# AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY NEW ENGLAND REGION Late Summer 2008 Newsletter

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Hopefully you all have had a good summer and are now looking forward to cooler weather and the fall planting season. There is much to be covered in this newsletter so I better begin. At each of the 3 New England Shows last spring the local society giving the show awarded it's own prizes. The ADS awards won at local shows will be published in the September Journal. Here are the local ones.

#### **Greenwich:**

Silver Challenge Bowl – Miniature Sweepstakes: Ray Rogers
George S Lee, Jr. Memorial Trophy – Best collection from Div. 5,6,7 – Anne Noonan
Richardson Trophy – Best pink daffodil – Gaby Hall Pink Silk 1W-P
Michael Magut Youth Trophy – Phoebe Lewis – Salome 2W-PPY
Carolyn Ellis Trophy – Best red,orange or pink-rimmed daffodil, Div. 2 Or 3 – Gaby Hall –
Pink Evening 2W-YWP

## Nantucket Garden Club Special Awards for Daffodils Grown on the Island:

Ann Sanford Bowl – Best Standard daffodil in the show – Grace Noyes – Golden Sheen 2Y-Y Laird V.W. Williams Award – Miniature daffodil in Show – Stephanie Stavnes – Tete a Tete – 12Y-Y

Jean MacAusland Award – Best collection of 5 cultivars – Grace Noyes – Broomhill 2W-W, Easter Moon 2W-GWW, Silver Surf 2W-W, Stainless 2W\_W, Valedictorian 3W-GWW

Best Pink Daffodil - Mary Malavase - Christmas Valley 4W-P

Best White Daffodil - Charlie Harrigan - Broomhill 2W-W

Best Colored Daffodil – Grace Noyes – Golden Sheen 2Y-Y

Helene Whitehead Award – Best Youth Daffodil – Charlie Harrigan – Broomhill 2W-W 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award – Best Collection of 3 Stems of one cultivar – Dottie Gennaro Tahiti 4 Y-O

Best Collection of 3 stems each of 12 different cultivars – Mary Malavese – Katie Heath 5W-P, Bridal Crown 4W-Y, Rapture 6Y-Y, Champagne Magnum 2W-GYY, St. Keverne 2Y-Y, Palmares 11aW-P, Honeybird 1Y-W, Clearwater 2W-GWW, Quail 2Y-Y, Constancy 2Y-Y, Pasteline 2W-P, Pink Frost 2W-P

Most Blue Ribbons in a Novice Class – Paulette Boling

Seven States Daffodil Show – Mike Salera – New Image 2Y-Y

Congratulations to all!

### **FALL BOARD MEETING**

The Fall Board Meeting will be held in Nashville and is open to all ADS members. It will take place from October 31-November 1 at the Millenium House, <a href="www.millenniumhotels.com/">www.millenniumhotels.com/</a> millenniumnashville. It will feature an excellent symposium on miniatures with top ADS growers and hybridizers speaking on various aspects led by Dr Harold Koopowitz. A registration form may be found at: <a href="http://daffodilusa.org/BoardBusiness/2008fallboard/">http://daffodilusa.org/BoardBusiness/2008fallboard/</a> fallmeeting.html You may also call Kathy Welch, Registrar, at 703-242-9783, <a href="mailto:Kathywelsh01@aol.com">Kathywelsh01@aol.com</a> or Becky Fox Matthews at 615-838-1359, <a href="mailto:bfoxmatt@united.net">bfoxmatt@united.net</a> for more information. The symposium will also count as a Judges Refresher so if you are a judge don't forget to add \$3.00 to your registration fee if you plan to take it. If you possibly can, do try to attend. It will be fascinating and well worth your time. Harold Koopowitz, who has been hybridizing fall blooming daffodils for a long time, will have some to show us. I can tell you he has lovely little blossoms to show. The reservation deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR ADS DUES:**

Effective July 1 '09 we will convert to an annual dues renewal date of JULY 1. We trust this will simplify dues payments. With ever increasing costs it was incumbent upon us to find a better solution than our current quarterly dues renewal system. So what will you do as you pay dues for this year, or in 2009? To align with the JUL 1 09 start date, you may need to pay a prorated amount. Look at the back cover of your JUN JOURNAL or this newsletter if it has been sent via USPS to ascertain your dues renewal date. Each calendar quarter of MAR, JUN, SEP, DEC, has a value of \$5 attributed to your annual dues p;ayment of \$20. If your one year dues are paid through SEP 08, you would pay \$15, DEC 08 pay \$10, MARCH 09 pay 4% or \$25 to renew for another year. These payments will get you aligned with the JUL 1 date. If your dues are paid through JUN 09, lucky you, you are good to go, with no pro-rated payments! Please renew by sending your check, made payable to ADS, to the Executive Director. The mailing address is: PO BX 522, Hawkinsville, GA 31036-0522. You can also renew at our ADS web store: www.daffodilusastore,org. I welcome your inquiries about this change. I prefer e-mail com-

munication, but a phone call or a snail mailed note will work, too. Our ADS web store will be problematic for dues renewal pro-rated payments, because it only offers an annual or three year dues renewal option. But if you prefer utilizing the web store, rather than sending a personal check, it can be worked out. Please contact me first, so we can make the necessary changes. I aim to please.

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I would like to quote Vice President Kathy Welsh's suggestions on how to get *Canaliculatus* to bloom.

"Are you of the opinion that the only way to have a blooming *Canaliculatus* is to buy new bulbs from your favorite Dutch source? Until last year, I would have sworn by this theory. I first purchased *Canaliculatus* a number of years ago. The bulbs had split and multiplied regularly, but produced nothing but foliage in the spring. It was not until I mentioned my frustration to Ann Corson that I learned a new trick.

"Ann's advice 'Dig the bulbs and leave the mesh bag on top of the dirt for weeks. Let the bulbs really bake. Pretend like you're trying to kill them.' Following this advice was easy because I had decided that if I didn't get flowers I was disposing of the bulbs anyway. Who needs bulbs that produce nothing but foliage? My efforts paid off greatly. In the summer of 2007 I followed Ann's directions and this past spring I was rewarded with an entire row of flowering bulbs. Most had 5 or 6 blooms per stem."

Thank you Kathy! Perhaps, knowing this I, too, will not have to purchase bulbs every year.

There has been a lot of food for thought in this newsletter. I hope some of it has interested you. As you will note, there is a ballot enclosed in this newsletter. Please follow the directions and return it to Carol Donnelly by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Happy planting.

Nancy

P.S. I have a new computer featuring Vista. If you have an old computer I think this newsletter will come through perfectly. If not, in the section about dues a section will be printed in red and underlined. It just happened and so far I cannot find a way to fix it. I apologize for this but I am leaving next week for Europe and wanted to get this out before leaving.