the marts are open during the Father's Day weekend - 651-436-5881 or bjronningen@yahoo.com

Denise Haldorson

Come to see my martagons and meet the new North Star Lily Society Secretary. It is worth the drive (per Peggy Nerdahl). **5662 180th St. W. Farmington, MN 55024**, (218)-209-1173

Susan Bloyer

Come to see the North Star Lily Society's President's garden. I have a lot of shade, so have mostly a martagon garden. **2935 Pennsylvania Ave S. St. Louis Park, MN 55426** (952)-926-7351

Jenn Lanz

I have a warmer microclimate, so my martagons could be blooming the week before Father's Day. You are welcome to visit [June 15-21, 2020](#). Please text me ahead to make sure I am home.

648 7th Ave. Newport, MN 55055
(651)-270-0281

Saturday July 11, 2020, 9 AM – 2:30 PM

David Beckman and Linda Horsman - 8239 Long Lake Rd. Mounds View, MN 55112,
651-303-2821 both days

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Peggy Nerdahl 112017 Faber Lane, Chaska, MN 55318 home 952-479-7478 cell 763-221-1648

Kent Mein 112005 Faber Lane, Chaska, MN 55318, 952-922-2664

LilyLand Minnesota: Owners, Bill Bauer and Forrest Peiper. Address **15631 Old Brickyard Road, Shakopee, MN 55379** Phone Forrest cell 612 242 1899; Bill cell 952 237 5136

Saturday 9AM to 5PM

Directions: 4 miles south of 169 on Old Brickyard Road. At 15631 sign turn left and go one tenth of a mile. Park by outbuilding. Thousands of lilies.

Sunday July 12, 2020, 9 AM – 2:30 PM

David Beckman and Linda Horsman - 8239 Long Lake Rd. Mounds View, MN 55112,
651-303-2821, both days

Steve Rutz 110 Kingsview Lane Plymouth, MN 55447 (NW corner of I494 & I394) Text 612-710-4720

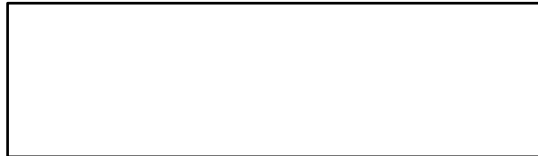
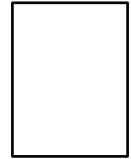
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14067 - Ridge Point Court, Savage, MN 55378

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