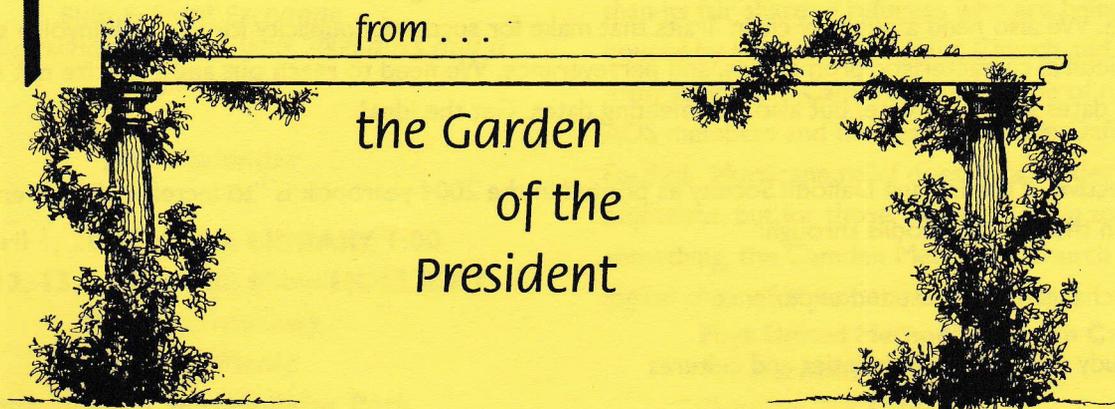


The Indiana Ledger

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Greetings to you daffodil enthusiasts.

This is a year of change within our organization and a time of turmoil with the disaster that Katrina dealt. In a more normal (although that is getting harder to define) time, I would be fondling my soon-to-be-planted bulbs in a loving and obsessive way, dreaming of the flowers to come. To be honest, my attention and thoughts aren't with my bounty this fall as my mind returns to the monumental losses the people of the gulf states are experiencing. I desire leadership and direction for these refugees.

In plain language, as your new IDS president, I want to spell out for you what you can expect from me: I can be good at listening and hearing what you have to say but first you have to speak. I believe in a participatory club and I have learned that lesson through a long and arduous way. Nobody really asked me to do much the first five years I was in IDS. I didn't think to ask what I could do, and they didn't tell me. Eventually I learned that it was much more enjoyable when I gave back to the club and took on some responsibility. Current members, get ready, because I no longer have a problem asking for what I want or need. What I expect of you is to be able to trust your "yes" as much as your "no". Please do not give a "yes" when asked to help and then drop the ball. Let us build our new relationship on consensual decisions and trust. I value you people as respected members of IDS and look forward to working with you in the club. Without you, there is no IDS.

I am sending out a call to action to each and every one of you to become active in some way in our Indiana Daffodil Society. I will be a different kind of president than Suzy and Joe were. Being the kind of person who normally "doesn't run for office" has been my mantra. However, with Joe gone and Suzy pulling back after serving extended terms as president, I realize that I can step up to the plate with your help. We are coming together as a team and I am hopeful that these bonds are strengthening. I don't have the answers, but with your good help, I bet we can find the answers.

Discussions I hope to have with you at our October meeting include ways to share more of the

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responsibilities involved in our club. At the present, key players seem to be the same people the majority of the time. A suggestion I have has evolved out of my own hospitality chairship role (which is available at the October meeting) and my involvement at our bulb sales these last 3 years. I have written tentative guidelines for use by a chairperson overseeing our bulb sales. This is not hard; what is important is knowing what needs to be done and pulling willing workers on board and then delegating the tasks. No one should ever be doing this alone. We also need a publicity chair. Traits that make for successful publicity for the club involve seeing the big picture, characteristic promptness, and perseverance. We need to reach out and publicize not only our bulb sale dates and show date, but also our meeting dates. Get the idea?

Our objective of the Indiana Daffodil Society as printed in the 2004 yearbook is "to increase the general interest in the use of daffodils through:

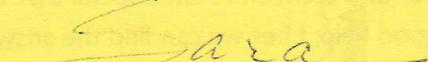
1. Exchange of interest and experience
2. Study and testing of varieties and cultures
3. Promoting and encouraging wider use and appreciation of daffodils
4. Encouraging breeding and improvements of daffodils particularly for the mid-west climate
5. Study of means to promote the health of daffodils
6. Setting standards for showing and judging of daffodils in shows"

Our organization has a commitment from the eighties to keep \$7000 in our treasury bank account. When hurricane Katrina struck, there was some discussion among your officers of IDS regarding a donation by the club. To give directly to a relief fund rests with us as individuals. However, Suzy Wert is aware of a daffodil community in Arkansas that is heavily involved in giving emergency aid to hurricane victims. She will tell you more about these generous people elsewhere in this letter. What we might do as a club, can be discussed at our upcoming meeting.

Thanks for staying with me and reading this first "message from the president" Subsequent notes will be less involved. I am looking forward to the ADS board meeting in Ohio at the end of this month and I want to remind new members about the Midwest regional meeting October 22 in Dayton Ohio. It's an opportunity to reach out and expand your flower connections.

Finally, I'm proud of the multi-page spread in the current Midwest Living Magazine featuring Burnham Woods Nursery. This is a jewel of a place right here in Bloomington that is a joy to visit. Last days for business this year are September 29 & 30.

See you soon.


Sara Kinne, IDS President

2005 Calendar

OCTOBER 8, 2005

Holliday Park

Meeting 1:00

Bulb & Plant Exchange

Bring your exchange items, your 2006 dues and a big satchel.

2006 Calendar

April 1, 2006 NORA LIBRARY 1:00

April 12, 13, 14 Daffodil Show HOLLIDAY PARK (tentative)

June 25 Picnic

July 30 Bulb Sale Holliday Park

August 26 1:00 Meeting NORA LIBRARY

August 27 Bulb Sale Holliday Park

October 7 Meeting NORA LIBRARY

Daffodil Connection - Hurricane Katrina

The Gulf Coast was hit hard this summer, and one little community in Camden, Arkansas has more than its fair share of refugees who are being housed by both the Methodist Church and by many residents. Camden is also home of many ADS members and the yearly Camden Daffodil Festival. Hurricane relief doesn't fall under the IDS objectives, but for those who would like to do something, the Camden Methodist Church is a logical choice for monetary donations.

**First United Methodist Church Camden
121 Harrison Ave SW
Camden, AR 71701
(870) 836-6871**

Color Code Refresher

~by Jason Delaney, Missouri Botanical Garden

The RHS has assigned a universal coloring code for daffodils. Colors and equivalent code letters will be those of the flower at maturity, when viewed from the front. They are: White or whitish (W); green or greenish (G); yellow (Y); pink (P); orange (O); and red (R). A daffodil with a color code of W-R has white petals and a red corona. A daffodil coded YYW-WWY has yellow petals with white at the base of the petals, and a corona that is white with yellow on its rim. A daffodil coded W-Y/W has white petals and a corona that is yellow and white, without definite color confinement. (Such daffodils as this usually have irregular or tire-spoke color markings.) **Colors and their intensities — especially pinks, oranges, reds, and red-pinks — can be greatly influenced by climate, weather, and culture.** Pink daffodils often open yellow or orange and gradually change to pink; reverse bicolors (yellow petals and white coronas) may open all yellow and gradually change to yellow and white.

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**Next Meeting -
Bulb & Plant Exchange
Saturday, October 8 @ 1:00 PM
Holliday Park**

