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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Indiana Daffodil Society Members,

As I started this note for the Newsletter it was a warm, early January day, and I noticed that the snowdrops were up and budded. Can spring be just a few weeks away? I find it almost as exciting to see the daffodil leaves peeping through the ground as to see bud and bloom. I aerate the mulch and as I stir it - not just yet, but soon.

Exciting too is the upcoming year for our IDS. Our board members asked that we have any early spring meeting and a program on showing daffodils. We hope you will all be with us on March 15th, 1989; we will be meeting once again at the Nora Library, 8625 Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, IN. We can gather our ideas for the year at that time, then have a short meeting to pay bills, etc. at our April Show. This will avoid the need for a lengthy meeting when we would all rather be greeting friends and seeing the daffodils and our ribbons (hopefully, blue ones).

I hope those of you who do not belong to the ADS will consider joining. The Journal alone is worth the \$20.00 per year membership. This years convention at Calloway Gardens in Georgia, with its National Show, workshops, and tours will be great fun, and as always a good learning experience.

If you have not paid your \$5.00 dues for the coming year, they may be sent to Helen Trueblood, R.R. 3, Box 87 A, Scottsburg, IN 47170 or brought to the March meeting.

We are so fortunate that Helen Link will be our Newsletter Editor (and printer, and mailer) again this year. The Newsletter is a fine addition to our other activities.

Expect that chronic "yellow fever" to strike you again soon, if it hasn't already. Happy Spring! I'll see you in March.

Caroline.

Mrs. Robert Brunner
President

IDS CALENDER FOR 1990

All meetings of the Indiana Daffodil Society will be held at the Nora Library, Guilford Avenue and East 86th St. Indianapolis, unless otherwise stated.

March 15th - This is a called meeting. There have been requests for a program on grooming daffodils for the show. A discussion of procedures used for grooming will be given by a panel composed of Douglas Clarke, Helen Link, Delores Moore, and Helen Trueblood. Don't miss this program; it may help you to win some of those blue ribbons at the show.

April 7 - Helen Trueblood will again hold the Daffodil Growers South and the Garden Club Show at her Leota Barn in southern Indiana near Scottsburg. Helen and her associates make this a day of fun, good hospitality, plenty of excellent food and a fine show. Bring your specimens and enjoy a very pleasant day among good friends. Our thanks go to Helen for providing us with a memorable day. Don't miss this experience; dress warmly.

April 19th - The Regional Daffodil Show, "Spring Fantasy" will be held at the Meridian Street Methodist Church, 5500 North Meridian St., Indianapolis. It is our turn to sponsor the Regional show. You all come, bring your flowers and a dish for the pitch-in luncheon, meat will be provided by The Society. Since this is a Regional Show we will have five (5) classes for designs which are needed to give Regional Trophies. If you are able to make a design, please contact Mrs. D. G. Zimmerman, 4231 Melbourne Rd. East, Indianapolis, IN 46260 - Tel. 317-291-5299. We need four designs in each of the five classes. Our show chairman this year is Mr. Russel Bruno, Box 500, Medaryville, IN 47957, Tel. 219-843-6821. For those who did not attend the October meeting, show schedules are being mailed with this letter. If you did not get a schedule, please contact Helen Link, Box 84, Brooklyn, IN 46111 Tel. 317-831-3283.

June 14th - The program will consist of slides on show winners, narrated by Shirley Bruno.

July 22nd - Plan to attend the bulb sale which will be held this year at the Art Museum greenhouse parking lot. Plan to dig bulbs which need dividing. Bring the extras which you do not want to plant back. Buy some new cultivars at reduced prices. This is a good way to expand your collection. Many excellent cultivars appear on the sale tables. The sale will be in conjunction with the Iris and Hosta Societies.

August 5th - Our second bulb sale at the Art Museum Greenhouse Parking lot in conjunction with the Daylily and Hosta Societies. It is through these sales that we are able to carry on our activities without raising the dues. Please attend and help staff the sale tables on show day even if you do not have any bulbs to share.

August 16th - Regular meeting and bulb exchange. Bring bulbs to share with your daffodil friends. The program will be on Planning for the 1991 ADS National Convention. Phyllis Vonnegut, Chairman, and her committees have been working on the plans and will need the help of the entire Society.

October 11th - Slide program on Divisions 5, 6, and 7 given by Wanda Dove.

MORE SHOW DATES

For those who wish to enter or attend shows in nearby areas here are show dates and names of chairman if you wish a schedule.

March 29-30, 1990, Pine Mountain Georgia, National Show, held in connection with ADS National convention, Calloway Gardens. Mrs. Jaydee Ager, Route 1, 115 Chris Drive, Hawkinsville, GA 31036. This will be an excellent show as well as a worthwhile convention. Even if you are not a member of the ADS now would be a good time to join and attend the activities. It is well worth your time.

April 14-15, 1990, Dayton, Ohio, Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society, Wegerzyn Horticultural Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Avenue. Mrs. Leone Low, 1450 President St., Yellow Springs, OH 45387

April 16-17, 1990, Chillicothe, OH. The Adena Daffodil Society at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Building 9, Recreation Hall. Mrs. Mary Rutledge, 704 Ashley Drive, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

April 21-22, 1990, Columbus, OH, State Show, Central Ohio Daffodil Society at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. Mrs. William Pardue 2591 Henthorne Rd., Columbus, OH 43221.

April 21-22, 1990, Mansfield, OH, Kingwood Daffodil Society, at the Exhibit Hall, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue West. Mr. Charles Applegate 3699 Pleasant Hill Rd., Perrysville, OH 44864.

April 25-26, 1990, Cleveland, OH. The Western Reserve Daffodil Society at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. Mr. Wells Knierim, 31090 Providence Road, Cleveland, OH 44124

April 28, 1990, Akron, OH. The Northwest Daffodil Society at the Rolling Acres Mall, Romig Road. Mrs. M. E. Hardesty, 4493 Newcomer Road, Stow, OH 44224.

April 28-29, 1990, Glencoe, IL. Midwest Daffodil Society at the Botanic Garden of the Chicago Horticultural Society, Lake Cook Road. Mr. Charles Wheatley, P.O. Box 150, Mingo, IN 46771.

May 5-6, 1990. Rockford, IL. Northern Illinois Daffodil Society and the Council of Rockford Gardeners at the Sinnissippi Gardens, Sea Scout Building, 1700 North 2nd St. Mr. Mike Lager, 7891 Wagon Wheel Lane, Rockford, IL 61109.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

On November 15th 1989 President Caroline Brunner called an Executive Committee Meeting which was held at her home.

Dates were set for events to be held in 1990. It was voted to have a called meeting on March 15th as there have been requests for instructions on grooming blooms for the show.

Programs were planned for the year 1990. The Board approved purchasing clear plastic class card holders which will be needed for the 1991 Convention Show.

It was decided to use stickers for awards this year and then go to ribbons for the Convention Show.

NOTES FROM OLDER DAFFODIL LITERATURE

In 1934 Martin Hopkinson LTD 23 Soho Square, London published a book, A Handbook of Narcissus written by E.A. Bowles. It is an interesting collection of information of work on the daffodil by earlier writers. The book was written for the use of the garden-loving public and covers some illustrations on the anatomy of the daffodil as well as the botanical relationship and geographical distribution of the species.

The book was written when division II was called incomparabilis, division III was called Barrii, and division IV was Leedsii. My daffodil experience dates back to those days when we talked about Leedsii and Barrii. When recalling the first daffodil show I ever entered as an exhibitor, I remember standing inside the front door of the Art Museum where the show was held with a couple dozen specimens in a coffee can. I didn't have the slightest idea what to do with them. Fortunately a little elderly lady came up to me and asked if she could help. She knew a Leedsii from a Barrii but to me they were all daffodils. She put them in the proper classes and I won several blue ribbons. Things have changed in those many years.

Our classification of daffodils today is much easier to understand and certainly more accurate. Bowles described the characteristics of the different groups along with giving the origin of many of the names. For instance, when discussing the jonquil group he tells about the origin of some of the species such as N. Watieri. He described it as the only white flowered species of the group, wrote it was named after M. Watier who discovered it on Mt. Yagour in the Great Atlas. He compared it to N. juncifolius in appearance and size, but stated it has only one bloom to the scape.

As time passes so do the botanical names. Bowles says that N. juncifolius was named by Requier in 1816. Now it is called requienii. Modern botanists apparently decided a change was needed.

Bowles discussed the cutting of daffodil blooms and said that flowers should be gathered before fully open. He suggested cutting when the bud is free from the spathe and the perianth is beginning to spring open. He named a few such as Suda and Helios which color well in the open. He advocated picking in early morning and late afternoon. At these times the stems are usually fresh and crisp and will snap easily. He advocated turning the cut stem upwards to keep the sap from running out which may check the development of the flowers. He suggested rinsing stems in water and then placing in a clean container with only the bottom three (3) inches of stem in the water. He clarified the statement with the idea that the stem was intended to live in air, not water. His idea for not using foliage was that leaves set up decay sooner than stems, thus hastening wilting of the flowers.

Bowles' Book is interesting and well worth reading. It may be purchased through the ADS Executive Director's office. It was reprinted in 1985.

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IDS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS FOR 1989

Mrs. Charles Ashley, 1005 Meadowview Drive, New Albany, IN 47150, rejoined
Mrs. Bernie Berry, 5315 Pleasant Run Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46219
Mrs. Robert Bottorff, 2421 Highway 62, Jeffersonville, IN 47130 rejoined
Rev. Francis Bryan, 3200 Coldspring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222
Mrs. Carolyn A. Harstad, 5952 Lieber Road, Indianapolis, IN 46208
Ms. Patti Koerber, 4850 Mooresville Road, Mooresville, IN 46241
Mrs. Daniel Overholser, 2219 East Spring St., New Albany, IN 47150
Ms. Wanda Sobota, 2517 River Park, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825
Ms. Dorothy Van Brunt, 5806 N. Rural St., Indianapolis, IN 46220

Three of our members passed away this past year, Mr. Millard Purcell,
Mr. Bernard Hobbs , and Mrs. Mary Tritt. Our sympathy goes out to
their families. We will miss their faithful attendance at our meetings.