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## August lilies

The August lily is a great plant. I think the genus and species name is *Lycoris squamigera* (amaryllis family, amaryllidaceae), though some websites name the species as *belladonna* and give pictures that also fit the flowers currently in my back yard. Because I live in a zone where it freezes in winter, my guess is that the hearty amaryllis (*Lycoris squamigera*) is what I have. Its native to eastern Asia. A few generic names are – August Lily, Pink Lady, Naked Lady, surprise lily, Lords and Ladies, and resurrection lily. In 23 years, my first 10 or so bulbs have grown to over 170 stalks (@100 bulbs) (times 6 for the number of trumpet flowers at the top of the stalk) to produce over 1000 flowers. The bulbs are about two inches around and can be separated every few years. I have found that the bulbs move around in my yard (likely due to the fact that when the moles dig, things shift).

Internet sources say that the August lily seeds are also fertile. Cincinnati has pretty wet soil, especially in the spring, suggesting that the bulbs don't rot as easily as some other bulbs. The foliage comes up in early spring as long lily-type leaves, which die back to the ground by May leaving no trace of the plant. Then, surprise !! the flower stalks come up, without foliage, like clockwork the first week in August (hence the name). This year they were up in early July, the biological reasons for which I couldn't find on the internet. (ground temperature?, lessening daylight hours? (unlikely since there is no foliage)). First emergence to full bloom takes about 5 days, and flowers last about two weeks. The flowers are trumpet shaped with six petals, 3" long and 2" across. They are among my favorite plants and each summer I go around counting the shoots as they appear, walking gingerly, forgetting where the bulbs were, looking for the first signs of their pointy stalks.

I had hoped to make time to have an August lily stained glass pattern, but time just flew by this summer. Its on my TO-DO-list. **THANKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS !!**

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# new patterns

About 45 new patterns were posted on <http://gospelglass.com> and <http://pdqpatterns.com> this month. See below for just a few. Two new alphabets were posted (ask for your custom letter) and some transom window patterns, plus a couple early stars for Christmas or Chanukah.

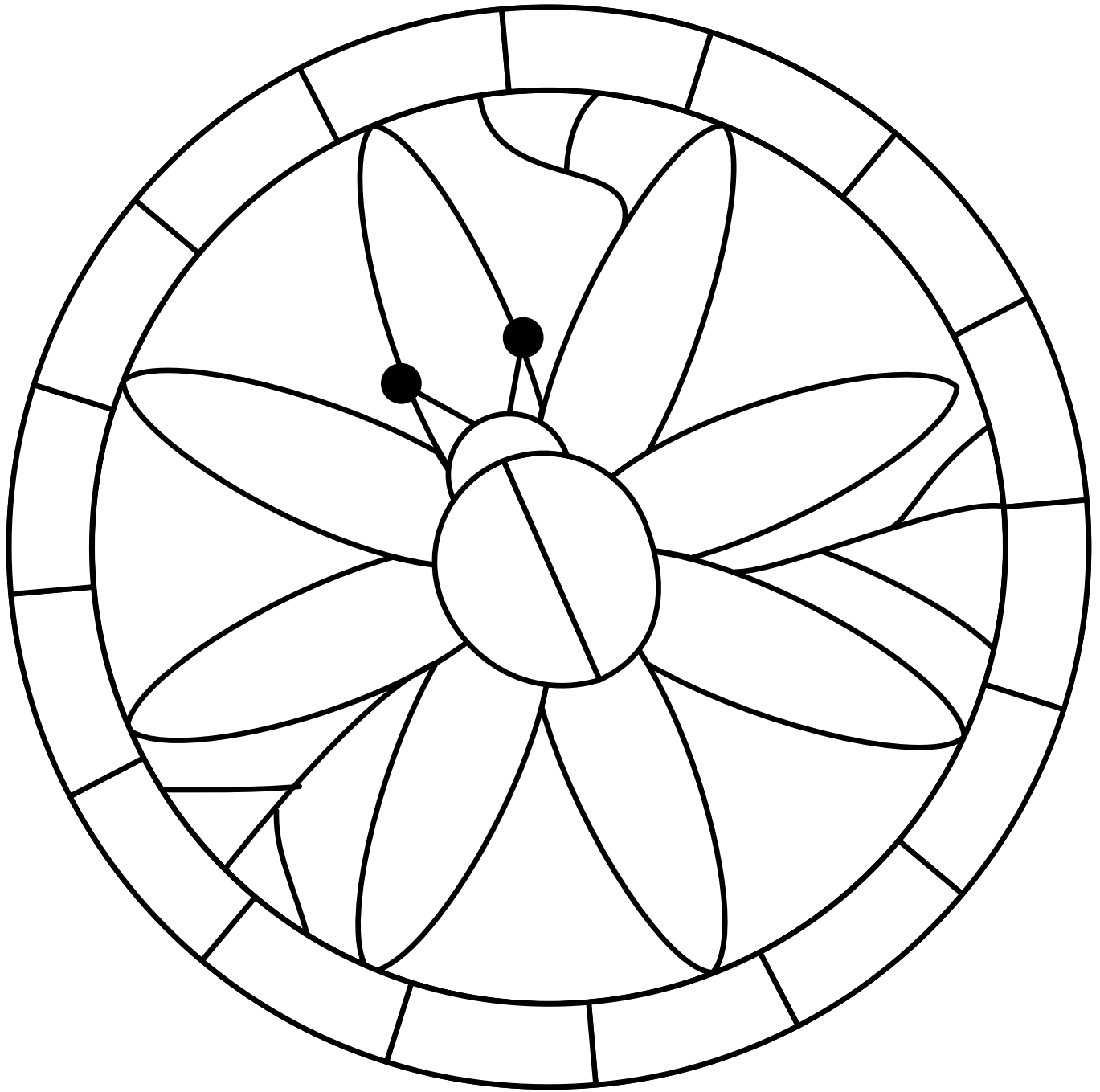


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# pattern for August



Lady but flower (doncha love that typo)