



How to Take Prize-Winning Lily Photos

Order your prize-winning lily bulbs using the order form insert in this issue

At this year's Educational Meeting, members of the Mid America Regional Lily Society (MARLS) will have an opportunity

*to learn how to order bulbs **before** the public bulb sale,

*to take outstanding photos of summer blooms, and

*to enter those photos in the new photography section at the annual Lily Show.

Spring Education Meeting is March 12 at the Missouri Botanical Garden

The Educational Meeting will be held 10 a.m.-12.15 p.m., Saturday, March 12, in the Beaumont Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden. A half-hour general meeting is scheduled for 10-10:30 a.m. The seminar begins at 10:30 a.m.

During the

This photograph by Frans Officer, titled "Blood Tiger & Friend," was voted "People's Choice" in the photo section at the NALS 2010 Lily Convention and Show in Mars, Pa. Show visitors vote for their favorite photograph. Frans is a member of the North Star Lily Society. Used with permission of the photographer and NALS.

seminar, Pam Hardy, bulb sale chairperson, will describe our new pre-sale bulb ordering process and give an overview of the new photography section. Additional order forms will be available at the meeting.

Our featured speaker, Don Sullivan, Creve Coeur Camera, will offer techniques for taking prize-winning photos during an hour-long presentation.

The seminar is free and open to the public.



Spring Lily Bulb Sale

Missouri Botanical Garden

Beaumont Room

April 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Packing Party, April 8
afternoon

Lily above is Gizmo. LO

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Editor's Note

New Board Briefs Column

You'll find a new column devoted to Board news in this issue on the inside back cover. Meeting minutes in their entirety can now be found on our web site, www.marls.org.

This gives our members more timely access to the Board's activities. An archive also will be maintained. Go to the right hand navigation column of the home page to find the "Meeting Minutes" page. Minutes from the December 5, 2010, and January 8, 2011, are up.

The Board's major decisions and officers' reports will be summarized in the new column in the *Lily Trumpet*.

New Photo Section at Show

Frans Officer, winner of the NALS "People's Choice" photo on our cover, is a member of the North Star Lily Society.

His regional lily society, Frans says, was the first to incorporate a photo section into their annual show about 7 years ago.

And so I asked him what he thought were the greatest benefits.

He replied he thought the main "gains" from incorporating a photo section to lily shows are (1) the opportunity to show lilies not blooming at the time of the show; (2) an opportunity to participate for members who hesitate cutting their precious lily stems; and (3) an opportunity for show visitors to participate by casting a ballot for their favorite photos.

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--Carol Bales Mahoney
Lily Trumpet Editor

Join in Our Activities

President's Message by Don Kelley

Spring is on the way! Let it progress! MARLS' next activity starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12, in the Beaumont Room at the MBG. Please plan to attend this meeting and the educational presentations that follow.

We will do the bulb sales and lily show differently this year. The details will be fully explained at the Educational Meeting. You may also get a glimpse of the historic MBG construction project as well as the Orchid Show.

The spring bulb sale will be one day, Saturday, April 9, in the Beaumont room. Packing will be Friday starting at 9 a.m. finishing by 2 p.m. MARLS will provide a luncheon tray for the attendees. Please call Marlene Belew, 636-925-1047, if you will be packing.

Our show will be early this year, June 18 & 19, with set-up during the day Friday, June 17. Bring those wonderful early blooming lilies for lily growers and the public to enjoy. Plan to assist during set-up and at the show. Contact Bob Snider, 314-487-5321, to schedule you in for the set-up.

Between now and spring planting, contemplate which lilies you can fit into those vacant nooks and

crannies in your space. Talk up lilies with your friends. Explain how easily lilies grow and how beautiful they become.

Suggest lilies are wonderful in arrangements, and they last and last. Finally, look over those pictures you have and select candidates for our show's photo contest.

This is the time we pay our annual membership dues. Please don't forget. Bring potential members, your gardening friends and neighbors, to MARLS events. Remember the national lily society's show will be held in July in Ontario, Canada, where several outstanding growers reside.

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Time to Pay Dues

You can renew your membership in MARLS for 2011 by paying your dues now. Dues are \$10 per household.

These MARLS members have paid their dues for 2011: Carol Appelbaum, Carol Bales, Don and Pat Kelley, Bill Lampe, Norman Leppo, Yoshiko Mitchell, Kim Peterson, Debra Pratt, and Lynn Slackman.

If your name isn't on this list (or the New Members list), your membership needs to be renewed.

Send your check payable to the Mid America Regional Lily Society to Kim Peterson, 1705 Carroll, St. Louis, MO 63104. Or, you may pay Kim at the Education Meeting.

New Members

We welcome the following new members: Marilyn and Saul Dien, St. Louis; Larry Evans, Glendale; Raymond Humphrey, Creve Coeur; Nancy Parman, Hatfield, MO; Chuck Robinson, Parkville, MO; David Schmidt, Jr., Granite City, IL; Kevin and Tari Steele, St. Louis; and Pat Zurliene-Arel, Belleville, IL.

NALS Annual Lily Show Will be July 13-17

The North American Lily Society (NALS) will hold its 2011 national show and

convention on July 13-17 at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario. The show is sponsored by the Ontario Regional Lily Society and Royal Botanical Gardens. For more information, visit www.orlds.ca.

Winterowds to Present Floral Workshop in Kansas City

Fred and Jean Winterowd have been invited to conduct a lily arranging class April 16 in Kansas City.

The event is sponsored by the Garden Center Association of Greater Kansas City (GCA).

The group had its first lily bulb sale last fall, and popularity suggests there may be some interest in forming a lily society, according to Chuck Robinson, GCA.

Judges School

Students of the NALS Judges' School, sponsored by MARLS, will meet on March 12 following the seminar; April 30, 10-noon, at Winterowds; May 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Winterowds (Tests 1 & 2); and June 18, 1 p.m.(Test 3) at the lily show. During the show the students will practice judging.

Fred Winterowd is the lead instructor, assisted by other accredited MARLS judges.

Board Briefs

Summary of Minutes by Mary Lou Snider

Treasurer **Audrey Ringhausen** reported at the January meeting a balance of \$820 in checking and \$8,781 in CDs. The 2010 Fall Bulb Sale made a profit of \$506.

President **Don Kelley** has registered the society with the state for a not-for-profit license.

The 2011 Fall Bulb Sale will be held October 15 and 16 in the Orthwein Hall at MBG. This will be a joint sale with the Daffodil Society. Their members will be the guests of MARLS at the joint packing party on October 14. The Board approved this note in the minutes: "Thank you to the Daffodil Society for sharing their date and space."

Bob Snider, lily show chairman, reported the 2011 show will be held in Orthwein Hall, MBG, June 18 and 19, with set up on Friday, June 17.

Debra Pratt volunteered to host the Awards Luncheon in July.

Fred Winterowd noted that MARLS will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2012.

Spring Bulb Sale: April 9

Pre-Sale Order Form Available This Year



We will be offering a nice selection of border or pot bulbs as well as lilies that have made the NALS Hall of Fame this spring.

MARLS members will have two ways to buy their bulbs: by Pre-Order or at the Bulb Sale.

To pre-order, use the form enclosed in this newsletter or download one from our web site, www.marls.org. The web site also has photos.

Our spring bulb sale will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (or until sold out) Saturday, April 9, in the Beaumont Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG). Not all bulbs listed on the order form will be available at the sale.

All members are encouraged to help during the bulb packing party 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, April 8, in the Botanical Room at the MBG. Members who help with packing or during the sale are eligible for a 20 percent discount on their bulb purchase.

Marlene Belew will bring a luncheon tray for the April 8

packing party. Members are asked to bring a snack or dessert, and are responsible for their own drinks. Please call Marlene, 636-925-1047, if you will be coming to the packing party.

We will also need people to work the sale on Saturday and Sunday. Anyone who wants to sign up for the sale or has questions about the sale or bulb ordering process may contact Pam Hardy at 314-853-4386 (cell), evenings or weekends, or by email at msphardy@att.net.

Visitors to the bulb sale will have a chance to win a lily arrangement in free drawings held throughout the day. The arrangements, provided by Fred Winterowd, are back by popular demand.

An arrangement at the 2010 Fall Bulb Sale was won by Judy Dickirson (shown above), a master gardener and lily grower from Paduach, KY.

Calendar

**Education Seminar
Meeting 10-10:30 a.m.
Program 10:30-noon,
Beaumont Room
MBG**

**Spring Bulb Sale
April 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Beaumont Room
MBG
(See article for details
on Packing Party.)**

**Annual Lily Show
June 18 & 19
Orthwein Hall
MBG**

Thank You From Hal Schrei Family



I want to thank the MARLS for the gift for Hal's memorial.

As you know, growing lilies was a huge part of Hal's life. Even when he couldn't see very well, he enjoyed hearing about them. Always interested to know about all the new varieties.

My niece is now growing lilies from our garden.

Love to all,

----Dorothy Schrei

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