



Mid America Regional Lily Society 2010 Accomplishment Report

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Educational Program: Dennis Fitzgibbons presented “Growing Lilies from Seed”, and Fred Winterowd discussed container-grown lilies. Each attendee received a free bulb to pot up. The free event was held March 13 at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG).

Internet: MARLS joined the social networking site Facebook, thanks to web chairperson Lynn Slackman.

Bulb Sales: MARLS conducted two two-day sales—one in April and one in October—both at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Members who volunteered for packing or selling received a 20 percent discount. Both sales featured orienpets (OTs) and included new hybrids and proven winners. Chairpersons were: Kim Peterson (spring) and Pam Hardy (fall). The society’s board voted to introduce an order form for bulb purchases in connection with the spring 2011 bulb sale, which will be chaired by Pam Hardy.

Lily Show: The 28th Annual MARLS Lily Show was held June 26 and 27 at the MBG. Bob Snider served as show chairman; Ellen Mell chaired the Design Division. Don Kelley won Best of Show with his six-foot stem of ‘Leslie Woodriff’. An Awards Picnic and Mini Show were held at the home of Jean and Fred Winterowd. The society will introduce a new Photography Section at the 2011 show, thanks to the help of Debra Pratt, a new member who will serve as chair for the section.

NALS Judging Class: MARLS began a NALS course on lily show judging during 2010 that will be completed in 2011. More than six students signed up. Fred Winterowd is lead instructor, assisted by other society members who are accredited judges.

Trial Gardens: MARLS participated with Zabo Plant, a distributor for Dutch lily hybridizers, in a trial garden project. A dozen members (along with the MBG) received bulbs to plant and assess.

National Events: Fred and Jean Winterowd represented MARLS at the 2010 Lilytopia at Longwood Gardens. And Pat and Don Kelley attended the NALS show in Pennsylvania. David Maltby of Canada won the MARLS award at the national show.

2010 NALS Regional Service Medal: The medal was presented to Don Kelley, current president of the society.

Memorial: MARLS lost a friend and one of its charter members during 2010 with the passing of Hal Schrei. A "Harold Schrei Memorial Award" has been created for the Peoples' Choice photo winner at our annual lily show.