



Mid America Regional Lily Society

Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2015

The Mid America Regional Lily Society's first 2015 meeting took place March 14 at Barr Library in St. Louis. It followed the education meeting which was open to the public. Speaker Jean Morris answered audience questions as she demonstrated creating a mass line design. Kim Peterson organized the workshop and provided lilies, line material, and dampened oasis in containers for everyone present to follow Jean's four step procedure. As there were only three participants from the public, MARLS members joined in. Jean suggested individual design improvements when her help was requested. Each attendee took a finished arrangement home.

After the flower design workshop (about 12:20 PM), President Don Kelley conducted the MARLS meeting. Also in attendance were Carol Applebaum, Mary Ann Campbell, Pam Hardy, Membership Chairman Kim Peterson, Vice President Bob and Mary Lou Snider, and Secretary Pat Kelley.

Bob informed the group that the poly metal sign in memory of our founder, Fred Winterowd, has been delivered and installed in the MARLS outdoor lily and daffodil bed in front of the Jewel Box in Forest Park. The \$32.60 cost was paid to the McClay Sign Co. by our Treasurer, Debbie Pratt. As Debbie was absent, there was no Treasurer's Report.

The spring bulb sale at Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) will be April 18 and 19 with Packing Party starting at 5:00 PM, Friday, April 17th. Kim has ordered 25 each of the 14 bulbs show on the web. Don will transport the necessary items needed for the sale from the shed. He also is planning a large cardboard sign to notify MBG visitors where to find our sale. On Sunday, April 19th, we need to vacate by 2:00PM. With 350 bulbs to sell, Kim and Don are expecting an early sell-out.

Our Lily Show is scheduled for June 20 and 21 at MBG. Debbie is the scheduled Show Chairman and conferred with her mentor, Bob, last December or thereabouts. Don asked Bob to phone Debbie and ask if she is still going to be Chairman. Bob left a "Duties for Lily Show Chairmen" outline with Secretary Pat for future reference. Kim suggested reducing MARLS show "stuff to less stuff."

Bob pointed out Flower Show related materials have already been reduced to the current five boxes in the shed.

The post show awards' meeting was not discussed nor a date set.

Don drew the attention of members to Lynn Slackman's new national position as NALS Advertising person. Congratulations, Lynn!

New Business: Don Kelley stated that the spring bulb sale will not cover MARLS 2015 expenses which are about \$1,000.

Our next meeting will be the packing party, Friday, April 17th at 5:00PM.

Remember that the packing party is your first opportunity to purchase the new bulbs. Members, please bring a snack to share and willing hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kelley