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I would like to first THANK YOU for your vote. (It was a tough race – again!) Like you, . . . I'm quite busy with life, yet I value priorities. To be sure, MARLS has ranked high on that list for 24 years now! Jean joins me in this appreciation.

No one or two of us ever guides such a Society—far from it! Let's proudly note our fine officers, our busy committee chairs, and the very effective Board! Add in "Congrats" to **Linda Smith** as President of NALS. Serving with Linda on the NALS National scene is **Maureen Janson**, as a Board Member. Our total membership is truly appreciated!

Next year we will be celebrating our SILVER ANNIVERSARY! Now that is something SPECIAL too! We'll be looking forward to sharing our memories—memories that will warm the heart! It'll be the happiest of times; an event you'll not want to miss! Let's all be thinking about this upcoming CELEBRATION! We'll be seeking your suggestions, your ideas!

As we continue our 2006 activities, let's reflect proudly upon our past, yet project our goals for the future.

Education continues as our major goal. Within its varied framework may we seek to train ourselves in the ever-changing Genus, Lilium. What newer 'Cultivars' are appearing on the scene? How about those dandy 'Tet' Trumpets, and the super Oriempets? And always remember folks, . . . SOIL isn't a - - - - word!!!

The gardening public looks forward to our expertise. We study and learn the horticultural guidelines they often seek. Our own learning is always a continuing pursuit!

Thanks go out to each of you—as you step forward to volunteer your own special talents. Our Society is very proud of you, and your efforts! Here's to yet another year of life's friendships!

New Officers Elected

Congratulations to our new officers, elected at the March Educational Meeting! **Fred Winterowd** as President, is a proven winner and needs no introduction; and we welcome **Don Kelley** as Vice-President. Don has been a very willing worker at our bulb sales and shows the last few years, and did a masterful job of getting the word out about our Educational Meeting! **Audrey Ringhausen**, Treasurer; **Jean Winterowd**, Secretary; and **Kim Peterson**, Membership Chair are continuing in those positions. Thanks to all of them for their expertise.

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Minutes of Educational Meeting – March 18, 2006

... *Jean Winterowd*

Meeting was held in the Spink Pavilion in Missouri Botanical Garden. President **Carol Appelbaum** opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes of the January 14, 2006 meeting approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Membership: The membership form will request email addresses so the Lily Trumpet can be sent by email, saving postage. Members who wish to receive it by email should send their address to **Carol Appelbaum**, Editor.

Scholarship: **Sharon Ward** was introduced by **Diane Engelsdorfer** as the recipient of the MARLS scholarship to Meremac College. Sharon continued throughout the meeting to participate and meet with members. She reported on the lily beds within the new garden at Meremac and circulated a plan of the gardens. They will be open to the public. The Horticulture Department is having a plant sale April 28-29.

Bulb Sale: March 31, April 1-2, 2006. Beaumont Room, MBG. Bulb packaging party 6:00 p.m. Friday. Bring a snack or finger food if you can. Volunteer to work Saturday or Sunday.

Lily Show: June 24-25, 2006. Set-up Friday a.m. Design schedule is in the *Trumpet*. **Claudia Chopp** will be Clerk Chairperson. Please volunteer to be a clerk.

Awards Luncheon: Will be held at the Janson's, July 8, 10:00 a.m. Plan to come and see their beautiful garden . . . LILIES!

MARLS Website: www.marls.org Fourteen Lily Societies and ten commercial growers have linked to our website. Thanks Maureen for making all this possible.

We received a thank you from MBG for our donation of \$300.00.

The Board will meet May 6, 9:30 a.m., at **Kim Peterson's**. Newsletter articles are due by May 25.

Election of Officers: Carol introduced the new officers-elect, and their election was confirmed. President, **Fred Winterowd**; Vice-President, **Don Kelley**; Treasurer, **Audrey Ringhausen**; Secretary, **Jean Winterowd**. The meeting was turned over to Fred.

Fred thanked Carol on behalf of MARLS for her excellent leadership.

Vice-President **Don Kelley** introduced **Pat Scace** of MBG and our program, "Spring in Bloom". Pat is Director of Exhibits at MBG. She has a BLA from the University of Illinois and is a selected member of American Florist Institute of Design. It was a delight to watch Pat design arrangements featuring lilies, explaining concepts, new floral items and the basic planning behind the designs. The bouquets were unique and beautiful. They were later auctioned.

Kim Peterson provided a delicious assortment of sweets and soda for our meeting. Attendance prizes were given during the program and everyone received a lily stem. Meeting adjourned 12:00 Noon.

Spring Bulb Sale a Success!

Our Spring Bulb Sale was very successful! Even though it was held in the Beaumont Room at MBG, a little off the beaten path, we had a large number of interested buyers! Many indicated they had seen us and the notice on TV at 6:00 a.m. Friday morning! Advertising does have an effect! We almost sold out, and realized a profit of \$2048.29. Thank you to our Bulb Sale Committee—**Diane Engelsdorfer, Pam Hardy, and Kim Peterson**—for all their efforts, and also to all the members for helping with the packaging and manning the sales tables!



Minutes of Board Meeting – May 6, 2006 . . . Jean Winterowd

Meeting was held at home of **Kim and Roy Peterson**. After a tour of Kim's lovely garden, iris a specialty, Fred opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Present were: **Carol Appelbaum, Marlene Belew, Diane Engelsdorfer, Pam Hardy, Maureen Janson, Don Kelley, Kim and Roy Peterson, Audrey Ringhausen, Fred and Jean Winterowd.**

Minutes of last Board Meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Treasurer: Audrey reported a balance of \$7,015.73 plus a CD of \$2,541.13.

Membership: Because of similar expenses we have, Fred introduced a notice from PNWLS Regional citing their need to raise dues. After discussion, **Don Kelley** made a motion to increase our dues to \$10.00 per household, individual or family, and to drop the student dues. Seconded by Kim, motion passed, and will be put before the membership at show meeting. Carol and Kim are in process of checking into sending the *Lily Trumpet* by email to those willing.

Bulb Sale: Many thanks to the workers at the sale. Profit was \$2048.29. Diane reported the necessity of increasing our revenue in order to fund our scholarship, website, and other activities. She made a motion to increase bulb order budget for the Fall Bulb Sale to \$2000.00. Seconded by Don, motion passed. This will require maximum effort in the TV advertisement and flyers to organizations and stores. Diane cited the need for a Publicity Chair to coordinate the contacts. Until then, anyone with suggestions for contacts can call **Diane Engelsdorfer**, 314-647-5789, to leave complete information of name of company, address and telephone number on her answering machine. Also the need for an alternate date for sale in case of bad weather was emphasized.

Scholarship: Our scholarship student, **Sharon Ward**, sent email pictures to Carol and Maureen of the new gardens at Meremac College, inviting all to come and see. An All-American Trial Garden is scheduled to be added also. The gardens can be seen as you drive by the college.

Lily Show: June 24-25. Committees are in order. The Show Schedule, as revised by Carol and Fred, was presented and will be printed. Awards have been obtained. The new Judges Handbooks are on order at \$8.00 each.

Summer Awards Luncheon: July 8, at home of **Maureen and Mark Janson** in Washington, Missouri, 10:00 a.m. It will be potluck, everyone bring a dish; also, bring lily stems for show if have late blooming ones! We will also have a plant exchange, any garden plant.

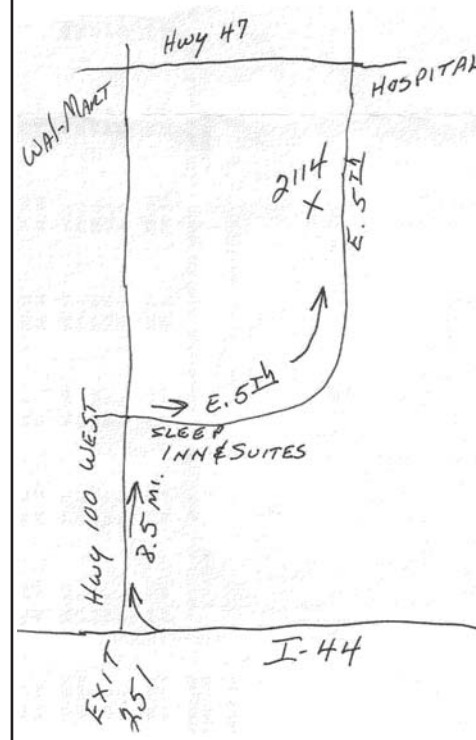
NALS Annual Meeting and Show: July 12-16, 2006, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; hosted by the Wisconsin Regional Lily Society.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m. for a tour of Roy's vegetable garden and a walk to their municipal garden. Thank you Kim and Roy for hosting the meeting and sharing your home and garden with us.

Annual Summer Awards Luncheon

The Awards Luncheon will be held Saturday, July 8, 2006, 10:00 a.m., at the home of **Maureen and Mark Janson** in Washington, Missouri. They have a beautiful garden and hopefully there will still be some lilies in bloom! It is potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Drinks, plates, utensils, etc. will be furnished. If you have late blooming lily stems to show, please bring them also. We will have a plant exchange, a great way to get something for your garden that you may not have! Just pot up any extra plant you may have to exchange it for one someone else brings. The Show Awards will be presented—it is always a fun, social event! All are invited!

Following are the directions provided by Maureen: From St. Louis take I-44 west to exit #251 Washington, MO. Hwy 100 West. Go west on Hwy 100 for 8.5 miles, make a right turn on East 5th South Point. Sleep Inn and Suites on right corner, go 8/10 miles on East 5th to 2114 E. 5th.



The 24th Annual MARLS Lily Show – June 24 & 25, 2006

Missouri Botanical Garden

Open to the Public: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Saturday • 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Our show was scheduled a little later this year to hopefully show some of the later blooming lilies. Keep a close watch on your garden and give special attention to those prize lilies, so we will have many wonderful stems to show—the more the better!

The goal of our show is to increase your enjoyment of lilies by sharing the results of your growing season with other members of our society, and also to share with the public the variety and beauty of the true lily, *Lilium*. We encourage all members to enter, even if you think your stem is not show quality. It may be the one lily no one has seen! Also, it is great fun to win those ribbons and get recognition for your efforts!

We are reprinting an article from the June, 2004 *Lily Trumpet*, “Show Your Lily at its Very Best” by **Linda Smith**. It includes many good tips

Showing Lilies: A Handbook for Judges and Exhibitors

The Judges Handbook has been revised and is available for \$8.00 a copy. Of course, all the judges will want a copy; however, it has been emphasized how this handbook is also beneficial for all exhibitors. Following is a quote from the book:

Further, if good judging is essential, good exhibiting is equally important. Information about show procedures, as well as the proper handling and entering of cut stems, is desirable, especially for beginners. It is not enough to grow good lilies; they must be presented for competition as effectively as possible within the accepted rules, regulations, and customs of the show.

An exhibitor, as well as a judge, should know the parameters of a prize-winning specimen. Judging must be a completely objective procedure, the same as refereeing a game. Competing in a show is much the same as competing in a sport. One can imagine how little pleasure one would get watching a game if only the referees knew the rules. Helping exhibitors show off their skill as growers is another objective of this handbook.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this handbook, contact **Fred Winterowd**.

for grooming and showing your lilies. Also, keep in mind the revised handbook, *Showing Lilies: A Handbook for Judges and Exhibitors*.

We also encourage entries in the Design Division. Show your creative talents! Look over the schedule and call **Ellen Mell** to pre-register. Remember, for both horticulture and design, the schedule is the “rule of the show”. All the information needed is contained in the Show Schedule enclosed with this newsletter.

Please note some changes to the Schedule since last year: Two more classes have been added to the Horticulture Division: Section F-6, three stems of same division with different orientations, a, b, and c., upfacing, outfacing, and downfacing; and Section G-2, lilies grown in containers, multiple stems per pot. Stakes may be inconspicuously used. Remember, potted lilies are

essentially potted plants, so that such consideration as overall attractiveness, size of pot in relation to plant, proportion, etc. are also evaluated.

Two Awards have been added, one for best Orienpet (Theis Farm and Greenhouse) and one for best L.A. (Winterowd Florist Award).

It really does make the show more interesting and alive for you if you have some lilies entered. You may be surprised at the many awards you will receive! Please cut those stems and bring them for show!



Show Your Lily at its Very Best! . . . Linda Smith

1. Watch them in the garden. Pick when the color is showing and just ready to open. Keep them in cold storage until time for the show. Long storage is not ideal as the stems will not have their true color or vigor.
2. Grooming is most important. Most can be done the evening before the show.
 - a. Look first for bugs or any other thing that should not be there.
 - b. How do the blooms look? Are all the petals there? Are some of the flowers past their peak? Is it better to cut them off for a crisper look? How will that bloom look to be judged.
 - c. If you have several blooms, pick the best. Remember when you cut, unless you are going to sacrifice your bulb, only cut 2/3's of the stem at the most.
 - d. Get that little brush out and clean. You cannot use leaf polish on show stems, but you can wash them. If there is some mildew, clean it off. I have a small bottle with just a couple drops of clorox in it. Using a q-tip you can cleanse your stems and leaves.
 - e. Have a sharp pair of scissors that cut sharply and closely. Trim up those leaves if there is botrytis or tissue browning on the edges. Those spots on the leaves with botrytis are hard to disguise, but can be hidden . . .
 - f. Is the stem proportioned as it should be. Judges will be looking. If you have one with better placement . . . use it instead.
3. Packing for travel!

You have to find the most secure way for you. Those that live close have an advantage. There are various ways. Many use bottles, one, per stem. Others pack in a bucket . . . the tighter the better. One problem with bucket packing, is the removal. Caution and being careful is the key.
4. At the show, choose which stem holder is right for you. Two sizes available. If your stem is too large, be prepared to bring a vase or holder that will accommodate your stem. I have been known to gather rocks to weight it down in order to have the stem secure. Nothing is more heart breaking than having one top heavy and crash!
5. Now that you have chosen your holder, set the stem in it. It does not have to touch the bottom of the holder. You can wedge it and stage it to look much better by making it look as tall as possible.
6. Now for the finishing touches. Look at your stem. Which way does it look the best? After the show classification chairman has placed your stem, make sure it is showing its good side. If you put your tag on the side to be shown, most generally, that is how it will be placed as you want it.
7. Accidents happen. If you have a beautiful stem—bang!—one of the petals break, bend or is knocked off. You can do certain things. The idea again is to show your stem at its very best. Whatever you do . . . make sure it cannot be seen, as then it is fair game for points off!
8. It is fun to show what you have grown. I do not advocate cheating to win, but there are ways to help you. There are things that if you do not do them they will keep you from getting that blue ribbon. One of the best things you can do for your stem is to groom and stage it well. If there are 3 or 4 stems of the same, the one that is staged and groomed will win every time.
 - It always helps to do all you can do before you get to the show. Look up and find out what the name of your lily is.
 - Make out your tags before getting to the show. It really will save you time.
 - Find out where the classification chairperson wants stems placed. If the show table, be sure to make sure you set it in the correct spot.
 - Keep your show tag from year to year. It is a good reference for several reasons. One, you know what you showed well with and what you did not. Also you know the correct name, class, etc, without having to look it all up again.

Most of all have fun! Showing loses all of the fun, if you get too serious. Flower people are great, now I did not say Flower Children! Although I hear they can be fun also!!!

Ed. Note: Some of the items in Linda's "Lily Show Grooming Box":

Scissors, baby shampoo, hand sanitizer, razor blade, soft brush, Clorox, magnets, magnifying glass, green magic marker, tape, wire, clear nylon tape, moss, tiny pins, name tags, address stickers, paper clips. Anything else?

From the Webmistress . . . Maureen Janson

Maureen reported that we had 567 views to our website, www.marls.org, last month, and thought we should encourage all to make our website their homepage. The more views somehow improves our listing. Following is the article written by Maureen. Ed.

What is the first thing you see when you connect to the Internet? This page is called the 'Home' page. Is this what you want to see?

In order to change your startup or 'Home' page, first connect to the Internet. Go to the page that you want to use as your Home page. As an example go to the Mid America Regional Lily Society's website by typing in www.marls.org hit 'Enter'. (*www.marls.org is the URL or specific address for our lily society's web site.*)

As soon as this page has completely loaded, look at the row of words at the very top (main toolbar) of your Internet program. You will see: File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools and Help. Everyone who uses Microsoft Internet Explorer will see these words. If you do not use Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) see below.

Now click on 'Tools' then click on 'Internet Options'. Select the 'General' tab. Underneath the words Home page you will see the word Address: and next to it the web address of your 'Home' page. To change the 'Home' page to the one you are currently on, in this case the MARLS web site, click 'Use Current'. To make sure that the MARLS web site will be your home page look to the lower right corner and click 'Apply' and then click 'OK'.

Everytime you launch your browser, you will now have an interesting web site to visit. Your Home page can be changed as often as you like.

If you don't use Microsoft Internet Explorer, look for the word/words 'Options' or 'Internet Options' under any of the other words next to 'File'. And then follow the above directions.



Publicity Chair and/or Committee Needed!!!

Your Society is in dire need of someone to handle publicity for our Bulb Sales, etc. This would encompass contacting the TV and radio stations with public service announcements, emphasizing we are a not for profit organization; making sure our sales are advertised in newspapers and other publications that offer this service. Also, coordinating distribution of flyers advertising the sales to different groups, such as garden clubs, etc., posting notices at stores, and anything else that would get the word out that we are having a Lily Bulb Sale, or special event.

Our Bulb Sales are our main source of revenue to fund our scholarship, website, and other activities. Publicity is a necessity to let interested people know that we have superior bulbs, a wide variety, and the new hybrids recently developed. These are not available at the average garden center.

This can be done by a committee, as there are many tasks involved. Please consider volunteering! Maybe your talents lie here!

Fall Bulb Sale

October 28-29, 2006

Missouri Botanical Garden

Spread the word!

News Briefs, Notes, Etc.

- Plan to attend our Annual Lily Show, June 24-25, at the Missouri Botanical Garden. See lilies you have never seen, and make note of those you would like in your garden!
- At the May Board Meeting, we voted to increase our annual dues to \$10.00 per household, single or family. This will be put before the general membership at the June Show meeting. If you have not as yet renewed, now is the time, before the dues are increased. See membership form in last issue of the *Lily Trumpet* or contact **Kim Peterson**, 314-421-6272.
- We want to extend a special thanks to **Pat Scace**, Exhibit Designer at MBG. She gave a wonderful, informative, and entertaining presentation at our Educational Meeting. All in attendance were impressed with her talents! Thank you Pat for sharing your creativity with us!
- We have received a thank you note from the Research Trust Fund of NALS for our contribution last year.
- The society really needs a Publicity Chair to continue getting the word out about our sales and events! Please consider volunteering!
- Thank you to **Kim** and **Roy Peterson** for hosting the May Board Meeting at their charming home and garden in Lafayette Square. They have separate gardens. Kim's is an outstanding flower garden, featuring prize winning iris at the time we were there, with many show quality lilies yet to come, in a wonderful garden landscape. Beautiful! Roy has a large vegetable garden and many berries, fruit trees, etc. with a promise of many good things to come at harvest time!
- If in the area of Meremac College, stop by and see the new lily garden. It should be visible from the street.
- Remember, the Annual Awards Luncheon on July 8 at **Maureen** and **Mark Janson's**. See directions elsewhere in newsletter.
- The North American Lily Society Annual Show and Meeting will be hosted by the Wisconsin Regional Lily Society and will be held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, July 12-16, 2006. It is a fun, informative event, with interesting speakers and wonderful tours to see lilies in bloom at public and private gardens, and, of course, the Lily Show itself with many varieties of lilies from all over the country. Several of our members are planning to attend. If you need information, contact any of the officers, or check out the NALS website, www.lilies.org.
- Check our website for the latest developments! www.marls.org
- Articles for this newsletter are always welcome. The next newsletter will be printed in the fall. Newsletter deadline September 22, 2006.



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Calendar of Events

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July 8, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.

Fall Bulb Sale
October 27-29, 2006 – Beaumont Room, MBG

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