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From the President . . . Kathleen Rice

MARLS had another great show in June. Even though we had a warmer winter than usual and more than a few of our lilies had already bloomed, there were many beautiful entries.

At the end of June, thirteen of our members headed for the National Show hosted by the Pacific Northwest Regional. It was a great learning experience and good fun for all. Portland produced a show with many international speakers giving us large glimpses of the exciting new advances in lily culture around the world.

Interspecific was the keyword at the show. We have seen the beautiful lilies produced with the hybridization of

longiflorum and asiatic (LA's) and the beauty of the Orientals and Trumpets. At the show we heard about Asiapets. The advances with the lilies are the increased hybridizing between the divisions or interspecific.

One Dutch hybridizer was hybridizing specifically for 'NO' fragrance with the Orientals. His wife is allergic to the scent as are many people.

As the emphasis of the show was on hybridizing, the speakers were all asked to name three lilies that they felt were the most important introductions. All of them named 'Enchantment' which opened the commercial market, and 'Connecticut King'. 'Stargazer'

and 'Casa Blanca' were right up there for choices as well as 'Lorena' and L. longiflorum because it can be combined with all the other divisions.

Our lilies are going over in our gardens now and we look forward to our Fall Bulb Sale to add to the beauty we experienced this past year. We all had our favorites, I particularly enjoyed 'Starfighter' and 'Granny'.

We are planning for another good year for MARLS in 2001. Share your ideas and requests with us. See you at the Bulb Sale, bring your ideas with you and take home an attendance prize given at the meeting, 2 p.m. on Saturday of the Bulb Sale, October 28, 2000.

Summer Educational Meeting

All those attending our Educational Meeting on July 30th now know how to propagate lilies! **Jeffrey Stiller** of the Wisconsin/Illinois Lily Society, expert hybridizer and grower, gave an excellent presentation with numerous visual aids to explain the many methods of propagation. Division, scaling, bulblets, bulbils, tissue culture, etc. all give the exact lily. He also explained how to hybridize and what attributes to look for in the lilies you choose for cross-pollination. The many hand-outs gave instructions for raising lilies from seed and he had samples of new plants started from seed. Jeffrey shared some of his seed and bulbils with us so we can all experiment. It was a very interesting, organized and informative presentation, very well attended. Thank you Jeffrey for traveling to St. Louis to share your knowledge and expertise with us!

Because of time restraints at this meeting, the scheduled awards presentation has been rescheduled for the Bulb Packaging Party on October 27, 2000. Lily arrangements made by **Fred Winterowd** were awarded as attendance prizes. Following the meeting many of our members enjoyed dinner at Del Pietro's with Jeffrey and his wife and son.

Calendar of Events

MARLS BOARD MEETING October 1, 2000

FALL BULB SALE
Missouri Botanical Garden October 27 - 29, 2000

2001 SCHEDULE

Spring Bulb Sale - April 6-8, 2001
Lily Show - June 15-17, 2001
Fall Bulb Sale - October 26-28, 2001

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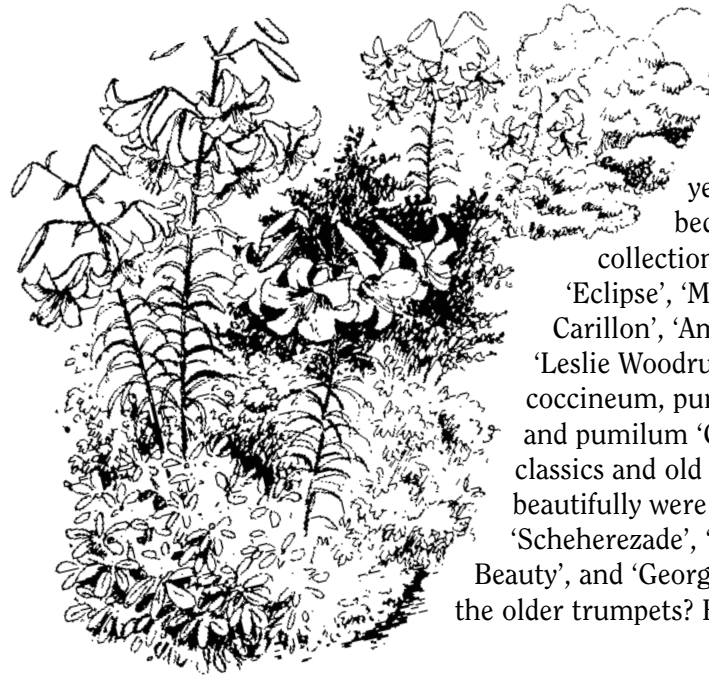
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Happenings at Missouri Botanical Garden:



Bunny grazing aside, we have had yet another successful lily season at MOBOT this year. The newest and most bedazzling cultivars in the collection were 'Purple Reign', 'Eclipse', 'Miss Alice', 'Northern Carillon', 'American Classics Strain', 'Leslie Woodruff', canadense var. coccineum, pumilum 'Yellow Bunting', and pumilum 'Golden Gleam'. Other classics and old standbys that performed beautifully were 'White Henryi', 'Scheherezade', 'Yosemite Group', 'Black Beauty', and 'George Slate'. Did I mention the older trumpets? Fabulous as usual!

The Kemper Center lily display garden was also a great success. Many of the Orientals, the speciosums, and a few remaining 'Black Beauty' are still blooming, creating a nice extension to the season. In the Boxwood Garden are two fabulous stems of *Lilium formosanum* which should begin blooming in another week or two. (This is one late lily!)

The trip to Portland, OR, has promised to be very rewarding for the bulb displays at MOBOT next year. **Julius Wadekemper** and **Judith Freeman** requested my lists of "must haves", **Dr. Robert Griesbach** has pledged to send more of his new tetra trumpets and orientpets, and seed of *L. humboldtii* and *L. parryii* was donated by **Jeff Johnson**, of Long Beach, CA. **Jeffrey Stiller** has also tempted me with an offer of some unusual forms of *L. henryi* with the exchange of some of our trumpets. I think we can work out a deal

In just one month (is September going to be here already?) work will begin dividing the rest of the lilies untouched from last year's overhaul, completing the renovation of the lily plantings in preparation for 2004. New varieties will be added to the Heckman and Samuels Bulb Gardens, and a new display and trial bed will go in at the Kemper Center, also for the 2004 convention. Too, hundreds of martagon seedlings from our germination program in the Greenhouses will be going out-of-doors for the very first time. Hopefully we'll have bloom out of these for the convention as well.

Thanks again to **Diane Engelsdorfer**, **Jack Gagnon**, **Pam Hardy**, and **Fred Winterowd** for their unyielding volunteer support at the Garden (and for maintaining their cool while interacting with a narcissophile). And Jack, don't worry: There will be plenty of work for you when you return!

Respectfully submitted,

*Jason A. Delaney, Horticulturist
Missouri Botanical Garden*

Fall Bulb Sale October 27-29, 2000

Our Fall Bulb Sale will be held October 28-29 at Missouri Botanical Garden in Monsanto Hall. The Bulb Packaging Party, at the Garden in the Beaumont Room, will be Friday, October 27, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

We have a lot of fun packaging the bulbs! Please come and support our Society. This is our money making activity and our way of promoting lilies in our area. Members will be able to choose and purchase their bulbs on Friday evening after all the business is completed. There should be a great selection, the Bulb Chairmen have been busy selecting and ordering!

Help is needed on both Saturday and Sunday also. The sale will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days or until sold out. We are rarely still open after noon on Sunday. We will have sign up sheets on Friday evening, so please plan on giving your time for an hour or two. Thank you. See you at the Packaging Party!



News Briefs, Notes and Tidbits

- Past President **Jack Gagnon** is recovering nicely from hip replacement surgery he had the middle of July—slowly but surely. Long time member **Al Lord** is recovering from quintuple heart by-pass surgery and other complications. Our prayers and best wishes for a healthful recovery to both of them.

- INVITATION . . . Member **Catherine Cornett** has invited all of our Lily Society Members to a "Cutting Party" at her garden on Saturday, Sept. 23, starting at 10:00 a.m. Food, fun and cuttings from anything in her garden, including tropicals! Bring your own razor and pots, also beer/wine if you like. This is an annual affair attended by friends and members of the many plant societies to which Catherine belongs. No digging allowed! Her address is: 8692 General Grant Lane; Crestwood, MO 63123. Thank you Catherine!

- Overheard that Milorganite is a good repellent for deer—they won't go near it! It's certainly worth a try for all plagued by this malady. It is still available at O.K. Hatchery or Hummerts.

- **Fred Winterowd** checked with the St. Louis County Water Department regarding the pH of the water—an astonishing 12 on the pH scale—very alkaline! He suggested the use of *Miracid* to counteract this.

- Still don't know the cause of the mysterious illness that affected so many attendees of the Annual NALS Meeting in Portland! Food poisoning, virus??? Oregon Health Department is still investigating. **Dorothy Schrei** is really pursuing this until we receive an answer!



- Have you been to the St. Louis Zoo lately? Check out the great landscaping!

- As great as the Educational Meeting was, did anyone except me miss the annual summer pot-luck get together, awards ceremony and plant exchange?? usually held at a member's home with a garden tour included, and a very social, fun event?

- To all MARLS Board Members —Board Meeting will be held Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. at **Kathleen Rice's** home.

- Enclosed is a copy of membership list updated for August, 2000. If there are any corrections or changes, such as area code change, please let editor or **Jean Winterowd** know. Thank you.

From the Editor . . .

Carol Appelbaum

It's been a very busy "lily summer"! This issue is basically a summary of the many activities we have experienced. Congratulations to all the award winners at our 2000 Show and to those who participated for the first time. I hope you enjoy the accounts of some of our members' trip to Portland for the NALS Annual Show and Meeting—it really was fun. Our summer meeting truly was "educational"—a great presentation!

Again, major thanks to **Sarah** for doing the layout for this Newsletter. We are racing the clock—her baby (our granddaughter) is due any day now! Have to also add son **David** to my list of "thank you's". He's been very helpful with his computer instructions and use of his computer and e-mail address.

Remember we welcome any information or articles anyone cares to submit. The next *Lily Trumpet* will probably be published in November, 2000.

Hope you all have a great Fall planting season. Remember the Bulb Sale!

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From the Membership

Chairperson . . . Jean Winterowd

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Society:

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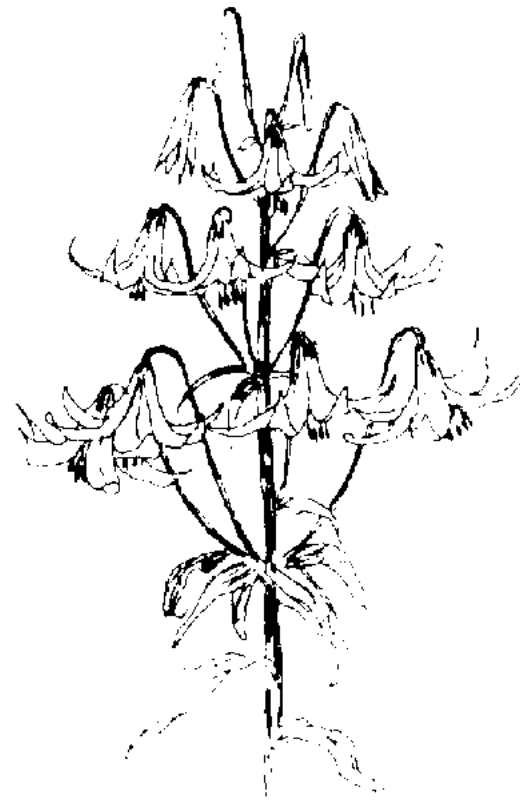
Welcome to the *Mid-America Regional Lily Society*. Please feel free to talk with other members about lilies and ask any questions you may have. We love to show our gardens and discuss various cultivars and our secrets for growing good lilies. Plan to attend our next bulb sale October 27-29, 2000, to get a good start on growing prize lilies!

Membership in *The North American Lily Society* is a wonderful way to add to your knowledge of lilies. They publish a Quarterly Bulletin and a Yearbook full of information about lily growing in different parts of the country. They hold a National Show each year and set standards for evaluating lilies which help to further the course of lily hybridizing. They have a seed exchange for members. The library is open to members and has a wonderful selection of books about lilies, lily judging, propagating etc . . . All in all a great value!

To join the *North American Lily Society* send \$20.00 for one year or \$55.00 for three years to:

Barbara Small
North American Lily Society Membership Registrar
4234 Randhurst Way
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
e-mail: barb-lily@prodigy.net

Please send her the same information as stated for the Species Lily Group.



Lilium canadense

The Species Lily Preservation Group is dedicated to preserving species lilies through a bulb propagation program and encouraging preservation of species natural habitats. It is a great way to get virus free species lily bulbs for the garden and to preserve a few of the ancestors of our modern day hybrids.

To join mail \$7.00 for one year or \$20.00 for three years membership to:

Species Lily Preservation Group
c/o **Maureen Barber**
336 Sandlewood Road
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e-mail: mbarber@cogocable.ca

Please send your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and permission (if you want) to be included in the membership list sent to all the members, with your check.

Show Highlights

Our Annual Lily Show again was great and very well attended. The wonderful Oriental lily displays by **Fred Winterowd** attracted people to the show. Once there, they were treated to the lilies entered into competition; 160 stems were entered and 13 individual blooms, 9 stems were entered under "People's Choice". The Design Division displayed 17 designs for competition. In addition we had the great commercial display by **Jason Delaney** of lilies grown at the Garden, showing all of us the lilies' true potential. The Educational Display by **Diane Engelsdorfer** attracted much attention....definitions of the Divisions of Lilies and how they are classified with a large collage of pictures of lilies aiding the understanding—very graphic and well presented! Everyone did an excellent job in their area of expertise. Thanks to all for making the show a great success.

Blue ribbons were awarded to 89 of the stems entered. **Jack Gagnon** was clearly the sweepstakes winner with 26 blue ribbons, **Linda Smith** was second with 17 blue ribbon entries. Our president, **Kathleen Rice**, fittingly won the "Best of Show" award for an outstanding stem of 'Silk Road'. Following are the winners of the major awards:

Best in Show!	'Silk Road'	Kathleen Rice
Editor's Award (Best Species)	L. Davidii	Linda Smith
MARLS Award I (Best Asiatic in Sections A-D)	'Ariadne'	Fred Winterowd
MARLS Award II (Best single bloom)	'Sorbonne'	Muriel Marks
	'Moonlight'	Jack Gagnon
	L.amabile	Linda Smith
	'Merry Spring'	Fred Winterowd
	'Golden Stargazer'	Diane Engelsdorfer
President's Award (Best Oriental, Division VII)	'Stargazer'	Jack Gagnon
Hartle-Gilman Gardens Award (Best lily stem introduced by Hartle-Gilman Gardens)	'Indian Brave'	Hal Schrei
Bernie LaBlance Memorial Award (Best lily stem grown from seed, but not hybridized,by exhibitor)	Seedling	Hal Schrei
Columbia Platte Lilies Award (Best lily stem introduced by Columbia Platte Lilies)	'Silk Road'	Kathleen Rice
Maxwell Homestead Nursery Award (Three stems of the same cultivar)	'Indian Brave'	Hal Schrei
B & D Lilies Award (Best multicolor stem)	Tetra Trumpet	Linda Smith
	'IC-90'	
"Peoples Choice" Award (Voted by general public— not judged by show judges)	'Stargazer'	Jack Gagnon
Sugar Creek Nurseries Award (Favorite design entry)		Carol Appelbaum

A total of 916 votes were cast during the two days of the show. 'Stargazer' had 357 votes, the nearest competitor was Fred Winterowd's 'Granny' with 120 votes.

Chosen by votes of guests on the first day of the show, each person could vote for three choices. Jean Winterowd's entry was a close second, just five votes behind, with Linda Smith's entry taking third.



The more you know about lilies the better you can enjoy them!

North American Lily Society Annual Meeting and Show

Any NALS Show held in Portland has to be the very best possible! It is the location of so many growers, hybridizers and lily experts, and such beautiful country. Several participants' comments follow and look for **Kathleen Rice's** in her "From the President" and **Jason Delaney's** in "Happenings at Missouri Botanical Garden".

Views and Impressions from Portland

Carol Appelbaum

It was nice to put faces with names I have heard through the years and I was honored to judge with **Dorothy Schaefer**, who along with **Julius Wadekamper**, was the lily expert who helped launch our Mid America Society in 1982. The speakers were interesting and we got an idea of species hunting and lily hybridizing and growing throughout the world . . . a very international climate at the show! However, the best part of the trip for me were the lily fields and greenhouses. This was my first experience seeing fields of lilies in bloom—it was breathtaking!—under cool, clear skies.

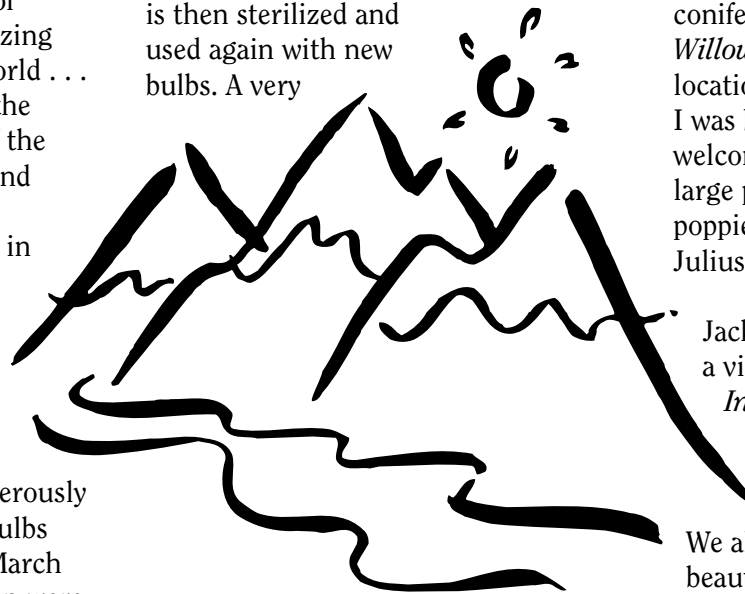
Our first visit was to the *Mak-Leek* lily fields.

Johan Mak hybridized and introduced 'Granny' and so generously supplied us with the 'Granny' bulbs which were given away at our March meeting. A barbeque and auction were also held at this location—fun!

Judith Freeman's Lily Garden/Columbia Platte Lilies was fascinating especially trying to keep up with her and listening to her explanations—she's a "ball of fire".

Another tour included **Martin Meskers' Oregon Flowers, Inc.** greenhouses—about twenty acres under glass. Never

having seen anything like this either, I was completely fascinated. He grows lilies for the high end commercial florist trade, mostly 'Stargazer'. The complete system is unbelievable—from bulb to flowering stem in about 60 days. He says the secret is in the top quality bulbs he receives from Holland. After this fast growth the bulb is spent and ground up with the soil and composted, soil is then sterilized and used again with new bulbs. A very



impressive operation. They never see the lilies flower because all are shipped to the market in the bud stage. Martin is the grower who graciously supplies the Orientals which **Fred Winterowd** so artfully arranges for our show display each year. His youthful, pleasant personality and informative presentation added to the enjoyment of this tour.

The next day we toured around Mt. Hood to visit some species lily fields and **Julius Wadekamper's Willowood**. Beautiful country—the setting for both of these locations was picture perfect, a lush valley set between the snow-covered peaks of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, again a beautiful clear, cool day! The species fields were not in bloom, but the cherry orchards and row after row of conifer seedlings were beautiful. *Willowood* was perfect for its location but on the fifth day of "lilies" I was becoming lily saturated and welcomed seeing for a change the large plantings of delphiniums, poppies and bell flowers (campanula) Julius had growing closer to his home.

Jack and I also managed to sneak in a visit to the magnificent *Portland International Rose Test Garden*, in full bloom, colors fantastic; terraced on a hill overlooking the city, it goes on and on.

We also toured their Japanese Garden, beautiful and peaceful, containing all the components that we have at our Japanese Garden in St. Louis, but on a smaller scale; we are a little spoiled.

We thoroughly enjoyed the trip, show, presentations, tours, etc. but especially enjoyed being with such a congenial, fun group of people from St. Louis.

A Very Memorable Outing!

Fred Winterowd

Our NALS Convention 2000 was filled with FUN! Of course we viewed many outstanding lilies, but I'd like to pause here, remembering other fine aspects of our visit.

Foremost in the minds of us senior members was the enjoyment of our newer members and of those who were attending their first NALS Convention. In a word, 'comradeship' prevailed! We learned of **Ken Rice's** British humor (you are our 'funny bone', Ken!) Also, his 'straight man', **Jack Appelbaum**, . . . affectionally dubbed, Mr. T.C.!

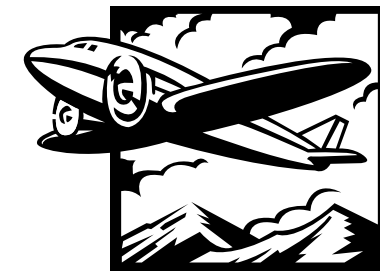
Then there were our soon to be "NEW JUDGES"! How great! They realized fine experiences with their Judging Teams. **Kathleen Rice, Pam Hardy** and **Diane Engelsdorfer**—capturing the finer points; taking some great field notes! We are so very proud of you.

Jason Delaney was our valued liaison to the experts! He was here, he was there, he was essentially EVERYWHERE! No doubt Jason made numerous contacts of substance . . . both for MARLS and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

As our bus rolled merrily down the road, we burst into song! (Led by Ken's touch of the British Isles!) Yes, . . . it was a convention to remember, as other attendees will add their happy accounts. Come, join in the FUN—it's Canada—2001!

Yours, in 'FUNSHIP',

Fred and Jean Winterowd



Old Friends

Jack Gagnon

Our trip was through Minnesota on Northwest Airlines. We finally used some of our free air miles. Arriving we found many of our Mid America group plus many old friends. As exciting as the gardens were, the show was a little disappointing to me. The one thing I wish to write about is a couple of these old friends.

First we heard the news of the return of illness to **Julius Wadekamper** and that he was selling his lilies as well as his other flowers. He has always been one of our leaders and a friend to our Mid America Lily Society and Missouri Botanical Garden. His work will be sorely missed. Here is wishing him a quick and good recovery.

Other persons missed were **Ruth and Hugh Cocker**. Due to illness they are giving up their work. Hugh has given us beautiful lilies and Ruth outstanding perennials. She also supplied florists and I hear she is giving them to nursing homes and hospitals. Some of his outstanding accomplishments were 'Black Eyed Cindy', 'Carolyn Marie', 'Eric', and one of his many martagons, 'Arabian Nights'. Again we can wish only the best for Ruth and Hugh. Keep in touch with us at North American Lily Society as you can be sure you and Julius will be remembered for your willingness to help others.

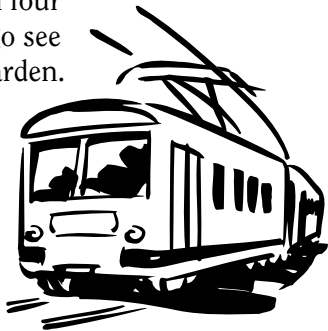
P.S. Seems the *Northwest* had the same weather problems as *Mid America*, early blooming Asiatics and a severe shortage of rain to cause a shortage of stems.

Tagging Along

MaryLee Gagnon

Many of us go along to National and local meetings but are not really "the growers" in the family. So while our mates are attending classes, judging, etc. we do our own thing. This year we had a male escort—an Englishman—who braved the bus and MAX light rail system with four women to go see the Rose Garden.

It was quite an experience and a big THANK YOU to **Ken Rice** for the escort.



It was interesting to go shopping with our new friend from Holland while she looked for Levi 501 jeans. They pay \$70.00 American there for them, Penneys had them on sale for \$31.00. Teenagers are alike the world over—must have the certain "Name Brands"! We never did make the quilt shop though. It helps to have your car available.

Many of you have heard the story of the Russian speaker who gave us a picture postcard of the Russian Summer Palace. I had along a picture I'd taken of the quilt I made for Tim and Becky's 25th anniversary. She asked to see it, asked if I'd made it and asked me to sign it. I knew then she thought I'd given her the picture as she tucked in in her purse. Jack asked what I was going to do. I just said "let her keep it"—sometimes the interpretations are not worthwhile!