



# Lily Talk

*A newsletter of the Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society*

March, 2015

## CMHS 2015 Calendar

April 12  
Meeting, TBD

June 14  
Flower Show Preparation

June 10-13  
AHS National Convention, Atlanta, GA

June 27  
CMHS Flower Show, DBR Library, Columbia

July 10-12  
Region 11 Convention, Manhattan, KS

August  
MO State Fair – Daylily Show

August 21-22  
Picnic and Sale

October 11  
Michael Grossmann, Northern Lights, MN

December 6 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.

Marilynn Haselhorst is requesting prayers for herself and for her doctors. Marilynn is in poor health. Please mail cards to Capital Region Hospital, c/o Marilynn Haselhorst; 1125 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

## President's Message

Seeing green emerge from the ground is refreshing. Hope all the plants at your house survived.

Club meetings are an opportunity for members to exchange information on growing and hybridizing daylilies. Also, at meetings we can share ideas for club growth and enrichment. This is vital for providing meetings that are interesting for all members.

Looking forward to seeing you April 12<sup>th</sup>,

Sue

## Daylily Auction for Region 11

Welcome to spring and here I am again begging at your door for a couple donations for the spring lily auction. I want to start as soon as possible as I need to close the auction before April 25<sup>th</sup> (my granddaughter is getting married in Florida and it will be a little difficult to run the auction while traveling)...so your early donations will be greatly appreciated.

The auction funds the printing of the MoKanOk and now we have established a couple funds to give back to our members. First our youth members can apply for the region to cover convention registrations. It was just voted on to front local clubs money for deposits on the buses and hotel when they sign up to host a regional.

The plants will be listed as shipping in May after payment has been received. I will send you the buyer's name and shipping information. Please use the non-flat rate boxes at the post office. We charge \$7 shipping plus \$3 for any additional plants from one donor. A plain brown box or non-flat rate will go for this cost in most cases. I will reimburse postage upon request.

Remember to check the lily auction "want" list to see if any of your plants are on the list. There are some oldies on that list as well as the newer requests.

Also please spread the word at your club meetings that we need donations and especially BUYERS!

Thanking you in advance for all your kind donations....Lois Hart

## Photography In the Garden

Charley Blackmore and Leemer Cernohlavek have put together a program for us on taking photos in the garden... more specifically daylilies.

Please join us to learn how to take better pictures of our favorite flowers.

Bob McConnell  
1947-2015

Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society lost a wonderful leader and mentor this winter when Bob McConnell passed away on January 5.

In AHS we have a slogan, "Come for the plants; stay for the people." This could easily be the slogan for McConnell's Plantland. Locals first went there because it was the best place to buy perennials, especially daylilies! Or because they heard Bob co-hosting a radio garden show or took one of his adult education classes or heard him speak on daylilies at the county fair. And yes, he and Sue have great plants, classics proven to be very hardy here. But, most of us went back for visits with Bob (visits full of gardening advice, anecdotes and jokes) because we had become good friends.

Bob McConnell was wise and generous, a humble encourager of others, a man with a heart for service. He has been the glue that has held our club together. He always gave it his best and encouraged that in others. If he asked you to help with a club function it was hard to say no because his passion for promoting daylilies was contagious.

He held multiple positions in CMHS through the years, was a garden judge instructor, served as RVP of Region 11 and as Director on the AHS board where he coordinated garden judge training. For all of this service he was recognized with the Region 11 Mavis Smith Award for Outstanding Service.

He chaired the Lily Exhibition at the Missouri State Fair for many years. It was fun to bring flowers to compete, then sit and listen as he played daylily ambassador to all the Horticulture building visitors.

Bob was a hybridizer himself. He registered and named a few of them that met his high standards. He helped those of us who were budding hybridizers to see the potential traits in certain cultivars. He enjoyed touring our gardens, making recommendations and celebrating our successes.

Bob also saw potential in people. He encouraged and helped us to grow. When I was new to the club he cajoled me into writing "just a few paragraphs" as club reporter for the MoKanOk. Others probably started serving similarly, and before we knew it we were made officers or helping to organize a flower show or regional tour. It didn't help to protest "I'm not ready for this" – he'd counter with "Don't worry I'll be there to support you!"

He loved fishing and would fry catfish at our August picnic. Bob did not call attention to himself or his accomplishments. He just gave generously of himself to others. He didn't want a daylily to be named Bob McConnell, but did finally consent to having one named Catfish Bob in his honor.

Bob was a dear friend to so many. He grew us as gardeners, he grew us as hybridizers, he grew us as leaders and he inspired us to be better people.

## **Region 11 News from the 2015 Winter Gathering**

It was a delightful time as always with 4 terrific speakers, lots of luscious summer blossoms to adore on the big screen, a spirited and affordable auction, photo contest, silent auction, classes, discussions and best of all - lots of gardening friends to with whom to talk daylilies. I'd really encourage more of you to go next year!

Business items of note: There was talk of scaling back the summer meetings a bit to make them more affordable and less work for clubs. Also, a motion will be made at the summer meeting for Region 11 to begin to subsidize local clubs with seed money to use for deposits on hotel and busses for summer meetings. This will be voted on by the membership at the summer meeting in Manhattan, KS in July. I have been appointed to the committee to nominate a new Region 11 President to follow Michael Bouman, whose term ends this year. If you would like to volunteer or suggest someone to serve in this capacity – appointing and overseeing a board, leading meetings and assisting with the Winter Gathering program, please let me know!

Region 11 will again raise funds by offering plants on the Lily Auction in April and August. Lois will publicize it in an email, please consider donating and/or bidding!  
Region 11 has a new editor for the MoKanOk – Sue Galbraith. Sue moved to our region recently from Georgia where she edited an award-winning regional newsletter, so we look forward to her sharing her talents here.

Nancy Rold

## **Minutes from CMHS Meeting February 8, 2015**

Karen Blackmore presided over the meeting for President Sue McConnell. The treasurer's report and previous meeting minutes were accepted as published.

2015 Members Handbooks were passed out to those attending. The remainder will be mailed.

Suggestions were taken for a topic for the April meeting and Charley Blackmore graciously consented to do a program on garden photography.

It was decided that we should have a spring sale at one farmer's market. Charlene Larkin will serve as chairperson and try to reserve us a spot for May 9.

We will be organizing a carpool garden tour to member's gardens on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Carol Schultz is the organizer.

Our picnic on August 21 will be at the Buford Shelter in Cosmo Park, Columbia.

Let's get more active with our /Facebook site – visit it and “like” us! If you have photos you would like posted, let Joan Goodwin or Nancy Rold know.

Make plans soon to attend the Region 11 Summer meeting July 10-12 in Manhattan, KS. Patti Waterman also suggested attending the Region 1 meeting in Marshalltown, Iowa July 17-19.

### **Daylily Drawings for October**

AHS Membership (from Christmas party) – Debbie Nix

\$100 – Leemer Cernohlavek

\$50 – Lois Calvin

Member hybridizers entertained us with their garden photos in the program that followed the business meeting.

**Next meeting: April 12, 2015**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rold, Secretary