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ENTERING YOUR FIRST SHOW

As with most rewarding ventures in life, the initial foray is difficult to undertake. For the person considering entering daffodils in a show, the first experience presents a lot of unknowns - and possible embarrassments. What makes a decent show flower (is that nice one growing in your garden good enough)? How and when do you cut it? How do you "groom" it? How do you enter it (who can figure out the mysteries of the show schedule - and where do you get that schedule)? What do the judges look for in awarding ribbons?

A lot of information can be obtained through the ADS publications - the Daffodil Journal; the Handbook for Growing, Exhibiting, and Judging Daffodils; and the Daffodils to Show and Grow. But much more will be learned first-hand when you take the plunge. You'll find that the ADS members will welcome you, and will guide you over those first hurdles. They are interested in new exhibitors, and all show veterans remember that they, too were once novices. Most important, they realize that to continue to hold shows in the future depends on drawing you into the folds of the exhibitors.

I urge all ADS members within reasonable distance of a Show to attend it, to tell others about it, and to exhibit in it. Let's draw in the public to see daffodils, and then give them a color spectacular.

HELP FOR BUDDING EXHIBITORS

The Southern California Daffodil Society has long realized the need to inform and encourage potential exhibitors. That group presents educational programs at its monthly meetings (the third Sunday afternoon in February and most other months) and actively promotes new entrants by offering a \$25 bulb order for the best daffodil entered in its Daffodil Show by a "novice." ADS members fortunate (?) enough to live near the Los Angeles Basin should get information on the SCDS from:

Nancy Cameron, President
Southern California Daffodil Society
410 S. Paseo Estrella
Anaheim Hills, CA 92807

The Northern California Daffodil Society also encourages its members to compete in ADS Shows. Their Spring Social (last Sunday afternoon in February) has the theme "let's enter the show" and has demonstrations by guest experts on the procedures and nuances of exhibiting. One of last year's guests was Handy Hatfield, who later swept the National Show at Columbus, Ohio. This year the NCDS intends to offer an arrangements demonstration as well. Over a potluck, NCDS members (and guests) can learn the full scoop on showing - and winning. The NCDS will offer show bulbs (ready to plant) to novice entrants at their show. These will be cultivars from "down-under" - and will bloom in the Summer. Persons interested in the NCDS should get information from:

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Northern California Daffodil Society
102 Picnic Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415) 453-5261

NORTHWEST DAFFODIL SOCIETY

ADS members in the Northwest who want to form a "local" daffodil group for social enjoyment and perhaps for sharing the tasks of show planning, contact:

Carol and Bill Hesse
37049 S.E. Loudon Road
Corbett, OR 97019

Perhaps those interested could arrange to meet informally at the Albany show.

Spring is not far away!



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