



28th Annual Lily Show Is June 26 & 27

A later date was chosen for this year's show to encourage the display of late-blooming lilies, especially Orienpets, called OTs.

The society hopes to give the public a look at this big, beautiful hybrid cross of Oriental and Trumpet lilies and to encourage it's cultivation. The OTs are well suited to our climate. Other varieties should also be plentiful at the show.



We encourage everyone to enter stems for judging on Saturday, June 26, 7-9:30 a.m..

Gorgeous late-blooming lilies promise to grace 2010 Show.

Even if you don't think they are "blue ribbon" stems, you might have varieties no one has seen.

This year we will again give out raffle tickets to members who enter stems.

Show awards are listed in the schedule inserted in this issue of the *Lily Trumpet*.

Please check over the schedule – it is the rule of the show. Use the schedule to decide which divisions to enter.

Exhibitors may make more than one entry in a division provided each is a different cultivar. Experienced members will be at the show to help newcomers.

We also encourage entries in the Design Division. Ellen Mell has created an interesting schedule, described more fully on page 3.



We have a wide variety of nice awards, and ask all our members to support the nurseries and other businesses that have provided them.

Free lily bulbs will be available to members through a drawing during our morning meeting on June 26. See back cover of this issue for details.

The public is invited June 26, noon to 5 p.m. and June 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will be in the Orthwein Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Please come and enjoy the wide array of late-blooming lilies, and make your list of bulbs to buy at the fall sale.

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Editor's Note

I put up chicken wire fences around several lily beds this spring. Papa Rabbit, remembering how tasty the lilies had been in past years, tried for days to find a way into the bed.

Finally defeated, he simply stood up on his hind legs and looked wistfully into the bed. A day or so later he was observed hopping across the street toward our neighbor's vegetable garden.

As the lily show approaches, like everyone else I'm keeping an eye on the lily crop. It's always a challenge to recall the names of potential entry stems and how to prepare them for the show tables.

Watching the judging last year, I noticed how often blue ribbons went to the most vigorous and unblemished stems, even those with a single flower in bloom. Selection, safe transportation, and grooming are certainly essential.

To brush up on cutting and grooming show lilies, check out Linda Smith's tips in the June 2009 *Lily Trumpet*. You'll find it in the newsletter archives at www.marls.org. Linda's recipe for Poor Man's Caviar, which got rave reviews at the bulb packing party, is in this issue on page 7.

If you have ideas to share or want to sign up to get the newsletter by email, contact me at carolabales@charter.net.

--Carol Bales Mahoney

Lilies Growing Like Weeds

In the President's Corner with Don Kelley

What a spring! We got our new bulbs in the ground quickly after the sale. And the lilies in our garden were a month early and grew like weeds. By mid-May our Asiatics had started to bloom and some OTs were already eight-feet tall.

If this keeps up, the show should be spectacular with a variety of healthy stems, especially late-blooming ones.

Bring in your best stems, and plan on participating both days of the show, June 26 and 27. To find out how you can help, call Bob Snider at 314-487-5321. Also, if you have unusual specimens, bring those in, too, so we can feature them in the educational exhibit.

Our Mini Show will be Saturday, July 17, at the home of Fred and Jean Winterowd. Hold that date. The Winterowds have an eclectic, ever-changing, and improving garden that is a must see.

Our spring bulb sale was an outstanding success! We sold out and made a good profit. Thanks so much to the members who participated, but especially to Kim Peterson, who pulled it together and made things happen. It seemed like we had greater public participation than usual. The why of it could be the great

weather both days, but we think the new hourly free drawing of a lily arrangement was a big helper.

Thinking ahead to the show, thanks to our great team now hard at work.

We also want to thank our terrific show sponsors--local nurseries and other businesses that make it possible for us to offer awards for your winning lilies. Please remember to support these folks. See you at the show!

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Let's Go Shopping

By Ellen Mell

The exciting theme for the Design Division of the 28th Annual Lily Show 2010 is "Let's Go Shopping." Details of the five classes of design follow.

Join us at some of St. Louis' best known shopping destinations.

CLASS 1: *The Loop.* Multi-Rhythmic design: A Creative Design with emphasis on two or more rhythms in the design. Discussed on page 205 of *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

While on Delmar, we'll stop by "Vintage Vinyl."

CLASS 11: *Vintage Vinyl.* A design to incorporate a record or album, etc.

Then on to Grand for lunch, perhaps some type of exotic cuisine .

CLASS 111: *Something Exotic.* An Exhibition Table Type 1, with an Asian motif.

Looking for something unique, perhaps we'll find it at "Architectural Artifacts."

CLASS 1V: *Architectural Artifacts.* Angular Design: A creative design in which there is a strong emphasis on angular components. Discussed on pages 196-197 of *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

On the way home we'll stop for dinner and flowers at Soulard Market.

CLASS V: *Soulard.* A design to include fruit and/or vegetables.

More Information

Designs will be staged in front of 32" tall black backgrounds, which may be draped. Lilies must be included in all designs. No Missouri Conservation material may be used. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables permitted. Fresh plant material may not be treated.

Accessories are permitted.

An exhibitor may enter only one design per class.

To pre-register (required), contact Ellen Mell, 8250 Woodcliff, House Springs, MO 63051. Email: elnmell@aol.com. Phone: 636-285-0674.

Ellen will be happy to help with explanations regarding the design classes of guidelines in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, contained in the *Federated Garden Club Handbook*.

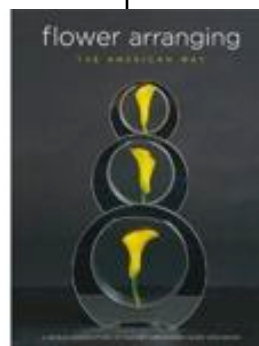
See the show schedule insert included in this issue of the *Lily Trumpet* for more details on Design and Horticultural Division rules and information.

Books

A Review by Kim Peterson

Flower Arranging the American Way by Nancy D'Oench with major photography by Mick Hales. Abrams, 2009.

MARLS members who need ideas to jump start their design planning for our June show will find inspiration in this new book. Full of colorful, imaginative designs that use a variety of materials, this stunning oversize book is sure to stir creativity.



More than one hundred designers are represented in the three hundred arrangements. Photos of their works were captured at workshops sponsored by The World Association of Flower Arrangers. Members of national garden club organizations set out to produce examples of the finest flower design in the U.S. The intent: to capture uniquely American design and show the high level of talent in our country.

Ten chapters highlight arranging themes. The American specialties of "Botanical Jewelry" and "Miniatures" are represented in separate chapters in the book. "Art Meets Art" shows our love of interpreting art works in floral design. "Marvelous Masses" celebrates arrangements with an abundance of flowers, from traditional large mass designs to simpler line-mass pieces. "Turning the Tables" shows off whimsical exhibition table designs. (Note: Our June MARLS show will feature exhibition table designs!)

NALS Judging Class

The Mid America Regional Lily Society (MARLS) will offer a course in lily show judging next year in St. Louis.

The course leads to accreditation as a lily show judge by the North American Lily Society (NALS). It will be open to MARLS members as well as members of other regional lily societies. At least six students are required.

This is expected to be a two-day course held, most likely, during June 2011. Fred Winterowd, MARLS founder and long-time show judge, will be the instructor, with assistance from other certified MARLS judges.

The course will be held under the auspices of the North American Lily Society. NALS materials will be used and national guidelines followed. Participants in the course must be a NALS member at the time.

A nominal fee will be charged to cover the cost of course materials. Lily stems used for practice judging will come from MARLS members gardens.

Linda Smith, MARLS member and recent NALS president, has encouraged offering the course. "The Society has lost several judges," she says. "It is vital to the ongoing success of a regional to make judging school available from time to time."

Current MARLS member judges who have taken the course say the experience helped them to learn more about lilies and to evaluate their own stems, as well as to judge at shows.

You will receive more information and be able to register during this year's Mini Show in July.

For more information, contact Fred or Jean Winterowd at 314-423-5313.

Trial Gardens Planted

By Carol Bales Mahoney

You never know what Fred will come up with next. Earlier this year, he got to chatting with Ko Klaver, marketing rep for Zabo Plant, a distributor for Dutch lily hybridizers.

The outcome: A dozen MARLS members and the Missouri Botanical Garden received bulbs to plant for an assessment.

"Zabo Plant gave us about 200 bulbs of 48 varieties of lilies, many new ones," Fred Winterowd explains. "The Garden has planted about 100 and MARLS members have planted the remaining 100 bulbs."

Most members received 15 bulbs--5 bulbs of three varieties. Member Don Kelley reported in late May that 13 of his 15 bulbs were up and growing. One didn't come up, and one appeared stunted.

Carol Mahoney said one of her 15 bulbs had failed to grow, but the other 14 were up about a foot. The one that failed to appear is 'Swansea,' an LA. Her other two varieties, 'Latin,' an Asiatic, and 'Glamour,' an Oriental, look good.

Fred Winterowd's 'Cocossia,' a new OT hybrid that he planted in his garden, is growing just fine. He put his Asiatic bulbs, 'Antequera,' in a pot and all five were about three feet tall and of equal height in late May.



But take a look at his pot of 'Carmina,' shown above. The five bulbs broke ground but stand at different heights. Fred says the cause may be part of the genetic makeup of this variety. The dwarfism effect, he believes, may have occurred because a pixie lily might be somewhere in the lineage. (Somebody call a genealogist, please!) Or, it could simply be that an error happened in packing and the bulbs are actually different cultivars.

In any case, this is exactly the kind of test result this lily's hybridizer will be interested in having.

Results will be recorded on a criteria sheet developed with assistance from Jason Delaney of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

To see the lilies being grown in our trial gardens and to learn more about Zabo Plant, check out our MARLS web site, www.marls.org. Zabo Plant was a sponsor of Lilytopia.

News

Fred & Jean Are Lilytopia Guests

Fred and Jean Winterowd, MARLS founders, were graciously welcomed in May at Lilytopia. This spectacular lily event was held at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania to show case the latest varieties of lilies developed by Dutch hybridizers. More than 10,000 cut stems were displayed in innovative designs, including lily trees made of glass tubes holding OTs and a wall of 1,000 white lilies. Fred and Jean posed for a photo (top right) with noted designer Dorien van den Berg, who oversaw the creation of the display. "Wow!" was how Fred summed up the Lilytopia Event. See more at www.lilytopia.org.

Check Out NALS Seed Exchange

If Dennis Fitzgibbons' informative presentation in March on "Growing Lilies from Seed" sparked an interest, check out the North American Lily Society's (NALS) Seed Exchange.

NALS operates a seed exchange for members that offers hybrid and species seeds. Go to www.nals.org to find a list of seeds available at the 2010 North American Seed Exchange-- and NALS membership, if you're not a member. The exchange can be reached directly at :<http://www.lilies.org/2010Seeds/seedindex.html>.

**Welcome New
Member
Bill Lampe
St. Louis, MO**

2010 Lilytopia

Longwood Gardens Puts on International Lily Event of the Year

Photos provided by Fred Winterowd



News from the Board

By Mary Lou Snider

Minutes of March 13 Meeting

Don Kelley opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Beaumont Room at the Garden. The minutes were read and approved. Don gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Audrey Ringhausen. There was some discussion about less money being made at the bulb sales.

Kim Peterson made a motion to accept the slate of officers nominated at the last meeting. The motion was unanimously passed. The new officers are Don Kelly, president; Bob Snider, vice president; Mary Lou Snider, secretary; Audrey Ringhausen, treasurer; and Kim Peterson, membership.

Carol Bales Mahoney gave a report on expenses for the March *Lily Trumpet*. She cut back to printing only 60 copies. Seventeen copies were emailed. Total cost for the issue was \$189.40.

Lynn Slackman said she has the newsletters from 2005 in the archives on the web site. Pictures of lilies for

the bulb sale, April 17 and 18, are also on the site.

Kim Peterson said 800 bulbs will be available. Volunteers are needed for the packing party and sale.

Volunteers are also needed for the Annual Lily Show June 26-27. Contact is Bob Snider.

Lori Fitzgibbons has found a storage space less than a mile from the Garden at the same price currently being paid.

Minutes of April 16 Meeting

Don Kelley held a short meeting with 22 people present during the bulb packing party.

Mary Lou Snider read the minutes, which were approved. Audrey Ringhausen gave a treasurer's report, also approved. Kim Peterson gave members 'Bay Watch' bulbs at a discounted price of \$4.50.

Jean Winterowd explained how the raffle of the bouquets at the bulb sale would work. We will give out tickets to everyone; they don't have to buy anything. Starting at 9 a.m. and every hour until 3 p.m., we will draw a ticket and the winner will get a bouquet. The winner must be present.

The theme for the Design Division of this year's Lily Show is "Let's Go Shopping."

The group tabled discussion of moving the storage shed closer to the Garden until the next meeting.

Fred Winterowd will teach a class on judging lilies, but at least six people must sign up.

Minutes of May 1 Meeting

Don Kelley opened the meeting with eight board members present at Marlene Belew's home.

Audrey Ringhausen gave the treasurer's report. The total balance is \$9,921. The bulb sale had a profit of \$1,362. Fred Winterowd said the total expense for the flowers was \$145, which is about \$40 more than we usually spend. Everyone seemed to agree it was worth the cost. We sold out, and the drawings seem to attract people. Bob Snider suggested next year we try to have the same bulbs for sale as are in the bouquets, and to continue the drawings for around \$10 per bouquet.

May 15 is the deadline for the newsletter. Members credited Carol Bales Mahoney for a tremendous job keeping cost down. We had 36 people sign our guest book, and 20 gave their email address. Carol can send them a free copy of our newsletter to promote membership.

Members credited Lynn Slackman with doing a great job on the web site.

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Fred and Bob are working on getting award money for the Lily Show. Fred persuaded several sponsors to contribute again. Lowe's will give the society two plants. Fred and Carol Appelbaum are coordinating on printing the show schedule.

The board decided to continue giving a \$5 coupon for each design entry. Dennis Fitzgibbons will take care of the classifications. Jean Winterowd will handle the People's Choice award.

Workers are needed to help prepare for the show on Friday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. at Orthwein Hall.

Fred made a motion to allocate \$100 for the decorations in the lobby. Bob seconded it. And it was decided to have a sign made giving credit to the lobby designer.

Fred will give a class on judging lilies for MARLS members in June 2011. Sign up early.

My Secret Weapon

By Don Kelley

My secret weapon gives my lily bulbs the little extra something that encourages out performance. I believe it pays off in larger and stronger stems, extended blooming, more blooms, and robust healthy flowers.

But, don't all serious gardeners try to improve their soil; promote effective drainage; position plants in just the right sun or shade; provide water; give

tender loving care at every opportunity; and keep the varmints away? What more, specifically, could or should one do?

A few years ago I visited the garden of an outstanding and repetitive MARLS show winner. Each and every lily in that garden was healthy, growing vigorously with no blemishes, and obviously had multiplied many times over. Eventually, I got up courage to ask, "What did you do to make this happen?" The response was that everything covered in *Let's Grow Lilies* had been done and, in addition, each bulb had been given M-roots.

What in the world are M-roots? It turns out to be a 3-3-3 microbial fertilizer applied at bulb planting by adding "1 tablespoon to each hole" or "mixed into the top 4 inches of soil early in the growing season." A bag of M-roots contains 600 million spores of *Pisolithus tinctorius* plus 35 million spores of *Rhizopogon* (four species) plus 35,000 VAM spores.

That technical stuff is Greek to me. But, I've been using M-roots for the last 3 to 4 years and getting great results. I think you can too. Give it a try. Here in St. Louis M-roots is available in 25-pound bags from Hummerts, www.hummert.com, and is listed on page 110 of their catalog.

This link off the labeling on the bag leads to more information:

<http://www.bissettnursery.com>.

News

Bulb Sale Is a Success

We had 840 bulbs at the spring sale on April 16-18. All sold out by Sunday afternoon. We made a net profit of about \$1,300.

I want to thank those club members who, every year, reliably do their job and allow me, the bulb sale chairman, to focus on lily bulbs and vendors. Some of the main tasks are performed by these club members:

Don Kelley; Bob & Mary Lou Snider; Fred and Jean Winterowd; Winterowd Florists; Lynn Slackman; Carol Bales Mahoney; Audrey Ringhausen; and Marlene Belew.

To everyone else who worked a shift or two at the sale, thanks so much! --Kim Peterson

Fall Bulb Sale Chairman

Pam Hardy has agreed to be chairman for the Fall Bulb Sale. If you'd like a specific bulb included, contact Pam at msphardy@att.net or 9050 Hickory Dr., Cedar Hill, MO 63016. No promises; availability varies year to year.

Poor Man's Caviar

2 cans of shoepeg corn (drained)
1 can of black eyed peas (rinsed and drained)
1/4-1/2 cup of chopped green onions
1/2 cup chopped celery
(You can also add chopped green or colored peppers.)
Mix the ingredients, then marinate in an Italian salad dressing. Paul Newman's low cal is suggested. Let marinate until ready to serve. Corn Fritos or Scoops are suggested to serve with this dish. Shoepeg corn is available at Wal-Mart. Recipe courtesy of Linda Smith in response to requests.

Mini Show Set for July 17

Join the Picnic, Bring Some Lilies, Tour Gardens



If you haven't seen Fred and Jean Winterowd's lovely garden rooms, you're in for a treat. If you have, you know you're likely to encounter some new and unusual plants.

The annual MARLS Mini Show and Awards Luncheon will be held July 17 at the Winterowds' home in Overland, beginning at 11 a.m.

Bring a covered dish and your favorite beverage for a potluck.

(Drinks will not be provided this year.) Be sure to also bring some lily stems you have that are an unusual variety or you're especially proud.

Lily show winning exhibitors will receive their awards.

The address is 10099 Midland Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63114. Corner of Poe St. and Midland. You'll see an address sign on Midland. Turn north on Poe. Phone: 314-423-5313.

Free 'Lilytopia' Lily Bulbs

Fred Winterowd has secured a second free shipment of lily bulbs, courtesy of Zabo Plant, for MARLS members to plant for evaluation. The bulbs will be available to members through a drawing during the society's meeting on Saturday morning, June 26, at the Lily Show.

The only requirement for the lucky recipients is to agree to keep an ongoing evaluation of the bulbs' cultural performance. An evaluation form will be available at the show. Photos also should be included in the report.

Members must have adequate planting space and plant them within one week after receiving the bulbs.

Fred says, "This is a great chance for our members to enjoy these new beauties!"

Calendar

Annual Lily Show

June 26 & 27

Orthwein Hall, MBG

Open to the Public

June 26, noon-5 p.m.

& June 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Awards Picnic & Mini

Show, July 17, 11 a.m.

Winterowds' Home

Fall Bulb Sale

Oct. 23 & 24, 2010

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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NALS Lily Show

The NALS International Lily Show and Conference will be July 7-11 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel and Convention Center in Mars, PA (near Pittsburgh). The Mid-Atlantic and Ohio Lily Societies are hosting this event. Check

www.nals2010.org for show details.

While at the site, you can also get information on becoming a member of the national lily organization. The benefits are well worth the membership fee of \$20 per year. You must be a NALS member to enroll in the upcoming judges school.

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