

President Marshall's Message.

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I hope to see all of you in Connecticut on March 18th, when thoughts of Spring and gardens AND shows, will be uppermost in all our minds.



Sec'y-Treas. Wilma is ready, willing and able to receive your dues It happens each year!

Marge's favorite lilies.

Our President and Sec'y-Treas. will no doubt drive down together. Hope they have no flat tires. Ed.

MARTA- My Favorite Lily Family.
Eon- by

HANSONII
HYBRIDS

Our Editor has asked me to write a little on my favorite lily family, and how I grow them. After seeing me buy a bucket-full of Auratum Hybrids at our fall auction Henry drew the logical conclusion that these must be my favorites. Once they were, and I do still like them. My reason for buying so many was that they were such a bargain, and from the female point of view, naturally the more of them I bought, the more money I saved. In any case, I would never have presumed to dissertate on the culture of these finicky glamour queens.

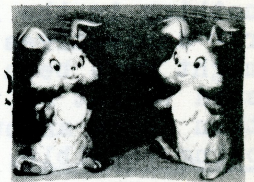
However, over a period of time, your favoritism tends to gravitate toward those that really reward you with a consistently good performance. These recent years of drought have taken a very high toll in lilies from my gardens with one exception--the martagon-hansonii hybrids. These have survived, thrived, multiplied, and given an excellent account of themselves each year. With the exception of fertilizing, I give them the same general culture as my wildflowers. In planting these lilies, plenty of peat is mixed with the soil, and a year round mulch maintained. In the spring, they are fertilized with a high nitrogen fertilizer, as soon as they emerge, and from the time the buds form, they are fertilized with 5-10-10-2 at about 2 week intervals.

They are grown in light shade from deciduous trees, where the ground does not bake dry, and just an occasional soaking satisfies them. When they first

emerge in the spring, I have found that those big juicy asparagus-like tips are highly esteemed by rabbits. A ring of bloodmeal around each shoot has sufficed to discourage the rabbits, but this does have to be replenished after each rain. I find the delicate fragrance of this group of lilies (somewhat reminiscent of the odor of a fresh sliced apple)--to be especially captivating.



Children!!
Come eat
your vegetables!
Before the
Lady uses
blood meal.



Lectures Given.

Marge Marshall on Lilies, Wild Flowers and perennials.



Dave Stone on Lilies and Wild flowers. At the home where he lectured, the grounds were simply fabulous for wild flowers and especially for Martagon hybrids and Auratums.

Henry Payne, hybridizing lilies at Kiwanis Club, and one at Greenwich Garden Center, in a beautiful house with lecture rooms, a fabulous library of horticultural books and pamphlets. There were several acres containing wild flower and other gardens, parking areas and picnic facilities. Clubs and people are welcome, there is a kitchen.

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For our Dec. Bulletin, 170 members had no zip numbers on their address labels. Of these, 65 sent me their zip numbers, some with notes - fine! If you do not send me the information, there may be a delay in sending the bulletin until I get information from P.O.

Mark and Thelma, formerly of Conn. have moved. Their new address is Doe Valley Park Estates, Brandenburg, Ky. 40108. Many of us remember Mark Ford.

Mark says that moving the lilies was indeed quite a task, but they are all in their new beds.

He has found some lily bugs in town, one being a lady bug. Their new home has a lake on three sides, and they have lots of room inside and out.

