

# NEWSLETTER

## AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

### SOUTHWEST REGION

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Mrs. J. Elmer Weaver, Editor

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Regional Vice President	Mrs. W. D. Owen, Dallas, Texas
Regional Director-1980	Mrs. Jesse Cox, Hot Springs, Arkansas
Regional Director-1981	Mrs. C. R. Bivins, Overton, Texas
Regional Director-1982	Mrs. Bert C. Pouncey, Jr., Hughes, Ark.
Regional ADS Nominating Committee Member-	Mrs. James K. Kerr, Dallas, Texas
Arkansas Daffodil Society, Pres.-	Mrs. Volta Anders, Camden, Ark.
Texas Daffodil Society, Pres.-	Mrs. Kelly Shryoc, Fort Worth, Texas

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We welcome Mrs. Bert C. Pouncey, Jr. from Hughes, Arkansas as our new Regional Director. She has been an active Arkansas member for several years as well as with the Memphis, Tenn. Society.

We extend thanks to Mrs. D. O. Harton, Jr. of Conway, Ark. for her splendid attendance record... never missing a Board Meeting or a National ADS Convention. She has shared many beautiful Daffodil entries in area Flower Shows for years.

The Fall Meeting of the Arkansas Daffodil Society will be held (Thur.) September 20, 1979 at the Camelot Inn, Little Rock, Ark. A major decision will be made, whether to hold the annual show in Arkansas or in conjunction with the A.D.S. National Convention and Show in Memphis, Tennessee March 27-29, 1980.

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Texas Daffodil Society Regional Show will be held March 21, 1980 at the Dallas Womans Club on Park Lane. Entries will be excepted from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Out of Dallas exhibitors may order entry cards by writing Mrs. R. H. Rodgers, 3612 Rosedale Ave., Dallas, Tx. 75205.

Daffodil Judging School, Course III will be held in Dallas, March 22, 1980 at the Dallas Civic Garden Center, State Fair Park at 8:30 a.m. Chairman, Mrs. W. D. Owen, 4565 Rheims Place, Dallas, Tx. 75205.

Interesting topics will be covered in the T.D.S. programs in January, February, March and April. These will include "International Convention - Ireland 1979" by Maurine Kerr; "Color Coding" by Pat Hancock; "Clerks Responsibilities and Importance of Entry Cards" by Charlyne Owen; "Companion Planting" by Barrie Kridler, all of this plus the annual show and Course III. All are anxiously waiting for 1980.

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A HAPPY NOTE ! Crystal R. Meyer of Muskogee, Oklahoma finished required work to become a A.D.S. Daffodil Judge !! Congratulations !!

The beautiful Garden Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico was the scene for the Spring Bulb Show (1979). At this time the list of winners has not been received. It is hoped that they will hold an Accredited A.D.S. Show next spring as their area is conducive to growing many bulbs and other fine plants. Many are active members of other National Plant Societies.

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TEST GARDEN IN OUR AREA..... A.D.S. is planning a NEW Test Garden. It will be at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Dr. and Mrs. Victor M. Watts (Fayetteville) are members of the committee to make plans for the planting. The A.D.S. Garden will be enhanced by the bulbs donated by the A.D.S. members in Southwest Region. Mrs. Watts asked that each donor mention the name of the cultivar in a note, rather than sending her the bulbs. They plan to use only 3 of each cultivar, and it would be a waste of time and postage to send a variety already received. BUT DO WRITE HER RIGHT AWAY if you have bulbs to share.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION - A.D.S. The annual A.D.S. Convention was held in Boston, Mass., May 3-5, 1979. All officers and chairmen from Southwest Region attended -- Mrs. Jesse Cox, Mrs. D. O. Harton and Mrs. Bert C. Pouncey, Jr. all of Arkansas with Mrs. W. D. Owen and Mrs. C. R. Bivins of Texas.

COMING UP !

Memphis Tennessee will be the location of the annual A.D.S. Convention, March 27-29, 1980. ANY member of A.D.S. will be eligible to WIN on March 27 - the GOLD Carey Quinn or any other award offered during a National Show. These awards are not offered in State or Regional Shows.

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NEW members - The entire Morrilton (Arkansas) Garden Club joined the Arkansas A.D.S. and plan to hold a State Daffodil Show in Morrilton in the near future.

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BULB LIFTING TIME----is about over..... If you have some to spare remember the student judges MUST HAVE 100 varieties growing before they finish the three (3) courses. Please assist.

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Arkansas and Texas bulb orders have been mailed and some have received the bulbs ready to plant.

Texas bulb order for 1979 - "Golden Dawn"-8-W-0; "New Song"-2-WG Y-Y; "Artist Model"-2-W-0-Y; "Delegate"-6-W-Y; "Dipper"-6-W-Y.

Arkansas bulb order for 1979 - "Chiloquin"-1-W-Y; "Euphony"-2-Y-Y; "Tangent"-2-W-WWP; "Impala"-3-W-GYY; "Puppet"-5-Y-0; "Jetfire"-6-Y-R; "Step Forward"-7-Y-W; "Fairy Chimes"-5-Y-Y.

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## SPRING 1979 SHOW WINNERS

Arkansas

<u>name</u>	<u>award</u>	<u>winner</u>
"Falstaff"	Gold Ribbon	Mrs. K. C. Ketcheside
"Snipe"	Mini Gold Ribbon	Mrs. D. O. Harton, Jr.
"Aurum"	White Ribbon	Mrs. K. C. Ketcheside
"Mite"	Mini White Ribbon	Victor M. Watts
98/100 Seedling	Silver Ribbon (17 BR)	Mrs. K. C. Ketcheside
(Festivity & White)	Rose Ribbon	Mrs. D. O. Harton, Jr.
	Purple Ribbon	Mrs. K. C. Ketcheside
(Sweetness, Shah, Pretty Miss, Trevithian and Kinglet)	Red, White & Blue	Mrs. J. C. Dawson
(Silitz, Pastorage, Inauguration, Butterscotch and Aircastle)		

Texas

"Dipper"	Gold Ribbon	Mrs. C. R. Bivins
"Pango"	Mini Gold Ribbon	Mrs. Herschal Hancock
"Cantatrice"	White Ribbon	Mrs. W. D. Bozek
"Galway"	Junior Ribbon	Bobby Beasley
	Silver Ribbon (8 BR)	Mrs. C. R. Bivins
	Lavender Ribbon	Mrs. C. R. Bivins
	(Collection of 5 Mini)	

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"INTERNATIONAL DAFFODIL CONVENTION - IRELAND, April 1979"  
by Mrs. Victor M. Watts of Arkansas

We, ( Dr. Watts and I ) have been back home for two weeks today, and we seem to be sorting out our memories of the World Daffodil Convention and Tour. We left Fayetteville on the 11th of April, so we might visit in Washington for several days before flying on to London on the night of the 16th. We arrived in London shortly after noon on the 17th, very far from fresh since we had little sleep on the trip. At the Grosvenor Hotel we registered and received much literature plus our round trip tickets to Holland and to Northern Ireland. There were various friends in the lobby, Phil Phillips from New Zealand, the Jacksons from Tasmania, the Yarrels of New Zealand besides Mrs. Fred Harris of Little Rock, Ark., the Ticknors of North Carolina, and more from Arkansas, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Barnes (who stayed with Laura Lee), Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Dawson and her daughter. We didn't go sightseeing as some, but went to our room to make up some sleep.

On the 18th our tour really started, when we went to the Royal Horticulture Society Daffodil Show. It really wasn't just a Daffodil Show for there were Rock Garden exhibits which made one want to start a rock garden right now. There were numerous exhibits by commercial growers, of which two stood out, that of John Lea, and Gerritson (the split corona man). Every one of Lea's daffodils was a perfect show specimen, which was true of the flowers we later saw in his garden in Starport. I was a little unhappy that few and no unusual miniatures were in the commercial exhibits. One very unusual varietal had a corona broken down into fine fringe, it could hardly be called a split corona (Hop Top 3/75) the filaments were

so fine. I seemed to always pick out the daffs not yet named, just numbered. I heard someone say the U.S. seemed to have a corner on reverse bicolors, so English breeders weren't working very hard with them. Surely Mitsche's predominated in all the shows we saw. Newcastle seemed to show up often everywhere, and so did Doubtful a new one to me, which lived up to its description, "an ideal flower".

Perhaps here is the point at which to say we attended 10 Shows, visited 11 gardens, 5 laboratories, colleges and universities, large commercial bulb growers, 5 growers, The Guy Wilson Memorial Garden, Keukenhof (50 acres of bulbs provided by Dutch Bulb Growers), the Aalsmeer flower auction, entertained by The Royal Horticulture Society, the Wisley Royal Horticulture Gardens, the British Bulb growers Association and Geests, tea at John Lea's, the Northcutt Garden Center, the Dutch Bulb Growers, the Carncairn Daffodil growers, the New university of Ulster, the Omagh District Council, the Omagh and District Horticulture Society (given at the Castle of the Duke and Dutchess of Abercorn), and the Milk Marketing Board of Northern Ireland. Again I may have omitted some group, unintentionally. There were teas, coffees and sherry receptions everywhere.

The Wisley gardens were lovely, where we saw drifts of bulbocodium naturalized on the hillside (and again at the Savill Gardens). As we approached Spalding, the large bulb growing area in Lincolnshire, we saw great swatches of gold in almost any direction we looked, and found at Geest's they planted their bulbs in 60 acre patches. We soon stopped trying to call our seamate's attention to each new streak of gold. We learned that in the united Kingdom bulbs must be given such long hot water treatment at such high temperatures that they do not have normal flowers the first year. Only the second year will a varietal have normal flowers. In Holland the ground for bulbs is fumigated, so bulbs require less severe treatment, and may be dug each year, in fact doubling their weight, a year before those in the U.K. More bulbs are exported from Holland (largely to Austria and Germany) than from the U.K. Fewer bulbs are grown for their flowers (cut flower market) in Holland. Wisley tests varieties for their value as cut flower production and as bulbs for forcing. The Laboratory for Bulb Investigation at Lisse also deals with the bulb growers problems, the best temperatures at which to store bulbs, to force for flower production, diseases which attack bulbs, their control, et cetera.

The fields around Lisse in Holland were even more astounding than those near Spalding. Added to splashes of gold (largely Golden Harvest, Carlton and some Ice Follies) were the first of the species tulips and hyacinths, giving additional color. A half day spent at Keukenhof was a high point of the trip, despite rain or mist the whole time. The gardens are almost unbelievable, beautiful bulbs of all kinds, flowering fruit trees and lawns beautifully landscaped. We missed by one day the bulb parade (32 floats) and carnival at Lisse. I should have been willing to have missed the Midland Daffodil Show in Solihull and have gone to Holland one day earlier, in order to be in Lisse for the parade.

Our stay in Holland was too short and too concentrated for most of us. Coughs and colds erupted when we got too tired. Our days started early, especially the last one when we went to the flower auction before leaving for England and North Ireland. They lasted late, as our dinners were followed by Matthew Zondbergen's films

and talks. Somehow we never rounded out the day much before midnight. The daffodils everywhere in ditchlines along the road and planted formally in medians or gardens were most impressive. We longed for sunshine and less rain and a chance to see more of Holland and the people. In Holland we picked up Meg Yerger and her husband, in London we were rejoined by some of those who had stayed in England.

Because someone in the travel agency had failed to allow enough time for 80 people to go through customs and immigration in Heathrow, time between arrival from Holland and take off time for Ireland, only 20 or so of the party were able to fly to Larne on the scheduled plane. The rest waited for several hours for the next flight. When we reached our Hotel it was nearly 11 o'clock and some didn't even look at the handsome Buffet laid out for us. Bed was all we could manage. All this was made up by the hospitality of our Irish hosts, in fact by friendliness and a desire to make our visit a happy one. Everyone went out of his way to make us feel wanted and welcome. We were entertained morning, noon and night, literally for we spent 2 nights in the homes of members of the Omagh and District Horticulture Society. This last gave us an opportunity to rest on Sunday, to know individuals and make new friends. From our Hotel in Larne (entertained by the N. Ireland Bankers' association and the Borough Council of Larne, at which the Mayor sang for us) we went to see the Cancairn Daffodils and the Guy Wilson Commemorative Garden. The Garden was planted on the Grounds of the New University in Coleraine with bulbs furnished by members of the New Zealand Daffodil Growers, the Australia and the American Growers. (There had already been a Memorial Service in honor of Nelle Richardson, in London). Sunday we visited the Rathowen Daffodils (a "Barn Lunch"). Our next to last day in Northern Ireland we visited the Government House in Hillsborough, and its gardens (where we lunched). On the way to Larne we had lunch in Ballymena at the City Hall, where the Mayor received us wearing his Chain of Office, the Chief Piper of the Royal Ulster Rangers piped us into lunch with something he had composed in our honor, and the most gorgeous Irish Wolfhound (mascot of the Rangers) received us. We visited their Daffodil Show and returned to the Larne Hotel for a Farewell dinner which ended with all of us singing Old Lang Syne and wishing we need not say goodbye to our Irish Hosts.

Some left early on the 2nd of May for Boston, some later for other parts of the States, and our New Zealand and Australian friends for the Scottish Tour. We left Bill Ticknor in bed with pneumonia, and Mrs. Fred Harris with bronchitis. She is now home and quite herself. Others returned home with assorted coughs and colds. For all we were informed there is no snow in Ireland and London in May, it was snowing both places on May 2nd. Washington was 80 degrees when we arrived, and Arkansas has been near that. Washington's Dogwood and azaleas were like fairyland. Our Iris and peonies were out in Fayetteville. I'm sure another would have been impressed by other things than we were, and we've left much out.

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Until another time,

Charlyne Owen