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Spring Educational Meeting: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Lilies—Part II

Once again we will be holding our Spring Educational meeting with the topic "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Lilies". We will have demonstrations on planting and growing lilies as a garden and pot plant; instruction on preparation of lilies for show; and instruction on the use of lilies for floral arrangements. **Ellen Mell**, Lily Judge and Federated Garden Club Judge, has an excellent

presentation planned to help all of us understand the design aspect of using lilies, keeping in mind balance, scale, color, etc.

The educational meeting is part of our preparation for the 2004 North American Lily Society Conference and Show here in St. Louis. Please come and participate to get the most enjoyment from your Lilies now and in the future!!



Calendar of Events

2002 SCHEDULE

Spring Educational Meeting - March 17, 2002

Spring Bulb Sale - April 5-7, 2002

Annual Lily Show - June 15-16, 2002

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

Summer Meeting - July, 2002

Fall Bulb Sale - October 25-27, 2002

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From the President . . .

Kathleen Rice

A new Lily year is here. Our January meeting touched many bases. Events for the year were discussed and five established meetings were determined as something our members wanted to have. Our next meeting is March 17th. We look forward to what Diane Engelsdorfer has planned for us. There will be meetings at each of the Bulb sales and a meeting at Show time in June.

"Its Our Party"—Our kickoff planning began at our January meeting for MARLS to host the National Show in 2004 at the St. Louis Airport Hilton. This is the centennial year of the St. Louis World Fair and MARLS will have our own LILY FAIR. Already some of our members have agreed to chair the many jobs needed to accomplish the hosting. Early planning pays off. 'Its Our Party'. Come and be part of the FUN!!!!

Spring Bulb Sale

April 5-7, 2002

Our Spring Bulb Sale will be held April 6-7 at Missouri Botanical Garden. The Bulb Packaging Party, also at the Garden, will be Friday, April 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Check out the Spring Bulb List in this newsletter. Many great lilies have been ordered, read the descriptions and make out your "wish list."

Please come and support your 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. Help is needed on 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 will have sign up sheets on Friday evening, so please plan on giving your time for an hour or two.

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From the Editor . . . Carol Appelbaum

January 29—What a glorious Fall we had—always wished for “one more month” and this year my wish was granted! Didn’t manage to get everything done in the garden that I hoped but am further ahead than usual. Had reblooming iris still by Thanksgiving—beautiful! However, the snowdrops were blooming in December and still are—a rather mixed up year. We just had three wonderful days in January, 60’s and 70’s, and I have been in the yard weeding. For some reason chickweed had taken over many of the garden areas and I have been trying to remove it—three wheelbarrels full yesterday. Put more mulch on the lily beds hoping to keep them cool a while longer, as I’m sure more winter is coming, but maybe we’ll get through with the nandina and crepe myrtle (both marginal here) not dying back to the ground.

MARLS Board Meeting—October 26, 2001 . . .

Jean Winterowd, Secretary

President **Kathleen Rice** called a special meeting before the bulb packaging party at Missouri Botanical Garden to discuss the change of our show date from June 22-23, 2002, to June 15-16, 2002. MOBOT had approved MARLS for the latter weekend, but that weekend is the usual date for the *West County Day Lily Society*, and in 2002, was to be their National Show. After discussion, **Hal Schrei** moved that we change our show date back to Father’s Day Weekend, permanently. Fred seconded, motion passed.

Minutes of General Meeting—October 26, 2001

Jean Winterowd, Secretary

President **Kathleen Rice** presented the decision of the Board to change our show date back to the Father’s Day weekend. She thanked **Jane Graham** for the publicity notices she sent out for our bulb sale.

The 2004 meeting of NALS here in St. Louis was the next item for discussion. The Hilton Hotel, Airport, is secured. Cooperation with MOBOT is in place. Various needs for the NALS meeting were discussed: Publicity, Speakers, Transportation, Hospitality, etc. The importance of getting information and job descriptions for hosting a successful show were brought to the attention of members present. A show of hands of those supporting the show was given, with two members voting no.

Hal Schrei made the motion that information and job descriptions be presented at the Spring Educational Meeting, seconded by **Fred Winterowd**. President Kathleen, V.P. **Diane Engelsdorfer** and Membership Chair **Pam Hardy** will get together to have the needed description and organization by the Spring meeting.

Hospitality Chairs, **Charity** and **Harry Sherrington**, provided a great variety of snacks for our party and meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Just counted 17 cardinals, along with other birds, at the feeder and 8 finches at the finch feeder. The squirrels are also active—saw one jump (fly) from a small limb onto the bird feeder about 10’ away. I guess that branch will now have to be cut. We are anxiously awaiting the birth of a new grandchild, daughter Susan’s first child, due 2-02-02, and just received news of a great niece born today. Can Spring be far behind?

February 14—Granddaughter **Abigail Elisabeth** was born February 3, healthy and charming, mother and father ecstatic; Susan hasn’t stopped smiling! We are again being blessed with wonderful weather, all those inside jobs saved for January and February are not getting done. Jack did cut down the squirrels’ jumping platform but I’m sure they will figure out something new! Daffodils, tulips, etc.

are all up but no lilies that I have seen. Spring is definitely in the air! Evidently the rabbits have been busy—noticed some tulips nibbled, and the moles have really made themselves at home in our lawn. The cat is really a big help—he watches the birds eat his food!

Looking forward to the selection of bulbs that will be available at the Spring Bulb Sale—always have room for a few more. Hopefully it will be a wonderful year for all of our gardens. Recently read that no one has more faith than a gardener, how true! We all have faith that all those funny looking bulbs and tiny seeds we plant will blossom into beautiful flowers creating the wonderful gardens we all envision!



News Briefs, Notes, Etc.

- Reminder that **Charity Sherrington** is our Cheer Correspondent. If you know of anyone who is ill, or in need of cheering up, or celebrating something extra special, please contact Charity at 314-291-1743.
- Our prayers and best wishes to member **Lee Geiser** who is recovering from a recent stroke.
- We welcome **Pam Brown** and **Marlene Belew** as our new Bulb Chairpersons. Thanks to them for all the work necessary to bring us the wonderful choice of bulbs anticipated for our Spring Sale. See more information regarding the sale elsewhere in newsletter.
- **Don Michel**, our ‘Storage and Transport Chairman’, is renting a more accessible storage facility. He is planning on making the move at the time of the April Bulb Sale and will need help in moving all our supplies. Please call him at 314-423-4211 if you can be of assistance.
- The Annual NALS 2002 Meeting and Show co-hosted by the *Potomac Lily Society* and the *Mid-Atlantic Lily Society* will be held June 26-30, 2002. The show site will be at Dulles Hyatt Hotel, two miles from Dulles Airport, in the Washington metropolitan area. Look for more details in the next issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin* or visit their website at http://www.midatlanticlily.org/NALS_LilyShow2002/welcome.html
- See the March Issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin* for minutes of the NALS Board Meeting recently held in St. Louis. This issue will also list the ten most popular lilies of 2001.
- Treasurer **Dorothy Schrei** reported a total profit of \$911.20 from our Fall Bulb Sale. Please support our Spring Sale—making our profit much greater! Gift certificates for bulbs are available through Dorothy. Please contact her at 314-428-1168.
- Wish to thank **Pam Brown** for volunteering to be our new Assistant Librarian. Plans are under way to have a book storage location at MOBOT so the Library will be accessible at our meetings.
- Membership fees are due for 2002. Please mail to **Pam Hardy**, Membership Chairman, or pay at the upcoming March meeting. Thank you.
- Make special note that the MARLS Annual Lily Show will be held June 15-16, 2002, not June 22-23, 2002, as previously announced.
- As you are visiting the garden centers this Spring, remember the two that give awards at our Annual Lily Show—*Maxwell Homestead Nursery* and *Sugar Creek Nurseries*. Both are outstanding with wonderful selections and helpful personnel.
- Most illustrations used throughout this newsletter are by **Virginia Howie**, taken from *Let’s Grow Lilies!* This helpful handbook belongs in every member’s library. You can get a free copy by joining NALS! See details elsewhere in newsletter.

Volunteering— Work? Or Play?

Carol Appelbaum

Jack and I started volunteering at Missouri Botanical Garden last fall and have found it to be a very rewarding experience. Horticulturist, **Jason Delaney**, is in charge of the Bulb Garden and that is where we are “spending our time.” The most “difficult” job we have had to date was removing all the beautiful flowering annuals in early fall. “For everything there is a season” and according to Jason they had their “season in the sun”. It was necessary to make room for the fall bulbs to be planted and also to move all the tender and tropical plants into the greenhouses for the winter. We all know one of the principles of gardening is doing things at the right time.

My wrist was sore for more than a week after we personally planted hundreds (seemed like thousands) of tulip bulbs! Approximately 40,000 tulips are planted at the Garden each year, about 12,000 in his area. Yes! We used hand trowels, but the soil there is so light it made it possible. Jason says the grit (Turface or similar product) content is anywhere from 30 to 50% in the Bulb Garden. We are currently trying to incorporate this into our garden at home.

Jason is a delight to work with and is right there working along with you, of course two or three times as fast. I hope the Garden realizes what a gem they have. We are looking forward to again helping in the Spring, when you can see the glorious results! The actual learning realized by working with such a knowledgeable person, in such a beautiful atmosphere, is priceless. New volunteers are always welcome—it’s truly a great experience!

Membership

We wish to welcome the following new member to our Society:

Audrey Ringhausen
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Welcome to Mid America Regional Lily Society. Please come to our upcoming Spring Educational Meeting and also the April Bulb Sale, to get a good start on growing wonderful lilies.

North American Lily Society

This certainly is the year for current members of regional societies to become members of the *North America Lily Society*. Those who have never been a member of NALS receive a reduction of \$5.00 off the membership of their choice. The “new member’s package” makes it a wonderful buy as it includes the following items:

- A copy of Let's Grow Lilies!
- Lily Disease Handbook
- Four *Quarterly Bulletins*
- A Membership List
- A hard covered Yearbook
- Low cost seed exchange
- Access to NALS library and the Round Robin letter exchange

Dues are \$20.00 (1 year, individual or family) or \$55.00 (3 years, individual or family). For new members the fee is \$15.00 for one year.

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. There is also a NALS membership form on the NALS website at www.lilies.org. Please send to: Dr. Robert Gilman, NALS Executive Secretary, Post Office Box 272, Owatonna, MN 55060, e-mail: gilman@ll.net

Mid-America Regional Lily Society

Membership fees are now due—Please mail to Membership Chairman, Pam Hardy, 19 Gast Place, St. Louis, MO 63147 or pay at March Educational Meeting.

**Dues are:
\$5.00 individual, \$7.50 family or \$2.00 student per year.**

“Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty if only we have the eyes to see them.” John Ruskin

In Memoriam

It is with sorrow we report that during the last few months we have lost the following members of our Society:

*Irvin Holthaus
Richard Barnholtz
Bud Roberts*

So sad it is. They will be missed.



Remembering Dick Barnholtz

We remember Dick in our society's early days, as he always carried an enthusiastic spirit! Bulb sales were rather special, although he left the plantings to Edel! It wasn't long before Dick volunteered to become our Public Relations Chairman. What a faithful fellow he was in this capacity. His computer skills served him well as he developed a fine inventory of the society's outreach.

Fond memories there were, as we journeyed up to the NALS Convention in Winnepeg! Dick was quite an ambassador of good will! We all had lots of fun!

Memories go back to our scouting days, as Ralph Bishop and I shared Dick's enthusiasm for life! We know the blessings of life-long friendships. Certainly ours with Dick Barnholtz was one of them.

Fred and Jean Winterowd

Minutes of General Meeting—January 13, 2002

Jean Winterowd, Secretary

Meeting called to order by President **Kathleen Rice**. Nineteen members were present.

The NALS Board Meeting will be held in St. Louis February 8 & 9 at the Drury Inn. President Kathleen made a motion that MARLS supply sodas, water, ice for the board during their meetings, seconded by **Pam Hardy**. The meetings are open for attendance by our membership. Membership in NALS was recommended to our group. The benefits of Quarterlys and Year Books and seed exchange were mentioned by our NALS members.

Diane Engelsdorfer reported on our Spring Educational Meeting, March 17, 2002. A choice for the program of “planting and caring for lily bulbs”, or “designing lilies for the show” was given. We voted to go with the demonstrations and to include a design segment.

Diane brought up the necessity to have a calendar of events for the year. She made a motion to have five meetings a year, seconded by **Pam Hardy**. The meetings are:

Educational Meeting	MBG	March 17
Spring Bulb Sale	MBG	April 6-7
MARLS Show	MBG	June 14-16
Awards Mini Show	Location and date to be decided,	July
Fall Bulb Sale	MBG	Oct. 25-27

Diane has charge of our lending library. Some books on the list are still out, but Diane will list those on hand for the next *Trumpet*. She will also check with MBG for space to store our library at the Garden. We will buy a storage cabinet if necessary. **Pam Brown** offered to be Assistant Librarian.

Minutes from the October 10, 2001, Board Meeting were read and approved. Treasurer **Dorothy Schrei** reported a balance of \$7997.22. She also gave figures from our October Bulb Sale, a

profit of \$911.20 and compared it with receipts from other sales. Conditions vary at each sale, but we need to be aware of trends, purchases and advertising. The bulb chairpersons for the Spring Sale are **Pam Brown** and **Marlene Belew**.

The next issue of the *Trumpet* will be out the end of February. Articles are needed. It was suggested to put a list of the ten most popular lilies in the newsletter and to feature them in the Spring sale. **Pam Hardy** has pictures of each.

Membership! Dues for 2002 are due and payable.

Don Michel reported on our storage problem. Rent on the present facility is due in July. Don suggested that we make a move at the time of our April Bulb Sale. All agreed and help is needed.

President Kathleen went over the general organization for our 2004 NALS Show.

Chairs

Speakers: **Hal Schrei**

Registration: **Mary Lee Gagnon**

Finance: **Ralph Bishop**

Staging and Commercial:

Fred Winterowd

Design Co-Chairs: **Jean Winterowd, Ellen Mell, Carol Appelbaum**

Boutique: **Sharon Bishop**

Hospitality: **Kathleen Rice**

Clerks: **Pam Brown**

Judging: **Linda Smith**

Transportation: **Don Michel**

She emphasized the need to enlist the aid of all members. A special board meeting is set for February 24 to decide the theme for 2004 and the program schedules. **Fred Winterowd** gave out packets depicting some ideas for staging 2004, asking members to consider them and add more of their own. Fred made a motion for approval

of \$500.00 to purchase a variety of new bulbs, and \$100 for supplies. Members will grow these in pots starting in the fall, to determine data so we can force these same lilies into bloom for the 2004 Show, seconded by **Ralph Bishop**.

Fred showed slides of our 1993 NALS show and of the recent 2000 NALS show in Oregon. **Marlene Belew** won the attendance prize of a lily arrangement and cut lily stems were given to all. Meeting adjourned 4:30.

Library News

Diane Engelsdorfer

The MARLS library currently consists of Quarterlies and Yearbooks back to 1976. There are a few books about growing lilies such as:

Eddie McRae's Lilies: A Guide for Growers and Collectors

Jefferson-Brown & Howland's The Gardener's Guide to Growing Lilies

Jefferson-Brown's A Plantsman's Guide to Lilies

The National Council Of State Garden Clubs Handbook for Flower Shows 1977

The RHS Lily Register 1995 and an RHS Color Chart

We also have some article clippings from various magazines about lily cultivation

Over the years we seem to have had books that were borrowed but not returned. Please look through your personal libraries for MARLS library books and return them if you have them. We are also willing to take donations of old and new books to help build up the library.

... To The Future!

Our ?Homework? Assignment . *Fred Winterowd*

We, the members, need a bit of insight and encouragement regarding the great, new beauties that are arriving! We are hearing some rather strange names these days! Strange names like the NEW CLASSES we are seeing in the Division VIII, Interdivisional Hybrids!

These new beauties are the results of some truly splendid hybridizing. I hear that the Dutch are leading the way, yet many U.S. hybridizers are right in there too!

Since our Society's major emphasis is that of EDUCATION, we should seek to acquaint ourselves with these marvelous breeding advances! To this end, you will note the information given below. It may not be completely up-to-date, but here is a meaningful beginning.

Let's promise ourselves to ask the good questions, and to purchase them, so we may evaluate them in our gardens. What neat surprises are in store!

- Pot or Border Asiatics and Orientals (Pixies, Dwarfs)
- Polyploid Types (Triploids, Tetraploids)
- Orienpets (Oriental-Trumpet Crosses)
- Longipets (Trumpet-Longiflorum Crosses)
- L.A. Hybrids (Longiflorum-Asiatics)
- Aurelian-Asiatics*
- Asiapets (Trumpet-Asiatics)

* Wilbert Ronald and others have been busy with these crosses, along with the Dutch!

Hall of Fame Lilies . . . *Carol Appelbaum*

The NALS Popularity Poll was started in 1974 by Julius Wadekemper. Members are asked to send in a list of ten favorite lilies for the year. A form for doing so is included in the September issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin*. The members' favorites are then tabulated and the top ten are listed as the most popular for that year.

The Directors of NALS decided that when a lily placed first on the popularity poll three years it would be removed from voting eligibility and placed in the Hall of Fame. 'Black Beauty' and 'White Henryi' were the first elevated. At the January 1994 Board meeting four bulbs were placed in the Hall of Fame: 'Casa Blanca' for having placed first on the popularity poll for three years; 'Connecticut King', 'Enchantment' and 'Journey's End' were also voted in by the Directors. 'Scheherazade' was the winner in 1997 for the third straight year, and in January 1998 was placed in the Hall of Fame. That same year 'Red Velvet' was

elevated to the Hall of Fame by a vote of the Board of Directors. It had been voted among the top five for years and is a consistent show winner. These are the eight lilies presently in the Hall of Fame; all of them have proven to be good growers and top show lilies.

If you are interested in learning more about the most popular lilies, see the 1993 Lily Yearbook, and, since that time, the March issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin*. The Popularity Poll results are always published at that time.

Following are the ten favorite lilies as they grew for NALS members in 2000, in order of popularity: 'Northern Carillon'/'Silk Road' (OT), 'Leslie Woodriff' (OT), 'Arabesque' (OT), 'Anastasia' (OT), 'Ariadne' (Asiatic), 'Iowa Rose' (Asiatic), 'Purple Reign' (Asiatic), 'Starburst Sensation' (OT), 'Catherine the Great' (OT), 'Tinkerbelle' (Asiatic). Look for the 2001 list in the next issue of the *Quarterly*. The Orienpets are definitely gaining ground!

What magnificent breakthroughs we are seeing!!! All of these NEW TYPES indicate a great broadening of enthusiasm for our gardens! The Orienpets, for example, are proving to be the highlights of the garden! They are found to be successful in the major climatic zones.

Yes, . . . each of us does have some 'Homework'! Get acquainted with these NEW Divisions! Let's get them into our conversations! In our sales and plantings, may MARLS be among the leaders in the appreciation of these GARDEN GEMS!

QUESTION: Will YOU be ready for our friendly quiz at the March 17th Educational Meeting? PRIZES TO BE AWARDED!!!



From Missouri Botanical Garden . . . *Jason Delaney*

Crocuses, irises, snowdrops, scillas, and a daffodil or two are showing their colors as if it were the middle of spring. Snowdrops have been blooming since the first of the year, and the daffodils—here and there—since right before Christmas. It will be a strange year indeed, especially for the newly planted *Lilium* 'Chippendale', already three inches tall! Who knows what sorts of surprises Mother Nature will throw our way this year. It should be exciting!

Last fall was a very good year for the Lily at MOBOT. In all, 48 new varieties (from the Lily Garden and John Scheepers, as well as donations) were added to the Samuels and Heckman Bulb Gardens (this has no link to the trial plot at Kemper). This spring, 14 more have been acquired (B&D Lilies and Dutch Gardens), including 'Midnight Star'. Including the 53 existing varieties, that's a collective of 114 total varieties, compared to a mere 11 in 1995. Thanks to the personal testimonies and persistence of Diane Engelsdorfer and Pam Hardy, eight oriental lilies were added. Many new orienpets, too: 'Allegretto', 'Anastasia', 'Conca dOr', 'Elusive', 'Grandiose', 'Leslie Woodriff', 'Orania', 'Reverie', and 'Smokey Mountain'. Many new LA hybrids, different asiatics, and seven species were added as well. Even several large bulbs of *L. svovitsianum*—hand dug in the Caucasus Mountains of the Republic of Georgia by yours truly this past fall—were also planted. The display during the 2004 convention will surely be spectacular.

Many thanks to MARLS for their generous and helpful donation in 2001. That donation, along with Garden funding, allowed us to acquire the following for Fall 2001 and Spring 2002:

'Allegretto'	'Easter Bonnet'	'Leslie Woodriff'	'South Pacific'
'Anastasia'	'Elegant Lady'	'Louis XIV'	'Subtle Charm'
'Aphrodite'	'Ellusive'	'Marlene'	Summer Palace Strain
'Ariadne'	Emerald Angel Clone	'Midnight Star'	'Tune Up'
'Beauty Rose'	'Fairest'	'Mister Ruud'	'Viva'
'Casa Blanca'	Fanfare Tetra Strain	'Pink Icicles'	'Yellow Whoppers'
'Chianti'	'Geneve'	'Pink Pixie'	'Yuri No Hikari'
'Chippendale'	'Golden Stargazer'	'Red Ace'	L.amabile
'Classic'	'Grandiose'	'Red Velvet'	L.davidii
'Conca d'Or'	'Grand Cru'	'Reverie'	L.regale
'Coral Sunrise'	'Hello Dolly'	'Rosepoint Lace'	L.regale 'Album'
'Crimson Pixie'	'Journey's End'	'Royal Fantasy'	L.speciosum 'Uchida'
Crystal Palace Strain	'Lady Alice'	Sinfonia Tetra Strain	L.svovitsianum
'Dancing Eyes'	'Last Dance'	'Smokey Mountain'	L.wilsonii
'Doeskin'	'Lemon Pixie'	'Sorbonne'	L.wilsonii var. flavum

Also, thank you for the continued support of volunteers **Jack** and **Carol Appelbaum**, **Diane Engelsdorfer**, **Pam Hardy**, and **Fred Winterowd**. Their work is evident in the bulb gardens, as well as the Kemper plot, not only with the lilies but with all aspects of the display. Without their physical labor, support, and guidance (and sometimes scolding, because there are still more daffodils than lilies), our collection wouldn't be the same.

I hope all of you will make an effort to visit the Garden this spring and summer and see what your hard-earned work has garnered by way of flowers. Never has the collection at MOBOT been so strong, and never has the relationship between the membership of MARLS and the Garden been stronger. Please continue this support in the future.

Respectfully submitted (and very eager for lily season),

Jason Delaney, Horticulturist
Missouri Botanical Garden



The Kemper Garden Lily Bed . . . *Diane Engelsdorfer*

Our Lily Bed in the Kemper Garden has grown!! We have a 20 by 40 foot display bed in the Kemper Home Gardening Center at the Missouri Botanical Garden. This display bed helps us continue our educational mission of promoting the culture of lilies to the general public. Due to the generosity of MARLS and some individual members we have a nice display of all types of lilies for the spring and summer of 2002. Please stop by and see the display bed when you can.

Thanks to **Pam Hardy**, **Jason Delaney**, **Diane Engelsdorfer**, and **Fred Winterowd** in particular for all their work in establishing and maintaining the bed. And a big thank you to **June Hutson** and the Garden for allowing us the use of the land.