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Lily Show Time

The event we look forward to all year is here again—the Annual Lily Show! The show has two main goals. The first is to increase your enjoyment of lilies by sharing the results of your growing season with other members of our society. The second is to share with the public the variety and beauty of our lilies.

Please read the enclosed schedule carefully so you will know all the rules, awards and times. There are several changes this year. Separate divisions have been added for the Orienpet stems (Division VIII) and the L/A stems (Division IX). Also make special notice of the rule regarding polyploid entries.

Bring and enter your best lily stem in the show and you will receive a raffle ticket. Bring two or more stems and

you will receive a second ticket. Prizes are listed in schedule.

In the Design Division, we will have entry classes. They will again be judged by popular vote. We are getting in the mode for following national guidelines for the 2004 NALS Show which MARLS will host. Next year we will again have entry classes but they will be judged by Federated Garden Club rules. This year is essentially practice for the next few years. There will be awards for the first three places. Also, as an incentive for all our members to enter, a \$5.00 certificate for bulbs will be given to participants! We all have some artistic and creative talent—help to show off our lilies!

Times are about the same as previous years. It is important to be there at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning so that all

the lily stems can be placed on the show tables by the classification committee in time for the judging to start promptly. Also, please keep your time flexible on Saturday and Sunday to help answer questions, monitor and count Peoples Choice votes, both stem and design, and be host to the visitors of our show.

We are looking forward to having a special guest judge, **Dr. Art Evans** of Gravette, Arkansas and a member of the NALS *Board of Directors*.

Hope you all have some prize winning stems to enter in the Show. It is a fun experience!

Calendar of Events

MARLS ANNUAL LILY SHOW
Missouri Botanical Garden June 16-17, 2001

SUMMER AWARDS LUNCHEON, ETC.
Sharon and Ralph Bishop's Home July 7, 2001

NALS ANNUAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM
Hamilton, Ontario July 11-15, 2001

FALL BULB SALE
Missouri Botanical Garden October 26-28, 2001

2002 SCHEDULE

Spring Educational Meeting - March 17, 2002
Spring Bulb Sale - April 5-7, 2002
Annual Lily Show - June 22-23, 2002
Fall Bulb Sale - October 25-27, 2002

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Design Division Update

The Design Division is very important to the success of the Show! It is usually the first section visitors approach when entering the Exhibition Hall. Please check the schedule for the theme "Let's Travel". Our Design Chairperson, **Ellen Mell**, a long time MARLS member, Lily Judge, and also Federated Garden Club Judge, has written the schedule to include the classes listed.

The winners this year will still be chosen by popular vote on the first day of the show. Each person viewing the show is allowed three votes for different

designs and the entries with the most votes win. The first three places will be given awards. As an added incentive to enter, all participants will be given a \$5.00 certificate for bulbs!

Remember the *Principles of Design*. The designer's goal is to achieve a design securely balanced, whose proportions and rhythm are pleasing, with some contrasts for interest, dominance of one or more elements for control, and all parts in appropriate scale.

Hope you all enter a design to share with our members and visitors!

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From the President . . . Kathleen Rice

At the Spring Educational Meeting on March 18, MARLS members received excellent information. Thank you **Linda Smith**, **Diane Engelsdorfer** and **Fred Winterowd** for SHOWING, GROWING and LILIES IN DESIGN.

Diane provided us with knowledge to grow award-winning stems in our garden. Linda helped us prepare our stems to enter into the show so that they would present to best effect. Fred demonstrated putting together beautiful arrangements that were then critiqued by **Ellen Mell**, according to Federated Garden Club judging standards.

We are beginning to prepare for the Design Division following National guidelines for the 2004 National Show, which MARLS will host. **Ellen Mell** graciously assisted us to make a beginning towards that goal by giving us a theme for this year, which will be *LETS TRAVEL*. Her information is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks Ellen.

Don Michel took on the job of getting our bulbs, baskets, etc. to the Spring Bulb Sale. **Jack Gagnon** always worked with **Fred Winterowd** doing this job for our sales. Don has also been invited to join the Board Meetings. Don we appreciate your input and helping hands.

With the wonderful write-up by **Becky Homan** of the Post Dispatch staff and help from our members, we had a successful bulb sale, selling out on Saturday.

You have purchased your bulbs and you now have the scoop on Growing, Preparing and Showing, so we can look forward to a good show in June. The traveling theme for the Design Division sounds like fun. I've never entered design before but I think I'll give it a try. See you at the Show June 16-17, 2001!

P.S. A Mother's Day walk through the Missouri Botanical Garden is a tradition in my family for many years now. MARLS has a 20' x 40' lily bed at the Garden thanks to **Pam Hardy**, **Jason Delaney** and **Diane Engelsdorfer**. It was looking good. It will be a picture by the time we host the National Show. Well done guys! Do take note of their efforts when next you visit MOBOT.

Welcome New Members . . . Pam Hardy

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

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Welcome to *Mid America Regional Lily Society*. Plan to attend and enter our Lily Show on June 16-17, 2001. Even if you think your stems are not worth showing, bring them anyway. It may be the very one someone has not seen. The Show is also a great place to see the many varieties available and to make up your wish list.

Also, you're invited to attend the pot-luck get together on July 7, a great event to meet other members on a casual basis.

Spring Bulb Sale



The Spring Bulb Sale was tremendously successful! Hope you all saw the wonderful feature article about lilies by **Becky Homan** in the Lifestyle Section of the Post Dispatch on the Saturday of the bulb sale. We couldn't have asked for more publicity. All the bulbs were sold by 4:00 p.m. on the first day of our two day sale. Sorry for the disappointed gardeners out there. Treasurer **Dorothy Schrei** reports a total profit of \$1452.00! Some of the bulbs ordered were planted in the Lily Demonstration Garden at Kemper Center at Missouri Botanical Garden. Thanks to all who helped with the packaging and working at the sale on Saturday. Only the whole Society makes these events truly successful!



News Briefs, Notes, Etc.

- Just heard **Richard Barnholtz**, our Publicity Director, is recuperating in the hospital from receiving a pacemaker and other problems. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- Thanks to **Fred Winterowd** for stepping in for Dick at this time with the publicity for the upcoming show.
- If you have not read the article about lilies featured in the Post Dispatch, we will have a copy in our Library for your pleasure.
- A special thanks is extended to **Don Michel**. He took on the jobs that **Jack Gagnon** did previously for the bulb sale; making sure all the bulbs, materials for packaging, containers for sorting the bulbs, items for display, etc. were at the Garden for the Packaging Party on Friday evening. He has offered to do this same type of work for the Lily Show, moving all the display items, backgrounds, containers, etc. from the storage shed to the Garden. A great big thank you, Don! Your help is invaluable!
- Congratulations to **Kathleen Rice**! She is a budding artist and just sold her first two oil paintings. They were on display at a restaurant in Chesterfield. She's very excited, as we are for her!
- We have a new Secretary, **Jean Winterowd**, and a new Membership Chairman, **Pam Hardy**! As you have guessed, they just switched jobs!
- **Ralph Bishop** and **Kathleen Rice** have volunteered to be chairpersons for our Fall Bulb Sale, October 26-28, 2001. If there are any bulbs you would specifically like, please let them know and they will try to obtain them for you. An auction will again be held in the Fall.
- If you wish to attend the *Annual NALS Lily Show and Symposium* on July 11-15, 2001, in Hamilton, Ontario, MARLS will give a \$25.00 stipend to each member participating. See more information elsewhere in Newsletter.
- Note our new raffle for the Lily Show. Just bring in your stems. Would be great to have an extra \$15, \$25, or \$35 to spend on bulbs next Fall or Spring! Also, enter a design in the show, and receive an extra \$5.00 to spend on bulbs at the sale!
- Make sure you visit the new Lily Demonstration garden at the Kemper Center the next time you are at Missouri Botanical Garden. Thank you **Jason Delaney**, **Diane Engelsdorfer**, and **Pam Hardy** for all your efforts in making this a reality!
- Hope to see many of you at the Awards Luncheon at the Bishops' on July 7th at 2:00 p.m. Should be a great time. More information elsewhere in Newsletter.
- We plan on updating the membership list to be included with the next newsletter scheduled for September. Please check your address and especially your area code and let me or **Pam Hardy** know if it is incorrect. Thank you.

From the Editor . . .

Carol Appelbaum

Our lilies are starting to pop open, making me anxious for the Show. The bulb I potted at the Educational meeting just opened yesterday, I believe it is "Menton", a beautiful orange Asiatic, definitely a blue ribbon winner. Hope all of you are keeping a close eye on your garden and will have many stems to show. It is so unpredictable unless you have the talent to cut and save at precisely the right time. Also, start planning for those designs you are going to enter. Should be fun working with a schedule again. We'll be thinking of you all as we are celebrating daughter Lisa's wedding. Sorry we can't be in two places at once.

Have a good show and summer. Hope to see many of you at the summer get together on July 7th.

The next newsletter should be printed in September. We welcome any information or articles anyone cares to submit. Some of your gardening experiences this Spring or Summer would make interesting reading.



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Annual Summer Mini-Show and Awards Luncheon Reinstated!

We will again have the annual summer pot-luck get together, awards ceremony, plant exchange and mini-show that we missed last summer! It will be hosted this year by **Ralph and Sharon Bishop**, at their lovely home and gardens at Lake Sherwood, MO. They have been our gracious hosts before and a very fun, social time should be had by all.

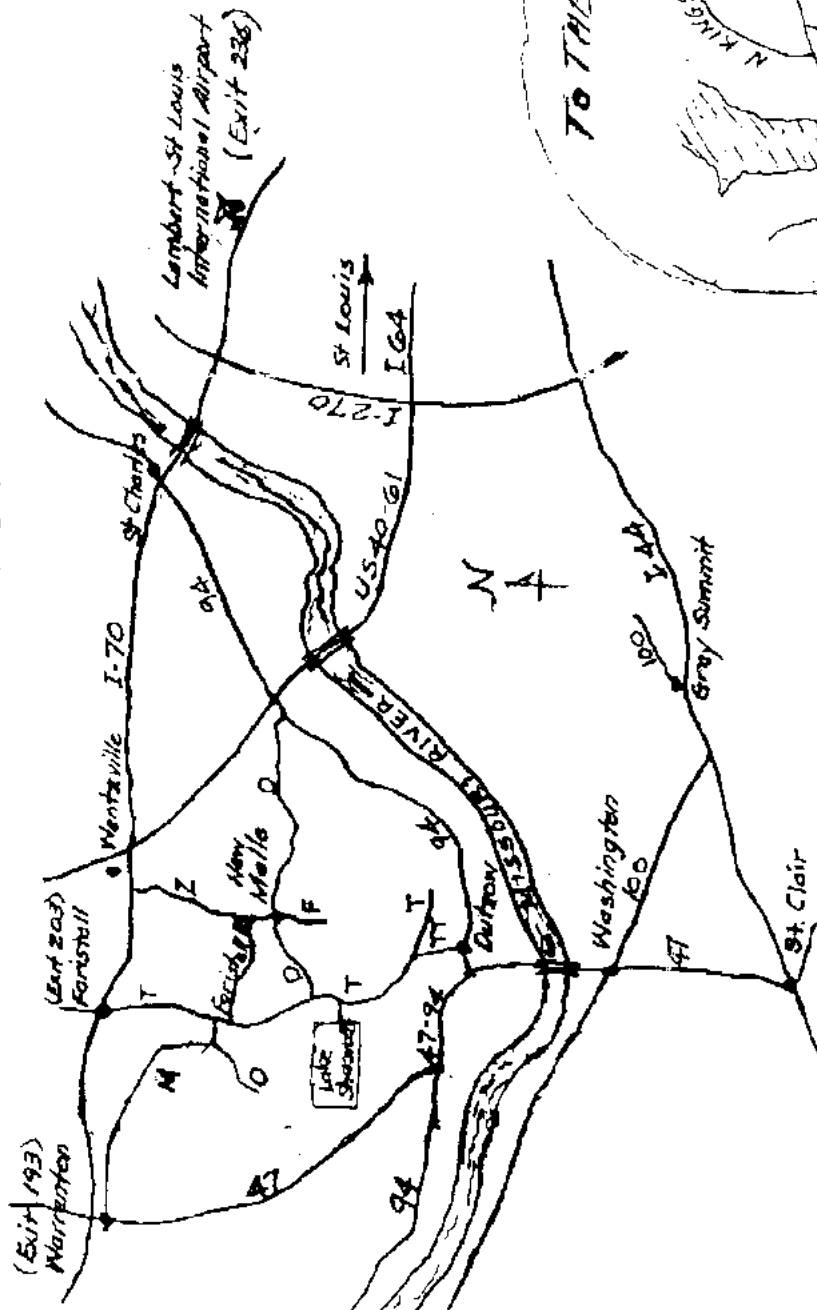
Everyone brings a covered dish and a cut lily stem. These are generally the lilies that bloom too late to be in the major show at the botanical gardens, possibly the trumpets, Orientals and Orienpets. The judging done here will be informal but a good learning experience. Sharon and Ralph will furnish the meat, bread, and drinks. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert—amazing how it all evens out. The food is always delicious!

We will also have a plant exchange. With all the plants lined up, the people who brought one, get to pick one out of the group to take home. Great way to get some different plants. You might also consider bringing along a lawn chair.

The date is set for Saturday, July 7th, at 2:00 p.m. When arriving at Lake Sherwood, a gated community, just tell the guard you are attending the MARLS event at the Bishops. A map is included in this newsletter. Hope to see you all there!

P.S. Some special bulbs will be awarded as attendance prizes! Fred has potted them including some 'Catherine the Great.'

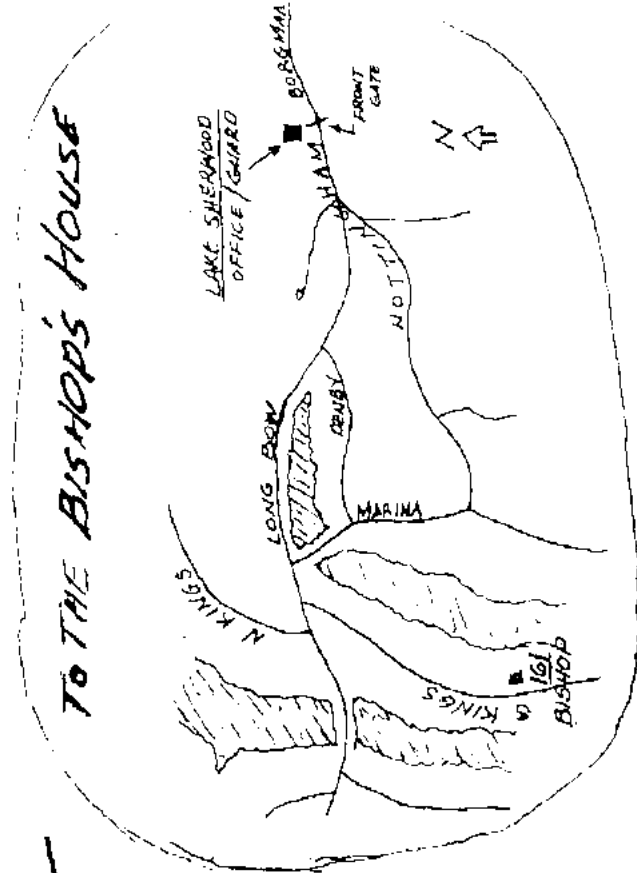
DIRECTIONS TO LAKE SHERWOOD FROM THE ST. LOUIS AREA



INTERSTATE HWY 70: WEST TO FORISTELL (EXIT 203); SOUTH ON HWY T APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES; RIGHT ON BORGAMAN RD; 1 MILE TO ENTRANCE.

HIGHWAY 40/61: WEST TO HWY 94 (AUGUSTA, DEFANCE EXIT); SOUTH ON 94, 1 MILE TO HWY D; WEST ON D APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES TO HWY T; LEFT ON T, 1 MILE TO BORGAMAN RD; RIGHT ON BORGAMAN, 1 MILE TO ENTRANCE.

INTERSTATE HWY 44: WEST TO HWY 100, WASHINGTON EXIT (PAST "THE DIAMONDS"); CONTINUE WEST ON 100 TO HWY 47; RIGHT TO HWY 94 TO DUTROW & HWY T T; NORTH ON TT TO JUNCTION WITH T; BEAR LEFT ON T (NORTH) TO BORGAMAN RD; LEFT ON BORGAMAN, 1 MILE TO ENTRANCE.



Board Meeting Minutes—February 25, 2001

Submitted by Pam Hardy, Secretary

Plans for Spring Educational Meeting on March 18, 2001, were discussed.

Diane Engelsdorfer will do a presentation on "How to Grow Lilies," **Linda Smith** on "How to Prepare for a Show," and **Fred Winterowd** on "Design and Display with Lilies." We will pot bulbs at the meeting. Pam will supply the pots and the bulbs will be those left from the Fall Bulb Sale that have been in storage. There will be no outside speaker at the meeting.

Jean Winterowd and **Pam Hardy** are switching jobs. Jean will be Secretary and Pam will be the Membership Chairman. We discussed ways of getting more members actively involved in the society. The **Sweepstakes Award** will be changed to the **Jack Gagnon Award** to honor him. Pam will check on a way to honor Jack at MBG.

Diane reported on the plot at the MBG for the 2004 Show. It is 20' x 40'. We have some seedlings and bulbs in it now. LA's are also planted. Diane will obtain some of the stored bulbs from Fred. For 2004 we will have a handout for the visitors to the Show.

It will have a diagram of the plot and the name of the cultivars and donors.

Dorothy Schrei gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$5998. However, there are some outstanding bills to be paid. The March 2000 Bulb Sale had \$1822 in profits and the October 2000 Sale \$1478 profit.

Ellen Mell has agreed to be the Design Chairman for the 2001 Lily Show. **Carol Appelbaum**, unable to attend meeting, sent the following items for discussion. A standard to be set for the MARLS II Award, the best single bloom. (A decision was reached on this but altered at a subsequent meeting) A change in the Design Division Awards to include 2nd and 3rd place awards. This was agreed to. We again voted to continue to pay for the registration fee for the President to attend the National Meeting, and also give a \$25.00 stipend to other members who go. This will not include 2004. A raffle will be held at the Show this year. One ticket will be given for one entry, two tickets for two or more entries. The prizes will be a \$35.00 bulb certificate for first place,

\$25.00 for 2nd place and \$15.00 for 3rd place. The Design Division will award a \$5.00 certificate for bulbs for each participant. The certificates can be redeemed at our Fall Bulb Sale October 26-28, 2001. The addition of a Novice Class to the Show Schedule, another suggestion, was not accepted.

At the March 18th general meeting, we will discuss ideas for a new brochure for MARLS membership, etc. Fred and Jean are going to ask **Jackie Cassidy** for her help on this. Pam will ask her niece for help on designing a web page with links to NALS, MBG, and Lilium.

For the Spring Bulb Sale on April 7-8, 2001, we are getting bulbs from Berbee, Mak-Leek, Van Bourgondien and Judith Freeman. Discussion was held about getting more bulbs specifically asked for by members. **Ralph Bishop** and **Kathleen Rice** will be chairmen for the Fall Bulb Sale, Oct 26-28, 2001. We will have an Auction again. Remember, this is a fundraiser for the society. We will sell bulbs to members, at COST before the public sale. This is expected to increase participation.

Spring Educational Meeting—March 18, 2001 *Submitted by Jean Winterowd, Secretary*

President **Kathleen Rice** opened the meeting with the introduction of officers and new members present. We were privileged to have **Clarissa Start**, Post Dispatch Horticultural Feature Writer and honorary member of MARLS, in attendance. Minutes were read and approved and the treasurer reported a balance of \$5755.71 in the treasury.

We have a new lily bed at the Missouri Botanical Garden Kemper Center. There is a need for more bulbs . . . and help to plant them.

The Spring bulb sale is at MBG. Packaging party April 6th at 6 p.m., sale in Monsanto Hall April 7th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 8th from 9 a.m. until sold out.

The Annual Lily Show will be held June 16-17, 2001. Set up will be Friday morning, June 15th. Entries will be accepted from 7:00 a.m. to

9:30 a.m. on June 16, judging will start at 10:00 a.m. and the show opened to the public at 12:00 p.m. On Sunday, June 17, the show will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MARLS will rename the Sweepstakes award the *Jack Gagnon Sweepstakes Award*. **Pam Hardy** reported that it may be possible to plant a small tree in the lily garden at MBG as a memorial to Jack.

Ellen Mell will be in charge of the Design Division. It was decided to have a theme this year, but to continue “peoples choice” judging. There will be three awards given this year instead of one. In 2002 we will begin Federated Garden Club judging.

Linda Smith, NALS Board Member, reported that NALS is giving each regional a special medallion. Linda has contacted **Dr. Art Evans**, Arkansas, as guest judge for our show. If dates with the Ozark Regional don't conflict, he will judge.

Board Meeting Minutes—April 29, 2001 *Submitted by Jean Winterowd, Secretary*

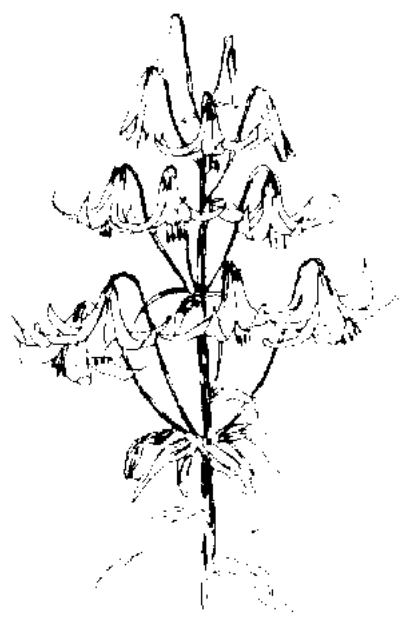
President **Kathleen Rice** opened the meeting at 2 p.m. In attendance were **Carol Appelbaum, Ralph and Sharon Bishop, Don Michel, Charity Sherrington, Hal and Dorothy Shrei,** and **Fred and Jean Winterowd.**

Jackie Cassidy sent a report that information on the new membership brochure is still being compiled. Hal reported on the Show Schedule. The Board reviewed the Design Section and the Show Section, discussing the awards for each division. **Art Evans** may be able to be a guest judge, June, 2001.

Kathleen posed the question of changing the Father's Day date of our show. After discussion, it was voted that if possible at MBG, we will move our show to one week later.

It was decided for the year 2002 that MARLS will have an Educational meeting in March, and Bulb Sales in

April and October, and also to cancel our reservation for a meeting in July, 2001 at MBG.



Report on bulb sale was presented by Dorothy. There was some confusion as to which bulbs were given to MBG for

Vice President **Diane Engelsdorfer** announced the program for today.

Staging and Grooming Lilies for Showing

Linda Smith demonstrated the visual effect of correctly placing a lily in a stem holder, and gave great tips on cleaning and transporting lilies.

Designing for the Show

Fred Winterowd demonstrated three designs with lilies and other flowers—with ideas for the Design Division.

How to Plant and Care for a Lily Bulb

Diane Engelsdorfer demonstrated container planting and fertilization of a lily bulb, and those present planted a bulb to take home.

The lily stems and designs were used for door prizes. There were 21 in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

the demonstration garden and which ones were actually sold to members and the public. Charity moved that the Garden's order should be kept separate from the actual bulb sale. All agreed. It was also suggested that we do not go overboard on our bulb order for the Fall Sale. Many factors contributed to the extremely successful bulb sale this Spring, especially the wonderful article on the cover of the Lifestyle Section of the Post Dispatch on the morning of the sale.

Kathleen has received the NALS Book on Show Procedure for holding the National Show and Meeting. It will be a great help for our 2004 Show. Our **Linda Smith** is an editor on the book.

A big thank you was extended to **Don Michel** for all the help he provided for the bulb sale. He was invited to become a member of the Board. Meeting was adjourned.

Some Show Tips!

All the information needed is contained in the Show Schedule enclosed with this Newsletter. However, for the benefit of our new members and maybe some who have never entered or participated in the show before, the following information may be helpful.

Containers are provided, as well as entry cards you will have to fill out. Make every effort to identify the cultivar, but if you don't know the name of the lily, our classification committee is there to help. Notice in Section H you can enter a single bloom. This is great if the lily stem has several spent blooms and is past show quality. When cutting your lily stem, leave at least one-third of the foliage on the plant to insure a good stalk the following year.

Grooming for the Show - It is not possible to schedule a show when all of our lilies are in their peak condition. They may have bloomed a few days early or insects and weather may have affected the blooms and foliage. Lilies sometimes lose a ribbon at a show just because the exhibitor did not groom their lily. Grooming the plant is not complicated and will help the appearance of the entry and the show.

Grooming starts at home. When you cut your lilies the first consideration should be given to protecting the bloom from pollen. Put a piece of foil loosely around the anthers or wrap them with tissue paper and hold in place with a twistem. Cutting in late afternoon when the floral parts are dry will reduce pollen stains on leaves of stems having a number of fully opened flowers. After arriving at the show carefully unwrap the anthers and dust away any spilled pollen with a dry brush. Any time moisture comes in contact with the pollen a stain will result. Sometimes these stains can be removed with a cotton swab dipped in a bit of baby shampoo.

Check for insects, spider webs, dirt, etc., and remove them. If a bloom has faded carefully remove the spent bloom and pedicel. A razor blade can easily remove the pedicel so that it is barely noticeable. Any diseased or insect damaged foliage should be removed or trimmed away. A small pair of scissors will work nicely for trimming up bad places on the leaves.

The way your entries are staged in the container can easily affect its appearance in the show. Remove any foliage that will be in the container or below water. This will allow the remaining foliage to appear at its natural angle from the stem. Block the stem in the container so that it will be straight. Foam is a good material to use, it will wedge the stem tightly, will not “give” and will not absorb water. The stem need not go to the bottom of the container. Keep plenty of height and proportion to the stem. It's amazing what this will do for your lily. Make sure your container has an adequate water supply and that the end of the stem is in water and that it will not move around. Place your entry tag on the best side. It will probably be staged that way by those placing the entries.

Remember that by grooming you are not trying to fool the judges—they also know and use the tricks of grooming. You want your lilies to appear at their best!

(Portions of above were taken from an article “Grooming and Showing Lilies” by Calvin Helsley, NALS Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 47, No. 2, June, 1993.)



MARLS Lily Show Raffle!

Bring and enter your best lily stem in our Annual Show and you will receive a raffle ticket. Bring two or more stems and you will receive a second ticket. Drawing will be held after the show is judged. The prizes will be for certificates for bulbs at MARLS Bulb Sale as follows:

1st Ticket Drawn - \$35 Certificate
2nd Ticket Drawn - \$25 Certificate
3rd Ticket Drawn - \$15 Certificate

(Thanks New England Lily Society for the idea.)

NALS Annual Lily Show and Symposium

The National Lily Show will be held July 11-15, 2001 in Hamilton, Ontario. Guest speakers will include a landscape historian and preservationist, **Scott Kunst**, lecturing on “Heirloom Bulbs;” **John Lykkegaard** of Denmark, a lily expert, will lecture on the “Species Lilies of China,” and **Peter Schenk** of the Netherlands, well known to many NALS members, lecturing on “Future Hybrids.” Many interesting tours will also be offered.

Registration forms, etc. were included with the March NALS Quarterly Bulletin. For current up-to-date information visit the show web site: www.execulink.com/~mhomick and follow the appropriate links. MARLS is offering a \$25.00 stipend to each of our members attending to help pay the registration fee. We also pay the President's full registration fee to attend. The Show is co-hosted this year by *Ontario Regional Lily Society* and *Royal Botanical Gardens*, Hamilton, Ontario.