

## Join us for the 69th Annual Lily Show and Symposium

Once a year, the North American Lily community gathers for their annual Lily Show and Symposium. The 2016 North American Lily Society (NALS) Annual Meeting and Lily Show will be held in Chicago, Illinois, from July 6-10, 2016.

*Saturday in the Park*, the theme for our show, offers an opportunity to make new friends and renew old friendships alike within a community of lily enthusiasts.

We plan to engage our guests with educational opportunities that include hybridizing lilies, floral design with lilies, species lilies of the America's, and expert panel discussions. Our thought-provoking symposium speakers will address important trends and topics that will stretch your mind and add to your knowledge.

In addition to our onsite convention activities that include exciting educational opportunities, our Lily Show will take place at the impressive Chicago Botanic Garden, where we have also scheduled extensive tours for our guests to enjoy.

Our 69th annual Lily Show and Symposium will draw exhibitors from across North America. Over 250 Lily blooms from nine horticultural divisions will be nationally judged, with artistic floral designs and photography completing the show. Our impressive NALS Lily Show, that showcases the true lily belonging to the genus *Lilium*, is a tremendous opportunity to see the latest lilies, as well as enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded lily supporters.

The Chicago Botanic Garden opened 40 years ago and has matured into one of the world's great living museums and conservation science centers. They are situated on 385 acres that includes nine islands and six miles of lake shoreline. The Botanic Garden offers a wonderful setting and outstanding tours for our guests at the NALS convention. From the Garden Tram Tour that explores 385 garden acres on a tram that gives an overview of the popular areas at the garden, to the Grand Slam Tour where you learn about the history and science of the garden on a 2.3 mile narrated tour.

The Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago-Deerfield will be our hotel and the site for the banquets and welcome reception at the 69th Annual Lily Show and Symposium. They offer a full-service all-suite hotel in Deerfield, IL, which is only 14 miles from Chicago O'Hare International Airport. This hotel has a relaxing revitalized lobby and atrium featuring fireplaces and soft seating, as well as spacious two-room suites with home-like amenities.

The North American Lily Society is eager and excited to host the 69th annual Lily Show and Symposium in Chicago, Illinois. Please take some time to review our 2016 NALS Convention website, at <http://nals2016.lilies.org/> for additional information about our annual convention. We look forward to visiting with our Lily friends from across the United States and Canada!

