



Mid America Regional Lily Society

Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2014

On Saturday, July 19, 2014, the Mid America Regional Lily Society (MARLS) met at the home of new members Tom and Lynn Keay, 1529 Vail Place in Lafayette Square, St. Louis at twelve o'clock noon. Fourteen people attended this MARLS Mini-Show and Awards gathering: Lynn and Tom Keay, Linda Medlin, Mary Lou and Bob Snider, Lynn Slackman, Kim and Roy Peterson, Debra Pratt, Mary Campbell, Pam Hardy, Nick Ostendorf, and Pat and Don Kelley. Prior to the meeting itself, attendees enjoyed a pot luck lunch.

At 1:45P.M. President Don Kelley called the meeting to order. Secretary Pat Kelley read the minutes of our last meeting on January 11, 2014. They were approved as read.

Kim Peterson, Spring Bulb Sale Chairman, said we made about \$1,000. Don added that expenses had not been deducted.

Web Mistress, Lynn Stackman, noted that our web page is doing better this year than in 2013. It is a good learning source. Lynn encouraged members to write brief entries for the web. While today's meeting was happening, pictures taken at the NALS 2014 Convention were showing on a DVD viewer.

Debra Pratt, MARLS Deputy Show Chairman told us our recent June 22nd show was a success. We had sixty horticulture entries. The blooming stems donated by Don and Bob Snider, Show Chairman, all sold. Today Bob presented certificates to the main award recipients. Kim and Lynn each received several awards. The horticulture Best of Show went to Kim for "Yelloween". She also won for three stems of the same cultivar showing "Sweet Surrender". Lynn's design entry won the People's Choice award. Don won the best species award. Debra Pratt won for her Best in Show photo. Kim said one change to the next Show would be a class for unnamed lilies. Kim will take a look at bringing our show schedule up to date.

Our MARLS founder, Fred Winterowd, has been taken off chemotherapy. Currently Fred and his wife Jean have two daughters visiting them. Anticipating the future loss of a special friend, President Don encouraged members to contribute their thoughts for a future memorial for our friend and mentor. Bob will look into purchasing

a bench at Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG). Lynn suggested the bench be located in the bulb garden.

Lynn, a regular MBG volunteer, told us that the garden plans to divide its Species, Asiatic, and OT lilies about October 8th. On the garden's behalf, MARLS will sell the excess bulbs on Sunday, October 12th. A list of the named cultivars and more details will be published as available.

Don asked members for program ideas for the 2015 spring educational meeting. A design meeting was suggested. Kim noted that Jean Morris creates good balanced designs and Carol Bales is skilled in Ikebana. The meeting could take place at the United Methodist Church at Jefferson and Highway 44.

Members brought some of their late blooming lilies to our Mini-Show. Kim used these stems to share information on blooms and plants with the members present.

Debra made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and we ended at 3:20P.M. Afterwards some of us returned to Tom and Lynn's garden to continue enjoying their lovely phlox, roses, and other plants.

Pat Kelley,

Secretary