

LILY GROUP Newsletter



SPRING 2019



Lilium species
knowledge base

A new online lily resource from
B&D Lilies is now live, see pages 8/9

Lilium grayi

In focus on pages 12/13
see Members' archives

The Lily Group
AGM & Bulb Auction

full report on pages 6/7

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Editorial Pontus Wallstén

Well, January is not necessarily the most eventful and happiest month for most of us gardeners in the northern hemisphere. Grey, rainy, cold and wet, with very few plants in bloom. However, for our lily group friends in the southern hemisphere, it's a different story. There the sun is shining and lilies are bursting into bloom. It is one of these New Zealand jewels that our NZ member Louise Ardley describes in this issue's Members' archives, on page 12.

There is however, in the middle of our winter gloom, something to look forward to in our mailboxes, namely the Lily Group Seed List. While reading this newsletter, all of you should have received the list and maybe ordered a few new jewels for your collections! Who knows, perhaps even some of the ones described by George Battle on page 11?

It is always exciting to see seedlings sprout, and, over the years, watch them grow into flowering-sized bulbs. One person who was a master at growing from seed was Ed McRae at Oregon Bulb Farms in the north-west USA. His attention to detail, phenomenal memory and knowledge, were used to great extent in his creation of new hybrid seedlings as can be seen in the picture above. Another member who was extremely successful at creating and raising new lily jewels from seed, arising from her own crosses (particularly in the martagon group) was Norgart Martschinke, who sadly



Edward Austin McRae and Dianna Gibson, inspecting hybrid lily seedlings at Oregon Bulb Farms in Oregon, USA, ca. 1985.

died last November. German LG member Holger Kühne writes about her lily-filled life on p. 10. January though, in all its grey and gloom, can also have its positive sides, as it gives you time to look through your archives and enjoy past lily successes and rarities you may have flowered. That is exactly what I have been doing over the past few weeks, as I have been helping my friend Bob Gibson at B & D Lilies in the USA to complete his on-line *Lilium* species knowledge base, which we believe, with the help of several LG and NALS members, now contains images of all or almost all the known *Lilium* species and subspecies! A very exciting project which you can read more about on pp. 8-9. Something to enjoy while sipping on a nice cup of something warm in the winter cold!

Chairman's letter

Jamie Compton

Welcome to this Spring newsletter. It seems that the winters are getting later and later. As I write this in early January, the snowdrops are beginning to come out.

And like these heralds of Spring, the RHS Lily Group is beginning a new era of communication and is moving firmly into the twenty-first century with an expanded and updated website. The idea is to bring images of lilies into all our lives and to enable us to discuss their cultivation, culture, identification and history more easily. More will be revealed on this as progress on it unfolds later this year.

Last year several members of the Committee were involved with the RHS trial of lilies at RHS Garden Wisley which in my opinion is an excellent forum for judging the merits of exciting and successful cultivars. This year these trials enter their second year of four and we will be bringing additional informa-



with smaller bulbs and weaker growth rally in their second season of growth, especially after such a dramatic and extraordinary season they all had last year.

The lilies in our own garden were able to receive the benefit of rainwater from our large water tank through those long weeks of drought in spite of the added risk of being attacked by mosquitoes! Partial shade, a leaf-mould rich compost and some clay which naturally occurs in our soil also helped them grow well last year so we shall see how they fare this time. Let's all hope for clement weather and a very floriferous season ahead.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Melvyn Herbert has agreed to become the new editor of *Lilies and Related Plants* following in the footsteps of Alan Mitchell who did such a good job as editor for most of the last decade. I wish Melvyn all the best of luck and I am sure that he would relish the prospect of including as many interesting articles as possible in the future.



Lilium martagon var. *cattaniae*

tion on the growth of the cultivars that did well last year and indeed those that didn't. Much can be gained from seeing how those

Forthcoming events

2019/20/21

FRITILLARIAS AND OTHER SPRING PLANTS IN DEVON

SATURDAY 30 MARCH. QUINCE HOUSE, QUINCE HILL, ROSE ASH, DEVON EX36 4PW (The house is on the left, half way down Quince Hill)

- 10.00 Coffee on arrival at Dr Martyn Rix's garden in South Molton, Devon.
- 10.30 Tour of the garden. Martyn is famous for his collection of *Fritillaria*.
- 12.00 Depart for the National Trust's property, Knightshayes, Bolham, Tiverton, Devon EX16 7RQ (we are advised to follow the Brown Signs and not Sat. Nav.)
Knightshayes is famous for its 'Garden in a Wood' which should be near its best at our date of arrival.
- 13.00 Lunch at Knightshayes. Members can select from a full choice at the Stables Café.
- 13.30 Tour members' visit to woodland garden. The house will also be open.
- 15.00 Depart for *Fritillaria* collection of Colin Everett and Paul Cumbleton:
The Maples, Watts's Quarry Lane, Somerton TA11 7JD.
- 16:00 Arrive at Somerton to view *Fritillaria* collection.

EVENLEY WOOD, RARE PLANT FAIR

SUNDAY 7 APRIL. EVENLEY WOOD GARDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NN13 5SH

The Rare Plant fair is a little later this year with the hope that the weather will be a little better and warmer. A few rare *Lilium* species will be available from the Evenley stand and other rare bulbs and plants will be available for sale from a variety of nursery stands from all around the country.

For the first year at Evenley we will be erecting a marquee from 15–23 June to host a week of art, music and theatre with a nod to the lilies and roses. We will be hosting an NGS Lily and Rose lunch on Thursday 20 June with guest speakers including Pontus Wallstén and Sue Russell-Wilks amongst others.

For more information please contact Alison O'Hare



LILY GROUP SUMMER GARDENS VISIT

SATURDAY 22 JUNE. EVENLEY WOOD GARDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE NN13 5SH

Arrival: 10am in the car park where you will be met by Tom Clarke, our head gardener and Sue Russell-Wilks, our lily expert. Tour of the garden (11am to 12pm) then lunch to follow. Another garden visit planned fairly close to Evenley for the afternoon. Entrance fee is £6/head. Guided tour (optional) £10/head. Tea/Coffee is £2/head.

LILY GROUP SUMMER GARDENS VISIT

RHS GARDEN WISLEY, WOKING, SURREY GU23 6QB

Proposed visit to Wisley to view the Lily Trial with Lily Group committee members. Further details to be confirmed in due course.

LILY GROUP AGM & BULB AUCTION 2019

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER. PERSHORE COLLEGE, WORCESTERSHIRE WR10 3JP

The event will start at 10.30am. There is ample free parking. Refreshments available. More details will be announced later in the year.

PLANT HUNTING TOURS, 2020 & 2021

JAPAN 2020 • USA 2021

In 2020 there will be a tour to Japan and in 2021, a tour to the USA. Both tours will be led by Chris Gardner who is a very experienced tour leader and guide. More details to follow.

In order that the Group can establish the likely response to these tours, members who are interested in joining us should, in the first instance, contact Duncan Coombs with an expression of interest.

Lilies & Related Plants

2019-20

The 2019/2020 edition of *Lilies and Related Plants* is due for publication in December this year and there are already some very interesting and informative articles in preparation.

We are always looking for contributions from authors and especially keen to hear from Lily Group members who may not have written articles for us in the past.

If you would like to write an article for the 2019/20 issue or even a subsequent edition, please do come forward and get in touch soon. I am ready and willing to provide as much, or as little, support and advice as you would like and I am sure that you would find it both an enjoyable and a rewarding experience.

Mel Herbert, Editor *Lilies and Related Plants*



Below, the stunning view from the David Douglas Room at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.



On Saturday 20 October 2018, 15 Lily Group members including guests met in the David Douglas Room at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh for the AGM and Bulb Auction. This modern facility with floor-to-ceiling windows giving views over the gardens, provided a wonderful setting for our meeting.

Our new Chairman, Jamie Compton, began by welcoming members to his first AGM as Chairman. He reported that membership has been stable at around 300; he hopes we can increase this as he would like to focus more on lilies and less on the running of the organisation.

We were able to make progress with the long-standing problem of the website – George Battle and Tony Dixon are working with Halesowen College near Birmingham to develop a new site with the help of students and staff.

Nuala Sterling reported that the lily bulb trial at RHS Garden Wisley had got off to a difficult start, with the bulbs not being planted at the ideal time of year, nor in an ideal position. However, the trials office supported our request to extend the trial

to three years (which had been the original proposal). The forum has so far identified 15 potential lilies for AGM recommendations. (More details and report to follow in the Autumn 2019 Newsletter).

Our new Treasurer Chris Hind presented the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet for 2017. There were no questions.

The Lyttel Cup was presented to Alan Mitchell for the recognition of his hard work over the past 10 years as editor of *Lilies and Related Plants*.

The winner of the Lyttel Cup for 2018, Madeleine Tinson, was announced. This was in recognition of her work in collecting and maintaining the Chris North lilies in cultivation.

Alan Mitchell drew members' attention

Below, left, Alan Mitchell accepting the Lyttel cup in recognition of his significant contribution to the Lily Group as Editor of *Lilies and Related Plants* for the past 10 years.



to the Facebook group 'Species *Lilium* and *Nomocharis* Enthusiasts' and the SRGC online forum. He pointed out that we may be able to work with these groups to promote the Lily Group.

Jamie then closed the formal part of the proceedings. Nuala introduced Leonie Paterson, archivist at RBGE, to give a talk on plant collector George Forrest. However, her presentation was interrupted by the fire alarm and we had to adjourn to the gardens until the the building was declared safe by the fire brigade. Leonie's presentation, with many photos of pre-revolution China, was fascinating; unfortunately insufficient time was left for the presentation by Steve McNamara on the plants collected by Forrest.

After a short break for lunch, we moved on to the Bulb Auction.

Bulb Auction

Approximately 100 different bulbs had been donated, comprising **19 *Lilium* species**, a number of lily hybrids and some other Liliaceae and Amaryllidaceae.

There were keen bidders with the majority being purchased by Lily Group members

attending the meeting and a few by phone. The auction, including the sale of books raised approximately £500 for the Lily Group's funds. Bulbs were kindly donated by: Vincent Graham, Nuala Sterling, Hugh Synge*, Janos Agoston, Mel Herbert, Liz Mills, Christine Skelmersdale, Tony Dixon, Alan Mitchell, Madeleine Tinson, and Chris Hind.

A collection of books provided by Nuala Sterling, Jamie Compton and the estate of Hugh Synge resulted in only two being sold due to the time constraints. Unsold books will be retained for the next auction, to be held in October 2019.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THE 2019 AGM & LILY BULB AUCTION

Pershore College, Worcestershire WR10 3JP
Saturday 19 October 2019 at 10.30am.

More details in the next Newsletter

The *Lilium* species knowledge base

Pontus Wallstén and Bob Gibson

Bob Gibson, assisted since 2008 by enthusiasts and experts from around the world, launches a comprehensive online lily resource and knowledge base.



Lilium bukosanense
Japan

🗳 Archive item

MORE INFO



Lilium canadense var. *immaculatum*
'Ruth Clas'
USA

🗳 Archive item

MORE INFO



Lilium nanum var. *brevistylum*
Tibet

🗳 Archive item

MORE INFO

During January 2019, I helped my friend Bob Gibson of B&D Lilies in Washington, USA, complete his online *Lilium* species knowledge base. This now contains images of almost all *Lilium* species and subspecies that are known today. Many other Lily Group and NALS members have also kindly participated in this very long term project, such as Melvyn Herbert, Gene Mirro, Keith Baldie, Sonia Holm, Richard Hyde, Cheung Siu Ming, Alan Mitchell and many more. Below, Bob Gibson writes a brief account of this project.

What became at times a seemingly delusional dream of showing in photos all the known *Lilium* species as well as their subspecies and variants has finally, nearly 11 years later, actually reached fruition. With

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photos to date from 68 individuals spanning 16 countries, of species lilies found growing from sea level in beach grasses in Japan to some at 3,600 metres elevation in Bhutan, we believe we have captured all in photographs. Collected and shown are 115 *Lilium* species, 104 recognized subspecies and variants as well as numerous rare color and spotting forms found within the species groups. There are over 600 photographs in total.

Below, an example of how the information on a selected lily species can be accessed via the recently completed 'Knowledge base' area of the B&D Lilies website.



Lilium bulbiferum (Golden Variant)

Item# Is325

This golden-orange variety was photographed in Vallon de la Madone de Fenestre, St Martin-Vésubie, Alpes-maritimes, France and was taken by Bernard Dupont.

Photo copyright Bernard Dupont. This and other posted photos would indicate this is not a heavy bloomer with only one flower per stem.

📖 READ MORE

Seeing for the first time photos of such rarities as a colony of the dark form of *Lilium sherriffiae*, native to Bhutan, to *L. nanum* var. *brevistylum* from Tibet to *L. yapingense* of Yunnan Province all photographed in the wild makes the 100s of hours worth it, and I think it is now complete—now that I have said that, something is bound to pop up.

I have found a few more references to really obscure variants such as *Lilium auratum* 'Praecox' which McRae says was found by Baker in 1880 and is a very early flowering form 'of the type', but there is no information after that. A web search produces nothing. The RHS Register says 'Selection from *L. auratum*, not registered, Raised in Australia. Heavily spotted, early blooming form.' It sounds to me like someone in

Australia was raising *L. auratum* from seed, one bloomed first and was heavily spotted and we then had 'Praecox'. I think it is things like that that are missing and they never really existed and should be forgotten. [Jamie adds - I cannot find any evidence that Baker or any of his contemporaries published var. *praecox* so we must assume it is a cultivar.]

This project's completion would not have been possible without the many tireless hours of assistance provided by Pontus Wallstén and his contacts throughout the world. What originally started out as 'my' project, ended being 'our' project. This '*Lilium* Species Knowledge Base' can be viewed at:

<https://www.bdlilies.com/research.html>

Below, Norgart Martschinke in her garden in Germany surrounded by her stunning martagon hybrids.

Norgart Martschinke

Holger Kühne, Germany

On 9 November 2018, Norgart Martschinke, our honorary member of the European lily society unexpectedly died aged 84. Very well-known in the world of lilies, Norgart was renowned for her breeding work with martagons.



She was always eager to share growing advice and valuable information, regarding soil conditions and possible deficiency symptoms of the lilies as well as their performance in lily breeding. She also participated as a judge at lily exhibitions, always critical and, if necessary, energetic. Of course, you should not forget her tremendous contributions to the seed lists of worldwide lily societies.

Unforgettable for me are visits to see her martagons in bloom! Since these are usually in full bloom before the lily shows, some of our members visited her garden for review and discussion of the flowers. Moments during which her eyes shone with joy and pride.

Her long and successful breeding work with lilies will be remembered. We will miss an enthusiastic and creative lily breeder.

I have replanted her bulbs in 2017/18 to save the material and have the breeding book if anyone has any questions regarding her plants? Last year's flowering bulbs provided some questions about which ones were correctly-named and/or numbered, but I will produce a picture library with information in the next few years under 'Living Treasures' at my website: www.plant21.de

For the moment, these can be viewed at: www.plant21.de/martagon18.htm

I am very happy to answer questions about Norgart's hybrids—I'm scanning some more pics with information about the crosses I find in her inheritance.

As early as the 1970s, Norgart grew wild lilies from seed, and began making her own crosses. She worked a lot with *Lilium tsingtauense* and *L. bansonii*. 'Cream Beam' is one of the best lilies from these crosses: crossed in 1987, and named in 2007.

She also intensively cultivated international contacts. Especially during the years in which NALS went to New Zealand. For her services to the lily world, she was awarded the Lyttel Cup of the RHS Lily group in 1996 and, together with Otto Beutnagel, she was awarded honorary membership in 2004.

Below, from left to right, *Lilium canadense*, *Lilium* 'Black Opal' seedling and *Lilium gloriosoides* Taiwan form.



Lily Group Seed List 2019

George Battle

In April, torrential rains in northern Europe often proved devastating, followed by intense summer heat and drought. Northern Canada had killing frosts in June, with unpredictable weather affecting Australia and NZ too.

Despite these challenges, the 2019 Seed List remains as strong as any in recent years.

The species include: four different forms of *Lilium japonicum*, including var. *albomarginatum* and var. *platyphyllum*; a form of *L. speciosum* var. *gloriosoides* which originates in Taiwan and is reputedly easier to grow than the mainland form; a form of *L. taliense* which according to Bjørnar Olsen may actually be *L. jinfushanense*; several different forms of *L. michiganense*, including wild collected seed, and a particularly nicely coloured form of *L. bolanderi*.

Among the hybrid seed on offer, there is an excellent range of martagons across the colour spectrum, including a very nice yellow and many with website photos to help make your choice easier. The choice of trumpets and aurelians is exceptionally strong—almost 80 are on offer from 17 different hybridisers.

As for the unusual, the inter-divisional seed is rich in crosses of Asiatic and European species, martagons with Asiatics and Americans and, of course, a good number of orienpets.

Please note: anyone who purchased *Lilium martagon* var. *daugavense* seed from this year's seedlist, this seed was in fact *Lilium martagon* var. *albiflorum*.

Lily Group website update

Following the launch of the Lily Group's new website (www.rhslilygroup.org) you will find a section dedicated to the Seed List with an accompanying Seed List Photo Library—which features this year's Seed List. I would encourage you all to take a look, particularly as many of the above seed lots are featured.

Good luck and good growing!

Members' archives

Louise Ardley* NEW ZEALAND

Lilium grayi *Louise Mitchell on Facebook

I first bought this species from a lady who grew it in a small nursery in Balclutha, South Island, New Zealand (the nursery has since closed) about 10 or so years ago, and periodically bought a few more from her as years progressed. It has never been fantastic at flowering for me, and some of the flowers were slightly varying in colour, of course the darkest of the dark was always the favourite! The first of the flowers I saw were such a delight! The most delicate and rich colour that just popped from the bud, it was exciting, as with any new flower opening that you have never seen before. I don't grow it outside any more, I have it in an unheated glasshouse, no water over winter, as the winters can be dreadfully wet and as being such a small bulb seem to disappear in the cold wet winters here. Never had seed although have tried every year, do pinch a few scales each year to give away but find these very slow to grow as well.

Sonia Holm SWITZERLAND

Lilium 'Silver Scheherazade'

My love for lilies started in my teenage years. One summer, whilst hiking, I was captivated by the delicate flowers of *Lilium martagon* dancing in the wind. Later, having my own garden, I made quite a few attempts to grow some from seeds and others from bulbs I had bought. Unfortunately, with no success. One day I bought some that were already



planted in pots. What a wonderful discovery! And now, six years later, I think I have between 20 and 30 different martagon varieties! Restructuring my downhill garden with terracing and walls, I decided to create a white garden area. I started searching for white lilies, discovering more varieties as time went by! Such splendours!

Since then I have purchased a very special lily, *Lilium* 'Silver Scheherazade'! When I



bought them, they looked shy in their pots. Their stems were 40 to 50 cm high, and had a couple of passing flowers on both stems. I planted them and the next year they reached 150 cm tall with around 15 flowers per stem. By their third year in my garden (2018), the stems sprouting out in spring were almost a thumb thick! What a surprise! They grew to about 180 cm tall, and were full of buds, about 40 on each stem! The buds opened to magnificent creamy white flatly recurved flowers. For about a month and a half, they were the pearl of my garden, refreshing every eye and nose!

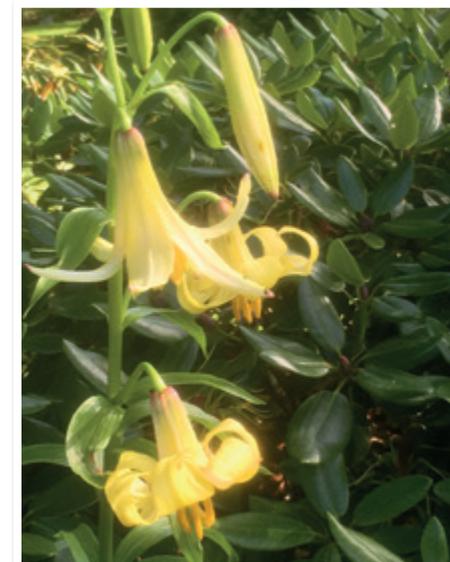
I'm very much looking forward to meeting them all again this spring.

Peter Schotter UK

Lilium kesselringianum

Our garden of around an acre is situated on the North Downs, at an elevation of ca. 180 metres. While we are on chalk, it is some 10 metres down and the topsoil is neutral to slightly acidic, somewhat clayey in consistency but nevertheless not prone to water-logging.

My lilies are all planted out in the garden, often among or under species rhododendrons and magnolias. A recent addition is a raised bed filled mainly with composted bark, where some of the dwarfier, more temperamental species are growing (*L. rubellum*, *L. fargesii*, *L. japonicum* etc.). I obtained my bulbs of *Lilium kesselringianum* from Paul Christian in September 2003, and the first bulb flowered the following year. On the one hand, it is gratifying that it has come up year after year and flowered well, setting a good quantity of seed most years; on the other, it steadfastly refuses to clump up for me (in which it



emulates *Lilium szovitsianum* and *Lilium monadelphum*). Of the three yellow-flowered Caucasian species I grow, it is often (just) the first into flower. It grows in a quite shady spot under a *Magnolia sargentiana* var. *robusta*, very dry in summer but I don't give it special attention, either with watering or feeding (which perhaps explains its unwillingness to clump up!). Stems are ca. 1.60 metres tall and the flowers do not have the significant darker colouration in the centre of the petals, which can be seen in the example in Pontus Wallstén's new book, *The lily species and their bulbs*. I have some wild-collected seed on order so will enjoy comparing and contrasting in the future. My bulbs produced four stems this year but high winds and a hailstorm damaged all but the first stem to open its flowers, which is pictured. In total, there were 14 buds and flowers: a case of what might have been!

Membership Spring 2019 update

Irene Hopton-Scott

The annual membership subscription for 2019 is due on 1 January 2019 and runs until 31 December 2019. The 2019 renewals are currently being processed but some members are missing out because we don't have your up-to-date contact details.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP

We don't like to lose members but this can happen very easily if you change your email address and don't let me know. So if you have not yet received a renewal invitation, want to renew your Lily Group subscription for 2019, or are otherwise unsure of your current membership status, please contact me as soon as possible and I will be happy to assist.

Ways to pay

1. PAYPAL

PayPal is the simplest option, especially for our overseas membership. Remember, you are not required to have a PayPal account to settle PayPal invoices.

If you choose to pay via PayPal you will receive an invoice by email in January inviting you to renew your annual subscription—so be sure to check your email inbox in January.

2. STANDING ORDER

Your subscription is renewed automatically if you have chosen to pay by Standing Order through your Bank.

3. PERSONAL CHEQUE

If you prefer to pay by cheque you will receive a reminder letter in January inviting you to renew your membership.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You can renew your Lily Group membership either by contacting me via email, phone or via our website at:

www.rhslilygroup.org

If using the website, from the Home page select 'Join us', scroll down the page and click the 'Membership Renewal Form' link. Download the form to your computer, and complete on-screen using Adobe Reader. Remember to [save the form](#) and then attach it to an email and return it to the email address as stated on the form.

You will receive an email confirmation and further instructions, depending on your preferred method of payment.

Are your contact details up to date?

It is important that you keep me informed of any changes to your email address or postal address. If you are unsure, you can email me or contact me by phone.

LILY GROUP SEED LIST 2019

Note: the Lily Group Seed List will only be distributed to fully paid up members.

Mrs Irene Hopton-Scott, Membership Secretary

RHS Lily Group

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Lily Group Publications DVD

When you purchase a copy of the Lily Group DVD not only will you be helping to support the work of the Lily Group, you will have access to a wonderful archive of knowledge from Lily enthusiasts and experts spanning more than 80 years, from 1932 to 2014.



or contact Nuala Sterling for more details

Lily Group Email Notifications

There are occasions when communication via email is both necessary and timely. To ensure you receive notification of important announcements and other arrangements please let Irene have your most up to date email address.

Autumn Newsletter



Deadline for articles for the Autumn 2019 Newsletter is 1 September

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Lilium martagon

Rated 80%



Lilium regale

Rated 80%



Lilium candidum

Rated 30%



Lilium 'Black Beauty'

Rated 30%



A selection of members' best performing lilies of 2018



Lilium 'Lankon'
Sonia Holm, Switzerland



Lilium bumboldtii var. *bloomerianum*
Alan Mitchell, UK



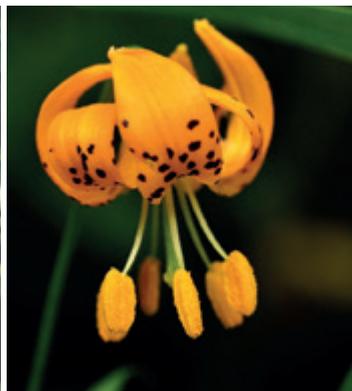
Lilium szovitsianum
Evenley Wood Garden, UK



Lilium 'Kushi Maya'
Jamie Compton, UK



Lilium pseudotigrinum
Pontus Wallstén, Switzerland



Lilium wigginsii
Peter Schotter, UK