

NCDS SUMMER NEWSLETTER, 1984

Fall Bulb Auction-Raffle-Party

Because several of our members will be attending the New Zealand convention, our fall meeting will be held somewhat later than usual this year. Please mark your calendar now for Sunday, October 14, at Jerry and Nancy Wilson's house in Berkeley. (Directions to the Wilson domicile are included at the end of the newsletter.) The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. We will probably start with some quick raffle drawings and then alternate auctioning and raffle drawings until all the bulbs are gone. For a nominal contribution to NCDS you can obtain raffle tickets and be assured of getting some new bulbs. Last year there were twenty bulbs in the raffle with a catalog value of \$10-20.

This year Bob Spotts has ordered auction bulbs from Roese, Evans, Mitsch, and Wilson (miniatures). Here is a chance to get outstanding cultivars not readily available elsewhere and to get them at bargain prices. In addition our own members often share some of their best.

Please bring all the bulbs you can spare. Put each bulb in a separate plastic bag or sack and affix its name and classification (e.g., ORMEAU, 2Y-Y). The more bulbs you bring, the better. Remember, too, that there are always some new members who will appreciate bulbs of even your older show and garden cultivars.

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At the conclusion of the raffle-auction, there will be a potluck dinner. (Last year's was a standout!) When you are sure you are going to attend, call Nancy Wilson at 524-5713 and arrange together what you will bring. Nancy will be back from New Zealand on October 3, so please call after that, preferably after 6 p.m. Plates, utensils, and beverages will be provided. If you decide to come at the last minute, without time to call, then bring a dessert. If the Wilsons get back their slides in time, we will also have a presentation on the New Zealand convention and tours.

1985 NCDS Spring Show, March 16-17

By joining the Heather Farm Garden Association and paying a small registration fee, NCDS has in effect obtained two days' free use of the new Heather Farm Garden Center in Walnut Creek. The Center has been designed especially for displaying flowers, utilizing natural light but also having some unusual lighting for dark or overcast days. Parking is ample and adjacent to the Center. The building is located on a slope overlooking a park and a lake. Just across the street is a lovely view restaurant called The Greenery, which should be ideal for convenient luncheons on the days of our show.

The Heather Farm Garden Center Association, Inc., has some thirty or so affiliated garden groups and will give us generous publicity for our show. There has never been a daffodil show in Contra Costa County and we are thus assured of a tremendous turnout of the garden-minded. It should be a banner year for NCDS, weather and garden conditions permitting.

In our first years as a society the annual banquet was held in private homes, and many of our members recall those occasions with pleasure. Because the Heather Farm Garden Center is so close to my home, I have volunteered to hold the banquet this year. There will be a cost-only assessment for food and beverage, but I will donate the cook and at least one waitress. We may have to eat in relays but in the past that has always been part of the fun, allowing those who wish to do so to have a longer cocktail hour.

NOTE TO NCDS BOARD MEMBERS: Our fall meeting will be at 2 p.m., before the auction.

We are by no means abandoning the Marin Art and Garden Center in Ross, and in fact hope to return there in a year or two. We were founded as a Northern California society and we feel we should from time to time exhibit in a new area to keep the membership vital and expanding.

Obituary

The daffodil world lost two of its leading hybridizers this year with the deaths of Phil Phillips (New Zealand) and John Lea (England). California members are saddened by the passing of Mrs. Ken Dorwin, after a long illness. Frances often accompanied Ken on trips to various daffodil shows and will be remembered as a vibrant personality and a gracious hostess.

Other Calendar Dates

March 9-10 Early show of the SCDS; Sherman Gardens, 2647 East Coast Highway, Corona del Mar; Mrs. Gene Camerson, Show Chairman, (714) 998-2666

March 23-24 REGIONAL SHOW sponsored by the Fortuna Garden Society; Monday Afternoon Club, Fortuna

March 23-24 Annual show of the SCDS; Descanso Gardens, La Canada

We have just learned that Mary Lou Gripshover, editor of the ADS Journal, is moving to Palo Alto and bringing with her a very extensive daffodil collection. If she gets her bulbs planted in time and approves, we will set a date for touring her planting. Otherwise, we will tour Melrose Gardens, where Sid DuBose always has some amazing new seedlings.

A Report on the 1984 ADS Convention and Show, by Bob Spotts

At least fifteen NCDS members journeyed to the ADS Convention and Show in Portland, April 5-7. Marilyn Howe, one of our members (from Culver City) was Convention Chairman. She put on a terrific event. Congratulations to her!

Highlights were the bus trips to see Murray Evans' plantings (you must see the vividness of the colors in his seedlings to believe it); to the Havenses' fields (where their hospitality and beautiful flowers and the opportunity to talk with Grant Mitsch made the day's rainy weather seem trivial; and to Mt. Angel Abbey for a delicious lunch (followed by a slippery walk down the hill to the incredible garden of Father Athanasius).

Father A grows daffodils that are half again as large as those of his competitors. He took many honors at the show. His PURBECK (3W-YYO) won the Gold Ribbon for Best-in-Show. Among his numerous other wins was the prestigious Carey Quinn Gold Medal for a collection of 25 different varieties. NCDS members did well, too. With APRIL TEARS, Nancy Wilson won both the Miniature Gold Ribbon and the Miniature White Ribbon. Sid DuBose added to his national renown as a hybridizer by winning the Rose Ribbon (Best Seedling) with his G-23-74 (DAYDREAM X CAMELOT). Bob Spotts won the Mathew Fowlds Award (Best Cyclamineus Hybrid) with JENNY (6W-W), the Olive Lee Trophy (Best Daffodil in Divisions 5, 6, and 7) with JUNGLE BELLS (5W-Y), the Red-White-Blue Ribbon (Best Collection of Five Different American Daffodils), and the Lavender Ribbon (Best Collection of Five Different Miniatures). Would you believe that too good is bad? Nancy Wilson lost the Roberta Watrous Gold Medal for her collection of 12 different miniatures because a judge noticed that one especially lovely flower in the group had eight--not six-- petals.

Jack Romine, President, NCDS

DIRECTIONS TO THE WILSONS': If you are driving north on I-80, take the Albany exit onto BUCHANAN STREET. If you are going south on I-80, take the Albany exit and turn left onto the frontage road. Continue several blocks on the frontage road; it bends left and merges into BUCHANAN STREET. Follow BUCHANAN east; when it crosses San Pablo Avenue, it changes name to MARIN. Stay on MARIN as it heads into the hills. When you come to the traffic circle, make sure you stay on MARIN as it continues up the hill halfway around the circle. At SPRUCE STREET turn left and follow Spruce to the stop sign (opposite Hamilton Real Estate Office) at the junction with Grizzly Peak Blvd. Go directly across the intersection onto WILDCAT CANYON. After half a block, take the righthand fork onto WOODMONT. Drive past Vistamont and Woodmont Court. The Wilsons' is the second house before the next cross street. A big sign on the right says 571.

JUDGING SCHOOL

Course II of the ADS judging school will be held at Sherman Foundation Gardens in Corona del Mar on Sunday, March 10, 1985, at 9:30 a.m. The course will last all day so bring a bag lunch (or you can purchase lunch from a snack bar). Course I students please note the change of date and location. You do not have to take the judging courses in order; new students are welcomed.

- Topics to be covered in Course II are (1) cultural practices such as soil preparation, proper planting, plant requirements, fertilization (2) daffodil pests and diseases and their treatment (3) judge's ethics: acceptance of an invitation to judge, comprehension of schedule, duties of the judge, fairness to exhibitor, cooperation with other judges (4) point-scoring of specimen blooms, with emphasis on placement; judging and point-scoring of miniatures

Required Reading: Handbook for Growing, Exhibiting and Judging Daffodils, Chapters 2, 7, and 9. A copy of the handbook may be obtained from the Executive Director for \$3.50. Write to Miss Leslie E. Anderson, Route 3, 2302 Byhalia Road, Hernando, MS 38632.

NOTE. Accredited judges may audit Course II to meet their Judge's Refresher Requirement.

APPLICATION FOR ADS JUDGING SCHOOL, COURSE II Sherman Foundation Gardens, March 10, 1985

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE () _____ FEE: Students 5.00 Refresher 2.50 (A.J. only)

Make your check payable to the Southern California Daffodil Society and mail it to

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PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 1, 1985