



Mid America Regional Lily Society 2009 Accomplishment Report

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Educational Meeting: Don Kelley presented "Drip Irrigation Revisited: Tips on Installing" and Linda Smith demonstrated grooming lily stems for show competition. The free event was held March 7 at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG).

Website: The MARLS site was redesigned and reorganized by Lynn Slackman, a web development professional and MARLS member, for easier navigation. New content also was added, including an archives of the society's newsletter, Lily Trumpet.

Bulb Sales: MARLS conducted two sales: a one-day sale in April and a two-day sale in October. Members who volunteered to pack bulbs at the Bulb Packing Party or work the sales received a 20 percent discount on their bulb purchases. The fall sale featured some new Asiatics by Johann Mak. The sales were held at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Co-chairs were Kim Peterson, Carol Appelbaum and Grace Padberg.

Membership Fair: The society participated in a membership fair in February sponsored by the Missouri Botanical Garden. MARLS welcomed 14 new members in 2009, mostly through recruitment efforts at its lily show, educational meeting, and bulb sales.

Lily Show: The 27th Annual Lily Show was held June 20 and 21 at the MBG. A variety of many beautiful lilies and floral designs were entered. A mini Show and Awards Luncheon took place in July at the home and gardens of member Marti Warhurst.

National Lily Show: Ten MARLS members attended the national show in Springfield, MO, bringing home about a dozen ribbons. Our president, Dennis Fitzgibbons, won the Leslie Woodruff Award for his entry, 'Baywatch.'

Grants: MARLS gave a \$500 grant to NALS in memory of Ed McRae and \$300 to Jason Delaney for lily bulb planting at the MBG.