

Presentation of the
North American Lily Society Regional Service Medal

Recipient: Fred Winterowd

North American Lily Society (NALS) has established a new annual award—the NALS Regional Medal. It is to be awarded for outstanding service to a regional lily society. There are many conditions constituting “outstanding contributions” to the society. NALS has made suggestions, but the individual regional may list other contributions that could merit consideration of the award. Only one medal per society per year will be awarded.

Fred Winterowd will receive the 2003 NALS Regional Service Medal for the Mid America Regional Lily Society. The presentation will take place on Saturday, June 14, at approximately 12:30 p.m., following the judging of the Annual Lily Show. We invite and encourage all members to come to support Fred in this exciting new recognition and honor. **He and Jean will not receive a copy of this invitation; the Board of MARLS is trying to keep it a surprise for him! If you happen to see him, please do not let it slip!**

Following is the nomination submitted to NALS. Our recommendation was immediately approved, as Fred is a well-known and respected lily personality with the National Lily Society as well.

Fred Winterowd fulfills all of the recommendations made by NALS:

- *Long and devoted service as a regional officer.* Fred was the founder of the Mid America Regional Lily Society.
- *Good and friendly mentorship to new members, and the encouragement of lily enthusiasts to become members of both the regional groups and of NALS.* Fred is probably the biggest recruiter of new members and makes all feel very welcome.
- *Excellence of growing and showing lilies in such a way as to bring credit to the society.* Fred is a consistent winner in our Annual Lily Show. He opens his garden for tours and passes on his knowledge of how to grow beautiful lilies. He wants all to be successful in this endeavor.
- *Similar outreach to the community at large.* Fred gives talks at many garden club gatherings, community meetings, etc. He presents slide shows and makes all aware of the beauty, availability and ease of incorporating lilies into the garden. He then donates any honorarium he receives to MARLS.

Other contributions that we can recognize are:

- Fred is an accredited NALS Lily Show Judge and has presented Judges Training Schools, resulting in supplying our regional with many qualified judges.
- He volunteers his time at Missouri Botanical Garden, and helps maintain our Lily Display Garden there. He is a consistent contributor to our Newsletter.
- Fred's participation in our Lily Show, with the displays and staging, is what has made our show outstanding.
- Fred's motivation, enthusiasm, organizational skills, and leadership is what has helped this regional to thrive. He is a very worthy recipient of this new Award.