



Mid America Regional Lily Society Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2015

On September 5th, 2015 ten members of the Mid-America Regional Lily Society (MARLS) gathered at the home of Don and Pat Kelley about 1P.M. Attending were Carol and Jack Applebaum, Kim and Roy Peterson, Bob and Mary Lou Snider, Jean Winterwod, Don and Pat Kelley, and Lynn Slackman.

Each person or couple brought some food for lunch which the group shared.

Following the meal, President Don Kelley conducted a General Membership Meeting.

Old Business:

Kim reported on the April 18 and 19 MARLS Spring Bulb Sale as follows:

The sale was held in mid-April, 2015 in the Orthwein Hall at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. It was a two day sale. On Saturday the **weather was good** and MOBOT had good crowds. On Sunday **the weather was rainy**, and crowds were small. MARLS had to vacate the room at 2 pm.

Net proceeds from the sale were about \$900

We bought 325 bulbs from Mak-Leek and another 20 bulbs were donated by members. In addition, about 40 potted lilies were donated to sell. We had 20 bulbs left over.

In summary, we sold about 365 units, a mix of pots and bulbs.

We shared the space with the Herb Society, but not much traffic was generated from that cooperative effort.

Kim also supplied information on the winners in the Horticulture and Design divisions of the MARLS 2015 Show held on June 20 & 21 at MGB as follows:

Horticulture Division

79 stems and blooms judged, 5 UFO's exhibited for a total of 84 total entries by 9 exhibitors

Best in Show, (Fred Winterowd Memorial Award), Prize donated by 'St. Johns Bank & Trust Co.' 'Silk Road', Lynn Slackman

People's Choice Award, Prize donated by 'Kim Peterson' 'Kaveri' OA, Lynn Slackman

Best Asiatic (MARLS Award I), 'Twosome', Lynn Slackman

Best single bloom (MARLS Award II), 'Graffiti', Jean Winterowd

Best Collection of 3 stems (Bob Roos Memorial Award), 'Royal Sunset', Don Kelley

Best Trumpet (Ralph Bishop Memorial Award), 'Golden Sceptor', Bob Snider

Best Orientpet (Thies Farm & Greenhouse Award), 'Silk Road', Lynn Slackman

Sweepstakes Award (Jack Gagnon Memorial), Prize donated by 'Ann's Garden & Greenhouse' Kim Peterson, 14 Blue Ribbons

Best 3 stems of same cultivar (President's Award), 'Royal Sunset', Don Kelley

Best species, 'L. Leichtlinii', Kim Peterson

Best Longiflorum Asiatic, 'Royal Sunset', Don Kelley

Best Seedling (Bernie La Blance Memorial Award), DF Seedling, Lynn Slackman.

Best Other Interdivisional Hybrid, 'Kaveri', Lynn Slackman

Design Division

12 entries in 3 classes by 7 exhibitors

Best in Show, Kim Peterson, "Animal Antics"

People's Choice Award, Lynn Slackman, "High Wire Act"

Class I, "Swing and Sway on the Flying Trapeze", Pam Hardy, Blue Ribbon; Alice Koritta, Red Ribbon; Kim Peterson, Yellow Ribbon; Ellen Mell, White Ribbon

Class II, "High Wire Act", Mary Lou Snider, Blue Ribbon; Lynn Slackman, Red Ribbon; Pam Hardy, Yellow Ribbon; Kim Peterson, White Ribbon

Class III, "Animal Antics", Kim Peterson, Blue Ribbon; Roy Peterson, Red Ribbon; Lynn Slackman, Yellow Ribbon; Ellen Mell, White Ribbon

Photography Division

18 entries by 2 exhibitors

Photos were exhibited in the following Classes;

L-1 - Portraits of Lily — a close-up of a single Lily bloom, or up to three blooms of the same Lily L-2 - Lilies in the Landscape or Garden L-3 - Lilies and People

People's Choice Award, Debra Pratt, for her photo in the "Lilies in the Garden"

Awards to judges:

These accredited horticulture judges won at least one blue ribbon, necessary for maintaining accreditation:

Don Kelley, Pat Kelley, Lynn Slackman, Kim Peterson, Carol Appelbaum, Ellen Mell, Jean Winterowd

Treasurer Jean Winterowd reported a current checking account balance of \$3,517.03 and CD value of \$4,022.59.

We have 38 members, not all have paid for 2015.

Jason reported via Don that MBG is working on Fred's memorial planting.

Pam reported via Don that the Jewel Box planting is healthy and she will check for what more we might do to enhance this memorial to Fred.

New Business:

President Don asked for ideas for the remainder of 2015 and next year:

Do we want a fall sale? An early 2016 meeting? Educational topic? Spring sale? Show? Etc.

Lynn is the organizer for the 2015 daffodil bulb sale and past president of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society. She offered space for MARLS to sell Lilium bulbs at their Oct 17-18 sale in the MBG Beaumont room. This attractive generous offer was considered but MARLS declined.

After considerable discussion we concluded the first 2016 activity will be an educational meeting possibly combined with the spring bulb sale. The preferred location would be the Beaumont Room. April was suggested. Our show will be

the third week in June if we can get that date, but moving earlier if MBG availability requires.

A fall sale of a modest numbers of bulbs is intended.

Lynn reported the NALS 2016 convention is scheduled for July 6 - 10 at the Chicago Botanic Garden for the Liliium Show. The hotel is the Renaissance Chicago North Shore for the dinners. The proposed rate is \$109...but this is still being negotiated.

Lynn reported the NALS 2017 convention would be June 28 - July 1 in St Louis, MO at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, with a proposed room rate of \$109. This contract was not been signed and is still being negotiated. MARLS agreed to loan their tubes and stem holders to NALS for the 2017 NALS convention.

Mary Lou won a white cowboy hat with red trim donated by Lynn from the 2015 NALS show.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Kelley