



# Lily Trumpet

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MID AMERICA REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY, AN AFFILIATE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY

## You're Invited

### Bulb Packing Party

Friday, October 19, 5:30 p.m.  
Missouri Botanical Garden

Come **pack & pick** out your bulbs. Bring a dish to share for **potluck**. Enter a drawing to **win a rare lily**.

The Bulb Sale is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
October 20 & 21, 2007

Orthwein Floral Display Hall, Missouri Botanical Garden

**Members who work get 20 % off bulb purchases.**



## Blackbird for Sale

This Border Asiatic grows 14" and flowers early to mid-June. It has deep, dark plum-red blooms. See pages 7 and 8 for more photos and descriptions of bulbs selected for the Fall Bulb Sale. Visit [www.marls.org](http://www.marls.org) for a complete list.

# Volunteers Needed for the Fall Bulb Sale

## By Kim Peterson

We hope to see all MARLS members turn out for our Fall Lily Bulb Sale on October 20-21 in the Orthwein Floral Display Hall at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

We need all hands on deck to pack and prepare more than 1,000 bulbs for the sale. The packing party starts at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19. After all bulbs have been prepared, we'll have a short membership meeting. Bring a dish to share for the potluck that will follow.

Club members who work get a 20 percent discount on bulb

purchases all weekend. When you come to the packing party you get first choice on bulbs. Some varieties sell out on Friday night! **One lucky Friday night volunteer will win Columbia Platte's "Snowberry" OT lily, a new release to the lily fancy.** This bulb retails for \$30 or more.

We'll also need volunteers to work the sale Saturday and Sunday. Shifts will run 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday (or until bulbs sell out).

A work schedule for the sale will be available for you to sign at the packing party.

**The Fall Lily Bulb Sale is October 20-21 at the Missouri Botanical Garden**

**You may also call Kim Peterson, bulb co-chairman, at 314-421-6272 to volunteer for the sale.**

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## Editor's Note

This is my first issue as editor of the *Lily Trumpet*. My predecessors, Carol Appelbaum, Maureen Janson, Diane Engelsdorfer, and Thelma Lord, have set a high standard. I had the pleasure of sitting with Thelma, the first editor, at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon, and we enjoyed chatting about the days of producing newsletters with a typewriter, scissors, boards and a pot of paste.

Computers have changed everything, at least in production. While I've had many years of experience in editing publications, actually doing a layout on the computer is quite new and has been a huge challenge. But what fun!

You will notice some new things about this issue. We've added four pages of color, and the layout is a bit different, too. But I hope the content remains just as excellent as always.

I'm very interested in knowing what you think about the "new" *Lily Trumpet*. This is YOUR newsletter. I'll try my best to give you what you want, so let me know your thoughts.

I would really like for us all, members of the Mid America Regional Lily Society, to share our knowledge and experiences in growing and showing lilies through the *Lily Trumpet*. So, I encourage you to send me your articles—short or long. I know we have some experts in our society with a lot to share, and some beginners like myself eager to learn.

You may send your text and photos to me by regular mail at Carol Bales Mahoney, 8766 Burton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63114 or email at

[carolabales@charter.net](mailto:carolabales@charter.net). Email is preferred if you are online.

--Carol Bales Mahoney

# President's Message From Fred Winterowd

## Greetings to All!

Believe it or not...it's fall, and another BULB SALE is soon to be realized! Yes, there's EXCITEMENT in the air! It's a FUN time of the year! Bulbs. Pumpkins. Leaves in glorious COLOR!

Part of this FUN time includes readying our gardens for the BEAUTY of spring and summer. It is our reminder to achieve good planning, and our Bulb Chairs, Kim Peterson and Carol Appelbaum, have been diligently seeking lots of fine, new, and well-proven beauties.

To this end, may we see ourselves as a professional kind of SALES STAFF. Reflecting upon recent bulb sales, it is to be noted that we have been attracting younger customers. Often both husband and wife are working, and our "Lily Culture" Guidelines are most welcome. Let's keep looking for additional ways to further our SERVICES to all! Please add in your valued suggestions. From the Ritz Carlton:

## Three Steps of Service

1. **A warm, sincere greeting: A smile.**
2. **Anticipation and fulfillment of each purchaser's needs.**
3. **A "Thank You"—warmly given.**

Yes, my friends, our bulb sales are truly FUN, as we enjoy assisting our fellow gardeners. We've been quite successful; let's never sit on our laurels. Congratulations on your continuing fine work!

### Officers

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#### Past President

Carol Appelbaum  
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# Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary

By Carol Appelbaum

A good time was had by all! We gathered at Greenbriar Hills Country Club on July 21, 2007, for our Annual Awards Luncheon and special celebration of our twenty-five years as a Regional Lily Society.

Our founder, Fred Winterowd, presented an entertaining slideshow highlighting some of the milestones, people, and lilies that helped form our group over the years.

Several of the original members, those who were at the first founding meeting, were in attendance: **Fred and Jean Winterowd, Hal and Dorothy Schrei, Thelma Lord, Elizabeth Geiser, and Carol Appelbaum.** Nearly all of the folks at that first meeting were friends of Fred's, and everyone went home with an office or position of some kind to help get the regional started.

I was there just as a gardening friend and neighbor of Elizabeth's, and became Hospitality Chair, a job I sort of found myself doing again twenty-five years later making arrangements for this celebration! Many other long-time members were also at the



*Fred Winterowd, founder, and his wife, Jean, were presented with a Lily doormat by Linda Smith on behalf of all the members of MARLS.*

luncheon, along with newer members, and everyone seemed to enjoy seeing one another and renewing old acquaintances. Fred did his usual masterful job of entertaining and moving things along.

The awards were presented to the major award winners from our Annual Lily Show held in June; **VP Don Kelley** was the presenter. The 2007 NALS Regional Service Medal was presented by **Linda Smith** and I was the very honored, surprised recipient. After the delicious luncheon, almost everyone received an attendance prize of some kind. Fred – again going the extra mile – had managed to control the

growing conditions for the new LO lily 'Deliano' to have it blooming in time for the luncheon. (Mine had bloomed about two weeks earlier at home.) Six lucky members went home with potted



'Deliano' lilies. The beautiful table arrangements, made by Fred, were also awarded as attendance prizes.

Many of the members then went to view the gardens at Meramec Community College. Of course there were no lilies blooming, but the layout of the garden and the use of annuals was outstanding. We thank everyone who attended, thirty-five in all, and look forward to many more successful years of growing and sharing lilies.

## MARLS Web Site <[www.marls.org](http://www.marls.org)> Updated

By **Maureen Janson**

This update includes some photos of the 2007 Fall Lily Bulb Sale. I say "some" to whet your appetite to come and see what other great new additions Kim, Carol and Pam have ordered for us. At the spring 2007



bulb sale several customers mentioned seeing the MARLS web site. It seemed that they really enjoyed the photos.

A photo of Carol Appelbaum receiving the 2007 NALS Regional Medal has also been added to the Regional Medals page. Carol and the other MARLS members on this page really deserve the medals. They have worked long and hard for the past 25 years to make MARLS what it is today.

The winning stems of the Horticulture class for the 2007 show also have been added to the site. Included are the winning arrangements of the Design Division. Everyone did an outstanding job for as you know the spring weather here in Missouri was unusual to say the least.

There is one other web page on the MARLS web site that you really should visit. That is the Links page. On the Links page, you will find a list of the other lily societies. When you click on a society's name you will be taken to their web site. It is always nice to see what the other lily regionals are doing.

I hope that you will visit the MARLS web site <[www.marls.org](http://www.marls.org)>.

# Carol Appelbaum Earns 2007 NALS Service Medal

The Mid America Regional Lily Society awarded the North American Lily Society Regional Service Medal for 2007 to **Carol Appelbaum**.

**Linda Smith**, winner of the 2006 medal, presented the award to Carol on July 21 at the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Carol is a charter member of MARLS and has served in many capacities, including president and newsletter editor (several times). She is also an expert designer.

She grows wonderful lilies and took home the most awards at the 2007 Lily Show, including Best in Show. Her positive, gentle, helpful, can-do attitude has been a great treasure for MARLS over the years.

Carol joins **Fred Winterowd, Hal Schrei, Ralph and Sharon Bishop, and Linda Smith**, all past recipients of this prestigious award.

Congratulations Carol!



*Dear Members of the Mid America Regional Lily Society*

*Thank you so much for presenting me with the 2007 NALS Regional Service Medal! I feel very honored and humbled to be grouped with the "lily people" who have received this in the past. They have all done so much to promote our society and the love of lilies. There are many more deserving members waiting in the "wings," all willing and able to do the many jobs necessary to keep the regional successful. It is really a team effort!*

*Thank you again for this wonderful honor!*

*Carol*

## Welcome New Members

**Nancy Amelung**  
Rock Hill, MO

**Loris Butterfield**  
Collinsville, IL

# Prize Winning Lilies and Growers

## **Maureen Janson**

*Blue Ribbons (1st Place)*  
 Indian Princess  
 Earl's Red  
 Cardinal  
 Fan Tan x Redgoldina  
 Lilium davidii (2 sections)  
 Hal's Best  
 Bishop's Tower  
 Kentucky  
 Red Alert  
 American Spirit  
 Sally  
 Loretto

### *Red Ribbons (2nd Place)*

Meredith Carol  
 Liberty Hyde Baily  
 Sweet Surrender  
 Alchemy  
 Sinfonia  
 South Pacific

### *Yellow Ribbons (3rd Place)*

Robinson's Comet  
 Shirley

## **Fred Winterowd**

*Blue Ribbons*  
 Yelloween  
 L henryi  
 First Crown  
 L canadense var. coccineum  
 Golden Sceptre  
 Miss Alice  
 Barberella  
 Triumphator X

### *Red Ribbons*

Luminaries  
 Deliano/L.O.

### *Honorable Mention*

L. leucanteum var. centiforium

## **Carol Appelbaum**

*Blue Ribbons*  
 Maribelle  
 Gran Paradiso  
 Dot Com  
 Pisa  
 Carifeo  
 Iowa Rose  
 Marseille  
 Emerald Temple

Tiger Babies  
 Navonna  
 Mama's Daughter  
 Golden Touch (2 sections)  
 Algarve  
 Sweet Surrender

### *Red Ribbons*

Chianti  
 Logio

## **Kim Peterson**

*Blue Ribbons*  
 Orange Monarch (2 sections)  
 Oriana  
 Urandi  
 Luminaries Clone 6

### *Red Ribbons*

Rosella's Dream  
 Shirley  
 Sun Ray  
 Rosa Linda  
 Dreamland  
 Suncrest

### *Yellow Ribbons*

3 different Asiatic Cultivars

### *Honorable Mention*

Toronto  
 Indian Princess  
 Coral Sunrise  
 Royal Trinity  
 Elegant Crown

## **Linda Smith**

*Blue Ribbons*  
 Creme Brulee  
 King Pete  
 L. pumilum  
 Krumuien Tango x Willow Wood  
 Tahitian Sunrise  
 First Crown  
 Andrew Winkler's Brigit  
 Shirley  
 Buff Pixie  
 Red Pixie  
 Edith

### *Red Ribbons*

Iowa Rose  
 Midnight  
 Purple Rain  
 Miss Alice

Centurium

*Yellow Ribbons*  
 Dreamland

## **Pat Kelley**

*Blue Ribbons*  
 Pink Perfection  
 Alchemy

### *Red Ribbon*

Loretto

### *Yellow Ribbon*

Liberty Hyde Bailey

## **Roy Peterson**

*Red Ribbon*  
 Rosella's Dream

## **Claudia Chopp**

*Blue Ribbon*  
 Midnight

### *Red Ribbon*

Willow Wood

## **Carol Bales Mahoney**

*Blue Ribbons*  
 Orina  
 Elegant Crown  
 Anaconda  
 African Queen  
 Sun Ray

### *Red Ribbons*

Snow Storm  
 Gran Paradiso  
 Roma

### *Yellow Ribbon*

Virginia

### *Honorable Mention*

Royal Respect

# Top Show Winners



Maureen Janson, above, with Fan Tan x Redgoldina. Carol Appelbaum, right, with her Tiger Babies and Carifeo.



Kim Peterson's Orange Monarch is above.



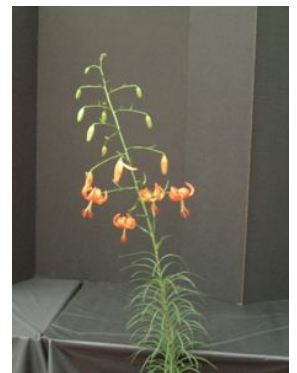
Fred Winterwod, above, with his Yelloween.



Linda Smith, above, with King Pete. Below: Maureen Janson's *Lilium davidii*. Bottom: Yelloween, People's Choice, grown by Fred Winterwod.



Best in Show: Carol Appelbaum's Emerald Temple. Below: Claudia Chopp with "Our Silver Anniversary," Best of Show in Design.



Top left: Claudia Chopp's "Anticipation." Top right: Ellen Mell's "We Grow and Show." Bottom left: Madeline Hucker's "Celebrate," and right, Carol Mahoney's "The Garden."



## *Horticulture Division Awards*

Best in Show, St. John's Bank Award, Emerald Temple, Carol Appelbaum

People's Choice Award, Yelloween, Fred Winterowd

MARLS Award I (Best Asiatic), King Pete, Linda Smith

MARLS Award II (Best single bloom), Orange Monarch, Kim Peterson

Editor's Award (Best species), Lilium davidii, Maureen Janson

Ralph Bishop Memorial Award, Emerald Temple, Carol Appelbaum

Thies Farm & Greenhouse Award, Yelloween, Fred Winterowd

Columbia-Platte Award, Tiger Babies, Carol Appelbaum

Bernie La Blance Memorial Award, Fan Tan x Redgoldina, Maureen Janson

Winterowd Florist Award, Carifeo, Carol Appelbaum

Jack Gagnon Memorial Sweepstakes Award, Carol Appelbaum

## *Design Division*

Best in Show, Design Sweepstakes & People's Choice, Claudia Chopp

Class I, "Our Silver Anniversary," Claudia Chopp

Class II, "We Grow and Show," Ellen Mell

Class III, "Anticipation," Claudia Chopp

Class IV, "The Garden," Carol Bales Mahoney

Class V, "Celebrate," Madeline Hucker

# Check Out These Lilies

Where can you plant more lilies? Is your garden begging for new additions? Below and on the next page are samples of the many bulbs ordered to whet your appetite. Prepare those beds now – remember raised beds are perfect. Good drainage is essential.

The complete list and pictures can be found on our website, [www.marls.org](http://www.marls.org). Due to many circumstances, we may not get all of the bulbs that have been ordered.

Prices start at \$2.50 and are very competitive--less than you could order through a catalog (if they were available). Consider also the shipping costs you save! There will be a 20% discount to members who help at the sale. --Kim Peterson



Red Hot



Indian Summer



Gypsy



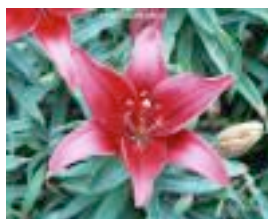
Ed Brooman



Aladdin's Sun



Dolly Madison



Blackbird



Kentucky Small



Classic



Emerald Temple

# Fall Bulb Sale Listing

Below are descriptions of just a sampling of the wonderful lily bulbs you can purchase at the Lily Bulb Sale.

**Asiatics** *Listed are only 8 of the 35 ordered.*

**'Blackbird'** is a Pot or Border Asiatic with deep, dark plum-red blooms, deeper toward the center with dark small spots, 14", flowers early to mid June.

**'Classic'** (C-P) has nodding, spotless, deep lemon-yellow flowers with beautiful bronze reverse. Graced with a bell-shaped form like the more temperamental (and unrelated) *Lilium canadense*, this vigorous hybrid returns taller and stronger every year! An old favorite growing 4-5', mid June.

**'Covent Garden'** (C-P) has huge raspberry-rose out-facing flowers with a large dollop of cream and gold at the center. A vigorous grower with an absolutely enormous bud count! It reaches 3-4', late June. Exclusive to regional lily societies only!

**'Dolly Madison'** gives large, clean magenta-pink flowers with extra heavy substance. A 'Best in Show' winner that grows to 3', mid June.

**'Ed Brooman'** is a black red garden lily that is excellent for flower arranging because of its long pedicels, 3', mid June.

**'Navarra'** is a beautiful new pure white Asiatic, with up-facing, wide-petalled flowers. The icy white flowers shade into green at their throats. It gets 4' and sometimes taller, mid to late June.

**'Russian House'** – a new lily from Mak Leek, bright yellow centers surrounded by wide orange-red edges, 3', mid June.

**'Gypsy'** – a lovely dusty pink unspotted beauty, standing the test of time. This lily was featured on the home page of [www.lilies.org](http://www.lilies.org) for quite some time, 4', mid June.

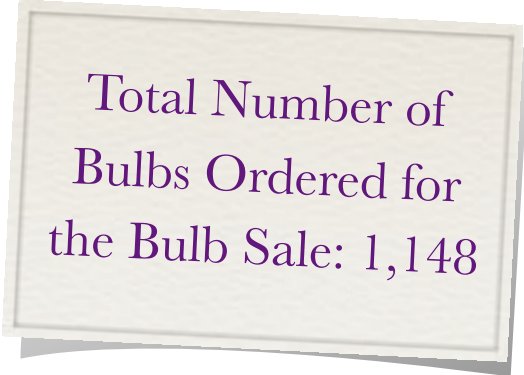
## L.A. Hybrids (Longiflorum x Asiatic)

*Eight varieties have been ordered.*

**'Aladdin's Sun'** – vivid yellow with greenish-yellow throat, bowl shaped up-facing flowers, a 'Best in Show' winner! 3', early to mid June.

**'Kentucky'** – Out to up-facing flowers with an explosion of heavy burgundy speckling over the entire petals. An eye-catcher at last year's show, entered by Maureen Janson, flowers were 6-7" across! 3-4', mid June.

**'Tropic Diamond'** --Exquisite plum-red up-facing flowers with a sparkling white diamond center. New, 3', mid June.



Total Number of  
Bulbs Ordered for  
the Bulb Sale: 1,148

**Orienpets (Oriental x Trumpet)** *Nine varieties have been ordered.*

**'Donato'** – New. Mammoth-size blooms of luminous mother of pearl pink with just a touch of white at the center, 4', late June to July.

**'Indian Summer'** – Extra large clear yellow pendant bowl-shaped flowers have a greenish-yellow reverse on tall dark stems, 5', July.

**'Red Hot'** – Red flushed golden-apricot with pale yellow petal edges, a sprinkling of muted raspberry speckles and a yellow-edged, green starburst center, 3-4', July.

In addition to these lilies listed above, some LOs (Longiflorum x Oriental), Trumpets, an OA (Oriental x Asiatic), **'Elegant Crown'**, and one Oriental, **'Stargazer'**, will be available. We intend to order more Orientals for the Spring Bulb Sale. Please check out the complete list and pictures on our website, [www.marls.org](http://www.marls.org).

## Drawing Prize for Lucky Volunteer

Snowberry has out-facing, round-edged flowers as white as snow, with bright berry "whiskers" and a soft, luminous pink reverse. Bred from 'Anastasia', it has large flowers and a wonderful fragrance on 4 to 6 foot stems. This lily blooms mid to late July. It is a new release to the lily fancy.



# News

## Dennis Fitzgibbons Joins MARLS Board

Dennis Fitzgibbons has been invited to join the MARLS Board by President Fred Winterowd.

Dennis, who lives in Fenton, is a lily hybridizer. He started about 1,000 seedlings in his basement this year. He also grows rhododendrons. Dennis is very knowledgeable about irrigation systems and has agreed to be our speaker at the Educational Meeting in March 2008. Welcome Dennis!

## Nominating Committee Sought

MARLS members are invited to become members of a Nominating Committee to select board members for the next term. Members new to the society are especially encouraged in participate. Anyone interested should call Fred Winterowd at 314-423-5313.

## Help Needed to Move Equipment & Bulbs for the Sale

Volunteers are needed to help lift and move heavy boxes of bulbs and equipment from storage to the MBG for the bulb sale. The work will be done on the days before and after the sale. Call Fred Winterowd at 314-423-5313 if you can lend a hand.

# As Lilies Grow: Discoveries in My Garden in 2007

By Kim Peterson

Each year my knowledge about lilies grows. The year 2007 brought another round of discoveries.

## Sun makes all the difference!

We bought a small property for the purpose of growing more lilies and iris.

We cut down all of the trees.

The first year lilies did much better in this new place

with full sun than I've ever seen them do in my own yard that is heavily shaded. This really drove home to me the importance of sunshine.

## Distinguishing between similar lilies isn't easy:

*Arabesque*, *Black Beauty*, and *Scheherazade* have similar flowers and my groupings were not marked with their names. This year I took time to look them up on the web and make note of their different features. For those who want to know, *Arabesque* is the biggest of the three with thick, tall stems more than 7' tall. *Black Beauty* has the small, down facing flowers and is the last OT to bloom in my garden. *Scheherazade* is in between the other two in size. Now I'll add

*Leslie Woodriff* (another look alike) into the mix and see if I can keep them all straight.

## The MARLS sale has

**fantastic deals:** Last fall I planted five Robina OT's that were only \$5 at our sale and they did very well in their first year. The bulbs were huge and produced large lavender-pink flowers that bloomed on short sturdy stems. This was my favorite OT this year.

## 'My favorite Asiatic this year is August Ruby.'

**Lilies give two yields.** It's not all about flowers! The fall bulb harvest can be fun. It's a surprise to lift a buried bulb and find lots of bulblets or to find the mother bulb greatly expanded or even split into two large bulbs.

**My favorite Asiatic this year:** August Ruby, a Hartle-Gilman lily that I saw in Maureen's garden. These first year bulbs grew tall and strong and produced many dark red flowers in late July. It produced 30+ bulblets from 3 mother bulbs and many bulbeils that sprouted. I'll be sharing with MARLS club members!

# News from the Board

By Jean Winterowd

## *Minutes of Show Meeting June 16*

**Fred Winterowd** opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m., after judging was completed. He thanked everyone for making the show a success, especially **Maureen Janson** for classification; **Linda Smith**, judges; **Don Kelley**, educational; and **Ellen Mell** and **Claudia Chopp**, artistic.

Linda reported we had 96 stems entered, which was surprising considering our late freeze. She also mentioned a product she found, "Press and Seal," which she uses to surround each lily flower for transportation rather than using foil on the anthers.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Invitations for members were included in the last Trumpet. Reservations should be sent to **Audrey Ringhausen**. Fred will contact Mr. Roberts at Meramec Community College to let him know we will be visiting the lily gardens.

**Scholarship:** The deadline is changed to September 15 for applications.

**NALS:** Linda reports the NALS is beginning to look into liability insurance for its national meetings and thought it might be advisable for our regional to do so, too.

The radio appearance of Don and Fred on WGNE, 920 AM, Garden Show went very well and may be done again before the fall bulb sale.

### **Missouri Botanical**

**Garden:** There's an opportunity to put a MARLS Bulb Sale ad in MBG's "Best of Missouri" piece. The ad will be a coupon for \$2 off a bulb purchase. The ad costs \$90. The meeting was adjourned. After the cleanup on Sunday, a drawing was held of those helping for a beautiful Blenko glass vase with lilies given by **Dorothy and Hal Schrei**. **Kim Peterson** won the vase.

## *Minutes of September 22 Meeting*

**Fred Winterowd** welcomed **Dennis Fitzgibbons** as a new board member.

The minutes of the show meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved.

**Editor's Report:** The Board agreed to print the cover and back cover of the *Lily Trumpet* in four-color on an ongoing basis, and two additional pages in color in this fall's issue to promote the bulb sale. It was agreed to promote email distribution and sell

small ads to be run in the newsletter to defray the costs of color printing. Dennis will create an ad form to take to garden-related businesses. The ad size will be about 2" x 3." The ad will contain business card information and sell for \$25 for three issues a year.

The fall Trumpet will be emailed to all MARLS members with email addresses to determine who would like to receive it via email.

The Membership Roster will be included in the fall issue.

**Carol Mahoney**, the editor, would like members to share experiences of successes in growing lilies, tips, and other information of interest.

**Web Site: Maureen Janson** has posted pictures of lilies and designs from our show as well as lily bulbs available at our sale. In August there were 604 page reviews of our web site. Maureen reports it's not likely a large amount of seeds will be available this year, but let's wait and see.

**Meramec College Horticulture Scholarship** application dates have been changed to fall term, 9-21, and spring term, 12-20.

Property liability insurance is being looked into by **Don Kelley** and **Dennis Fitzgibbons**.

**Education Meeting** will be March 1 or 8. **Dennis Fitzgibbons** will present on irrigation systems.

# News

**Financial Report July 21, 2007 to September 22, 2007**

Starting Balance: \$1,868.73

Expenses: \$1,315.68

Income: \$110.00

BALANCE: \$3,663.05

New CD bought July 2007:  
\$4,051.42

Existing CD July 2007:  
\$2,709.79

**ENDING TOTAL:**  
\$10,424.26

**Learn More About Lilies: Join the North American Lily Society (NALS)**

If you're not currently a member of the national lily society, why not consider joining. Benefits include four-color Quarterly Bulletins, an annual meeting and lily show, seed exchange, and lending library. Dues and additional benefits can be found on the NALS web site, [www.lilies.org](http://www.lilies.org).

**Bring Your Own Soda**

Water and cider will be provided at the bulb packing party. Volunteers who prefer soda are requested to bring their own. Last time a lot of soda was left over.

# Hope: What Grew Best in My Garden This Year

**By Carol Bales Mahoney**

What a year it has been for Midwest gardeners. In the spring, below-freezing temperatures for a week. In the summer, a drought and a month of heat 100 degrees or more.

The past two years of my life also have brought tumultuous events. Adjusting to retirement, caring for my mom, her death, and bearing the relentless grief.

My bedrocks have been my faith, my husband, and my garden. All linked in a beautiful and mysterious way. My husband's strategy for preserving my spiritual, mental, and physical health has been simple: Order plants. Through it all, boxes arrived at our doorstep. And I planted, and planted, and planted.

The spring brought a beautiful display of hundreds of tulips. Short-lived. Just enough time to take photos and pick armfuls for neighbors and to bring into the house before the Big Freeze. The backyard looked like another planet with white sheets flapping in the wind and buckets and other strange objects of all colors

turned upside down over plants.

Seems like we all lost some lilies and nursed the survivors best we could, even those that refused to bloom. Some of the survivors happily did bloom, though most of

mine after the Lily Show.

**Gardeners are indeed blessed.**

Liatris that I planted five or six years ago, grew tall and

strong for the first year. But then came the scourge of Japanese beetles, though not as bad as last year. And diseases attacked weakened plants.

In August, we thought the heat and drought would never end. It was a chore just to keep up with watering. Weeds took over. It was just so discouraging.

But then came a beautiful cool September day, and I walked the garden thinking of what to do for next year. As I planned, and new beds were made, old ones reworked, I realized, yes, I am a hopeful person. I have confidence in the future of my garden and my life.

Gardeners, I believe, experience one of God's greatest gifts: Hope.

# Chinese Visitors Quickly Become Fast Friends



At the June Lily Show, Fred Winterowd quickly made some new “old” friends. Shown (l. to r.) are Yuan Lui, Fred, and Kathy Jin. Yuan and

Kathy are from Tientsin, China, where Fred served with the North China Marines in 1945. The Chinese visitors were excited to meet Fred, and cameras were soon brought

forth. Photos were taken, and then the two Chinese visitors toured the show with great interest, asking many questions.

## *Calendar*

*Fall Bulb Sale  
October 20-21  
Orthwein Hall, MBG*

*Bulb Packing Party  
October 19, 5:30 p.m.,  
MBG*

*Membership Meeting  
October 19, After Bulb  
Packing, MBG*

*Education Meeting  
March (Date TBA)  
Irrigation Systems  
Speaker: Dennis  
Fitzgibbons*

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