



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DAFFODIL SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 1993 NEWSLETTER

Kirby Fong

END-OF-WINTER PARTY (Repeated from January 1993 Newsletter)

Once again NCDS will have an End-of-Winter party in anticipation of the next daffodil season. It will be Sunday, February 28 starting at 1:00 p.m. with a potluck supper at 3:00 p.m. This is a chance to reacquaint yourself with daffodil enthusiasts you haven't seen for months and to meet new members. If you have any daffodils, bring them. If you have not entered a daffodil show before and would like to do so, we can have some of our local experts show you how to groom, clean, and stage them. You can also get some advice on how to evaluate your own daffodils to decide which to enter. While you can't turn a sow's ear into a silk purse, you can make substantial improvements in the appearance of a daffodil. Not all the beautiful winners you see at the show grew that way; they very likely had some help. Come learn the secrets! Since this is a potluck, we again offer suggestions on what to bring:

Last name initial: A through D - main dish
E through J - dessert
K through R - hors d'oeuvres, munchies, or bread
S through Z - salad

If you have a specialty or if you prefer to bring something else, that's fine. Everything seems to work out regardless of our suggestions. Please call me, Kirby Fong, at (510) 443-3888 to let me know that you are coming and what you are bringing. NCDS will furnish beverages. For many years we have met at Jack's house for the winter meeting and the banquet. This is now solely Bob Engelke's house, and I am pleased to tell you that Bob, Jack's friend, has agreed to host both these events again this year. The location is 2065 Walnut Boulevard in Walnut Creek.

NCDS BANQUET

Speaking of food, our annual banquet will be 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at Bob Engelke's house. You are welcome to come at 6:30 p.m. to relax and chat with other people. The cost will be \$16 per person. We plan to have roulades of beef on rice with sauce, frittata, cold cuts and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, and soft drinks, rolls, cake, and liqueurs. There will of course be munchies to start with. NCDS will subsidize the cost of wine. Make your reservation at least five days in advance with Pat Sabin at (510) 935-0350. Make checks payable to Northern California Daffodil Society and mail them to Pat at 1972 Desert Circle #1, Walnut Creek, California 94526 or give them to her at the banquet. Technically, the banquet is a meeting of the Society; however, our only business will be announcing the winners of major awards from our show earlier in the day and electing new officers. Wayne Steele is chairman of the nominating committee. If you are interested in becoming an officer, contact him at (510) 447-5261.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please check the date code on the address label of this newsletter. Disregarding the N, E, or R, the remaining digits (like 92) are the last two digits of the year your membership expires. For example, R92 expires at the end of 1992. Please send renewal payments of \$5 for individuals and \$8 for families to treasurer Pat Sabin. You can also pay Pat at the End-of-Winter party or at the daffodil show in Walnut Creek. The code on the label of this newsletter reflects your membership status as of early February.

JACK ROMINE MEMORIAL TROPHY

We are introducing a new entry class in our show for five American-bred miniature daffodils. Since they must be American-bred, they obviously cannot be species. A perpetual trophy in Jack's memory will be engraved with the name of each year's winner.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE DAFFODIL SOURCES

The January newsletter listed northern hemisphere sources of exhibition cultivars. This time I list "down under" sources.

Koanga Daffodils Post Office Box 4129 Hamilton East New Zealand	Broad selection of New Zealand cultivars including Max Hamilton's introductions.
Brogden Bulbs 41 Grey Street Normanby, Taranaki New Zealand	Mostly Brogden introductions, but there are a few others like Springston Charm by Len Chambers.
Clandon Daffodils Post Office Box 12141 Hamilton New Zealand	A variety of New Zealand and Australia cultivars, but primarily Phil and Graham Phillips' bulbs.
Jackson's Daffodils Post Office Box 77 Geeveston, Tasmania 7116 Australia	Cultivars by William Jackson, Jr. and David Jackson
Harold G. Cross 43 Clinton Road Geilston Bay, Tasmania 7015 Australia	Particularly strong in doubles and split coronas.
Glenbrook Bulb Farm 28 Russell Road Claremont, Tasmania 7011 Australia	The place to get Rod Barwick's introductions.
Radcliff Daffodils "Fordel" Lower Barrington, Tasmania 7306 Australia	The source for Redlands Too.

Most of these growers send out their lists or catalogues between November and February and ship bulbs between February and April. I plant my down under bulbs as soon as possible after they arrive. I plant them in pots in a mixture of Super Soil and perlite, water them, and put them in the shade on the north side of my house. They will grow and produce leaves, but the heat of summer may cause some not to bloom. The later the planting, the less likely they will bloom. Stop watering at the end of August to force them into dormancy. If you want, you can lift and transplant them into the ground in November.

SPRING 1993 DAFFODIL SHOW

Our local show will be March 20 and 21 at Heather Farms Garden Center. I hope Jan Moyers will be able to distribute copies of the show schedule at our End-of-Winter party. You can stage entries on Friday evening 7 to 11 p.m. and Saturday morning 6 to 10 a.m. We would welcome any volunteers to help set up for the show on Friday at 4 p.m. and volunteers to help put stuff away 4 p.m. Sunday. The show is free to the public. If you are interested in entering the artistic design classes, contact Pat Sabin for an application form and information about the themes and rules for artistic entries.

SPRING 1994 DAFFODIL SHOW

In 1994, the Southern California Daffodil Society will host the Pacific regional show and is entitled to first choice of show dates. They would like the second weekend in March. We have therefore agreed to hold the Walnut Creek show on March 19 and 20 in 1994. The Fortuna show will likely be the second weekend in conflict with the southern California show, but this will be a less serious conflict than having the Walnut Creek and La Canada shows on the same weekend. Remember that the national show will be in Portland March 24 to 26 in 1994.

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS

The Northern California Daffodil Society is a member of California Garden Clubs, Inc. We pay them \$1 per year for each of our members. The major benefit we get is liability insurance at a modest cost for our daffodil show. I have received a bunch of membership cards to distribute to you. Contact me if you want to know more about California Garden Clubs, Inc.

HEATHER FARM GARDEN CENTER ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Northern California Daffodil Society is also a member of the Heather Farm Garden Center Association. This costs us \$25 per year and allows us as a non-profit plant society to be one of up to five groups per year permitted to hold a show at the Heather Farm Garden Center for the bargain fee of \$50. It costs the Association far more than \$50 to let us hold a daffodil show; that's why they have a limit on the number of such subsidized uses of the facility. The paid expenses plus income foregone from not renting the facility to someone else amount to about \$4000. NCDS is therefore exceedingly grateful to Heather Farm Garden Center Association because we probably could not afford to hold a daffodil show anywhere if we had to pay normal usage fees. In appreciation, NCDS typically makes an additional yearly donation of \$300 to Heather Farm.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 1992

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