

Membership . . .

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We would like to welcome the following new members to our Society:

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Welcome to the *Mid America Regional Lily Society*. Plan to attend our Educational Meeting on March 15, 2003 at Missouri Botanical Garden and also our Spring Bulb Sale on March 28-30, 2003, to get a good start on growing prize lilies! See details elsewhere in Newsletter.

North American Lily Society

NALS gained 164 new members this past year. It was so encouraging that it was approved the incentive for Regional Members would be continued for the year 2003. Those who have never been a member of NALS receive a reduction of \$5.00 off the membership of their choice. The "new member's package" makes it a wonderful buy as it includes the following items:

- A copy of Let's Grow Lilies!
- Lily Disease Handbook
- Four *Quarterly Bulletins*
- A Membership List
- A hard covered Yearbook
- Low cost seed exchange
- Access to NALS library and the Round Robin letter exchange

Dues are \$20.00 (1 year, individual or family) or \$55.00 (3 years, individual or family). For new members the fee is \$15.00 for one year.

Please send your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and permission (if you want) to be included in the membership list sent to all the members, with your check. There is also a NALS membership form on the NALS website at www.lilies.org. Please send to: Dr. Robert Gilman, NALS Executive Secretary, Post Office Box 272, Owatonna, MN 55060, e-mail: gilman@ll.net

"The more one gardens, the more one learns; and the more one learns, the more one realizes how little one knows"
-VITA SACKVILLE-WEST

**Membership fees are now due for Mid-America Regional Lily Society.
Please complete form below and return. Thank you.**

Mid America Regional Lily Society Membership Form

Renewal Dues are payable for year 2003 at this time

Enclosed is check for: \$5.00 (individual) \$7.50 (family) \$2.00 (student)

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (area code) _____

Make checks payable to: Mid America Regional Lily Society
Mail to: Pam Hardy, 19 Gast Place., St. Louis, MO 63147
or return at Educational Meeting March 15, 2003

Following are the lilies I would like the Bulb Chairman to obtain for the Bulb Sales and/or AU
MARLS:

Discovery—Plant Portraits . . . Fred Winterowd

I'd like to begin this brief journey with a quote from Kim Tripp, co-author with the late J.C. Raulston, of The Year in Trees. (a fascinating book, by the way!)

“Each garden is an experimental station, and each gardener becomes a repository of unique knowledge about plant adaptation. What will grow where? Why? And how can I find it to try?”

So we have this botanical ‘roadmap’ as we travel toward the state of PERFECTION. What is PERFECTION? It may be an azure blue sky; a particular sunset, or . . . perhaps a group of LILIES, notably those new ‘kids on the block’, the **Orienpets!** Let these beauties be our destination. Come along—as we pursue the splendid traits of these exotic lilies.

What great promise they display! First, the Orienpets exhibit a high degree of DISEASE RESISTANCE. We note how they persist in our plantings. What a confidence building feeling the gardener realizes!

Other attributes include:

- Sturdy stake-free stems
- Petal substance out of this world
- Colors galore—further whetting our landscape appetite
- Secondary and tertiary buds, creating a truly long-lasting display
- A phenomenal inflorescence
- Fragrance

Thanks go out to our great HYBRIDIZERS, from the individual (small scale) types, to the new introductions of the professionals! Here is our ‘Front Line’, bringing charming lilies to the gardens of the world! What surprises are now appearing, as we view these miracles of botany!

As we seek to learn more, the regionals are sponsoring more EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS. We come to appreciate the dedicated work of our learned plant geneticists. Also, we have gained valuable (basic) knowledge of the DIVISIONS of Lilium. From this point we have

been seeing the significant INTERSPECIFIC CROSSES! Also, the term, ‘POLYPLOID’ has become quite prevalent—no longer a puzzling entity.

Our regionals continue rather faithfully to promote Education/Plant Science. In our advocacy of Lilium, our Botanical Roadmap has become a pathway of adventure! From the plantings of our selective SPECIES and ‘Cultivars’, we provide valuable information.

Keeping up with these hybridizing successes earmarks the values of attending the Annual Meetings of the North American Lily Society. Recent introductions of the L.A. Hybrids, the ‘polyploids’, and the Orienpets speak to their need of promotional emphasis. The NALS Regionals are in an opportune position to relate to these ornamental beauties! It is our pleasant obligation to include these wonderful ‘newcomers’ into our bulb sales and plantings. We can then relate their values to the gardening public.

