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Southwest Region  
Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas  
News Letter

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Greetings All: We wish to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mrs. Ethel A. Earl, Morrilton, Ark.

Mrs. Louise Oates, Morrilton, Ark.

Mrs. Richard Butler, Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. Walter N. Thain, Midwest City, Okla.

Mrs. Joyce W. Lewis, Murchison, Texas

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Mrs. S. D. Bjorkman, San Antonio, Texas

(Mrs. Bjorkman, a longtime member of A.D.S. from Raleigh, N.C.; originally from Dallas, Texas) Welcome home, Lucia!

Daffodils in the Four Seasons  
Bertie Ferris

The southwest region seasons of 1980 have not been the best for flowers weatherwise. In fact, I feel that you will agree with me, as we struggled to keep green in our landscape, that winter, spring and summer have been a calamity. You will agree, too, that the seasons have a calendar all their own.

Command as we may, there is no circumventing the rhythm of life and death and rebirth. At their own pace the seasons go as nature gowns herself for each season.

Winter 1979 was typical, arriving in mid-December, withering the landscape and wielding a thick brush of dismal brown over the green of late autumn.

Surprise! Surprise! A false spring brought color of life, hues of renewal in early January. The temperature hovered near the 90 degree mark daily. Daffodils peeped out. No human meddling can keep them down. Daffodils are the trumpets of springtime. Winter's furry can break them, and did, in early February of 1980.

Reluctantly, we bided our time and in fantasy we envisioned a kinder March to bring some late lovestars to the garden. Gentle rain and soft sun did bring a myriad of colors to dazzle us.

Mid-March the return of sudden winter made icicles of the daffodils in the valleys. Sheltered places and windy hills still promised beauty. In late March and early April Mother Nature presented a delightful spring. The princely daffodil nodded, swaggered and strutted magnificently across the landscape as if to a coronation.

As winter and spring ripped back and forth, we saw humble things to love and cherish, such as old daffodils in humble gardens keeping company with herbs, pansies, violets and tulips. Even around foundations of old houses long ago destroyed they go on blooming. Along the highways they can be seen hobnobbing with johnson grass and wild flowers. In many areas they bloomed well into May.

Summer arrived in early June taking away daffodil foliage. The bulbs had gone to sleep before the sizzling days of July and August. Hopefully, they do not receive too much moisture as we struggled to keep color in the landscape.

In the early mornings of September a touch of autumn can be felt and the laziness of summer passes as we approach October's indian summer. We welcome long joyous days that enable us to replant old varieties and to plant new bulbs.

Four seasons come to an end.

Our benediction is: Grant that the daffodil will be eternal and let it carry tidings of the new season of 1981 anywhere and everywhere.

The Texas Daffodil Society Show  
March 21, 1980  
Chairman: Mrs. C.R. Bivin (Myra)

Dust bowl dry indian summer of 1979 was followed by the worst winter in years and the earliest spring in decades. As winter, spring and summer ripped back and forth, the daffodils strived to accommodate themselves.

It was depressing! As our show date approached, it did not look promising for daffodils. It was thought best not to plan a regional show as the daffodil count could be low. Hopefully, the count could be sufficient for a state show.

As odd as it might seem, in view of adverse weather through January, February and early March, the show did go on. Five hundred and three daffodils decked the halls of the Dallas Woman's Club. Three hundred and thirteen exhibits were judged by A.D.S. senior and junior judges from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Ohio and Texas.

The following members winning A.D.S. awards were:

Mrs. Jesse Cox - "Greenlet" - Gold Ribbon  
Mrs. John Warmerdam - "Sun Disc" - Miniature - Gold Ribbon  
Mrs. H. R. Hensel - "Jet Fire" - White Ribbon  
Bobby Beasley - "Tresamble" - Junior Award  
Mrs. C.R. Bivin - 15 Blue Ribbons - Silver Ribbon  
Mrs. C.R. Bivin - Jonquil Exhibit - Purple Ribbon  
Berrie Kridler - Seedling 0516072 - Rose Ribbon

Many members won blue, red, yellow and honorable mention awards. We were surprised and pleased with the quality and quantity of daffodils exhibited. The three hundred and seventy five attending the show loved the "Poetices" and "Tazettas". Why not--for they were dazzling. Other dazzlers were "Tete-atete", "Tannhouser", "Blushing Beauty", "Delegate", "New Song", and "Dipper".

For the 1981 season plant, water, protect and hope that maybe-- just maybe--it will be an ideal one for daffodils.

Laura Lee Cox Reporting  
Arkansas Activities

The Arkansas Daffodil Society voted at its 1979 fall meeting not to have a home show as they wished to direct all efforts to support the A.D.S. National Daffodil Show in Memphis. The members were urged to take flowers to exhibit and to display. We all did just that to the delight of all.

Those going all out in participating were: Shirley Anders, Joe Bentley, Catherine Boozman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Butler, Laura Lee Cox, Dunny Crafton, Esther Dawson, Frances Goodenough, Fanita Harris, Hattie Horton, Dorothy Pouncey, Elizabeth Sloan, Vic and Isabel Watts.

We were especially pleased with the number of entries and pleased again with the winnings of blue, red and yellow awards. Thanks from your region. You did us proud.

Trips made by Laura Lee

It was my pleasure to be a part of the teaching staff for the Texas Society members who took School Three to become daffodil judges. Betty Barnes, a former member of our region, was the other member of the teaching staff. On March 21st. we judged in their beautiful show at the Dallas Woman's Club. The school was taught on March 22nd.

Following the National Convention in Memphis on March 28th. and 29th. I accompanied Bertie Ferris, Charlyne Owen and Betty Barnes to Atlanta Georgia to judge in the Atlanta Daffodil Show. It was a week of joy all the way as we were wooed by nodding daffodils through Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. We were fascinated by the quantity and quality of the daffodils exhibited.

Returning to Mississippi was a joy as the daffodils were nodding still.

On May 9th and 10th Bertie Ferris and Charlyne Owen accompanied me to Minneapolis, Minn. to teach School One and to judge in their daffodil show.

Highlights of the trip were seeing hundreds of May daffodils in northern Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota, both going and returning. Also seeing again Minnesota's Landscape Arboretum. The grounds were like a flower town of many daffodils, apple blossoms, lilacs, all in heavenly colors. We enjoyed the beautiful festivities and the fellowship. Another pleasure was in teaching with Peggy MacNeale of Ohio and in visiting with Libby Frey of Indiana.

We were fortunate to be able to see an early iris show staged on the same day as the daffodil show. It was a beautiful experience, and the enthusiasm of their youthful members made the trip a memorable one.

Test Gardens Arkansas

Mrs. Victor M. Watts, Isabel, is excited about the test garden in Fayetteville, as she and Victor make ready the garden to receive over three hundred new varieties of daffodils.

Murray Evans' generosity has made it possible for many new varieties of daffodils to be seen in the garden next spring.

Isabel finds the interest and cooperation of Arkansas members rewarding. She envisions continued growth of the garden as members continue to participate and to share in their beauty for a common benefit. She encourages all members to bring their surplus bulbs to

swap at the Fayetteville Daffodil Society fall meeting. It's going to be fun! So come!

#### Mrs. H. R. Hensel--Oklahoma

We are fortunate to have Mrs. H. R. Hensel (Vera) of Norman, Oklahoma, as a member of the Southwest Region. Vera takes advantage of every opportunity to exhibit in A.D.S. shows be they local, state, regional or national.

At daffodil time this past season Vera took over a hundred exhibit's to the Oklahoma Council of State Garden Clubs. One show was held in Norman and the other one was held in Oklahoma City. These daffodils were crowned Queen of the Shows. How great were the awards: A trophy for the best daffodil, sweepstake rosettes in both shows, thirty-six blue ribbons in Norman and thirty-five in Oklahoma City, a proud total of seventy-one ribbons. Also she received a number of red and yellow ribbons. There is more---- an award of merit and a trophy for the Award of Excellence for most points in the Horticultural Division. That is not all! She took part in the educational booth by giving points on selecting and grooming daffodils for show. Well done! A salute to you, Vera.

#### Tributes

A vote of thanks to Betty Barnes, A.D.S. committee chairman of judges, for pushing daffodils on the national level in the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

The region will be pleased to hear that Charlyne Owen, Virginia Weaver and Maurine Kerr will be presenting daffodils at the Texas Symposium in Dallas, Texas.

The Texas Daffodil Society is delighted to have Burrie Kridler as a new member of our society and region. He gives beautiful film programs of daffodils in the landscape.

#### Coming Attractions Fall Meeting

The Arkansas Daffodil Society will hold their fall meeting in Hot Springs on September 18th. The meeting will be in a private room during the luncheon hour of the conference.

We are indebted to Mabel Ketcheside of Conway for taking care of our 1980 bulb order. She took all orders and ordered all bulbs from Mitsch. The order is the following: 2W-WPP Pink Perfume, 6 YY Goldette, 2 YY King Bird, 2 WY Pure Joy, 6 W-W-YY Greenlet, 7 New Day. Mabel will distribute the bulbs at the meeting. I hope to see all of you in Hot Springs.

#### Regional Show

The Southwest Regional Daffodil show will be in Dallas, Texas March 19th and 20th, 1980, at the Dallas Garden Center.

Bertie Ferris will present daffodils to the Dallas Council of Garden Clubs at the Dallas Garden Center, September 29th.

### Fall Board Meeting

The A.D.S. fall board meeting will be at the Sheraton Hotel West, Indianapolis, Indiana on the 26th. and 27th. of September, 1980.

The regional vice-president and three directors and one director-at-large will attend the meeting from the Southwest Region.

For liberties taken and for mistakes made please grant Bertie pardon.

Before the daffodils come in the new season we will celebrate the Holy Season. My Christmas wish for you is that you share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men, and that peace may reign on earth and that there be good will among men.

Bertie Ferris