
NCDS Newsletter



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What is NCDS?

The Northern California Daffodil Society started with organizational meetings in 1967 followed by the adoption of a constitution and election of officers in early 1968. The first annual NCDS daffodil show was held at the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland on March 23 and 24, 1968. Because NCDS did not have a spring show when it hosted the 1977 ADS national show in San Francisco, its tenth annual show was in 1978. NCDS incorporated under the California Public Benefit Corporation Law on June 19, 1985 to become an organization exempt from California income taxes. The NCDS also became a federal tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and received this designation from the IRS in a letter dated December 3, 1986. The by-laws filed at the time of incorporation appear not to have been revised officially since then except for the dues increase a few years ago. To the best of our knowledge, the following are the current by-laws.

NCDS By-Laws

PREAMBLE

The Northern California Daffodil Society is a non-profit organization devoted to the culture, study, improvement, and enjoyment of daffodils, in fellowship and fun.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person interested in daffodils may apply for active membership in the Society and will become a member upon payment of dues.
2. Dues for active membership shall be eight dollars (\$8.00) per person or ten dollars (\$10.00) per family, per calendar year, payable in the first quarter of the year, to become delinquent on April 1 of the current year. Any member in arrears with dues shall be dropped from the membership rolls after proper notification by the Treasurer. Any member joining after October 1 becomes an active member for the following calendar year.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Show Chairman.
2. All officers shall be active members in good standing of the Society and shall be members of the American Daffodil Society.
3. The terms of the officers shall be for one year, beginning with their election at the spring meeting and ending with the next spring meeting.
4. Vacancies during the term of office, other than that of president, shall be filled immediately by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.
5. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall automatically become President, and a new Vice President shall be appointed as per paragraph 4 above.
6. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. He shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, all chairmen of committees. He shall have

general superintendence of the affairs of the Society. He shall have the authority to sign checks for the disbursement of funds in the absence of the Treasurer.

7. The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President in his absence or inability. He shall also act as the Program Chairman.
8. The Secretary shall keep complete written minutes of the proceedings of the Society, conduct its correspondence, and make reports as may be required. He shall also issue a Newsletter, including a meeting notice, prior to all regular meetings of the Chapter and on other Special Occasions as requested by the Board of Directors. The Newsletter shall be mailed to all active members of the Society in time to be delivered at least four days prior to the meetings.
9. The Treasurer shall receive, pay out, and keep account of all money and securities of the Society and keep an up-to-date roll of the members. He shall submit a written report of all receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year at the regular spring and fall meetings of the Society.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Show Chairman, Past President, and two Directors.
2. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
3. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. In his absence and that of the Vice President, the Board shall elect a presiding officer.
4. The Board of Directors shall conduct the business affairs of the Society and appropriate money as needed. A complete report of each Directors meeting will be presented to the membership at the next scheduled meeting of the Society for their information and approval.
5. The Board of Directors shall meet not less than once in each calendar year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The Officers and Directors of the Society shall be elected at the regular spring meeting and shall assume office immediately following their election. They shall serve for a period of one year and are eligible for re-election.
2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall meet prior to the regular spring meeting to prepare one nomination for each office. These will be reported at the regular spring meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting. Officers and Directors for the ensuing year will then be elected by a majority vote of the active members present.

MEETINGS

1. There shall be one spring meeting and one fall meeting. The precise dates of each will be determined seasonally. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENTS

1. Any proposed amendment or additions to the By-Laws must be posted in the Newsletter. Approval of the amendment or addition will require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the active members present at the next regular meeting of the Society.

DEDICATION

1. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon dissolution or termination of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision of payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

INCORPORATION STATEMENT

1. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

In light of these by-laws, it is clear that some of the procedural changes your Board intended to make are actually amendments to the by-laws which require approval at a Society meeting. Accordingly, the following series of amendments is presented for your consideration. They will be put to a vote at the Society's spring meeting in Livermore on Saturday, March 8.

OFFICERS

The by-laws refer to a secretary-treasurer but then describe separate duties for the secretary and for the treasurer. Since NCDS elects a separate secretary and treasurer for a total of eight people on the board of directors, the quorum probably should be increased from four to five. We propose to change Officers and Their Duties paragraph 1 and Board of Directors paragraphs 1 and 2 respectively to

1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Show Chairman.
1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Chairman, Past President, and two Directors.
2. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

MEETINGS

To make clear that dinners and bulb raffles are not necessarily business meetings and that NCDS should have at least two business meetings per year, we propose to change Meetings paragraph 1 to

1. There shall be one spring business meeting preferably at the time of the annual spring show and one fall business meeting preferably at the time of the annual bulb raffle and auction. The precise dates of each will be determined seasonally. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ADS

While NCDS encourages all its members to consider membership in the American Daffodil Society, it seems excessive to require that anyone also become an ADS member. Therefore Officers and Their Duties paragraph 2 should be truncated to

2. All officers shall be active members in good standing of the Society.

TERM OF OFFICE

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, we are proposing to change the terms of office from one year to two years. This will necessitate a change to Officers and Their Duties paragraph 3 and Election of Officers paragraphs 1 and 2. These three paragraphs would become

3. The terms of the officers shall be for two years, beginning with their election at the spring meeting and ending with the spring meeting two years later.
1. The Officers and Directors of the Society shall be elected at the regular spring meeting and shall assume office immediately following their election. They shall serve for a two year period and are eligible for re-election.
2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall meet prior to the regular spring meeting during election years to nominate one candidate for each office. These will be reported at the regular spring meeting of an election year. Other nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting. Officers and Directors for the ensuing two years will then be elected by a majority vote of the active members present.

NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP

In practice, the President has been producing the Newsletter, and the Secretary rather than the Treasurer has been handling membership records. There is also an inadvertent reference to Chapter instead of Society

which should be fixed. We therefore propose to change paragraphs 6, 8, and 9 of Officers and Their Duties to

6. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, all chairpersons of committees. The President shall have general superintendence of the affairs of the Society. The President shall have the authority to sign checks for the disbursement of funds in the absence of the Treasurer. The President shall also issue a Newsletter, including a meeting notice, prior to all regular meetings of the Society and on other Special Occasions as requested by the Board of Directors. The Newsletter shall be mailed to all active members of the Society in time to be delivered at least four days prior to the meetings.
8. The Secretary shall keep accurate written minutes of the proceedings of the Society, conduct its correspondence, make reports as may be required, and keep up-to-date membership records.
9. The Treasurer shall receive, pay out, and keep account of all money and securities of the Society. The Treasurer shall submit a written report of all receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year at the regular spring and fall meetings of the Society.

REFERENCES BY GENDER

The original wording of the by-laws reflects an era when references to officers were always "he" or "him." Since in fact NCDS has been and continues to be ably served by women officers, we proposed to remove all references by gender and replace them by reference to the specific office.

All references to officers by gender shall be replaced by references to the specific office.

Rite of Spring, February 23

No, this is not an orgy or ceremony. Bob Spotts is holding an open garden at his house on Sunday, February 23 from noon to 3 PM. NCDS members and other daffodil fanciers are welcome to greet the return of spring and see the earliest blooming daffodils. This is not a business meeting or potluck. Come any time during the three hour period. Bob will have refreshments. The location is 409 Hazelnut Drive, Oakley, California 94561. His phone number is (510) 625-5526. If you are coming from the west, take Highway 4 through Oakley. Just after it turns south toward Brentwood, turn right onto West Cypress Road. If you are coming from the east on Highway 4, turn left on West Cypress Road just as you near Oakley. Go west two blocks on West Cypress Road and turn left (south) at Mellowood Drive. Go one short block and turn right (west) on Hazelnut Drive. Bob's house will be on your left. If you need to contact Bob, you can call (510) 625-5526 or send electronic mail to rspotts@netvista.net. It would be nice though not necessary to let Bob know in advance that you're coming.

Sutter Creek Show, March 1

Of the forty-two daffodil shows in the U.S. this year, the Sutter Creek show is the very first one. Attending the first show of the season is like baseball fans attending the first game of the season. And what better place is there for an opening show than an art gallery set in an historic, picturesque gold mining town? The location is Gallery 10 at 15 Eureka St. The show itself is open to the public between 10 AM and 5 PM on Saturday March 1. If you can, come at 4 PM Friday to help set up. Bring daffodils to enter Friday evening or early Saturday morning. We can also use people as clerks during the judging between 8 and 10 AM. Finally, it would also be helpful if you could be at the closing at 5 PM to take down the show. If you plan to stay at the Gold Quartz Inn at the special rate of \$75 per night for NCDS members, you should have called them by now. Their number is (800) 752-8738. Ask for Wendy Woolrich or Glenyce Wilson. The Inn is at 15 Bryson Drive.

Dinner at Sutter Creek Show

Join all your friends for dinner Saturday evening after packing up the show. Dinner will be at Susan's Place, 7 PM at 15 Eureka Street. This is in the same courtyard as Gallery 10. No advance reservations are needed. Just come, order off the menu, and pay your own check. Entrees are in the eight to eleven dollar range. Right now we're not sure if there is a place for a social hour before the dinner. Ask our show chairman Bob Spotts during the day.

Livermore Show, March 8 & 9

Our 29th annual spring show will be in the greenhouse at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, the same location as last year. The show will be open to the public 1 to 5 PM Saturday March 8 and 10 AM to 4 PM Sunday March 9. We would be most appreciative of members who can be there at 4 PM Sunday to help put properties away and clean up.

For those coming from afar and staying overnight in Livermore, you may stay at the Comfort Inn, 475 Collier canyon Road at the commercial rate of \$65 per night. Be sure to tell them you are from the daffodil society. Their phone number is (510) 606-6200, FAX (510) 606-6014.

Floral Designs

After an absence of several years, we welcome the return of a design section at our annual spring show in Livermore. Judging will be informal; this section is not sanctioned, approved, or accredited by any garden club organization. NCDS will furnish the daffodils to be used by designers. Designs should be primarily daffodils and should not exceed 15 inches in diameter. There will be three entry classes with themes of (1) Daffodil Valley, (2) Regal Daffodils (elegant formal arrangement), and (3) Oriental designs. Laureen Woodruff will be in charge. If you would like to enter a design, contact Laureen at (510) 447-3869.

Historic Daffodil Section

The American Daffodil Society has instituted a new ribbon this year for the best pre-1940 cultivar in an historic section of a daffodil show. The hope is that shows will ultimately develop a section of several classes for historic daffodils. Daffodils in this section are not eligible for any other ADS awards because the plan is to have a different point scale for judging them some day. Our Livermore show will start out small with just two classes in this section for single stems of standard and miniature pre-1940 daffodil cultivars. This section excludes species daffodils. So bring your favorite oldies; Irene Copeland (1915) and W. P. Milner (1884) now have a chance to win!

NCDS Spring Business Meeting and Dinner in Livermore

The NCDS spring business meeting will be held in conjunction with the dinner at the Livermore show. The dinner will be Saturday, March 8 at 6:30 PM at Cattlemen's Restaurant at 2882 Kitty Hawk Road in Livermore. Dinner will be \$16.95 inclusive of tax and tip. Please make checks payable to Northern California Daffodil Society and send them to show chairman Wayne Steele by February 26. When you pay for your dinner, tell Wayne your choice of entree. The four choices are (1) roasted prime rib, 10 oz., (2) teriyaki chicken, marinated in soy, ginger, and pineapple, (3) Pete's top sirloin, 9 oz. grilled to order, and (4) three cheese pasta.

Fortuna Show, March 22 & 23

The last California daffodil show this season is sponsored by the Fortuna Garden Club. It will be at the Fortuna Monday Club, 610 Main Street in Fortuna. You should still have some late season daffodils, so pick them and take them to Fortuna to help our northern friends put on a fine show for the north coast. For further information, contact show chair Dian Keese at (707) 725-2281.

1996 Financial Results

Rather unfortunately, we have lost some of the financial records from the first part of 1996, so it is not possible to present an accounting of each major NCDS activity. We do however know that NCDS started 1996 with a bank account balance of \$2,030.76 and ended with \$1,672.83. We know that income from the fall bulb raffle was \$360 and income from the auction was \$606. The overall loss was somewhat surprising considering we did not have to pay rent for an exhibition hall in 1996. In 1997 we will estimate \$1000 income from the raffle and auction and \$800 from dues. We are working on a spending plan that will hold expenses below \$1800.

Boot Hill in Livermore

Last fall we mentioned the numerous public daffodil plantings by the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club. If you are in Livermore for the daffodil show, you may wish to take a look at their most impressive planting at "Boot Hill." This is at the southeast corner of Stanley Boulevard and Wall Street. Wall Street is one long block west of Murrieta Boulevard and meets Stanley in a T intersection. "Boot Hill" is an unofficial

name; The site used to be a cemetery and later became Oak Knoll Pioneer Memorial Park. It has since been abandoned as a park and become an eyesore. The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club has done a real public service by beautifying this site during the daffodil season. The city now realizes it should fix up the site so that it looks decent the rest of the year.

NCDS Members Visit Tasmania and New Zealand

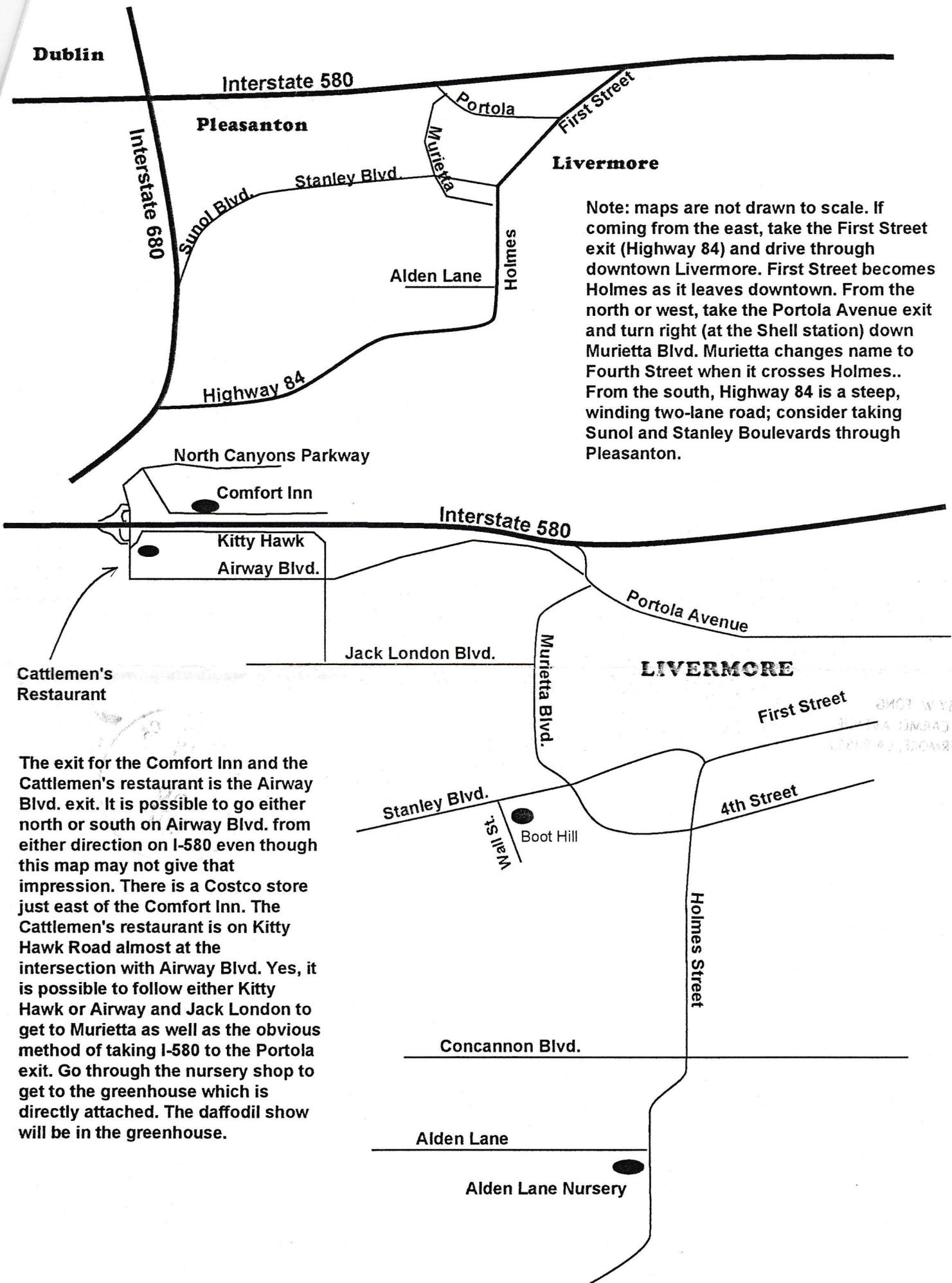
Five NCDS members went on a four week daffodil tour to Tasmania and New Zealand in September. Christine Kemp, Karin King, Stan Baird, Bob Spotts, and Kirby Fong attended six daffodil shows, saw one non-competitive daffodil display and visited twenty-three daffodil growers. The sixth and grandest show was the World Daffodil Convention in Christchurch featuring approximately three thousand stems. Contact Kirby Fong if you would like to get a written account of the tour.

Feed Your Daffodils

The ADS Handbook for Growing, Exhibiting, and Judging Daffodils is somewhat evasive about fertilizing daffodils. I doubt whether application of fertilizer after flowering does much good as there is little time for the fertilizer to work down to the roots from the surface before the plant goes dormant. If your bulbs are getting crowded and the foliage looks smaller than normal, fertilize now so that winter rains still have a couple months to carry the fertilizer down to the root zone. Use only a little nitrogen, say four or five percent. Be more generous with phosphorus and potassium, say ten to twelve percent. Plan to dig and divide crowded daffodils next summer after the foliage has died down.

Membership Renewal

Secretary Nancy Tackett is still trying to determine the month in which your NCDS membership would expire in preparation for a by-laws change which would base an individual's membership year on the month in which the person(s) joined NCDS. If the mailing label on this newsletter does not include a month, you may assume the month is December. If you think there is a mistake, contact Nancy at (510) 372-8083 or send her e-mail at nancyt@netvista.net. If your membership expired at any time during 1996 or in January or February 1997, you should renew now. Individual membership is \$8 per year; family membership is \$10 per year. Make checks payable to Northern California Daffodil Society and mail them to Nancy at 066 Green Street, Martinez, CA 94553. In addition to your name and address, please tell Nancy your telephone number and (if you have one) electronic mail address.



Note: maps are not drawn to scale. If coming from the east, take the First Street exit (Highway 84) and drive through downtown Livermore. First Street becomes Holmes as it leaves downtown. From the north or west, take the Portola Avenue exit and turn right (at the Shell station) down Murietta Blvd. Murietta changes name to Fourth Street when it crosses Holmes.. From the south, Highway 84 is a steep, winding two-lane road; consider taking Sunol and Stanley Boulevards through Pleasanton.

The exit for the Comfort Inn and the Cattlemen's restaurant is the Airway Blvd. exit. It is possible to go either north or south on Airway Blvd. from either direction on I-580 even though this map may not give that impression. There is a Costco store just east of the Comfort Inn. The Cattlemen's restaurant is on Kitty Hawk Road almost at the intersection with Airway Blvd. Yes, it is possible to follow either Kitty Hawk or Airway and Jack London to get to Murietta as well as the obvious method of taking I-580 to the Portola exit. Go through the nursery shop to get to the greenhouse which is directly attached. The daffodil show will be in the greenhouse.