



## Mid America Regional Lily Society

### 2016 Accomplishment Report

Accomplishments of the Mid America Regional Lily Society (MARLS) during 2016

President: Kim Peterson  
Vice President: Vacant  
Secretary: Lynn Slackman  
Treasurer: Roy Peterson

Educational Outreach efforts:

- Cross Pollinator event at Sugar Creek Nursery: Kim Peterson and Lynn Slackman met with other plant societies and garden clubs to exchange ideas
- Sensational Plants evening at Missouri Botanical Gardens: Pam Hardy, Kim and Roy Peterson, and Lynn Slackman promoted our June show and 2017 NALS show
- National Garden Club presentation: Kim Peterson and Ellen Mell spoke to the Judge's Council of East Central District National Garden Club about showing and judging lilies
- Washington City-County Fair: Pam Hardy and Lynn Slackman promoted NALS 2017 show and lily cultivation

Lily plantings:

- Lynn Slackman and Pam Hardy worked in the MBG bulb garden to weed and tie up lilies throughout the summer. They helped MBG staff identify some of the lilies since markings had been lost. Many thousands of people pass through annually to see these lilies
- Several MARLS members divided bulbs in the lily bed at Forest Park's Jewel Box. About 100+ large Scheherazade lilies bulbs were removed from the crowded beds, and another 50+ Royal Sunset bulbs were divided and removed. All bulbs were donated to Bellefontaine Cemetery

Club Member activities:

- A successful show with 53 horticulture entries, 3 design classes, and 22 photos was held.
- Four MARLS members traveled to the NALS 2016 conference in Chicago and entered horticulture and design exhibits

- The MARLS Awards luncheon was held at Kim Peterson's home on Saturday, July 23. Ten members attended this event.
- The future of MARLS was discussed on several occasions with members. Our club has dwindling participation and can no longer hold activities with such a small number of people. Options to merge the club or to close it are being explored

Other:

- The memorial tree honoring MARLS founder, Fred Winterowd, was selected. It is *Malus niedzwetzkyana*, a crabapple native to Asia that is rare and endangered throughout its range. It was grown from seed and will be mature enough to plant out in one of the bulb gardens in 2016
- Jean Winterowd invited members to take lily bulbs from her garden as she is moving. Bulbs were distributed to MARLS members, a good memorial from Fred, our founder

NALS 2017:

Lynn Slackman has been appointed chair of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual International Lily Show & Symposium in St Louis, Missouri on June 28 – July 2, 2017. She designed the website, secured the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis for the hotel site, made arrangements for local tours, and drafted schedule of events for the Symposium.

*Kim Peterson*  
MARLS President 2016