

# NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY 74TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LILY SHOW & SYMPOSIUM



## Join the fun in Minnesota!

July 10-14

The North Star Lily Society is hosting the event, which is scheduled for July 10-14.

The state of Minnesota is known as the “Land of 10,000 Lakes,” but thanks to the North Star Lily Society “Land of 10,000 Lilies” is apt, too. That is the theme of this year’s NALS show!

Five speakers have been lined up to give informative presentations at the show. Gardens for a Saturday bus tour have been selected. Gardens also are being lined up for visits on Sunday.

In addition, plans are coming together to offer a cruise on the St. Croix River, a National Scenic Riverway protected by the National Park Service.

### Hotel

The show will be held at the Hilton-Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Hotel at 3800 American Blvd. E, Bloomington, MN 55425.

NALS guests may choose rooms with a single king-sized bed or two double beds. The NALS show price for each is the same, \$134 per night plus taxes. Rooms can be reserved at <https://tinyurl.com/ym8k7bwc>

Visit <https://NALS2024.Lilies.org/>

for more information, register for the show, and find a link to make hotel reservations.

### Speakers

**Janos Agoston**, Hungarian lily grower, plant pathologist, and researcher, will talk about lily diseases. He has earned two master’s degrees and a doctorate in plant science fields. In 2009, he began researching virus infection of flower bulbs, including lilies. In his NALS presentation, he plans to share information about the common pest and diseases of lilies and how to control them.

**Mike Heger**, a Minnesota horticulturist and retired owner of Ambergate Gardens, will speak on “Companions for Lilies.” Ambergate Gardens closed in 2013 after 28 years of offering unusual hardy perennials. He has authored “Perennials A to Z.” He also has co-authored “Growing Perennials in Cold Climates.”

**Sue and Larry Bagge** will discuss “Designing with Lilies.” Sue Bagge has been a floral artist at Minnesota Art Institute’s annual spring Art in Bloom festival since it opened in 1984. Sue has traveled to Japan for instruction on Ikebana floral design. She is active with the Minnesota Dahlia Society and regularly wins ribbons for floral designs at the Minnesota State Fair.

**Pontus Wallstén** will describe his experiences seeking rare lilies in the wild. He is author of “The Lily Species and Their Bulbs,” which was published in 2017. He has a new book coming out, “The Lily Subspecies and Their Bulbs.” He owns Pontus Wallstén Plants in Vaud, Switzerland, a nursery specializing in rare and unusual bulbs and plants, with a special focus on *Lilium* species and hybrids. He also is the former editor of the Royal Horticultural Society Lily Group newsletter.

**Hugh Skinner** will discuss martagon lily development in Canada. Skinner began to develop his interest in gardening at his father’s knee, spending summers as a child playing in his father’s nursery. He graduated in 1972 with a bachelor’s degree in horticulture from the University of Manitoba. His interest in growing lilies, especially martagons, was stimulated when he began visiting with Barrie Strohman in the 1990s. He currently grows about 100 named martagon hybrids and about 25 selections from his breeding.

**Frans Officer** plans to talk about his life with lilies after dinner on Saturday. He is a longtime member of NALS and the North Star Lily Society.