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FIRST A.D.S.-ACCREDITED DAFFODIL SHOW IN TACOMA, APRIL 10, 1993

It is with great excitement that I announce the first ADS-accredited daffodil show in the state of Washington, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 10 in the Lakewood Mall in Tacoma. I applaud the initiative and efforts of Evie Gullikson, Steve Vinisky, and other Oregon Daffodil Society members who have worked so hard to get this show organized. I strongly urge every ADS member within driving distance of Tacoma to make every effort to support this new show. We especially invite our Canadian friends in the Vancouver area to drive down for this show. Incidentally, there are so many daffodils grown in the Tacoma area that they stage an annual two-week Daffodil Festival. This show is being held during and in conjunction with the annual Tacoma Daffodil Festival which runs from April 3 - 18.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - bring flowers if you possibly can! You've never exhibited before? No problem! There will be plenty of experienced exhibitors there to help you enter your flowers. Just pick what you think are your best blooms, clean off any dirt spots, label them as to variety and color code if known, and put them in luke warm water for at least a half hour (about 90 to 100 degrees). This is called "hardening off." Then shift them to cold water and head for Tacoma. If you do not know the names of your daffodils, they may be entered in Section D as indicated in the show schedule. A judge or a veteran exhibitor may be able to identify your daffodils for you, which means that the next time you exhibit them, they will be eligible to compete for ADS awards. Please do not assume that because you do not have the newest, most expensive varieties in your garden that none of your blooms are worth exhibiting. Just two years ago, Woodvale, introduced over forty-five years ago, won best in show at a California show. Even if your entry does not win a ribbon, it still makes an important contribution to the show. It is important that the show benches be filled with color, and that means we all must bring flowers if we possibly can.

If, for whatever reason, you don't want to exhibit, at least try to attend. Shows are not just for exhibitors - they are for everyone! While it will be

near the end of the season for some of our larger growers, there are sure to be flowers there of very high quality that will be new to many of you. A show is a wonderful place to see new varieties. Good as color pictures are, there is nothing quite like actually seeing the flower. At every show, you will see people roaming the show while busily making notes of varieties they would like to add to their collections.

For further information regarding the Tacoma Daffodil Show, contact Evie Gullikson, 6808 Fourth Way SE, Olympia, WA 98503, phone (206) 491-3736. You can enter your blooms Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. or Saturday morning from 7 to 10 a.m. To reach the Lakewood Mall, take Exit 125 from the I-5 freeway, go west on Bridgeport Way to the fourth stoplight, and turn left onto Lakewood Drive, which will take you directly to the Mall.

A WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY - **AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME!**

If there is a Tacoma Daffodil Show, can a Washington Daffodil Society be far behind? Let's hope not! The '93 Tacoma show is being sponsored by the Oregon Daffodil Society, which has a number of active Washington members. This year the ODS is generously lending its containers for the Tacoma show and providing support in many ways. But using the ODS containers at the Tacoma show should be considered a temporary measure. In one of the world's best daffodil climates, there is no reason why a Washington Daffodil Society cannot thrive and flourish. It was only a few years ago that the Oregon Daffodil Society was established, and they now stage one of the largest shows in the nation and will be hosting their first national convention next year. Like most Pacific Region societies, they have many members from outside their local area who pay their dues and lend moral support even though they cannot attend all the meetings. Daffodil shows have a way of attracting new daffodil enthusiasts who are potential members. At every show there are visitors who come away astonished at the beauty of modern daffodils. The sight of a truly vivid pink daffodil with a flawless perianth is often a revelation to the uninitiated. Shows are such a good place for recruiting new members that many of our local groups have a membership table during the show with ready-printed forms available for those interested in joining the local group. Prospective members should always be encouraged to pay their dues on the spot. If you simply hand them the membership form, it is all too easy to tuck the form away in a pocket and forget to send it in.

What do you need to start a local daffodil society - only a handful of interested individuals willing to spend a little time and energy to get the group organized and someone willing to serve as president. How the group is organized is entirely up to those involved. The ADS has no requirements that need be met. First, someone must take the initiative and draw up a tentative constitution before the first meeting to be submitted to the prospective members for discussion and adoption. This is not a difficult task as a constitution from another local group can usually be used as a guideline. It is advisable to avoid being overly specific in writing a constitution as this often leads to frequent changes. Do not neglect to specify a procedure for amending the constitution as all constitutions are changed sooner or later. Be careful when specifying the quorum requirement, for a rigorous quorum requirement sometimes leaves small groups incapable of taking meaningful action because of inability to meet the quorum. You also need a location for the group to have their initial meeting. This can be someone's home, a room in a mall, or a room in a local church or school - preferably some place that can be had at little or no cost. As a minimum, most groups need three officers: a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. As the group grows, secretary and treasurer may need to be made separate offices. Most groups also have a Board of Directors, although this is not strictly

necessary. The Board of Directors typically includes the officers and two or three Directors. It should be an uneven number to avoid tie votes. A letter-writing campaign to all prospective members should precede the organization meeting. If members are widely scattered, meetings should probably be infrequent. It is probably better to have a few good, well-planned meetings than many meetings that may lack interesting content. That's really all there is to it!

A HOST OF DAFFODIL SHOWS

- March 6-7, Southern California Daffodil Society Show, Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada, CA, Chairperson, Nancy Cameron, 410 S. Paseo Estrella, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807
- March 13-14, Fortuna Garden Club Daffodil Show, Monday Club, 610 Main St., Fortuna, CA, Chairperson, Betty Bonzey, 6349 Rohnerville Rd., Hydesville, CA 95547
- March 20-21, Northern California Daffodil Society Show, Heather Farms Garden Center, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creed, CA, Chairperson, Jan Moyers, 102 Picnic Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901
- March 27-28, Oregon Daffodil Society Pacific Regional Daffodil Show, Linn County Fairgrounds, 3051 S.E. Oakway Ave., Albany, OR, Chairperson, Laverne Hawkins, 30737 Green Valley Rd., Shedd, OR 97377
- April 1-2, ADS National Show, Loews Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel, 2100 West End Ave., Nashville, TN, 37203, Chairperson, Sam Winters, 850 Green Avenue, Clarksville, TN 37040
- April 10, Tacoma Daffodil Show, Lakewood Mall, Lakewood Drive, Tacoma, WA, Chairperson, Evie Gullikson, 6808 4th Way SE, Olympia, WA 98530

DAFFODIL BOOTH AT NORTHWEST FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW SMASHING SUCCESS

ADS members in Oregon and Washington recently manned an ADS booth at the five-day Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle which attracted much interest from visitors. The colorful booth featured pots of modern daffodils, which Evie Gullikson arranged to have forced into bloom at a local nursery, as well color photos of modern daffodils, catalogs from leading commercial growers, and handouts describing the various ADS services, as well as upcoming daffodil shows in the Pacific Northwest. Hopefully, this effort will heighten interest in daffodils and result in some new ADS members from that area. The Pacific Northwest, particularly western Oregon and western Washington, boasts America's premier daffodil climate and should have many more members that it does. We are greatly indebted to the following ADS members who gave generously of their time to work at the booth:

- Betty Goetz
- Evie Gullikson
- Steve and Heather Vinisky
- Frank and Jeanie Driver
- Leonard and Betty Jean Forster
- Dorothy Munroe
- Sonja Razey

If the ADS is to continue to effectively serve daffodil enthusiasts, it is vital that membership be increased. Efforts such as this are a step in the

right direction. You will find one of the hand-outs distributed at the booth included with this newsletter, courtesy of Evie Gullikson. This hand-out contains information on sources of both standard and miniature daffodils as well as hybridizing, which some of you may find useful, particularly if you are new to growing daffodils.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the following new ADS members, three from California and one from Colorado:

Mr. Philip Adams, 5438 Agnes Ave., Valley Village, CA 91607
Mr. Roger Jensen, 2612 Verdello Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Mrs. Valerie Lindsey, 3134 Redcoat Way, Sacramento, CA 95827-1913
Mr. George Lundmark, 10449 Ogden, Northglenn, CO 80233-4261

If you live near any of these news members, please drop them a line or phone and make them feel welcome.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

... that your ADS membership now entitles you to membership in the American Horticultural Society at a savings of \$27.50? Instead of the usual \$45 membership fee, you pay only \$17.50 to join the American Horticultural Society with its extensive offering of publications, garden-oriented travel, and free seeds (see p. 95 of the December, 1992 Daffodil Journal). The American Horticulturist Magazine alone is worth the price of membership. It is filled with in-depth articles on a wide variety of plants with many excellent color plates.

REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

SHOW CHAIRMEN PLEASE NOTE: THE REGIONAL SHOW IS ROTATED BETWEEN THE FOUR SOCIETIES. THE SOCIETY HOLDING THE REGIONAL SHOW IS NORMALLY GIVEN THE CHOICE OF DATES. THE ROTATION FOR REGIONAL SHOWS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1993 - Oregon Daffodil Society
1994 - Southern California Daffodil Society
1995 - Fortuna Garden Club
1996 - Northern California Daffodil Society

BIG PLANS FOR ADS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PORTLAND MARCH 24-26, 1994

Bill Tribe and Betty Jean Forster, co-chairs of the 1994 ADS Convention to be held at the Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon, are busily making preparations for '94. Brian Duncan, proprietor of Rathowen Daffodils in Northern Ireland and renowned hybridizer, will be the featured convention speaker. Tours are planned to Oregon Trail Daffodils, Grant Mitsch Daffodils, and to Steve Vinisky's collection of the newest and the best from around the world. This convention is being hosted by the Oregon Daffodil Society. Please say "yes" if asked to help out at the convention. It's fun and it will help take the load off the capable shoulders of the convention chairpersons.

It is not often that we have the national convention at a site so close to

many of us. Start making your plans now to include the '94 ADS Convention on your top-priority list. If you have never attended a national convention, you are in for a treat. In addition to outstanding speakers and seminars plus a large show, there will be displays staged by many commercial daffodil growers including even overseas growers who manage to transport their blooms from England and Ireland in near-perfect condition. These trade displays are always a center of attraction at every national convention. Don't miss it!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL DAFFODIL SOCIETY

If you are an ADS member and have not contacted your local daffodil society, your missing out on a lot of fun and valuable contacts. Our local daffodil societies hold interesting meetings, stage annual shows, and include bulb raffles every fall where quality bulbs can be obtained at bargain rates. Most have dues of only about \$5 a year. Some meet only about four times a year, others meet monthly. There is no better place to exchange information about daffodils and make new friendships with fellow daffodil enthusiasts. The present list of Pacific Region Daffodil Societies is as follows:

Southern California Daffodil Society, contact Ms. Helen Grier, 4671 Palm Ave., Yorba Linda, CA 926867 (714) 777-3886.

Northern California Daffodil Society, contact Mr. Kirby Fong, 790 Carmel Ave., Livermore, CA 94550 (510) 443-3888.

Fortuna Garden Club (not strictly speaking a daffodil society but it does stage an annual daffodil show) contact Mrs. Christine Kemp, PO Box 212, Fortuna, CA 95540 (707) 725-3122

Oregon Daffodil Society, contact Mr. Leonard Forster, 31875 Fayetteville Dr., Shedd, Or 97377 (503) 491-3874

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

MONTANA Lavern Brusven of Bozeman, Montana, writes that his interest in daffodils grew out of an assortment of bulbs planted around a home that he bought. He has already tried his hand at hybridizing only to have his first crop of seedlings trampled by deer. Undaunted, he created an ingenious form of deer protection for his seedlings consisting of arching, concrete reinforcing mesh which has proved effective. Particularly interesting to me was his comment that he has not found the Montana climate to be a negative factor in growing daffodils. Perhaps daffodils are more adaptable to various climatic extremes than those of us in milder areas suppose. He grows every division except XII and has only lost one cultivar! He asks if the virus diseases that afflict daffodils also attack tulips. To the best of my knowledge, the answer is no. Does anyone have information to the contrary?

WYOMING Kent Fiske of Jackson, Wyoming, writes of a somewhat similar experience, having moved into a home where some poeticus daffodils still survived despite years of neglect. However, he expressed disappointment in photos in some general bulb catalogs that are not accurate representations of the actual colors. Unfortunately, printing of color plates seems to be an inexact art and inaccurate color rendition is sometimes apparently more the printer's fault than the photographer's or nurseryman's. However, I have occasionally seen a catalog photo that was not of the variety claimed, the difference in flower form revealing the error. I think most experienced growers would agree that the catalogs from American daffodil hybridizers provide accurate verbal descriptions of their offerings and reasonably accurate color reproductions.

NOTE: I would like to print more news of members in states that have only a few members and no local societies, but I cannot do so unless I hear from you. Please write and tell us about yourself and the daffodils you grow!

A SOURCE FOR CHIPCO FUNGICIDE

Several of you have asked for a source for Chipco, which reputedly provides excellent control of botrytis. There still seems to be ample quantities of Benlate on the shelves at our local nurseries; but to be on the safe side, I am saving my Benlate for control of basal rot, for which it is apparently still unsurpassed. I plan to use only Chipco for botrytis control. You may purchase Chipco from:

United Agri Products
37343 Blacow
Freemont, CA
Phone (510) 792-4031

Unfortunately, their catalog does not list prices. It is necessary to call or write to get the price quotation. Regrettably, they do not take credit cards. Send them a check and they will ship promptly via UPS. Since they cater mainly to farmers, they tend to offer only large quantities. They list Chipco in the 2 lb. size only, which is rather costly. A possible solution is to order the 2 lb. size and split it with another ADS member.

JACK S. ROMINE

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Jack S. Romine who died on November 21, 1992. Jack died very suddenly at his home in Walnut Creek, California. As many of you know, he had long been active in the ADS and was our immediate past president. He also was a past regional vice president, a charter member of the Northern California Daffodil Society, past president of that group, and chairman of the ADS convention held in San Francisco several years ago. A gardner with divser interest, he was also very active in the American Hemerocallis Society and the American Rock Garden Society.

Jack grew a wide variety of plants and was a dedicated hybridizer. His best known daffodil introduction was probably Little Soldier, a charming and distinctive miniature. He also hybridized hemerocallis extensively and introduced many highly regarded cultivars, some of which I am pleased to have in my own garden.

Jack taught English at Merritt College in Oakland for many years and authored several successful textbooks in his field. His loss will be felt keenly by all of us who knew him as a friend and fellow gardener. He will be especially missed by the Northern California Daffodil Society, where he not only provided judicious leadership but was also to be counted on for helping out with whatever needed doing, from tearing down a show to hosting the fall bulb exchange.

Stan Baird
Regional Vice President