

January 31, 1984

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DAFFODIL SOCIETY
WINTER NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Our new season is beginning! My early tazzettas are blooming. The beautiful early pink MY WORD opened yesterday. The miniature trumpet WEE BEE opened last week. Several other daffodils are not far behind. Are we to have an early year? That certainly would be fortuitous.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

Remember that our Show is fairly early this year - March 10-11 - at the Marin Art & Garden Center in Ross. Show hours are 1-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday. As last year, we will feature competition in floral arrangements for novices, veterans, and professionals. Daffodils will be provided, but what else is needed must be brought by the arranger. Call Betty Allison at 479-3346 for more information.

Those of you who came to our September bulb exchange took home many prime show varieties. Let's see you display their blooms in our Show! If you've never entered a show before, here's some easy directions. Watch out for snails and slugs; put plenty of bait around your plants. Cut your blooms just when you think they are approaching their prime. Keep them in a vase in your refrigerator (put in a water-soaked cloth to raise the humidity). Nip the bottom off the stalks every few days. The blooms will keep a week easily. Keep track of their names. Bring them to the Show between 7 and 10 am on Saturday; NCDS veterans there will help you stage your exhibits. Almost all of the varieties from our exchange have been proven as show winners. Your entries will help us upgrade the quality of our show; will increase the enjoyment of those who come to see a wide range of flowers; and might provide you the trophy for "best-in-show". For more information on entering your blooms, call Jack Romine at 939-7744.

NCDS BANQUET AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our annual banquet for members and friends will be held on the evening of "Show Saturday", March 10. As our feature, Sid DuBose will talk about pink daffodils and show slides of some of the new ones he has created.

Place: Velvet Turtle (just off 101, directions at the Show)
4020 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA

Time: No-host bar, 6:30 pm
Dinner, 7:15 pm

Menu: Roast Sirloin of Beef
Chicken Divan
Price of \$13.50 includes tax and tip; wine will be provided by NCDS.

Please mail your check (payable to NCDS) and choice of entree to:

Mrs. Miriam Elvart (415) 479-8632
27 Mt. Foraker Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903 (we must confirm a minimum no. by Mar.2)

VERY SAD NEWS

We were saddened to learn of the death of Betty Craig in December at her home in Reno. Betty was active in NCDS since its inception and was our Historian. She also served as Regional Director of the American Daffodil Society for several years. She will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her mother, Pat Humphrey.

MARIN ACCOMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR SHOW ATTENDEES

For those of you who want to stay overnight nearby during the Spring Daffodil Show, there are:

TRAVELODGE, Mill Valley (415) 383-0340	\$41 single	\$46 double
COLONIAL MOTEL, San Rafael (415) 453-9188	\$30 single	\$32 double
BEST WESTERN, Corte Madera (415) 924-1502	\$56 single	\$59 double

KUDOS

Sincere thanks go to Sid DuBose and Ben Hager of Melrose Gardens; Bill and Rosemary Roese; Nancy Wilson; Bonnie Bowers; Bill Welch; Jack Romine; and Elise Havens of Grant Mitsch Daffodils for their generous supplying of bulbs for our September Raffle and Auction.

FALL RAFFLE AND BULB AUCTION

The 1983 Raffle and Auction was an unqualified success - just ask anybody who was there! Bulbs provided by those mentioned above were augmented by more brought by the rest of us who came. Everyone got a dozen choice, hard-to-find prizes thru the raffle. And many bought rare items at bargain prices in the auction. Jack Romine was the enthusiastic auctioneer. The activities were capped by a potluck dinner. As hosts, Nancy and Jerry Wilson set a standard that will be hard to match.

The Fall Raffle & Auction, held each year in September, is our second major event (the Show is the first). We certainly hope that you will come this year; we know that you would enjoy it.

GARDEN TOUR

On Sunday, March 4 Gerald Clear of Sausalito is opening his splendid garden to NCDS members and their friends. His grounds feature daffodils in naturalized settings. There is plenty of parking. We'll meet there at 2:00 pm. Mr. Clear's home is on the hill above the town. The address is 31 George Lane. For directions, call Jack Romine at 939-7744. If it's raining hard that day, the tour will be off.

NCDS DUES

1984 dues are "due". Send your check, payable to NCDS, to:

Miriam Elvart
27 Mt. Foraker Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Single membership is \$3.00; family membership is \$5.00. For SCDS or Fortuna Garden Club members, single membership is \$2.00 and family membership is \$3.00.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 3-4 Southern California Daffodil Society Early Show
Sherman Gardens, Corona Del Mar
- MARCH 4 NCDS visit to the garden of Gerald Clear (2:00)
Sausalito, CA
- MARCH 10-11 16th Annual Northern California Daffodil Society Spring Show
Marin Art & Garden Center, Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross
- MARCH 10 NCDS Banquet and Membership Meeting
Velvet Turtle, San Rafael
- MARCH 17-18 Pacific Regional Daffodil Show, SCDS
Descanso Gardens, La Canada
- MARCH 17-18 Fortuna Garden Club Daffodil and Flower Show
Monday Club, Fortuna
- APRIL 5-8 American Daffodil Society National Convention and Show
Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland, OR

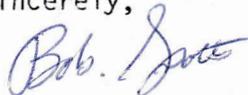
NATIONAL SHOW AND CONVENTION
AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY

The ADS National Convention and Daffodil Show will be held in Portland, OR on April 5-8. Convention headquarters will be at the Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center. This should be at the peak of the blooming season there. Tours will take attendees to see the plantings of Grant Mitsch and Murray Evans, as well as the daffodil garden of Father Athanasius. Renowned hybridizers from England, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, and the USA will discuss aspects of raising, showing, and hybridizing daffodils. The National Show is open to all who want to exhibit. It will be near the end of our season, but blooms from late varieties carefully kept and transported will reward you with prestige and ribbons. Marilyn Howe of Culver City (a member of NCDS) is Convention Chairman. For more information on ADS Convention activities, call Marilyn at (213) 827-3229.

BUSINESS ITEM

Our Society holds two major events each year: the Spring Show and the Fall Raffle & Auction Party. For many years, both were held in the East Bay. For the past several years, we've held the Spring Show in Marin and the Raffle & Auction in East Bay or Diablo Valley. It has been suggested that we reverse the locations of these two events each year: alternating the Show in Marin and the Raffle & Auction in East Bay/Diablo Valley with the Show in East Bay/Diablo Valley and the Fall Party in Marin. The Marin Art & Garden Center is such a nice facility for our Show, the alternate plan would have to be contingent upon finding a good Show location in the East Bay/Diablo Valley (Heather Farms in Walnut Creek might do). This is very important to the future of NCDS; I'd like to hear your views at the Membership Meeting.

Sincerely,



Bob Spotts, NCDS President