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A Great Success Story

Edel Barnholtz and I spent several evenings just trying to analyze the previous sales to come up with the proper number of bulbs to order for our Spring Bulb Sale. During the last few sales we ran out of bulbs very early on Sunday, the second day of the sale. We really thought we had it figured out and ordered approximately 1500 bulbs.



Saturday, the first day, started a little shaky when rain appeared at the opening. We were ready with a great

group of helpers and a good setup in Monsanto Hall. Usually we have a big rush but it just wasn't there. Instead a steady stream of people were at the tables and it was this way all day, and we had plenty of bulbs for Sunday.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny and people arrived in groups. The Daffodil Show helped and many of their members are now going to grow lilies. About noon it was apparent we were going to sell out again. By 2:00 p.m. we were packing up our signs. So now Edie and I will try to order more and different bulbs for our Fall Sale.

Response has been good at not only our packaging parties and help for the sale, but the sale itself has been great with wonderful cooperation from Missouri Botanical Garden. Our Treasurer, **Dorothy Schrei**, reported the estimated profit from this bulb sale was \$1820.00. Great!

Thanks again to all for your help! Only the whole Society makes these events truly successful!

Jack Gagnon and Edel Barnholtz
Co-Chairpersons, Bulb Sales

In the Name of Progress!

As we move along in this YEAR 2000, it is quite important to pause and reflect. Our fine Lily Society has 'Growing Pains' — WONDERFUL GROWING PAINS!!! In the following lines we do some thoughtful enumerating to this end.

- Our friendly acceptance of hosting the 2004 N.A.L.S. SHOW! It'll be FUN!!!
- New cooperative plantings and activities with Missouri Botanical Garden. Do plan to be an integral participant in this spirited undertaking!!! Thanks **Jason Delaney, Diane Engelsdorfer** and **Pam Hardy**. Thanks also to **Jack Gagnon**, our liaison.
- The ever-increasing popularity of our two BULB SALES! (Thanks especially to **Edel Barnholtz** and Jack again.) 'Yes' . . . it's another 'TEAM' effort.
- Expanding our goals . . . As we begin to blend our 'Sale' activities with the Daffodil Society. (Thanks to you, Jason, as our inspiration.) Truly a valued TEAM of TALENTS is evolving!
- NEW CULTIVARS are being planted. WOW! See those great Orienpets!!! More BEAUTY in our gardens, and for our June Shows!
- Finally . . . it's 'Hats Off' to our new 2000 Officers! We're already 'on our way' under **Kathleen Rice's** great leadership! The Society sends THANKS to its new officers. How proud we are of your meaningful contributions.

What fine friendships! What fine gardeners!
Fred and Jean Winterowd

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Missouri Botanical Garden See Schedule for Times

NALS ANNUAL SHOW AND MEETING
Portland, Oregon June 28-July 2, 2000

SUMMER EDUCATIONAL MEETING AND MINI-SHOW
Missouri Botanical Garden July 30, 2000

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

2001 SCHEDULE - (Think and Plan Ahead)

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

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From the President . . . Kathleen Rice

Thank you **Jason Delaney** for a great presentation at our Spring Education meeting. What can I say that isn't obvious. The slides were beautiful, and if you haven't walked at the Garden recently, please do so and treat yourself to the real thing we all experienced in the classroom. Well done Jason! We are lucky to have you and pleased to know you. **Johan Mak** provided free bulbs of 'GRANNY' which those present at the meeting received. Our thanks to you Johan Mak for your generosity to MARLS.

Thank you to all! We had a great Spring Bulb Sale. Every bulb was sold even those last straggly few thanks to the super sell by Master salesman, **Jack Gagnon**. Jack even sold his 'own' bulbs as well, and **Marylee** could not find the ones she had paid \$15.00 for?? As always a good turn out to pack the bulbs on Friday evening. Workers showed up for the sale on Saturday and although concerned with help for Sunday, our members came through. We were pleased to welcome new members **Camilla Kotrba, Pam Brown, Megan Sanders and Don and Doris Michaels**. They helped with the bulb packaging and gave of their time with the sale. We are happy to have you with us. A short meeting was held to update the membership with recent happenings and future events. **Hal Schrei's** eye surgery went well for which we are all thankful. He even showed up at the bulb sale. Can't keep a good man down. A lily bulb was given to each member in attendance at the meeting. We look forward to seeing them on display at our show in June.

Our next big event will be our regional show on June 17-18, 2000. Our lilies are showing in our gardens and there will be some real beauties among them. A business meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Attendance prizes will be given, and you must be present to qualify.

MARLS has a signed contract with the Airport Hilton. We will host the 2004 NATIONAL SHOW here in St. Louis. **Fred Winterowd, Ralph Bishop, Hal Schrei** and myself met with the Hilton representative twice and feel good about the contract arrangements with the hotel. The first step has been taken and we look forward to having the mother of all shows here in St. Louis. Thank you gentlemen for your guidance in obtaining a contract beneficial to our group. Let the fun part begin!

Our Summer Educational Meeting and Mini-Show will be held at Missouri Botanical Garden on July 30, 2000. We welcome our speaker **Jeffrey Stiller** of the Wis./Il. Society. I know we will all enjoy his presentation.

Elections were held with **Ralph Bishop** as Chair, and as you all now realize from the last newsletter, our officers are as follows: **Kathleen Rice**, President; **Diane Engelsdorfer**, Vice-President; **Pam Hardy**, Secretary; **Dorothy Schrei**, Treasurer. **Carol Appelbaum** has graciously volunteered to be our new *Lily Trumpet* editor, with **Sarah Hopcraft** as Assistant Editor. **Jean Winterowd** continues as our Membership Chairman. I feel privileged and excited to be working with this great energetic group of personalities. If you have ideas that you feel would be of benefit to our group, bring it forward that we might share with each other. I know each of us realizes the support and knowledge we draw on all of the time from our founding members.

As you can see a lot has been happening with many events coming. I look forward to sharing the knowledge of LILIES with you at our meetings and events. SEE YOU THEN.

P.S. Look for our Lily Display Garden at the Kemper Center. Thank you Diane, Pam and Jason.



Summer Educational Meeting & Mini-Show

We are very fortunate to have **Jeffrey Stiller** as our speaker for our summer meeting! Mr. Stiller is a member of the Wisconsin/Illinois Lily Society and the winner of the *Stone & Payne Award*, the *Wallace Windus Award* and the *American Horticultural Society Sweepstakes Award*. He will present a hands on program on the propagation and hybridization of lilies. We encourage all to attend. Invite your garden club friends and all those interested in lilies in general. We will get a glimpse of the exciting new advances in lily culture.

We will also have our mini-show at this meeting for those stems blooming too late for our show in June. Bring those Trumpets, Orientals, Oriempets, etc. for all to enjoy! Mark your calendars! July 30, 2000, 2:00 p.m., *Beaumont Room* at Missouri Botanical Garden.

News Briefs, Notes and Tidbits

- Just a Note of Thanks - For several years now our contact at Missouri Botanical Garden has been **Jan Kassak**. She retired on January 1, 2000. Here is wishing Jan and her husband a very fulfilling and happy retirement. Thanks for everything Jan.

- Now a welcome to **Jennifer Wolff**. We in the Mid America Regional Lily Society wish you well and look forward to cooperating in any way possible. - *Jack Gagnon*

- A note of thanks goes to **Harald Boerstler** who kindly made the large sign at the bottom of the stairway announcing our lily bulb sale to Garden visitors. Harald has been helpful to MARLS before. He played the bagpipes when **Eddie McRae** was here last year for our Spring Educational Meeting.

- A Phone Committee was established at a recent Board Meeting. It consists of **Ralph Bishop, Kathleen Rice, Charity Sherrington, and Jean Winterowd**. The idea is to call all members to remind them of coming events or happenings, if necessary. We could really use more volunteers to join this committee—many hands make for light work! If you can help out, please call any one of those listed. Thank you.

- Our new Librarian is **Diane Engelsdorfer**. We have a very nice collection of books, magazines, articles, NALS Lily Yearbooks, etc. all dealing with *Lilium* in some way. Diane will be working on a system to make these items available to all our members. Thank you **Jan Smither** for serving in this capacity for many years.

- **Charity Sherrington**, Hospitality Chairman, has volunteered to serve as our *Cheer Correspondent!* If you know of any member who is ill, or in need of cheering up, or celebrating something extra special, please contact Charity, 314-291-1743.

- Did you see 'our own' **Jason Delaney**, Horticulturist, MBG, quoted in the article on "Astonishing Alliums" in the May, 2000, issue of *Rebecca's Garden Magazine*. He is described as a bulb fanatic, (which we can all attest to) and, among other things, quoted as combining alliums with lilies of all kinds. A really good article—check it out! Congratulations Jason!

- I was one of the 'lucky' ones to attend our March Educational meeting. We were treated to an excellent slide presentation by Jason—"Bulbs: Your Garden's Buried Treasure - The Bulb Garden Through the Seasons"! Jason is truly our "treasure"; we are very fortunate he likes lilies! Thanks, Jason, for sharing your knowledge, talents and enthusiasm with us!

- Received a thank you note for a birthday check from daughter **Susan**, stating she thought she would spend the money for a load of "mushroom compost". How's that for instilling the right set of values in your children! Of course this is the daughter who gave me beneficial nematodes for Mother's Day last year! They really did work—a lot fewer holes in the hosta leaves. We're using them again this year. - *Carol*

- **Diane E.**, a volunteer at MoBot, has said that the ladybugs and lacewings released at the Garden have done a fantastic job of keeping down the aphid population there.

Ed. Note: If any of you have any news, anecdotes, trivia - important, frivolous, or otherwise—concerning lilies or not, that you would like to share, please send it to the Editor. We would love to hear from you. Thanks!

From the Editor . . .

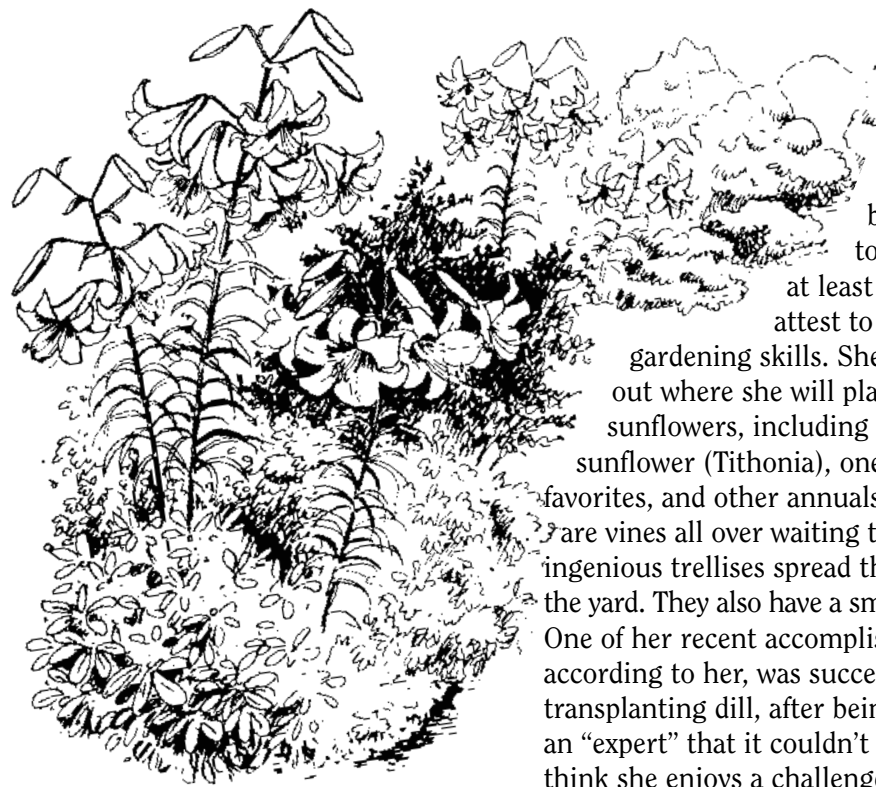
Carol Appelbaum

As the new Editor of the *Lily Trumpet*, I hope to adequately follow in the footsteps of those preceding me—**Thelma Lord, Jan Smither, Maureen Janson, and Diane Engelsdorfer**. I now have a greater appreciation of the excellent job they all did. They will be a hard act to follow. Any help given by our membership with information and articles will be much appreciated. Please let us know what you would like to see in your newsletter.

Would like to add "Garden Tours" as a regular feature in our Newsletter. I feel there is much to learn by observing the variety of garden practices and how lilies are incorporated into the landscape. If anyone would like to be a Roving Reporter or Contributing Editor (or whatever title you would like) and write about a garden visit or personality, you would be most welcome! The tours of growers' fields and greenhouses being offered at the NALS Show in Portland this year are what enticed us to attend. We will let you know our impressions.

A small feat for most, but a major accomplishment for me, I would like to thank 12 year old grandson, **Nicholas Appelbaum**, (you met him at the party for **Eddie McRae**) for helping me wade through my first attempt on a computer! Also, major thanks to my daughter, **Sarah Hopcraft**, new Assistant Editor, for doing the layout for this Newsletter! I think it's great! Hope you all like it.

I have called on help from two daughters, Susan and Sarah, son Daniel and his girlfriend, and grandson Nicholas, in getting out this Newsletter. It's great to have so many resources! Now if I can just master this computer!



Gifted Gardeners and Great Gardens *Carol Appelbaum*

just beginning to bloom, all at least 3-4' tall, attest to her gardening skills. She pointed out where she will plant her sunflowers, including Mexican sunflower (*Tithonia*), one of my favorites, and other annuals. And there are vines all over waiting to climb the ingenious trellises spread throughout the yard. They also have a small orchard. One of her recent accomplishments, according to her, was successfully transplanting dill, after being told by an "expert" that it couldn't be done. I think she enjoys a challenge.

Recently, Jack and I had the pleasant opportunity to tour the one acre garden of **Ed and Blanche Pohl** of St. Ann. Although Ed, at 88 years, is suffering from several maladies, including a bad back and very poor eyesight, he still manages to climb onto his garden tractor to get around and maintain the garden. A Master Gardener, he has employed the square foot garden method for his vegetables. Even in early Spring, the garden was burgeoning over with asparagus, rhubarb, lettuce, onions and vegetables I've never heard of; each in its own 4' square—really impressive! His tomato plants were already planted (started from seed of course) in two long rows. He said later he would string binders twine between the rebar supports and just weave the vines thru the twine, never having to tie up the plants—interesting concept. Ed is of the philosophy, passed on to him by his father, "never plant anything you can't eat." Of course he says this with a twinkle in his eye.

Blanche, age 85, seems to be the flower gardener and is every bit as knowledgeable as Ed and very energetic. The lush beds of peonies, lilies, tulips and daffodils, which had already bloomed, other perennials and shrubs, and a huge 50' border of hybrid iris,

As a background for this whole tapestry of garden, Ed plants a huge plot of annual rye every Fall. When we saw it, it was a 5' tall silvery green, rippling in the breeze—beautiful!

This is an unbelievable, charming garden, but most unbelievable is the care and love given to it by its remarkable caretakers and the enjoyment they derive from it. But how do they do it?? They put us 60+ 'youngsters' to shame! I feel very fortunate to have seen it now and can't wait to see it at various stages. As we all know a garden changes from morning to night and all are familiar with the old saying "you should have seen it yesterday." I'm hoping they will let me enter some of their lily stems in our show for them and we can all experience their expertise!

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We also had a quick tour of a garden I'm sure we will hear much more of in the future. This is the garden of **Diane Engelsdorfer**, former Editor, current Vice-President, Student Lily Judge, Classification Chairperson, Librarian and MOBOT volunteer. Did I miss something?

It is a walled city garden and everything seems to be growing to its full potential!

The front yard is completely planted, and Jack commented he had never seen so many lilies. Diane said wait until you see the back! She was right! At the entrance to the garden, next to a brick patio, is a lovely pond with a waterfall, beautifully landscaped. We were concentrating mostly on the lily plantings, but you couldn't help but notice the total garden. The lilies are planted in groups, artfully arranged among the other plantings. Clematis vines are climbing into the trees and also on the fence. She said she had counted 93 daylily plants. I can't imagine where they all were! She had roses along the side of the house, numerous butterfly bushes, hybrid iris, honeysuckle vines, hydrangeas, and many other plants all seeming to work together. The lily plantings I was most impressed with were the species—more than I had ever seen in one place. She said she got most of the species bulbs through the Species Lily Preservation Group for \$2.50 each!—Reason alone to join the Group.

Everything was very lush and vigorous, all growing in raised beds. She insists the soil preparation is the secret. Just six years ago she had a concrete back yard! All of this was torn out, 36 cubic yards of compost brought in, Turfus added, along with 14-14-14 timed release fertilizer (Osmocote) in new beds and you really see results! She said she occasionally uses Miracid when she gets around to it. The garden is actually just about four years old, which is totally amazing. Whatever she is doing, it must be the right thing! I felt like I was walking through the Climatron! She had lilies already blooming when we were there—including an absolutely perfect blue ribbon stem of Red Velvet, if I were judging! A shame it wasn't show time, however, I'm sure she will have many to enter and show at our Lily Show this year. Good luck, Diane! A wonderful garden and a great gardener!

In Memoriam

Bernard M. LaBlance Jr.
November 29, 1924 - April 14, 2000



Our Society sadly reports the loss of a long-standing friend. Bernie was a very consistent supporter of our endeavors. His horticultural interests included no less than four Plant Societies.

Along with his wife, Gloria, Bernie was always ready to lend the helping hand. Society members will especially remember his jovial slant on our many discussions! His humor often provided a neat 'Change of Pace', . . . as we maneuvered through a multi-faceted Board Meeting!

We remember also his woodcarving skills, and his annual gift for the winner of "Peoples' Choice". Once more, we note the splendid team of Bernie and Gloria on this very popular Lily Show event.

So it is that fond memories remain — memories that we all will treasure. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Gloria and their family.

Fred Winterowd

Ed.Note: Fred's words echo all of ours. Would also like to mention Bernie's interest and accomplishments in floral design. His wonderful woodcarvings combined with excellent horticultural specimens always caught the eye of the visitors to the Show. He will truly be missed by all.

Update on the Display Garden at MOBOT

Lilies are popping out of the ground at our display plot at Missouri Botanical Garden! There are approximately 250 lilies planted in the display.

The display includes species lilies (*L. henryi*, *L. auratum*, *L. amabile*, *L. pumilum*, *L. longiflorum*, *L. speciosum rubrum* and *album*, and *L. regale*); Asiatic lilies (too many to name but all varieties represented); Oriental lilies (Arena, Barbaresco, Sorbonne, Pesaro, Stargazer); Trumpet or Aurelian lilies (Pink Perfection, African Queen, Golden Splendor), Longiflorum-Asiatic hybrids (again too numerous to name here); and Oriempets (Scheherazade, Silk Road, Catherine the Great).

Our goal was to present lilies available in the trade that would be able to tolerate our St. Louis weather and be easily found by the general public. We also wanted to showcase the diversity of both species and hybrid lilies. I think we accomplished these goals very well. Now all we have to do is wait until they bloom!

There will be some signs at the display to explain the various types of lilies and there will also be a flyer available in the Kemper Center for people who are interested in learning more about lilies. The flyer will include information about MARLS meetings and membership as well as our show and sale dates.

Diane Engelsdorfer

Please stop by and see the display whenever you can.



Lily Show Time!

From the Show Chairpersons . . .

Hal Schrei and Jack Gagnon

Yes, it is Lily Show time again. Comes around in a hurry doesn't it? Look over the enclosed schedule carefully so you will know all the rules, awards and times.

We have several new awards this year. Times are about the same as previous years. It is important to be there at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning so that all the lily stems can be placed on the show tables by the *classification committee* in time for the judging to start promptly. Also note there is a meeting of the Society at 2 p.m., so schedule your time to be present for it.

Also, please keep your time flexible on Saturday and Sunday to help answer questions, monitor and count *Peoples Choice* votes, both stem and design, and be host to the visitors of our show.

Hope you all have some prize winning stems to bring to the Show. See you there!

Let's All Enter a Design

Carol Appelbaum

The Design Division is very important to the success of the Show! It is usually the first section visitors approach when entering the Exhibition Hall. We no longer have a judged show. It is very relaxed, very few rules. We encourage all to enter, men included.

You may use a basket, vase or container and make as many entries as you like. The winner is chosen by popular vote. Each person viewing the show is allowed three votes for different designs and the entry with the most votes wins. The award this year is a Certificate from Sugar Creek Nurseries—we would all like to win that! Hope you all enter! It is not the least bit intimidating and a wonderful way to show off our beautiful lilies. **Don't forget to call me to let me know if you will have an entry.** We need to know how much space will be required.

We have found that we can't underestimate the general public!

Good design still prevails! I would especially like to advise that the design should fit proportionately the space provided in the schedule. Also, keep in mind the following, but don't let it scare you! Enjoyment is the main purpose.

- Principles of Design (basic art standards based on natural laws)—balance, dominance, contrast, rhythm, proportion and scale.
- Elements (tools with which we work)—space, line, form, texture, pattern, color, light.
- Attributes (final product - reward for efforts)—beauty, harmony, distinction, expression.

"Flower arrangement is the art of organizing the Elements used according to the Principles of Design to obtain Beauty, Distinction, Expression and Harmony." Marie S. Miller

Some Show Tips!

All the information needed is contained in the Show Schedule enclosed with this Newsletter. However, for the benefit of our new members and maybe some who have never entered or participated in the show before, the following information may be helpful.

Even if you think your stems are not worth showing, bring them anyway. It may be the very one someone has not seen. By showing our lilies we educate the public just how beautiful the lilies really are. We encourage all members to enter. It is fun and really exciting when you are awarded those ribbons. Last year I entered a stem from my daughter's garden for her and she ended up winning a major award!

Containers are provided, as well as entry cards you will have to fill out. Make every effort to identify the cultivar, but if you don't know the name of the lily, our classification committee is there to help. Notice in Section H you can enter a single bloom. This is great if the lily stem has several spent blooms and is past show quality. When cutting your lily stem, leave at least one-third of the foliage on the plant to insure a good stalk the following year.

Grooming for the Show - It is not possible to schedule a show when all

of our lilies are in their peak condition. They may have bloomed a few days early or insects and weather may have affected the blooms and foliage. Lilies sometimes lose a ribbon at a show just because the exhibitor did not groom their lily. Grooming the plant is not complicated and will help the appearance of the entry and the show.

Grooming starts at home. When you cut your lilies the first consideration should be given to protecting the bloom from pollen. Put a piece of foil loosely around the anthers or wrap them with tissue paper and hold in place with a twistem. Cutting in late afternoon when the floral parts are dry will reduce pollen stains on leaves of stems having a number of fully opened flowers. After arriving at the show carefully unwrap the anthers and dust away any spilled pollen with a dry brush. Any time moisture comes in contact with the pollen a stain will result. Sometimes these stains can be removed with a cotton swab dipped in a bit of baby shampoo.

Check for insects, spider webs, dirt, etc., and remove them. If a bloom has faded carefully remove the spent bloom and pedicel. A razor blade can easily remove the pedicel so that it is barely noticeable. Any diseased or insect damaged foliage should be

removed or trimmed away. A small pair of scissors will work nicely for trimming up bad places on the leaves.

The way your entries are staged in the container can easily affect its appearance in the show. Remove any foliage that will be in the container or below water. This will allow the remaining foliage to appear at its natural angle from the stem. Block the stem in the container so that it will be straight. Foam is a good material to use, it will wedge the stem tightly, will not "give" and will not absorb water. The stem need not go to the bottom of the container. Keep plenty of height and proportion to the stem. It's amazing what this will do for your lily. Make sure your container has an adequate water supply and that the end of the stem is in water and that it will not move around. Place your entry tag on the best side. It will probably be staged that way by those placing the entries.

Remember that by grooming you are not trying to fool the judges—they also know and use the tricks of grooming. You want your lilies to appear at their best!

(Portions of above were taken from an article "Grooming and Showing Lilies" by Calvin Helsley, NALS Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 47, No. 2, June, 1993.)

N.A.L.S. Annual Show and Meeting

The National Lily Show will be held on June 29 to July 2, 2000 in Portland, Oregon. There will be presentations by lily experts from all over the world and some great tours offered of grower's and hybridizer's fields and greenhouses. For more information contact Mary Hoffman at 503-656-1575 or Madeleine Robertson at 503-873-4748. You could also talk to any of the MARLS officers, all of which will be attending the Show this year! MARLS is offering a \$25.00 stipend to each of our members attending to help pay the registration fee. The Pacific Northwest Lily Society is hosting the event this year.

From the Membership Chairperson . . . Jean Winterowd

We have enrolled three new members recently. Welcome!

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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 participate in the upcoming Lily Show. This issue contains the information you will need to know regarding showing lilies. It's a fun, learning experience and you can see the many lilies grown by our members and also make your list for those you would like to grow in your garden. Looking forward to meeting and hearing from you!

Membership is also encouraged in the *North American Lily Society* and *The Species Lily Preservation Group*! Information for registration is in past issues of the *Lily Trumpet* or from any officer. The more you know about lilies the better you can enjoy them!

