



The Indiana Ledger

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From the Garden of the President



Dear Daffniks,

The biggest news for this newsletter is IDS the joining with Fall Creek Garden Club for the 2004 Daffodil Show, "A Link with the Past". We have a new venue, (see full article, page 3) and it encompasses a lot of changes! The artistic arrangements have been expanded because of Fall Creek, so the show itself should be more exciting to view. We also added a class to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ADS, complete with BIG prizes (see article page 5).

There is also an article about using Round Up more effectively in the garden and on daffodil beds (page 5) and a gentle reminder that now is the time to start fertilizing your daffodils, be sure to use a low nitrogen fertilizer like 6-24-24 which you can pick up at the Farm Bureau Co-op for about \$8.00 for a 50 pound bag. Just sprinkle it over the ground with your hand like salt.

As the flowers bloom, it's time to start checking the tags to see if they match the plant. This is difficult for new people because some of the colors we grow here in Indiana aren't as vibrant as they are in Northern Ireland and Oregon and Australia. This means that what the breeder calls "red" we would charitably name "orange". If you have doubts, take a picture and bring it to the show to match up against the flowers on the table. If you have the flower itself, all the better. If you wait until after judging, you can ask anyone milling around if they recognize your flower or picture.

IDS members should have a master list of all the flowers they grow. If you set it up in Excel or a database, you can sort by name or division, but having everything on a sheet of paper will work, too. This prevents you from getting duplicates at sales or exchanges and also allows you to see gaps you might have in your collection in terms of color codes or bloom times.

What do you do with flowers that aren't quite good enough to show? You could pick them and enjoy them at home, thus getting up close and personal with the flower and its color code. Nothing beats seeing a pink rim on an all white flower from a foot away! If you have a lot of flowers, you might consider running some up to the elderly or shut ins or taking them to work to spread *Daffodil Fever*.

See you at the March meeting!

~Suzy Wert

2004 Daffodil Calendar

2004 Meeting Dates

March 23 Tuesday 2004

Meeting Holliday Park Nature Center 1:00

“Putting Your Best Petal Forward”

Learn how to pick & groom your flowers for show.

The Indiana State Daffodil Show

April 20 Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Show set-up.
NEW VENUE

Pleasant View Lutheran Church. 801 W. 73rd.
Street, Indianapolis. (See map on back of show schedule)

April 21-22 Wednesday & Thursday

IDS 47th Annual Daffodil Show

NEW VENUE

Indiana Daffodil Society at Pleasant View Lutheran
Church, 801 W. 73rd. Street, Indianapolis. (See
map on back of show schedule)

Entries accepted April 20 (6:00 pm until 8:00 pm) &
April 21 (8:00 am to 10:45 a.m.). Stay for the
Potluck luncheon!

April 22 Thursday - Tear Down 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

June 27 Sunday - 12:00 noon - Picnic at Mrs.
Link's. Details in the June Ledger. Also, Mitsch
orders due to Sonja Eaton. Look for the “D” after

the price in their catalog for a 25% discount.

Saturday, August 21*- Bulb and Plant Exchange

HOLLIDAY PARK 1:00

“Who Is (Was) Who, Anyway?”

Biographies of Hybridizers and Other Narcissus
Nabobs.

Saturday, October 9 - 1:00 Bulb and Plant
Exchange HOLLIDAY PARK 1:00

Program: Lisa Atwell “Garden Design for after the
Daffies Die”. Combining daffodils with other plants
for great design and to hide the dying foliage.

2004 Sales & Bagging Parties

Dates for Bagging Parties will be left open. We
might ask members to do bags on their own.

Sale July 25, Sunday

Holliday Park Nature Center, 6349 Springmill Road,
Indianapolis

9:00 a.m. set-up; member sales begin 10:30; open to
the public 11:00.

Sale August 29, Sunday

Holliday Park Nature Center, 6349 Springmill Road,
Indianapolis

9:00 a.m. set-up; member sales begin 10:30; open to
the public 11:00.

Dues & Membership

Dues are due for 2004, so look on the back of this newsletter for the date on your address label now to see if you are in arrears. If it says 2002, you owe \$10.00 and if it says 2003, you owe \$5.00.

Make checks payable to IDS and send to the new IDS Treasurer, Sonja Eaton
537 Fox Lane, Carmel, IN 46032

The Yearbooks will be available at the March meeting, thanks to Myra, please be sure to check all your personal information and if you have any changes, write it down on a slip of paper and give it to Sonja at the meeting or mail it to her. Be sure to make note of any incorrect Area Codes, Zip Codes or email addresses. If you are a ADS Member please identify yourself as such. We try to stay on top of things but it's really hard.

Holliday Park

Set aside some time in March and April to make sure our Parking Lot Berm is weed free. It makes our Daffodils look good, and assures that any weeds will not have a chance to set seed. This reduces work and the use of chemicals later in the season.

It is also nice to take a leaf rake, or industrial broom and sweep the mulch from the hard surface back onto the berm. Treat the area as you do your garden at home.

The Holliday Park Staff also appreciates minor jobs at the North Entry such as cutting the mums back and any weeding you may care to do.

The Area in front of the Loggia, where we conduct our Daffodil Sales, can always use a little attention by removing the dandelions and other weeds.

In May, after Orchard in Bloom, it is nice to work areas in preparation for the Memorial Day week-end and in June just before the 4th of July week-end. Everyone appreciates attractive and neat looking areas, especially at holiday times.

If in doubt, consult the Holliday Park Staff in the Office. Be sure to document your time in the office in the Volunteer Log Book!

New Daffodil Show Venue for 2004

'Link with the Past'

April 21 & 22

Entries 7:00-10:45 am

Pleasant View Lutheran Church

801 West 73rd Street

Indianapolis, IN

**Contact Information: Kay Cunningham
(donkay1959@aol.com) or 812-876-7947**

**Day of Show information:
(such as emergency directions)**

Suzy Wert 317-445-6993

One of the most exciting things that has happened to the IDS in recent years, the IDS is combining with the Fall Creek Garden Club in Indianapolis to host the 2004 Spring Daffodil Show tentatively titled "A LINK WITH THE PAST". Members will probably guess that the "Link" in this case refers to Helen Link, founder of the Indiana Daffodil Society, but may not know that she also founded a Garden

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Club called Fall Creek. We have teamed up to host a combined Daffodil Flower Show -- our horticulture combined with their flower arrangements.

The excitement is threefold. The Fall Creek Garden Club already hosts the most popular flower show in the city of Indianapolis and has a huge following comprised of interested gardeners and flower arrangers. Around here, if you've been to one Fall Creek Show, you've either just heard



IDS Members set up for the 2003 show: pictured from left to right: Lisa Atwell, Sara Kinne, Mary Kraft, Pat Siegman

about them or you've been going for years. The arrangements are amazing and the show itself is reminiscent of days gone by -- the good old days, I mean. They serve the guests punch and cookies, but not while wearing gloves and hats.

We also are traveling to a new venue, and while that can be exciting, it also is stressful for the planners as well as the exhibitors. Gone will be the huge kitchen where we could spread out as far as we wanted. Gone will be the tile floor where spills were treated with a shrug. Gone will be the practically unlimited

display space. We know we'll be downsizing, but to what extent, we're just not sure. On paper it looks like everything will fit just fine; the reality is a question mark.

The set up is Tuesday, April 20 and the show dates are April 21 & 22 (entries from 7:00 am - 10:45 am on the 21st). A map is available from the back of the show schedule or on the internet from MapQuest.. Pleasant View Lutheran Church 801 West 73rd Street, Indianapolis. This is on the Northwest side -- it's 2 miles north of the Methodist Church where we have had our show in the past and then about a 1/2 mile west. It is also 1/2 mile west of my house, if you've been here.

Members and Exhibitors should note that in a three block length of road, West 73rd changes names from 71st street to Meridian Hills Boulevard to 73rd Street. So you might consider them nearly synonymous. Yes, it's confusing to us, too.

Come and get involved in the fun. This is our annual party, the Daffodil Show! Show Schedules will be available at our March meeting so you will have plenty of time to decide how you can participate in the revelry! There are over 253 places to exhibit blooms and many more Artistic Classes available for floral arrangements. Extra flowers are always available for making the arrangements, see show schedule for more information. Bring any blooms you have for the entries, we will try to be available to aid you in your decisions for entries.

OH! Don't forget to bring your appetites and a covered dish for the luncheon at noon on the 21st. Everybody is there -- judges, exhibitors, and members are all welcome to join the fun and help celebrate Helen Trueblood's & Joe Hamm's birthdays. Club furnishes meat, drinks & utensils.

Golden Anniversary

ADS 1954-2004

The 50th Anniversary Show Awards

Section Q

Class A - Any flower which has the word "Gold" or "Golden" in the name.

Suzy Wert will donate a gold coin to the best flower in this section.

Class B - Any flower registered in 1954

Since it is the 50th anniversary of ADS we have a special Class for "Registrations of 1954".

Joe Hamm will donate special awards/gifts for the Best Bloom, 1st Runner-up, and 2nd Runner-up in this class.



~by Keith Kridler, Dallas, Texas

One of the professors teaching our Texas Master Gardener classes mentioned that by adding nitrogen to the mixture containing round-up that it would

Even two tablespoons of plant food mixed per gallon will increase the kill rate of round-up.

increase the killing power of the herbicide. He stated that when you hit the plant with this fertilizer

mix that the plant responded by opening up the pores in the leaves and began pulling in the fertilizer with the round-up much quicker than just plain round-up. Instead of using miracle grow or other expensive liquid plant foods you can simply add one of the common straight nitrogen fertilizers like Urea or Ammonium Sulphate. He said that research showed that adding strong solutions of the nitrogen would increase the kill.

I experimented with various mixtures last fall on the common winter weeds that affect my daffodil fields and found that I could cut the amount of round-up concentration by 2/3 and still get almost 100% kill of "easy killed" weeds if I used a full cup of granular Urea 46% nitrogen mixed per gallon of finished round-up spray. Probably the increased nitrogen will feed bacteria and fungus in the plant leaves and stems when the round-up damages the plant. Even two tablespoons of plant food mixed per gallon will increase the kill rate of round-up.

Killearnan Has a New Division



photo: Tom Stettner

Killearnan shown in the middle of a batch of Division 9 Poets. Does it belong with them? Apparently not. The color code has officially been changed and is now 3W-GYR.