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LOOKING AHEAD by your Regional V. P.

Many people enjoyed the new exhibition planting on the Campus of Hendrix College this spring.

More daffodils will be planted this fall in a special bed on the grounds of the State Capital.

A special exhibition bed will be planted at the entrance to the Mid-American Museum Grounds, in Hot Springs. It will flank special beds of iris and daylilies sponsored by their societies.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dunn of Heber Springs will continue to take care of the extra bulbs that were dug at Fayetteville this past fall and will replace any needed at Hendrix and make donations to other exhibition plantings.

In 1986 Arkansas will be celebrating it's one hundred and fiftieth birthday and the entire state is busy planning special events for this occasion. Of special interest to us is the Great State Flower Show, which will be held at the Convention Auditorium on March 15th and 16th in Little Rock. We, the Arkansas Daffodil Society have been asked to have a large exhibit in the Horticulture Division.

In lieu of a state Daffodil Show next spring, the Arkansas Society voted to assist the various garden clubs with their show, concentrating on the Daffodil section of the show.

The Arkansas Daffodil Society will have its fall Board meeting in Little Rock, September 28th at the Bonanza on University Avenue at 12 noon. Bulbs will be exchanged and sold. All members are asked to bring extra bulbs for the State Capital Planting and for the exhibition bed at the Mid-America Museum in Hot Springs.

LOOKING AHEAD -continued The Arkansas Society has offered its assistance to Memphis Tenn., in any way they would like to use us for the convention.

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The Southwestern Region has a total membership of 110 as of the first of the year. The Region includes Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Arkansas had 51 members, 16 accredited judges and 3 students plus 5 Life members. Oklahoma has 11 members. New Mexico has 5 members. Texas has 43 members, 11 accredited judges and 10 Life members.

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ALL ABOUT TEXAS

Mrs. W. D. Owen, Librarian, reports their TEXAS Society is busy getting ready for their fall meeting, the last Thursday in October.

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The Texas bulb order has been sent in and the members are looking forward to many new bulbs for fall planting.

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Mrs. Owens suggested that anyone having back copies of the A. D. S. or the Royal Horticulture Society bulletins please contact her or the Executive Director Miss Leslie Anderson so they can be offered for sale to newer members.

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Bertie Ferris, our Regional Director-at-large, has been busy this summer with her many new seedlings of daylilies and her work as chairman of the Dallas Garden Center.

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Barrie Kridler, one of our Directors has been overworked trying to move his entire nursery and all of his daffodil plantings to a new location.

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Our photographer, Mrs. Kelly Shyroc is always busy bringing her slide collections up to date and getting them ready for use by all clubs needing them this fall and winter for programs. Please contact her ahead of time, if you need one of her collections for your early programs.

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. Those attending the National Convention in King of Prussia, Pa. this spring were:

Arkansas: Mrs. Volter Anders, Mrs. Thomas Bentley, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Butler, Mrs. William Crafton, Mrs. Jesse Cox, Mrs. J. C. Dawson, Mrs. Thomas Dunn, Mrs. K. C. Ketcheside and Mrs. Bert Pouncey, Jr.

Texas: Mrs. Royal Ferris, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James K. Kerr, Mr. Barrie Kridler, Mr. Barry Nichols, Mrs. W. B. Owen and Mrs. Kelly Shryoc.

HINTS--HINTS and more HINTS by Shirley Anders.

As ADS members we need to exchange hints more often -- especially with new members. They often have ideas we could all profit by.

To share in such a hint program the new members need to get involved, which leads me to my first hint. It is PEOPLE. One of the best ways to know other people is by attending your ADS national conventions and your ADS state meetings. It may be hard for new members to realize but after several years we go to conventions as much to see people as to hear about or see the daffodils.

Sometimes though we can't attend conventions. Then, join a round robin. Even if you do not ordinarily like writing letters, the advantages are great. (Usually the robin will fly by only once or twice a year). By round robin we mean a group of people, generally about 10 or 12, who each write a letter when the robin comes to their address. The first person on the list writes a letter to all members of the robin usually a paragraph or two to each member and then mails the robin on to the second person on the list. The second person writes a letter and sends both letters on to the third member on the list....etc. If you are last on the list of say 10 members you will have received 9 letters plus your first letter. Take out your first letter and write a new letter and send the robin on to the next person on the list, together with the other nine letters.

At conventions we do learn and see lots of daffodils. I remember the 1984 convention in Oregon. It was raining a fine mist and the wind was blowing. Here I was walking from end to end down a long row writing down the names of the new cultivars or varieties. I was prepared, though, with umbrella, raincoat and galoshes. Walking in the mud with galoshes gets one awfully tired particularly if one is trying to write down names and hold an umbrella at the same time. It was murder. Could you understand that it was all fun though and many daffodils were added to my want list.

First off there was OUTLOOK, a white trumpet w/ baby pink; then PARK LANE, white w/ pink long trumpet; HOMESTEAD, white with straight slim trumpet; FREE SPIRIT, white w/ green center; ODYSSEY, white double (the new doubles are really something -- if you like doubles -- I rarely plant them); URBANE, white with an unusually colored cup; SERAPE, a yellow w/ a deeper yellow cup which has a red wire rim; ELIXER; PAINTED DESERT; YELLOW FESTIVITY and IRRESISTIBLE, 2y-p, however, I call it a yellow w/ a wide band of intense pink around the rim of the cup. This was my favorite.

These cultivars only head my list. If anyone would like the complete list I will be glad to send it to you. Also my list of the ones I liked which were exhibited in the National ADS Show at King of Prussia, Pa. I will also include the ones I like at the Growers Exhibits.

My next hint is names. New members should try to learn the names of their daffodils from the very start. A world of information can be yours if you do this. Now why don't you send Laura Lee some of your "hints" as we would like to share.

MY FAVORITE TEN DAFFODILS.

Dorothy Pouncey: Festivity, Prologue, Euphony, Ceylon, Arctic Gold, Silver Chimes, Jet Fire, Broomhill, Quail and Xit.

Mrs. W. B. Mayer: Aurum, Ivy League, Irish Coffee, Rival, Ace, Charter, Phantom, Tahiti Surfside and Dovekie.

Hattie Horton: Inca Gold, Prologue, Cantatrice, Dove Wings, Sweetness, Classic, Cool Flame, Trousseau, Chiloquin and Panache.

Joe Bentley: Seafoam, Rockall, Quail, Jetfire, Segovia, Heidi, Akepa, Tahiti, Lock Hope and Canisp.

MY FAVORITE TEN DAFFODILS (con'td)

Mabel Ketcheside: Prologue, Festivity, Silver Chimes, Imprint, Resplendent, Tahiti, Rose Royale, Purbeck, Farewell and Statue.

Esther Dawson: Abelone, Accent, Cantatrice, Chilouquin, Content, Festivity, Kilworth, Milestone, Pasteline and Mite

Willard King: Peridot, Ice Follies, Rockall, Cul Beag, Golden Vale, Loch Hope, Las Vegas, Daydream, Lilac Delight, Panache.

TEXAS SHOW REPORT. Reported Mrs. Charles Tom Semos, Chairman.

This is a regional show, according to Mrs. Donald E. Sable, President, and approved by the American Daffodil Society and sponsored by our Texas Daffodil Society.

Vital statistics: 329 entries and 651 blooms.

ADS Gold Ribbon: Best Standard, Borrobol 2 w-r, Rodney L. Armstrong

White Ribbon: Best vase of 3 standard, Loch Stac 2 y-r, Robert L. Armstrong.

Silver Ribbon: Sweepstakes, 20 blues, Mrs. C. R. Bivin.

Purple Ribbon: Best Division Collection of 5 standards, Division 2
Flamboyant, Vulcan, Chemawa, Capitol Hill, Rameses, Robert L. Armstrong.

Red, White & Blue: Descanso, Cordial, Coral Light, Autumn Gold, Eclat, Mrs. Kelly Shyrook.

Miniature Gold: Best Miniature, Mite, 6 y-y, Mrs. J. C. Dawson.

Lavender: Best Collection of 4 miniatures, n. jonquilla, Wee Bee, Minnow, Baby Moon, n. minor (minimus) Mrs. C. R. Bivin.

Texas Daffodil Society Rosette, Tete-a-Tete, Barry Dridler.

ARKANSAS 1985 BULB ORDER.

At Dawning 1 W-P	Eland 7 W-W	Imprint 2 W-YY
Beauty Tip 2 W-W	First Formal 3 W-YWP	Painted Desert 3Y-GYO
Broomhill 2 W-W	Flaming Meteor 2 Y-R	Pay Day 1 Y-WW
Champagne Magnum 2W-GYY	Flight 2W-GWW	Pink Valley 2 W-P
Durango 6 W-W	Golden Aura 2 Y-Y	Tonga 4 Y-R
Eclat 2 W-YPP	Ivy League 1 W-Y	Tonic 9 W-CYR

Several Collections from Mitsch were also listed.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Mrs. Bert C. Pouncey of Hughes, Ark. was installed as the 1985-86 president of the Arkansas Daffodil Society at the regular business meeting on March 23, succeeding Mrs. J. C. Dawson of Conway, Ark.

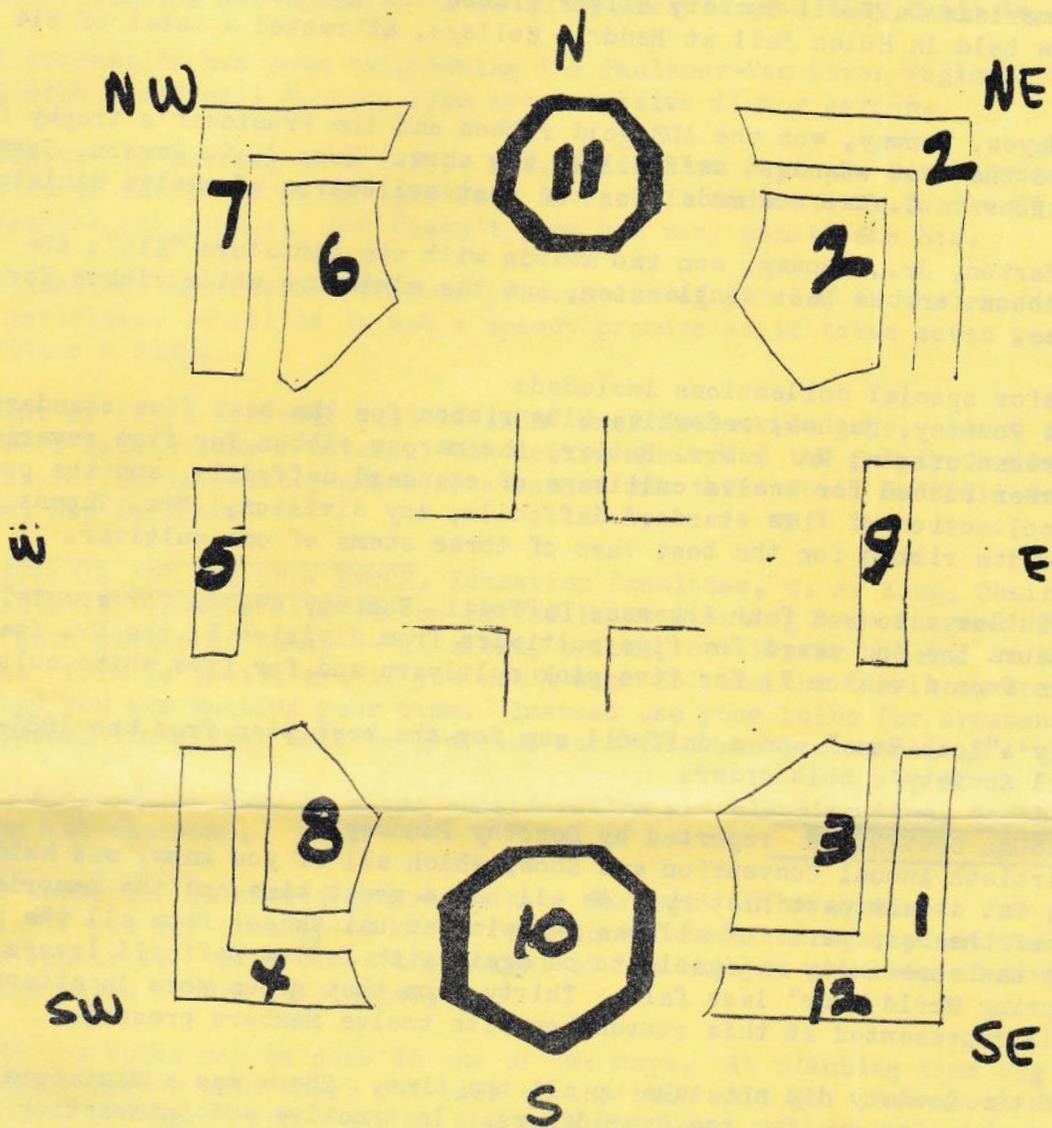
Other new officers included: Mr. Willard King, Hot Springs, vice president; Miss Hazel Lasley, Conway, secretary and Mrs. Thomas Bentley, Hughes, treasurer.

"Dedicated and Outstanding Service" awards were presented to Mrs. W. H. Crafton, Conway; Mrs. Laura Lee Cox, Hot Springs and Mrs. Betty Barnes, Biloxi, Miss., for their efforts in the state Society.

Mrs. J. C. Dawson received a plaque honoring her service as president, 1983-84.

The society expressed its appreciation to Dr. Thomas Clark, his students and Hendrix College for efforts in relocating the Daffodil Display Garden from Fayetteville to Hendrix. Dr. Clark provided copies of the planting diagram of the new garden on the Hendrix campus, and emphasized that the garden is open to the public all year. See diagram on the next page.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dunn, Heber Springs, received special recognition for their efforts in preserving the surplus bulbs received from Fayetteville.



WATTS COLLECTION
 HENDRIX COLLEGE
 DAFFODIL CULTIVARS ARE LOCATED IN
 GROUPS ACCORDING TO NUMBER CLASSI-
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(Reproductions from field plats.
 Bulbs planted: January 1985)

- Compiled by Tom Clark - 3/20/85

STATE DAFFODIL SHOW ATTRACTS OVER 800 ENTRIES. Mrs. J. C. Dawson reporting.
Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Butler, Little Rock, took top honors at the 24th annual Arkansas Daffodil Society Show in Conway last spring, winning a total of 17 first place blue ribbons and the American Daffodil Society silver ribbon for the most first place winners. The show held in Hulen Hall at Hendrix College, attracted a total of 814 entries.

Mrs. W. B. Mayes, Conway, won the ADS gold ribbon and the President's trophy for "Ivy League" judged the best standard daffodil in the show. Mrs. J. C. Dawson, Conway, was awarded the Roberta C. Watrous medal for the best collection of twelve miniatures.

Mrs. D. O. Harton, Jr., Conway, won two awards with the miniature "Xit": the miniature gold ribbon for the best single stem, and the miniature white ribbon for the best vase of three.

Other awards for special collections included:

Mrs. Bert C. Pouncey, Hughes, red-white-blue ribbon for the best five standard daffodils of American origin; Mr. & Mrs. Butler, the maroon ribbon for five reverse bi-colors, the green ribbon for twelve cultivars of standard daffodils, and the purple ribbon for best collection of five standard daffodils, any division. Mrs. Thomas Bentley Hughes, won the white ribbon for the best vase of three stems of one cultivar.

Mr. & Mrs. Butler also won four Arkansas Daffodil Society awards for special collections: the Laura Lee Cox award for five cultivars from division 3; the Dr. Isabel award for five cultivars from division 7; for five pink cultivars and for five white cultivars.

Mrs. Bentley's "Loch Hope" won a daffodil cup for the best stem from the 1983-84 Arkansas Daffodil Society's bulb order.

ADS THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION reported by Dorothy Pouncey.

The ADS Thirtieth Annual Convention and Show, which all of you know, was held at King of Prussia, Pa. is now past history. We all had a great time and the memories linger on. One of the best parts of all was renewing acquaintances from all the past conventions. It was especially enjoyable to be again with fellow Daffodil lovers from our six week "Spring World Tour" last fall. Thirty from that group were in attendance. Arkansas was well represented at this convention with twelve members present.

Business of the Society did not take up all the time. There was a Miniature Daffodil Growers Breakfast and also one for the Hybridizers. Instructive and interesting talks were given by Dr. Theodore Snazelle on "Daffodil Diseases and Pests" and Dr. Martin Mathes on "Micropropagation of Daffodils" using tissue culture methods. Mrs. Hubert Bourne's talk on "Writing and Interpreting a Show Schedule" answered many questions. Sir Frank Harrison from Northern Island gave a most delightful talk.

Visits to Winterthur Museum and Longwood Gardens are a must when visiting in this area. The last day was spent with a bus tour to these two delightful gardens.

An invitation from the Hernando Mississippi Daffodil Society to come to Memphis for the 1986 convention was read by Miss Leslie Anderson. Mark April 3, 4 and 5 on your calender. I hope to see you there.

THE ARKANSAS DAFFODIL SOCIETY NOW HAS 90 MEMBERS.

"Waiter, what's this fly doing in my soup?
"I believe he is doing the brest stroke, sir.

LIBRARY BRIGHTENED WITH DAFFODIL DISPLAY. Tyler Treadway.

Just because libraries are supposed to be quiet doesn't mean they can't be bright.

Mabel Ketcheside has been brightening the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library throughout with a daffodil display from her extensive flower garden.

"Extensive" is putting it mildly. Mrs. Ketcheside says she has between 600 and 800 varieties of daffodils in her garden. In case it didn't sink in the first time, that's varieties not plants. She doesn't know how many plants she has.

Hybridization, the result of cross-pollination of plants, is the reason for the myriad of varieties. Still it is not a speedy process as it takes seven years for a seed to produce a bloom.

"I bought my first daffodil bulb in 1936" Mrs. Ketcheside says. Since then the yellow flowers have become a passion. An active member of the Conway Garden Club and the Arkansas Daffodil Society, she even attended the third World Daffodil Convention in Auckland, New Zealand.

GROWING DAFFODILS FOR THE SHOW BENCH. Education Committee, W. A. King, Chairman

The secret of growing blue ribbon daffodils is planting them in good friable soil mixed with plenty of humus -- no rocks, bricks, bottles or boards to impede root growth. This is basic, and if you don't want to take the time to prepare a good bulb bed you are wasting your time. Instead use your bulbs for ornamental garden purposes. In either case be generous with sand and peat moss.

Other things which must be given consideration are planting time, depth of planting, feeding and watering.

Flower shops and nurseries generally have daffodil bulbs available for sale in early fall. If you buy locally or order from out-of-town sources, plant them as soon as they are received. Three times the height of the bulb is the rule of thumb for the depth the bulbs should be planted.

Feeding the bulbs may be done in one of two ways. At planting time dig your hole two inches deeper than where the base of the bulb will go. Put about a table-spoonful of low nitrogen fertilizer in the hole and cover with an inch of good soil. A handful of peat moss goes in next and then the bulb. The reason for this is the fertilizer sometimes burns the bulb if it is touching the bulb. The second way of feeding is to put the fertilizer on top of the ground during the early winter months and after the bulbs have made good root growth. WARNING -- never use fresh manure as a fertilizer as it will rot your bulbs.

Plenty of moisture is a must if we run into a dry spell, so water your bed copiously, even in the dead of winter. This is not too important in this area as we seem to be blessed with adequate rainfall during the fall and winter months.

Daffodil bulbs multiply very rapidly, so to keep from having too many bulbs feeding on the fertilizer you give them, divide them every 3 years. This will give you larger show flowers of much quality. Store your surplus bulbs in a well ventilated area.

If your local weather report calls for a heavy rain after your flowers open place a miniature parasol over your choicest blooms to prevent damage. This may sound silly but that is what the English and Iris do when they compete with each other in the Royal Horticulture Society Daffodil Competition and the Engleheart Cup Group.

Good gardening.