



# Lily Talk

*A newsletter of the Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society*

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## CMHS 2014 Calendar

February 9  
Jean Leonatti – “Birds”

February 14-16  
Winter Gathering, Independence, MO

April 13  
Nan Ripley, Iowa Hybridizer

June 8  
Flower Show Preparation

June 20-22  
Region 11 Meeting, St. Louis, MO

June 28  
CMHS Flower Show

June 25-30  
AHS National Convention, Asheville, NC

August  
MO State Fair – Daylily Show

August 22-23 ?  
Picnic and Sale

October 12  
Michael Bouman, Region 11 Hybridizer and  
Region 11 VP

December 7  
Holiday Party

**All meetings this year begin with a  
potluck meal at 1:30 p.m.**

Directions to the Extension Center, 1012  
Route UU, Columbia, MO – Take the  
Midway exit off of I-70 (just West of  
Columbia). Route UU is Southeast of  
the exit. The Extension Center is the  
first Building on the left on UU.

Happy New Year! A huge thank you to Carol Schultz and Alice Havard for the wonderful Holiday Party they organized in December. And to all that helped with food, gifts, etc.

2014 has started off with lots of polar wind and bitter cold and in a few days it will be warmer. Then the typical Missouri weather cycle starts over again. One of our ladies at work was talking to our office in New Hampshire and the gentleman there was fussing about how cold it was “Well, I bet it’s not 6 degrees there in Missouri.” She laughed and replied “No, when I drove by the bank this morning, the temperature clearly said 4 degrees.” ☺ It will soon be warmer and the days are already getting longer. We’ll be fertilizing those new green daylily shoots before we know it.

Thank you to all the officers, Leslie Rule-President, Susan McConnell-VP, Nancy Rold-Secretary and Carol Schultz-Treasurer. And to all the committee chairs who have taken on their roles for the upcoming year. We do not have a chairman for the plant sale and picnic so if you are willing, please let Leslie or one of the officers know.

Looking forward to our February meeting and program on Birds. And, since it is plant catalog season, thought you might enjoy the following.

Clarice

### **The real meaning of plant catalog terminology:**

**"A favorite of birds"** means to avoid planting near cars, sidewalks, or clotheslines.

**"Grows more beautiful each year"** means "Looks like roadkill for the foreseeable future."

**"Zone 5 with protection"** is a variation on the phrase "Russian roulette."

**"Moisture-loving"** plants are ideal for landscaping all your bogs and swamps.

**"Carefree"** refers more to the plant's attitude than to your workload.

**"Vigorous"** is code for "has a Napoleonic compulsion to take over the world."

**"Grandma's Favorite"** -- until she discovered free-flowering, disease-resistant hybrids.

Jean Leonatti

Jean Leonatti is an avid birder, a hobby that she shared for many years with her father. She has been bird-watching for over 20 years; has taught beginning birding classes and has memberships in the American Birding Association, Audubon Society of Missouri, and Columbia Audubon Society. When not golfing or birding, she works as the CEO of the Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging.

Members Handbooks for 2014 will be available at the February meeting. Any not picked up then will be mailed.

### **Minutes from CMHS Meeting October 13, 2013**

President Karen Blackmore led the meeting. The Treasurer's Report and previous meeting minutes were accepted as published.

Annual dues are to be paid by Jan.1 for inclusion in the Members Handbook.

Karen asked for volunteers for President or Vice President for next year to please contact her. Carol Schultz and Alice Havard volunteered to organize the annual holiday party for the December meeting.

Patti Waterman has some ideas she gathered when speaking to the Tulsa club about their plant sales that she would be glad to share with our chairperson for next year.

There was a question about Daylily Drawing processes. While no action was taken, the treasurer's interpretation was that the amount paid for a cultivar by the winner should be greater than or equal to the amount of the drawing category.

John Shooter presented the program with on the cultivars hybridized by his family at Marietta Gardens in North Carolina.

#### **Daylily Drawings:**

\$100 – Helen Steinman

\$50 – Blaise Brazos

Next meeting: February 9, 2014

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Rold, Secretary

The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig."

- Texas Bix Bender, *Don't Throw in the Trowel*