



'The Easter Lily (Lilium longiflorum)'

The **Easter Bunny** or **Easter Rabbit** is a character depicted as a rabbit bringing Easter eggs. The Easter Bunny is sometimes depicted with clothes. In legend, the creature carries colored eggs in his basket, candy and sometimes also toys to the homes of children. It was first mentioned in 1682 referring to an Alsace tradition of an Easter Hare bringing Easter Eggs. The precise origin of the ancient custom of decorating eggs is not known, although evidently the blooming of many flowers in spring coincides with the use of the fertility symbol of eggs—and eggs boiled with some flowers change their color, bringing the spring into the homes. If you are in the spirit!!!! Hold the control key down and left click.

Peter Cottontail, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&v=G5ZYL1BvXnI&list=PL466C1931B628CEFA&NR=1>

Happy Easter

Lake Owasso Garden Club

"NEW LOCATION"

(Reserved for next Fall, also)

Next Meeting is April 8, 2013 -- 6:30 Social, 7:00 Program

We will be at,

Affinity Plus

2750 Snelling Ave N, Roseville

It is just north of Keller Williams building on the same frontage road, Next to the old Fuddruckers restaurant. On the east side of Snelling Ave. Park in back and go up to the second floor. (Stairs or elevator) The room is to your left.

Program

‘Cacti and Succulents’

Horticulture and gardening topics, Dr. William Cook

Bill Cook is a biology professor at St. Cloud State University who teaches a variety of courses on ecology, wildlife and conservation. He has tried his luck gardening in New Hampshire, Kansas, Arizona and Minnesota, and now works with the Stearns County Master Gardeners. He is interested in most areas of gardening but currently has particular interests in **cacti and succulents**, perennial and wild food-bearing plants and composting.

Presidents Message

Dear Gardening Friends,

The sun is finally warm making me happy for spring blooms, which cannot happen soon enough. When you see the list of summer activities that Char Ethan has put together, you will be even more eager for the flowering times. There are many dates you will want to save besides our usual meeting night.

I am happy to report that Roseville City accepted our application for the Rose Fest parade in June. The cut-off date was March 30 and the woman that took the application on March 12th told me that there were still openings. The city doesn't send out parade confirmations until May, but we can start planning.

Our other big topic for April will be the plant sale in May. If you have extra pots people can use for the sale, please bring them to our April meeting. It's best if plants can be divided before our May meeting. Divided plants look best when they have at least two weeks in the pots. I think I'll be dividing a huge Hosta into many pots and still leave a big chunk in the garden. My favorite way is to wash all the soil off the roots and then wiggle off 5 or 6 shoots per pot. The plants seem so happy when divided and get a little extra manure tossed into the garden hole.

Good news: Ron Kvass has secured the Affinity Plus Credit Union's community room for the remainder of the year. It's great to have this new room for our LOGC meetings! We have a comfortable, attractive room with a great technical set-up for our speakers. Thanks, Ron.

Looking forward to snowdrops and woodland crocus,

Wendy Lucas,
LOGC president

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Meeting March 11th, 2013 28 members present

LOGC met at Affinity Credit Union. Wendy Lucas brought the meeting to order at 8:30.

The design team met and plans are in place for the Arboretum annual bed. Volunteers are needed for the planting and maintenance throughout the summer. Contact Char Ethen (484-6473) if you are interested.

Signup sheets passed around for the member garden tours and thanks to all of you who volunteered to show your gardens. These tours take place on the 2nd Monday (same as the LOGC meetings) in June, July and August.

A July excursion to Munsinger Gardens in St. Cloud is planned. We have also been invited to tour the gardens of the President of the St. Cloud Garden Club. Those who wish to stay overnight can make reservations or another option is to go for the day. Travel time to St. Cloud about 75 minutes.

Kirsten Englebrecht announced the auditors O.K.'d the books.

Dick Flipp announced he is working on the web site to connect our sister club, the Water Garden Society and other clubs to post events or meetings with just a click away.

Angie Hoffman-Walter is continuing to work on the LOGC schedule. Our book is complete but upon printing, it became quite clear that those of you who don't have a magnifying glass would not be able to read it, so it's back to the drawing board.

Hand-outs for the plant sale were passed around. If you would like either 8 1/2 x 11 or small flyers check with Kirsten E.

Jason Husveth spoke on rare plants and the natural history of the Wet Prairies of the Anoka Sand Plain of East Central Minn. He showed slides of rare flowers and plants that haven't been seen in years..

New members were introduced, yeah!!!!

Rose Diestler made a motion to adjourn and Kirsten seconded it, 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Witzel, Secretary

Treasurer's report

The TCF bank balance was \$7,573.45 as of March 22, 2013.

Kirsten Engelbrecht

Exciting news!

Member tours are coming back this summer. Please consider sharing your garden with your garden club friends. There will be a sign-up at the March meeting. We need two members for June, July, and August. The dates are same as our meetings, second Monday of each month. If another date works for you, let us know. See online schedule for time and address. See link at the bottom of newsletter.

Plant "Imagination"

Lilium Longiflorum

Easter Lilies abound just in advance of Easter. They make a great gift for Mom or Grandma, or simply to decorate your home or office with a splash of early spring bloom. When selecting Easter Lilies, buy ones that are just beginning to open. The blooms will only last a few days, so selecting one about to open will allow you the maximum bloom time in your home.

Don't throw me away! After Easter when my blooms begin to fade and die off, plant me in a container or in your flower bed. Easter Lilies will grow and bloom in your flower garden for years.

How to Grow Easter Lilies:

Most people buy potted plants for Easter so let's begin with a blooming plant, and discuss planting Easter lilies outdoors. After the flower has died, off continue to grow the Lily in it's container until the last frost in your area. Then, transplant your Easter Lily in a flower garden. It prefers somewhat rich soil, fairly well drained, and full sun. It should be allowed to continue to grow. Like other spring bulbs, the plant will naturally die off as summer arrives.

In the fall, apply bulb fertilizer or blood meal on top of the soil where your Easter Lily plant is resting. Carefully, work the fertilizer in without disturbing the bulbs. In colder climates, add a layer of mulch on top of the soil to protect the bulb from freezing.

Your transplanted Easter Lily should awaken the following spring. They will bloom in late spring. However, it may not bloom until the second year after it is transplanted. Many bulbs that have been forced to bloom need a year to recover and return to a normal cycle. Then again, perhaps you'll be one of the lucky ones to see a transplanted Easter Lily bloom the following spring.

Newer varieties of Lilium



Magic Star Double Oriental, 2011 MGA Green Thumb Award winner!

Combining the intense fragrance of their single counterparts with rich colors and a double set of flower petals – sometimes even triple! Great drainage and full sun are essential. These flowers are so massive it sometimes takes a year or two in the garden for them to reach their full impressive



Beverly Anne Giant Hybrid—up to 8'

The sturdy stems on these Lilies can reach a height of 3-4', with large, sweet smelling blooms 3-6" in size in the first year alone. By the second year, By the second year, they can shoot up to 5-6' , and within 3 years 6-8' with masses of beautiful blooms. They can produce multiple stems from a single bulb.

Where to buy or more info -

<http://www.kvbwholesale.com/category/Lilies?p=3601640&gclid=CJeJrJqNmbYCFcw7MgodrHAARQ>

Taste That!

Easter Ham --- Try something new this year!

How about Tangerine-glaze with baby carrots.



Or, Baste with orange, strawberry, or raspberry Ginger Ale that is mixed with a lot of brown sugar

Pineapple slices? Try something new!!!

I am trying regular Ginger Ale with Cranberry juice this year (w/brown sugar)

I have basted with Ginger Ale (with lots of brown sugar) and it gives a nice sweet coating to the ham to offset the salty ham taste. Cook on grill with 2 inches of baste mix in foil pan covered with tinfoil.

The online document for sharing club activities with other garden clubs is being developed, and will be called CrossPollinations. Look for it in the future. You will have a calendar of events for many different clubs. A chance for others to join us and for us to try their events.



Sister Club

The **Minnesota Water Garden Society** has agreed to be a 'sister' club with us and we will begin sharing news of each other's events. They look forward to doing this with the **Lake Owasso Garden Club**. **MWGS**, meets the second Sunday of the month at 2 Pm at various locations. That is the day before ours if that helps make it easier to remember. The MWGS website is www.mwgs.org --- check it out for meeting locations and other information about speakers etc.

Address and directions for our meetings--

**Affinity Plus,
2750 Snelling Ave N,
Roseville, MN, 55117**

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Newsletter submissions

We welcome pictures (please title, include latin names of plants), news items, and commentary, preferably via email to raflipp@comcast.net **Deadline** is by the **25th of each month**. I will try to get the newsletter out on the first of the month.

Also, remember our club's [Facebook](#) page. It is a great place to post pictures and share what's in bloom.

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GOOGLE DOC for Lake Owasso Garden Club -- Check it out.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrBINUSDBWd250QlpGYWc