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Spring Educational Meeting

Saturday, March 15, 2003

2:00 p.m.

Missouri Botanical Garden
Beaumont Room

Photography—How to photograph flowers and the landscape presented by a representative of Creve Coeur Camera.

Design—How to create an Easter arrangement presented by Ellen Mell and Jean Winterowd.

Container Grown Lilies—How to plant bulbs in containers. Lily bulbs, pots and soil will be provided. Each attendee will receive a Dr. Griesbach polyploid Trumpet Bulb to pot at the meeting! Bring it to the show in June!

Question and Answer Period. Come and have all your Lily Questions answered by our experts!

Calendar of Events

2003 SCHEDULE

Spring Educational Meeting - March 15, 2003

Spring Bulb Sale - March 28-30, 2003

Annual Lily Show - June 13-15, 2003

NALS Meeting and Show - July 2-6, 2003
Bloomington, MN

Fall Bulb Sale - October 24-26, 2003

2004 SCHEDULE

NALS Meeting and Show - June 23-27, 2004
St. Louis, MO

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Spring Bulb Sale

March 28-30, 2003

Our Spring Bulb Sale, *Great Places and Pretty Faces*, will be held March 29-30, 2003 at Missouri Botanical Garden in Monsanto Hall. See article written by Chairpersons **Pam Brown** and **Marlene Belew**. The Bulb Packaging Party, at the Garden in the Beaumont Room, will be Friday, March 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This year we will have 'pot-luck' refreshments. If you are able to, please bring a dish, snack or sweet to share. Drinks, plates, and utensils will be furnished.

One of the big advantages of helping with the packaging of bulbs is the opportunity, as members, to get first choice on choosing your bulbs. Please come and support our Society. This is our chief financial source and way of promoting lilies in our area. Members will be able to purchase bulbs after all the business is completed.

Help is also needed on both Saturday and Sunday. 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. Hope to see you there!

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From the President . . .

Kathleen Rice

Here we are in 2003 with good things to look forward to happening in MARLS. Our Educational Meeting, March 15 at Missouri Botanical Garden, is packed with information to share with you. First on the agenda we welcome a representative from Creve Coeur Camera. Learn how to take close up photos of your blue ribbon lilies as well as quality landscape shots.

Ellen Mell and **Jean Winterowd** will then guide us in putting together an Easter arrangement. It will be the next holiday coming up and you can immediately put it to use. If you feel 'I don't think I could put an arrangement together', come and find out that you can. Do you have a favorite family item that you bring out on display at Easter? Find out how you can incorporate it into your arrangement.

Next you will pot up your own bulb. These bulbs are from **Dr. Griesbach's** seedlings. Those who attended the NALS convention in Chicago saw the beautiful colors of these lilies. The bulbs are free to you but you will be asked to bring your bloom to the show in June.

Your MARLS Board has been busy with the beginning efforts of our hosting the 2004 NALS. Find out where you can assist a committee and join in an interesting and fun project. There is a lot going on. See you at the Educational Meeting.

20th Anniversary Celebration

A Letter of Thanks. . . and Appreciation!

. . . Fred and Jean Winterowd

Dear Fellow Members,

What a thoughtful gesture; what a generous gift! It will be a special kind of celebration when we enjoy the 20th Anniversary Dinner Certificate! We are most grateful to you all, . . .but you overdid it! You are indeed 'SPECIAL'.

Wasn't it FUN at the luncheon!!! Seemed that everyone added in their gems of remembrance! Someone must have turned on our SMILE button! Hearing the genuine, spontaneous laughter truly warms one's heart. (Aren't we all blessed for sure?)

As several mentioned. . . 'Yes, we love lilies, but it is much more than that. Our enduring friendships add such a fine, welcoming SOCIAL dimension to our society.' Wasn't it great also to visit again with members we had not seen for a while! Nearly half of those attending were Charter Members! Wonderful!!

Kathleen presided in fine style, and Ken kept the humor mill rolling right along! Fred got all mixed up on 'bulbils' and 'bulblets', and that "Meet Me in St. Louie, Louie" chorus will need several serious rehearsals before the NALS 2004!

Editor Carol provided an update on the MBG Bulb Plot. Other activities included a splendid historical review by **Linda Smith**, and a 'Well Done' to **Pam Brown** and her able helper, **Marlene Belew**, for another great job at the Bulb Sale! Various slides were a catalyst for some jolly comments. . . as always!

Six members took designed arrangements home with them! Ask to see their picture! There they were, finishing up with that aforementioned song, and trying to look halfway distinguished at the same time!! It doesn't happen, folks! YOU WERE SUPER GREAT! As observed, the serving team at Pietro's was excellent. They helped us get things in place, were most courteous, and the food was fine!

Looking back, we paused, in remembrance of those no longer with us. We recounted their friendship, and the special memories we have of them.

Yes, ours is a valued 'esprit de Corps'. May we always be appreciative of the common interests and enthusiasm that we share. Your fine efforts during these twenty years have made us so very proud of you. You are all very special to us—each and every one of you!

Sending our love,
Fred and Jean

News Briefs, Notes, Etc.

- A big thank you to **Charity Sherrington** for a job well done as Hospitality Chairman! She has recently resigned and will be hard to replace. Thank you again Charity, and also her husband Harry, for all the planning, shopping, and hauling you both did. It was much appreciated!
- Treasurer **Dorothy Schrei** reported a profit of \$1405.36 from our Fall Bulb Sale. It was a very successful sale and all bulbs were sold. Please support our Spring Sale March 28-30. Gift certificates for bulbs are available through Dorothy. Please contact her at 314-428-1168.
- For the latest news of what is happening with NALS (North American Lily Society) see the minutes of their February Board Meeting in the Spring Issue of the *Quarterly Bulletin*. This issue should also list the ten most popular lilies of 2002.
- The 56th Annual NALS Show and Symposium, *Lilium Delirium Minnesotum*, hosted by the North Star Lily Society, will be held July 2-6, 2003 in Bloomington, MN. Let's have a group from MARLS attend! It is a drivable distance and surely a great program is planned. More information should be included with the upcoming *Quarterly Bulletin*.
- Would like to see more articles like **Fred Winterowd's** 'Plant Portraits' for our *Lily Trumpet*. According to Fred, "it's EZ"!
- Annual membership renewals are now due for 2003. See membership form included with this newsletter. You may mail to Membership Chairman, **Pam Hardy**, or pay at the upcoming Educational Meeting on March 15. We need to keep our membership list current. Thank you.
- Help Wanted! Hospitality Chairman needed, job description has been changed!
- Hope you all saw the great article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* last October about **Jason Delaney**, Horticulturist at MBG. To quote a few statements describing him, "He's a phenom", "a rising star in the bulb world. He's turned a childhood interest into a true expertise that is rare in the world of public botanic gardens." "His fellow staffers call him 'bulb boy'". He does go on to say that his favorite plant would have to be daffodils. Of course, we all know he likes lilies too!
- As you are visiting the garden centers this Spring, remember those that give awards at our Annual Lily Show—*Maxwell Homestead Nursery*, *Sugar Creek Garden*, and *Theis Farm and Nurseries*. All are outstanding with wonderful selections and helpful personnel.

From the Editor . . .

Carol Appelbaum

It has to be coming! Spring, that is. Snow, ice, freezing temperatures again today! Those wonderful snowdrops have been blooming for a while. Can't count the number of times they have been covered with snow or been subjected to frost and freezing, but they just bounce back. We bought a dish garden with daffodils, tulips, crocuses and primroses, and all are blooming. Surely a sign of Spring just around the corner. Very anxious to get outside; planning to rearrange a few garden areas and want to prepare a new bed. Really expect great things from our lilies this year; but then I always do! That is a typical trait of a gardener—great expectations, forever optimistic!

Hope the information in this Newsletter is keeping you up to date with all the activities planned for MARLS in 2003, and that it also gives you motivation to become more active in the society. Active members are a big asset and very much needed, and new members are always welcomed. We have three big functions coming soon—the Educational Meeting, the Spring Bulb Sale and the Annual Lily Show, and your participation is needed in all! Hope to see you there!

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Spring Lily Care

As gardeners, after the bleak winter landscape gradually changes to the green of spring, we get the urge to get back in the thick of gardening by hoeing, weeding, fertilizing, etc. After becoming more acquainted with lilies, we realize these energies are best used on the vegetable garden at this time. Because of the diversity of types found in the lily family, they poke their noses up through the soil at varying times. It is best to leave the winter mulch on as long as possible so the soil doesn't warm up too rapidly causing them to come up too soon. Do keep a watch on their progress as the new shoots are quite brittle and the winter mulch must be removed shortly after they begin to emerge. If the stems become too long the mulch is much harder to remove without damage to the plant. Experience tells us that the martagon family will be the early risers and complete emergence of all divisions will take as long as a month.

Remember last fall when you were planting the lilies—you very carefully put a small stake and label behind each bulb. Well guess what? Some lilies have minds of their own! Don't be surprised when some poke through in unexpected places. Don't move the stake for the bulb has not moved; the stem has just

Garden Design

The following two statements seem to complement and support one another:

"It's easy to introduce exquisite beauty, rich perfume, large stature, and delicate colors into the late summer garden simply by planting a dozen Oriental Lilies among the perennials and shrubs. Too many gardens are past their peak by mid-July,

emerged at an angle rather than straight up from the bulb. There are some species or "wild lilies" that wander underground for several feet before emerging but this is not a problem with modern hybrids as most will come up within eight inches of the bulb. Moving stakes or adding new ones in early spring can easily damage undetectable growth underground. Each bulb will only make one growth for the year and if this is broken off, there will be no more above-ground growth until the following year.

Lilies are heavy feeders. When most of the shoots have emerged then it is time to fertilize with a general balanced fertilizer. Sprinkle the fertilizer in a 12-inch circle around the stem and carefully scratch it into the soil, then water. As well as the old roots you saw at the base of the bulb when planting, many lilies have roots on the stem between the bulb and soil surface. For this reason cultivating must be very shallow and away from the stem.

Depending upon your location, spring frosts can be a problem. Frost affects the different divisions in different ways. Many can tolerate some frost. A heavy frost may not damage the foliage but still kill the buds. Many of the trumpets cannot

just when the lilies come into their own, and their rich colors, gleaming into the long dusk of midsummer, are like a second spring."

White Flower Farm

"The trickiest part of designing any garden is proportion. I was guilty of misjudging it, too, until I had lots of experience. An amateur thinks too

tolerate any frost and will be killed to the ground. If a frost is expected it is generally a good idea to protect the new growth by putting the winter mulch back over them, or covering with boxes, sacks, old sheets, etc.

Spring is the time to begin a good spray program. The most serious diseases are spread by insects so a good insecticide for sucking insects like aphids should be used about every 10 days. Some varieties are susceptible to botrytis and a fungicide might be needed in some areas. Do read the labels for dosage and precautions.

Before the warm days of summer, a mulch or ground cover should be applied. Mulch conserves moisture, keeps the soil cool and helps keep the weeds down—each beneficial for lilies. Other shallow-rooting plants can be planted among your lilies to provide a cool ground cover.

With the spring activities taken care of we are now ready for the fruits of our labor—the beautiful lilies in full bloom!

The above article by Calvin Helsley is reprinted from Vol. 39, No. 1 NALS Quarterly Bulletin, March 1985.

small. Space outside requires huge scale. You can't use little plants in little arrangements, even in a small garden. You want big leaves and a big presence. Otherwise, everything looks so skimpy."

James van Sweden, Landscape Architect, from article appearing in the St. Louis Post Dispatch February 22, 2003.

Spring Bulb Sale . . . Pam Brown and Marlene Belew

Happy spring to everyone! The bulb order has been placed and we're waiting arrival of hundreds of beautiful bulbs that will be hundreds of beautiful lilies. The theme for the bulb sale is **GREAT PLACES AND PRETTY FACES**. Below is a list of lilies ordered. Hopefully all will come, but the suppliers have been known to surprise us.

Great Places

'Aurora', 'Casa Blanca', 'Monrovia', 'Nepal', 'Oklahoma City', 'Santa Cruz', 'Santiago', 'Sequoia', 'St. Johns', 'Silk Road', 'Tallahassee'

Pretty Faces

'Alyssa', 'Catherine the Great', 'Eloise', 'First Lady', 'Juanita', 'Juliette', 'Lillian', 'Lilium longiflorum 'Lorina', 'Marribelle', 'Naomi', 'Scherherazade', 'Selina', 'Shirley', 'Virginia'

Other Bulbs also on their way to make you a happy gardener:

'Red Velvet', 'Black Jack', 'White Henryri', 'Sublimity', 'Serendipity', 'Starfighter', 'Tinos', 'Touch'

We hope to see you at the Bulb Packing Party. We'll all have a good time talking about the great places and pretty faces we've seen.

*L. auratum
platyphyllum*



MBG Lily Display Garden . . . Diane Engelsdorfer

November, 2002. . . The display garden is doing well and will be reorganized for 2003. The Botanical Garden is interested in more varieties that will be available for the average gardener. I will be setting the plot up a little differently than last year and it should be beautiful!

MBG has obtained some of the more easily obtainable lily bulbs and this will round out the bed so it is full. Any "specialty bulbs" we receive from growers can be planted as well. We should have enough room for everything.

The bed contains a wide selection of Asiatic, Trumpet, Oriental, Asiapet, Orienpet, LA, dwarf, and species lilies. We have tried to include diversity in form and color within each group. It should be a stunning display both this year and next year for the show!

Design Schedule for June Show

To help all get in the mood for entering a design in the Annual Lily Show in June, following is the design schedule. **Ellen Mell** and **Jean Winterowd** will give a demonstration of a couple Easter designs at the Educational Meeting on March 15. If any of you have an accessory you feel you could use in an arrangement, please bring it with you to the meeting and Ellen and/or Jean will give you tips on how to incorporate it into the design.

Theme: HOLIDAYS!

Class I Valentine's Day—a design using two containers.

Class II Easter—Springlike design, using accessories appropriate for the Easter season, baskets okay. (Do not use religious symbols.)

Class III Halloween—a design incorporating a mask.

Class IV Thanksgiving—a bountiful arrangement using fruit and/or vegetables.

Class V New Year's Eve—an elegant nonfunctional table design.

At the meeting, our standard black backgrounds that are used at the show, will be available for anyone to take home. This is a definite aid in keeping your designs in desirable proportion to the background. It is a real help when planning your arrangement. Of course, these should be returned at show time.

Board Meeting— November 9, 2002

Jean Winterowd, Secretary

President **Kathleen Rice** called meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were **Carol** and **Jack Appelbaum, Hal** and **Dorothy Schrei, Thelma Lord, Ralph Bishop, Fred** and **Jean Winterowd**. Meeting was held at the Appelbaum's Home.

Discussion was held regarding the Educational Meeting. Suggestions will be communicated to Vice-President, **Diane Engelsdorfer** by Kathleen. **Charity Sherrington** has resigned as Hospitality Chairman. Discussion followed as to how to replace her. Design section of the 2003 Lily Show will have the theme, 'Holidays'. Kathleen is developing name tags; adding color is being discussed.

The 2003 Budget was proposed:

Newsletter	\$ 550
Bulbs	\$2200
Bulb Sale Supplies	\$ 200
Advertising	\$ 200
Display Planting	\$ 200
Education	\$ 200
Hospitality	\$ 150
NALS Species	\$ 100
NALS Dues	\$ 50
MARLS Trophy, NALS	\$ 75
Membership	\$ 200
Library	\$ 100
MBG	\$ 300
MARLS Show	\$ 900
Awards	\$150
Design Certificates	\$200
Advertising	\$150
Printing	\$200
Staging	\$200

Meeting adjourned 1:15 p.m.
Next meeting, Winterowd's
January 12, 2003.

Board Meeting—January 12, 2003

Jean Winterowd, Secretary

In attendance: **Kathleen Rice, Pam Hardy, Thelma Lord, Carol Appelbaum, Dorothy** and **Hal Schrei, Fred** and **Jean Winterowd**. Meeting was held at Winterowd's home.

Treasurer Dorothy handed out a complete report on the October bulb sale. Total profit \$1405.36.

Educational Meeting is March 15, 2003 at Missouri Botanical Garden. Kathleen is trying to reach **Ed McRae** for bulbs to pot, may need **Pam Brown** to order elsewhere. "Hands On" theme for the meeting.

Carol will ask **Sarah Hopcraft** to design a new membership brochure.

NALS National show is in Minneapolis July 3-6, 2003. Kathleen is planning on attending and will clerk.

NALS Show, St. Louis—June 23-27, 2004:

Two Board Meetings are set for February 23 and April 27 to set up the budget for 2004 and to firm the agenda. Show agenda will follow standard format with meetings, seminars, tours, dinners. Details will be worked out as our meetings progress. Help is needed from all members! Please volunteer. Proposed agenda:

Wednesday Evening: Hospitality for NALS Board

Thursday: NALS Board Meeting

Species Meeting after Board Meeting

Wine and Cheese Party, 6:00 p.m. Shirley K. play piano.

Friday: Lily Show and Judging

Afternoon Seminars—**Jason Delaney, Dr. Griesbach, Carolyn Hawkins**

Dinner at Hotel; **Johan Mak**, speaker; Auction follows

Saturday: MBG Garden Tour. . . Buses, lunch on your own.

NALS Membership meeting

Awards Banquet at Hotel;
entertainment, "Broadway on the Driveway"

Sunday: NALS Board Meeting

Garden Tours: **Carol** and **Jack Appelbaum**
Dorothy and **Hal Schrei**
Fred and **Jean Winterowd**

Committee Heads for 2004

Clerks: Pam Brown

Publicity: Thelma Lord

Registration: MaryLee Gagnon

Tours: Pam Hardy

Hospitality: Kathleen Rice, Carol
Appelbaum, Jean Winterowd

Speakers: Hal Schrei

Treasurer: Dorothy Schrei

Financial: Ralph Bishop

Commercial Exhibits:

Fred Winterowd

Staging: Fred Winterowd

Design: Ellen Mell, Carol

Appelbaum, Jean Winterowd

Transportation: Don Michel

Web Site: Marlene Janson,
Jan Smither (proposed)

Boutique: Sharon Bishop

Education: Diane Engelsdorfer

Judges: Linda Smith

Audio-Visual: please volunteer!

New Hospitality Chairman Needed!

We wish to extend sincere thanks and congratulations to **Charity Sherrington** on a job done extremely well as Hospitality Chairman. Charity recently resigned from this position and she had done such an outstanding job, we have had to rewrite the job description! No one could, or would, do all she did.

After considerable discussion, we have decided the Hospitality Chairman would only be responsible for seeing that we have coffee, tea, water, etc. at our various functions. We will ask everyone participating to bring a dish, snack, sweet, etc. of some kind to share with everyone. In other words 'potluck'. Charity brought the whole spread, and it was always delicious! We have two bulb packaging parties each year where this will apply. On the morning of the show, we will just furnish coffee; however, this is open for more comments and discussion. Our summer get together has always been a potluck affair, so this will not be affected.

Anyone interested in helping in this position, please contact Kathleen or any one of the board members. Thanks again Charity, and her husband Harry, for a job well done and a real service to our society!

Board Meeting—February 23, 2003

Jean Winterowd, Secretary

Present: **Kathleen Rice, Don Michel, Ralph** and **Sharon Bishop, Linda** and **Ray Smith, Carol Appelbaum, Pam Hardy, Fred** and **Jean Winterowd**. Meeting held at MBG. President Kathleen opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The program for the Educational meeting March 15, at 2:00 p.m., MBG Beaumont Room was reviewed: How to photograph flowers and the landscape, presented by a representative from Creve Coeur Camera. How to create a Lily Easter arrangement presented by **Ellen Mell** and **Jean Winterowd**. How to plant bulbs in containers. Lily bulbs, pots and soil will be furnished. Question and answer period during planting, led by **Diane Engelsdorfer**. Each attendee will receive a **Dr. Griesbach** (polyploid) trumpet bulb!

Pam Brown has our Spring bulb sale in order, to be held March 28-30.

Maureen Janson and **Ralph Bishop** will do classification for the June Show.

2004 NALS

The St. Louis Convention Center will provide tourist books, maps and plastic tote bags for each registrant. Agenda was discussed and somewhat finalized. Sharon showed some great items for the Boutique. . . hand decorated shirts, jewelry, ornaments. She wants our suggestions and contributions. Hal has confirmation from the following speakers: **Johan Mak, Jeff Stiller, Jason Delaney, Carolyn Hawkins** and **Diane Engelsdorfer**. MBG needs notification of the Saturday tour. Fred has received good responses from growers and is planning a great display.

2004 NALS Show Boutique . . .

Sharon Bishop

We will be having a small boutique at the 2004 NALS Lily Show. If you are a crafter, seamstress, wood or glass artist, or a "smart shopper", I would like your help! We are looking for quality-made items to sell—lily or garden themes, small quantities (1-6). Perhaps something you have seen or made. Would prefer purchased items to be Missouri-made. If you can help, please call me, **Sharon Bishop**, at 1-636-398-4538. Thank you.



A new staging chairman is needed; Fred will assist. Carol wants to see what their garden does this year before committing to a garden tour. At the suggestion of **Linda Smith**, a motion was made by Kathleen to inquire about using NALS web site instead of setting up our own, seconded by Pam.

A tour of MBG on Saturday will be 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with a return by way of Forest Park Fairgrounds with a possible stop for ice cream cones. Don will check for transportation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.