



Mid America Regional Lily Society

Minutes of July 23, 2016

MARLS Member Meeting
Saturday, July 23, 2016
Home of Kim & Roy Peterson

Kim Peterson brought the meeting to order at 12:38 PM. In attendance were Roy & Kim Peterson, Linda & John Poole, Camilla Kotrba, Don & Pat Kelley, Debra Pratt and Lynn Slackman. Kim welcomed everyone to the MARLS Awards meeting. Because a Board of Director quorum was not in attendance at the meeting, general meeting business was not discussed.

MBG Memorial for Fred Winterowd; President Kim Peterson sent an inquiry to Jim Cocos at the Missouri Botanical Garden concerning the status of a memorial for Fred Winterowd. The response from Mr. Cocos follows;

Before Sophia Warsh left the Garden she had procured seed of *Malus niedzwetzkyana*, a crabapple native to Asia that is rare and endangered throughout its range. The trees are getting close to being large enough to plant out in the Garden, and the plan is to do that this fall, after the trees have put on another season of growth. One of those will be planted in the bulb gardens (Heckman or Samuels, not sure of which at this point) to honor Fred's legacy.

2016 NALS Show; President Kim Peterson announced that Brian Bergman won the Mid America Lily Society Award in Chicago, which is a collection of 3 lilies with different orientations, up-facing, out-facing and down facing, from a single division, one stem each.

2016 Financial Commitment's; President Kim Peterson reviewed the following financial commitments approved by the MARLS Board of Directors during the May 28th Board meeting and allocated in our 2016 budget.

\$200 was donated to the Mid Central District of National Garden Club in appreciation of an upcoming educational session they are conducting on Judging Liliium. The design judges at past and current lily shows are from the Mid Central District of National Garden Club and this education will be of great value for future judging of Liliium.

The MARLS organization plans to purchase \$200 of lily bulbs for members to plant so they can bring those blooms to the 2017 NALS Convention in St Louis. The stems could be used for Horticulture or Design purposes at the 2017 Lily Show.

The MARLS organization will need to pay \$628 to Self Storage Inn during 2016 for storage space from August 2016 to May 2017.

MARLS Show Awards; President Kim Peterson presented 2016 MARLS Show Awards to the following people;

President Kim Peterson will mail to Pam Hardy...the award for the 'People's Choice Award' for Design.

President Kim Peterson will mail to Ellen Mell...the award for the 'Best Design in the Show', and 'Design Sweepstakes'.

President Kim Peterson will mail to Carol Appelbaum...the award for the 'Best Asiatic'.

President Kim Peterson presented Don Kelley the award for 'Best Container of Lilies'.

President Kim Peterson presented Lynn Slackman the awards for 'Best Trumpet', 'Best Longiflorum/Asiatic', 'Best Interdivisional Hybrid', and 'Best Species'.

All remaining awards, 'Best in Show for Horticulture', 'People's Choice Award' for Horticulture, 'Horticulture Sweepstakes Award', 'Best Oriental/Trumpet Award', 'Best Division VIII Award, and 'Best Single Stem' were presented to Kim Peterson.

Possible Merger of MARLS with other plant society; Due to the planned shutdown of the MARLS organization during 2017. President Kim Peterson discussed a possible merger of the MARLS organization with the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society. The daffodil society has discussed this possibly with board members of their society, but this needs to be socialized and discussed with the general membership. President Peterson would like to come to a firm decision for closing down MARLS by November 2017. With the possibility of a merger with the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society, we don't mind putting off a decision while that possibility is considered by the daffodil group.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Slackman