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Annual Lily Show . . . June 15 & 16, 2002 . . . Missouri Botanical Garden

Hope you are all watching your gardens closely and giving special attention to those prize lilies, so we will have a wonderful show—the more stems entered the better! The goal of our show is to increase your enjoyment of lilies by sharing the results of your growing season with other members of our society, and also to share with the public the variety and beauty of our lilies! We encourage all members to enter! Even if you think your lilies are not show quality, bring them anyway. It may be the very one someone has not seen. Note the raffle for entering stems will again be held this year!

Please look over the design schedule and consider entering. The main idea is to have fun! We do need to have four designs in each class for a total of 20 designs in order for it to be considered a standard flower show. The show will be judged by Federated Garden Club judges. This is our attempt to prepare for the NALS Show in 2004, following national guidelines. A \$5.00 MARLS gift certificate for bulbs will be given to each person participating. The awards this year for design will be a gift certificate from Sugar Creek Nurseries for 'Best of Show' and a gift certificate from

Theis Farm and Nursery as the 'Sweepstakes' Award. Either one or both would be great to win! You can enter each class if you like. As stated on the schedule call **Carol Appelbaum** if you are going to have an entry.

Remember, for both horticulture and design, the schedule is the "rule of the show." All the information needed is contained in the Show Schedule enclosed with this newsletter. Hope you all will have some prize-winning stems and designs to enter in the show—it is a fun experience!

Calendar of Events

2002 SCHEDULE

Annual Lily Show - June 15-16, 2002

NALS Annual Meeting and Show - June 26-30, 2002
Herndon, Virginia

Summer Luncheon - July 20, 2002

Fall Bulb Sale - October 25-27, 2002

NALS Annual Meeting and Show - June 2004
St. Louis, MO

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Sculpture at Show! . . . Fred Winterowd

Sculptor **Larry Pogue** has agreed to create a garden sculpture for display at our annual Lily Show and also possibly 2004! A truly gifted person, we appreciate his cooperative spirit! A brochure describing him and his work is enclosed.

From the President . . . Kathleen Rice

The weather has been rainy but my lilies are looking good. 'SOPRANO' has opened. WOW! Isn't that a beautiful lily! 'ALADDIN'S SUN' is opening nearby, another lovely lily. A lot of fat buds indicate other lilies are ready to bloom for our 'Father's Day' Show. As always I enjoy each one and hope I don't get all bloomed out so I will have some stems to enter in the show.

Please take time to cut stems and share your beauties with the rest of us. The first show I entered I only had one stem. It took a second place and I was pleased as punch. So if you only have a few, do bring them and make our show a success.

Pam Brown and **Marlene Belew** did a wonderful job for our Spring Bulb Sale. Thank you ladies! So I am sure there are outstanding blooms in each of your gardens. Bring them to the show.

Don't forget to try your hand at an arrangement for the design part of our show. We are all learning together. **Ellen Mell**, **Carol Appelbaum** and **Jean Winterowd** gave us great information with a hands on how to go about it demonstration at our Educational Meeting. GIVE IT A TRY! Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday after the judging. See you at the show!

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Spring Bulb Sale Report . . . Pam Brown

The bulb sale was a nice success. It was **Marlene Belew's** and my first attempt at being co-chairs for the sale. After a few initial glitches with placing orders and wondering what we had gotten ourselves into, things settled down somewhat and we got to work. Marlene did a wonderful job with printing the labels, helping to write up lily descriptions for the newsletter and helping make the signs. It would not have been a success without her help.

The flower arrangements Fred did were a great attraction. We sold fifty 'Star Gazer' bulbs by 11 a.m. Saturday because Fred had put 'Star Gazer' in one of the arrangements. Way to go Fred!!

The "Gourmet Corner" looked attractive. But I think we'll rename it "The Collector's Corner", since we had a few inquiries if they were the edible bulbs. And it wasn't the rabbits asking!

I was very excited that Judith from Columbia-Platte named a new L.A. hybrid for us and we were the first to get 'Merry Maker'. We sold out quickly.

We'll be placing orders for the fall sale at the beginning of August. So if you are looking for something or have a list for yourself or friends, please call me or drop a line so I can try to have what you would like if it's available. We'll try to get some new varieties again. Suggestions are always welcome. My e-mail is pbrown6726@aol.com, and phone 636-947-1856.

Marlene and I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the Spring Sale one of our best. Our net profit was about \$1600.00, which included the sale of bulbs, membership renewals and some *Let's Grow Lilies* books.

From the Editor . . . Carol Appelbaum

This Spring, as you all know, has been so very unpredictable. After all the rain everything is very lush—hope Mother Nature has saved some rain for July and August! The lilies are coming along fine and show promise. Maybe this cooler weather will hold them for a while. Be sure to read the section about preparing lilies for the show.

When potting our lily 'Soiree' at the educational meeting, I questioned **Fred Winterowd** about the use of the fungicide 'Captan' with the new bulb. He said he always uses a fungicide at some point and **Pam Hardy** said all the societies advise this. Coming from an organic gardening background, I guess I have blocked this out when the subject would turn to chemicals, because I traditionally do not use them.

Just started using chemical fertilizers the last couple years . . . find it is much more difficult to stay exclusively with organics for flowers than with vegetables since the garden is not dug every year. I asked Fred to submit a short article about the use of fungicides for this newsletter. Hope it is helpful. Thanks Fred! Thanks also to all who contributed to this newsletter.

We are looking forward to hosting the summer get-together on July 20, always a fun event. Hope you can all attend . . . fair warning, we do have weeds!! See details elsewhere in newsletter. Hope to see you all at the show with many wonderful stems and also designs. Looking forward to a great show and successful gardening!

Spring Educational Meeting

The Spring Educational Meeting held on March 17 proved to be very informative! **Linda Smith** gave her excellent presentation on preparing lilies for the show—information we all need! And **Ellen Mell** did a wonderful job of presenting a non-functional table design. With her many changes she showed very visually what we should look for to create an award winning design. She used and pointed out all the elements and principles of design in her demonstration. It was very impressive and also a motivation for all of us to try our hand and use our talents—a job very well done, Ellen!

After a short explanation, we then potted lilies with **Fred Winterowd** and **Pam Hardy** guiding us; believe all the bulbs were 'Soiree'. It was a very interesting meeting, well attended, and hopefully educational as well!



News Briefs, Notes, Etc.

- President **Kathleen Rice** is recovering nicely from recent surgery and will be back at work soon. Our prayers and best wishes are with her.
- Thank you to **Pam Brown** and **Marlene Belew** for their excellent job of chairing our recent successful bulb sale! Treasurer **Dorothy Schrei** reported a total profit, after all bills were paid, of \$1632.00! Our members paid \$965.00 for bulbs. Pam and Marlene will again chair our fall bulb sale and ask members to let them know if they have special requests; they will try to see if bulbs are available.
- The *Lily Disease Handbook* referred to in **Fred Winterowd's** article is free with membership in NALS. Fred said he ordered some to be available for our members. There was also an article, "Understanding Fungicides" by Don Allen, in the March, 2002, issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin*—check it out!
- MARLS will again give a \$25.00 stipend to each member attending the Annual NALS Lily Show and Symposium. This year it will be held in Herndon, Virginia, and co-hosted by The Potomac Lily Society and the Mid-Atlantic Lily Society; dates are June 26-30, 2002. NALS members received all information with the recent *Quarterly Bulletin*.
- After the show, help will be needed to clean the plastic tubes used for the lily stems. **Don** and **Doris Michel** will be unable to do it this year. Don has also asked for volunteers to help him move materials from the old shed to the new storage facility on the evening of June 13. Please call him at 314-423-4211 if you can help!
- We will again have the raffle for all participating in the horticultural section of the Lily Show. Just bring in those lily stems! All those entering the design division of the show, will receive a \$5.00 MARLS gift certificate!
- Hope you all read the article in the *Missouri Botanical Garden Bulletin*, March/April 2002 issue, re the trip to the Republic of Georgia. **Jason Delaney**, with others, collected seeds and plants and many of the results can be seen in the new rock garden area by the Mediterranean House at MBG.
- Make sure you visit the Lily Demonstration garden at the Kemper Center the next time you are at Missouri Botanical Garden. Thank you **Jason Delaney**, **Diane Engelsdorfer**, **Pam Hardy** and **Fred Winterowd** for all your efforts.
- The tree, as a memorial to **Jack Gagnon**, should be planted in the Bulb Garden at MBG this Fall. More about this as details emerge.
- Remember the annual Awards Luncheon at the Appelbaums' on July 20 at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see many of you there!

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Enjoy! – Ham and Broccoli Ring

Kim Peterson

Here is the recipe for the Ham and Broccoli Ring I brought to the Bulb Packaging Party. Several people asked for it!

1 cup ham
2 cups broccoli
1 cup Swiss Cheese
1 small onion
1/2 cup fresh parsley
2 TBS Dijon mustard
1 tsp. Lemon juice
2 cans (8 oz. Each) refrigerated crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coarsely chop and mix ingredients: ham, broccoli, onion, parsley and cheese. Mix in mustard and lemon juice.

Arrange crescent triangles in a circle on greased 13 inch round pizza pan. Bases of triangles should overlap in center and points should point outside the circle. Spoon ham/broccoli mixture over base of crescent rolls. Fold points of triangles over filling and tuck points under base at center. Filling will not be completely covered. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.

MARLS Lily Show Raffle!

Bring and enter your best lily stem in our Annual Show and you will receive a raffle ticket. Bring two or more stems and you will receive a second ticket. Drawing will be held after the show is judged. The prizes will be for certificates for bulbs at MARLS Bulb Sale as follows:

1st Ticket Drawn - \$35 Certificate
2nd Ticket Drawn - \$25 Certificate
3rd Ticket Drawn - \$15 Certificate

Summer Flowers Set Mood for Sultry Summer Days and Nights

Following are excerpts from an article **Fred Winterowd** submitted from the March/April issue of "The Gardener" magazine.

... Recapture that lazy hazy summertime spirit by surrounding yourself with summer's most evocative treats! ... After cantaloupes, seasonal flowers are certainly summer's most abundant, affordable treat ... they're abundant now, at the peak of their natural bloom season ... Cut lilies of all sorts are among summer's most elegant and affordable offerings. While available year-round, they are definite best bets in the months of May through October when lily lovers can find great values and selection. This somewhat extended summer season is when flower growers coast-to-coast supply the largest quantities of lilies—including the broadest selection of different types and colors—to local flower markets everywhere.

... the article describes the various types of lilies, Asiatic, Oriental, and L/A hybrids, and goes on to state ... Asiatic lilies are usually priced aggressively, making large arrangements an attractive option. ... Though often pricier than Asiatic lilies, Oriental lilies have such impact in the vase that just a stem or two go a long way!

- Choose lilies with buds that are just about to open, not tight and green, with a bit of the flower color showing. ... Lilies have lots of flowers per stem, more blooms will open in the vase.

- As soon as you get the flowers home, trim the stem ends an inch or so making a diagonal cut with a sharp knife.

- Before arranging lilies, remove the lower leaves on the stems so that no foliage will be under water in the arrangement. (Submerged leaves can produce bacteria which can shorten vase life.

- A good lily arrangement can last two or more weeks. As blossoms wither and leaves yellow, remove them. Change the water every few days.

- Add cut flower food to the water ... lilies require only half the dosage recommended for other flowers.

- Classic flower arrangers generally place young buds and tender pointed leaves at the top of an arrangement, with larger, more dominant flowers positioned toward the bottom. Good news: Lilies grow this way naturally!

- Lilies look fantastic in a vase all by themselves—whether a larger vase to hold full length stems or a smaller bowl for single flowers.

- They also mix well with other flowers and are often used to "dress up" other less dramatic blooms. Even one lily stem can upgrade the look of a simple arrangement.

Nature made lilies incredibly beautiful and centuries of expert hybridizing have made them even more so. In the hands of an expert floral arranger they can be breath-taking. But amateur floral designers take note: it's hard to go wrong with lilies! Their natural beauty compensates handsomely for even the most ham-handed efforts.

... By adding easy elegance to otherwise harried lifestyles, lilies and other fun summer flowers do make a difference. The phrase "stop and smell the roses" isn't a cliché for nothing! It's a smart idea—a reminder that comes to us through the ages. The message: live in the moment, enjoy the abundance of summer's best bloomers, grab a bunch, enjoy yourself, slow down!

Fungicides, . . . Fungal Diseases . . . Fred Winterowd

1. Get Eddie McRae's fine *Lily Disease Handbook!* This 28 pager is GREAT! Diseases shown in color.

2. Follow a PREVENTIVE mode, . . . i.e., spray or drench on a schedule, especially in early May. (Same goes for applications of INSECTICIDES.)

3. Be observant! Spot the disease EARLY, and especially look for (and SPRAY) the VECTORS (carriers) such as aphids, leafhoppers, etc.

4. Think SANITATION! A thru-the-year task. Remove virus infected plants; purchase the viral/disease-resistant cultivars. Seek them out! 'Black Beauty', 'White henryi' and others are well-proven. 'Black Beauty' is over 50 years old!

5. Know the diseases, such as Fusarium (Basal Bulb Rot), and Botrytis (affects foliage).

6. Controls: Check your better stores for best FUNGICIDES. Benlate (benomyl) gets the above two diseases! Captan, an old reliable—drench or spray, bulb dip also!

7. READ THE LABEL! Environmental and Applicator CAUTIONS!

8. See (and ACT) re #1 above !!!!!!!



A SPECIES REPORT! *Lilium superbum* . . . Fred Winterowd

Please know my reference here: the December, 2001 NALS *Quarterly Bulletin*. What an interesting article by Robert Richards, of Gilmanton, NH. Robert's "BEST OF SHOW" stem is seen in the September, 2001 *Quarterly!* What a beauty!

Intrigued by all of this, I wrote to Robert, congratulating him, and indicating my interest in purchasing some bulbs to be grown on for the NALS 2004 displays.

How very kind and generous was Robert's reply. He sent, gratis, a

MARLS Board Meeting—February 24, 2002 . . . Jean Winterowd, Secretary

Present: **Kathleen Rice, Diane Engelsdorfer, Carol Appelbaum, Pam Brown, Jane Graham, Ralph Bishop, Don and Doris Michel, Hal and Dorothy Schrei, Fred and Jean Winterowd.**

President Kathleen opened the meeting. She clarified calendar dates. The date for the mini show is open. Membership meetings will be held on Fridays at each bulb packaging. For the MARLS Show in June: Fred, staging; Ralph, Diane, classification; Linda, judging. A motion was made by Jean for Hal to get an adequate supply of show ribbons, seconded by Kathleen.

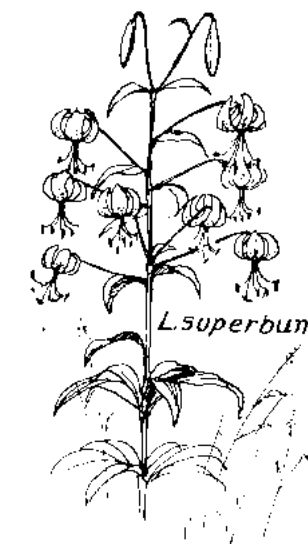
Jane Graham will be P.R. chair for MARLS with an effort to get a co-chair. She does not want to be P.R. for 2004. Garden clubs set their agenda in September. We need to get our calendar dates to them in August. Jane and Kathleen will send out a combined notice of our Educational meeting and April bulb sale. Kathleen will check with Jennifer, MBG, for a mailing list of plant societies.

Pam Brown gave an exciting report on plans for the Spring Bulb Sale. She plans a bulletin board for posting names of Hall of Fame lilies, fragrant lilies, and other information to help our customers—improved signage to

dandy group of bulbs! I took half of them down to **Jason Delaney** for planting at Missouri Botanical Garden. The others are planted in our garden. At this time, they are pushing up, several with very promising stems!

Our lily societies know of this type of cooperative spirit. As we read of Robert's learned experiences with *L. superbum*, we truly appreciate his generosity in sharing such knowledge. So, Robert, "T.L.C." is underway for your fine bulbs! May they come along in great style here in Missouri!

P.S.: *Lilium superbum*, Linnaeus 1762



identify bulbs, a special table display for baskets of premium bulbs, etc. Good work! Discussion was held on laminating labels and/or pictures for the baskets. Pam will investigate costs. Motion was made by Carol for a \$200.00 budget for Pam to use in setting up for bulb sales, seconded by Diane.

Diane presented the Educational Meeting outline as she will be unable to attend. Fred will be M.C. Librarian Diane reported that MBG does not want us to get a cabinet for our library. She is still checking. She also reported the need for better communication with MBG greenhouses regarding plants used in our shows. Diane reported that we need to make arrangements for a water supply for our June show.

Don Michel reported on our search for a storage facility. Reviewing six area businesses, it was voted to accept Safe Storage, 9651 St. Charles Rk. Rd at \$43.00 per month. Thanks Don.

Treasurer Dorothy reported a balance of \$7,132.74. Carol mentioned the need for a budget for 2002. It will be done next meeting.

It was noted that MBG has a new horticulturist, **Rick Johnson.**

MARLS Planning for NALS 2004:

Kathleen noted hotel contract needs to be clarified. She will check requirements, 101 rooms may be too many. A printout of chairpersons for the 2004 show will be ready at the Educational meeting.

After discussion and suggestions, it was voted to have "Meet me at the Fair—the Lily Fair" as the theme. The design section will be coordinated with this theme.

Fred requested purchase of two metal stands to hold signs, for use now and 2004. Pam Brown seconded. The need for more stem entries for our shows and for 2004 prompted Fred to make a motion to give attendants at our Educational meeting 2003 two bulbs—one to grow, one to show!

Fred contacted **Larry Pogue**, a metal sculptor, and he is interested in preparing a lily sculpture for display at our June, 2002 show and possibly for 2004.

Program for 2004 is tentative. Possible speakers are **Jason Delaney, Johann Maak** and **Dr. Griesbach.** Tours will be Missouri Botanical Garden and St. Louis landmarks.

Some Show Tips!

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.

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 twist. 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.)



Design Division Rules

Some members of our society have questioned what the Federated Garden Club rules for the Design Division are. **Ellen Mell** gave a handout at the Educational Meeting and we are reprinting them for your information. These are taken from the handbook.

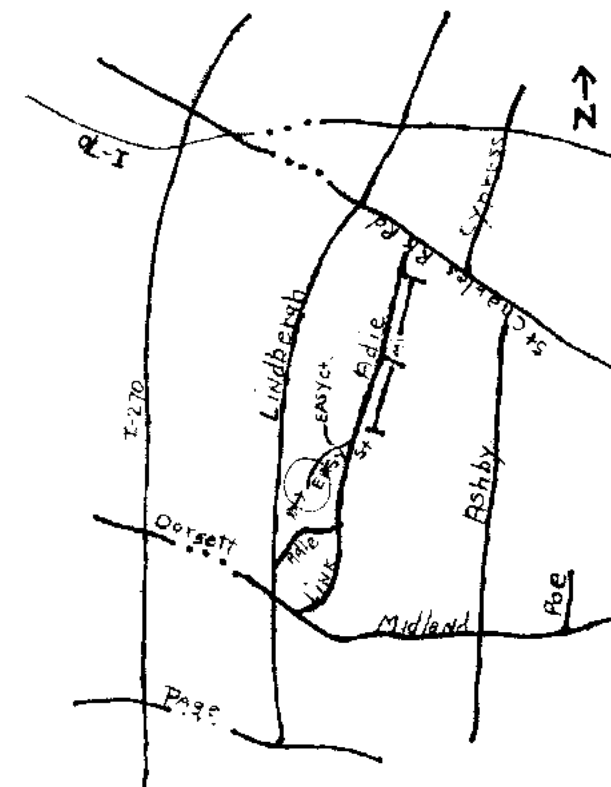
- No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
- Fresh plant material **may not ever be treated** in any manner.
- Some plant material must be used in every exhibit.
- An exhibitor may enter as many classes or sub-classes as desired, but only one exhibit per class or sub-class.
- Religious symbols used must be displayed in a respectful manner and in accordance with policies of local religious organizations.
- American flag and other national flags must be displayed in accordance with proper flag etiquette.
- Landscapes or scenes are not permitted in Design Division.
- The following are permitted unless prohibited by the schedule or by law:
 - Accessories, featured objects.
 - Treating of dried plant material.
 - Contrived flowers and other forms made of real plant material, fresh or dried.
 - Cut fruits or vegetables (must be sealed unobtrusively to discourage insects, odor, discoloration.)
 - Objects which add interest when tastefully used, e.g. feathers, nests, coral, sponges, sea fans, shells, bones, antlers, horns, starfish.
 - Special lighting.
 - Container-grown plants growing in soil in Design classes where appropriate, as in Pot-et-Fleurs, Vignette, other design styles.

Annual Summer Luncheon—Saturday, July 20, 2002 2:00 p.m.

The annual summer pot-luck get together, awards luncheon, plant exchange and mini-show will be held this year at the home of **Jack and Carol Appelbaum, 11075 Easy St., St. Ann.** Here's hoping for pleasant weather, but if the thermometer hits 98 degrees as it did last year, which seems traditional, we will be inside, or you can bring a swimsuit and jump into the pool! See the map for directions.

Please bring a covered dish to share—a salad, side dish or dessert. The food is always delicious! Meat, bread and drinks will be provided.

If you still have lilies blooming, bring a stem for our mini-show for all to enjoy. We will also have a plant exchange. Bring a plant, and take a different one home with you! Awards from the June show will be presented and hopefully a good time will be had by all! Remember the date—**July 20 at 2:00 p.m.** See you there!



New Storage Facility . . . Don Michel

For the past several years, the MARLS storage shed has been in a vacant tool shed behind **Al and Thelma Lord's** next door neighbors' house. The building itself has deteriorated severely and retrieving items for the bulb sales in the spring and fall and the June Lily Show has become quite a chore. At the February 2002 meeting, it was decided to move the items at the end of the rental cycle (1 June 2002) and hopefully find storage much more accessible.

That place has been located: Safe Storage Inn is immediately behind a Phillips 66 Station at 9651 St. Charles Rock Road. It is on common blacktop apron with the station (the lockers are owned by the station). The lot is accessible at all times (24/7) by accessing entrance via a codeable gate. The locker measures 5' x 10' x 10' and has a light source (timer controlled). A lock has been purchased and there are 5 keys; **Don Michel, Kathleen Rice, Hal Schrei** and **Fred Winterowd** each have a key

(one key not assigned as of this writing). Timing is such that the items needed for the June show will be moved to the garden the morning of 14 June and returned to the new storage site 16 June.

Don and Doris Michel have cleaned the plastic tubes the past two years. However, this year they are not able to do the honors as vacation plans interfere. Please give it some consideration and be ready to volunteer at the meeting held during the show.