



# Dixie Daffnotes

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### **Comments from the RVP**

Growing and showing daffodils are fun. Associating with daffodil people is fun. ADS should be a fun organization. Let's put some of our seriousness aside and enjoy our flowers and the people who love and appreciate them. Let's try to attend as many shows and meetings as we can - especially the Convention. I look forward to seeing many of you next spring.

Weldon

### **World Convention 1996**

The National Daffodil Society of New Zealand will host the World Convention in 1996. I have been asked by Kirby Fong to give you some

additional information to try to avoid confusion.

The ADS agreed to help the N.Z. group publicize the convention and therefore a brochure is enclosed. Information regarding their tours and a preliminary registration form is covered in this brochure.

The ADS will offer its own tour, to be organized by Janet Coyle of KiwiPac tours in Belmont, California. Kirby Fong will be the ADS liaison with the tour organizer. There will be an advertisement in the September Journal for the ADS tour and a corresponding letter from Kirby. The ADS tour will be a 17 day tour starting with the Hamilton show on North Island and will stay in N.Z.

continuously through the World Daffodil Convention in Christchurch. Those who are interested in Tasmania may partake of a proposed pre-tour extension that starts a week earlier to visit Sydney, see the Claremont show in Tasmania, and visit daffodil growers in Tasmania. If you need further information, Kirby's address and phone number are:

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### **Experiences of a Novice Daffodil Exhibitor**

**Sandra Stewart  
Jasper, Alabama**

Weldon Childers asked me to write a few words about my experiences as a novice daffodil exhibitor this past spring. I labored a long while on what to say because it always turned into a long story. I finally decided to just say this:

Daffodils are absolutely the easiest flowers in the world to grow. You don't have to buy expensive novelty bulbs to win ribbons. You only have to have one daffodil blooming to enter a show. If you want to get your children interested in nature, beauty, flowers, reading, spelling or travelling, show them how to plant daffodils. Don't be intimidated by 'expert' daffodil exhibitors . . . Mother Nature and the weather will put them in their place on a regular basis. Don't be afraid to enter a daffodil in the show

because it's a common variety. Old or new, they are all beautiful.

It is a good idea to learn what the judges will be looking for at the exhibition. Make sure your flowers are clean, fresh and don't have any noticeable rips or tears. Be sure to put your name in all the right places on your entry card. Be sure your test tube has plenty of water in it.

That's what I did. I went to my first ADS show in Clinton, Mississippi, with my husband and our 5-year-old daughter, Autumn. We enjoyed meeting a new crowd of very friendly people who love daffodils and lamented our recent bad weather. I entered the Novice division and Autumn's flowers in the Junior division. Then we entered the flowers we had plenty of in the vase of 3 classes. Tommy wouldn't take credit or let us enter any flowers for him, but he was really proud when the judges sent our flowers to the head table. Autumn had only one 'Jetfire' in bloom and it won the ADS Junior Ribbon. The look on her face when she saw the eight ribbons she'd won was worth all the digging, planting, picking and nervous waiting we'd done for the past two years. She was disappointed, though, because there were no other small children at the show for her to talk to. I hope she will have some company next year.

I was actually shocked when my own 'Gin & Lime' won the Novice Division and really jealous that the ADS didn't

have a special ribbon for me. I entered several daffodils and virtually all of them won awards. We had an armful of 'Peeping Tom' and won several ribbons with those, since we also had a vase of 3 each.

The next show anywhere close to home was in April in Hernando, Mississippi. Autumn and Tommy stayed home since they had a new batch of baby rabbits and chickens to pet, but Autumn picked and prepared daffodils to enter in her name. I was really intimidated this time since there were many more blooms and I couldn't enter the Novice division. I really didn't think my flowers had a chance against this crowd, but I resolved to put all my flowers in anyway.

I'm so glad I did. I didn't win any ADS ribbons that day either, but I did win second to some very beautiful flowers. I gained much valuable experience in staging entries and expect next year to be much less strain on my brain. I did win a blue ribbon or two. Our best flowers were 'Bravoure' we'd bought for \$.75 each last fall - we had a big bunch. I entered a dozen blooms and each entry won a ribbon. I entered my mother's and she won ribbons, too. I believe that I'll have company when I come to Mississippi next year. I'll also need a bigger refrigerator the week before the show.

I've been reading about ADS' declining membership and overheard a few remarks that perhaps some members

take daffodil shows too seriously. I'm a member of several other clubs that suffer from the same problems. I do want to say here, though, that I don't believe that it is a problem with the daffodil shows in Mississippi. Everyone I met, both in Clinton and Hernando, were as friendly and helpful as could be. I was complimented on the color and form of my flowers and invited to lunch for some very good food. I was able to clerk and learn more about how daffodil shows are judged.

I left both places definitely happy that I had come. I hope you all will help spread that good feeling and introduce someone new to daffodils next year. Do like Weldon did and give them some good bulbs this fall. Help them to learn how to exhibit daffodils. Encourage them and their children. That way, when the Southern Region hosts the 1997 ADS Convention in Jackson, we can show off our new members along with our daffodils and world-famous hospitality!

### **1996 Daffodil Shows**

Mississippi State Show, Clinton, MS,  
March 9-10, 1996

Texas Daffodil Society, Dallas, TX,  
March 16-17, 1996

Arkansas Daffodil Society, Conway,  
AR, March 23-24, 1996

Garden Study Club, Hernando, MS,  
March 30-31, 1996

1995 Daffodil Show Results			
Award	Clinton, MS	Conway, AR	Hernando, MS
ADS Gold Ribbon	'Lemon Silk' 6YW-W Ted Snazelle	'Patchit' 3 W-OOR Leslie Anderson	'Supreme Empire' 2 W-P J. A. Strauss
ADS White Ribbon	'Gold Velvet' 1 Y-Y Jack Hollister	'Gull' 2 W-GWW Louise Dunn	'Verdin' 7 Y-W Judy Faggard
ADS Miniature Gold Ribbon	'Snipe' 6 W-W Leslie Anderson	'Yellow Xit' 3 W-Y Martha Anderson	'Stafford' 7 Y-0 J. A. Strauss
ADS Miniature White Ribbon	'Mite' 6 Y-Y Maxine Rankin	'Xit' 3 W-W Sandra Shepherd	<i>N. bulbocodium conspicuus</i> 10 Y-Y Sandra Shepherd
ADS Rose Ribbon	C86P8 2 Y-Y Weldon Childers	77/2/4 3 W-YYO 'Rockall' X 'Eribol' Ted Snazelle	Not Awarded
ADS Miniature Rose	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
ADS Junior Ribbon	'Jetfire' 6 Y-R Autumn Stewart	'Golden Aura' 2 Y-Y Allison Redding	'Killearnan' 9 W-GYR Allison Redding
ADS Silver Ribbon	14 Blue Ribbons Ted Snazelle	20 Blue Ribbons Martha Anderson	Information not available
ADS Purple Ribbon	Div. 6 Collection Jack Hollister	White Collection Sandra Shepherd	Div. 2 Collection Weldon Childers
ADS Lavender	Martha Anderson	Louise Dunn	Louise Dunn
ADS Throckmorton	Not Awarded	Leslie Anderson	Sandra Shepherd
ADS Quinn	Ted Snazelle	Sandra Shepherd	Jack Hollister
ADS Red-White-Blue Ribbon	Ted Snazelle	Louise Dunn	Jack Hollister
ADS Miniature Red-White-Blue Ribbon	Not Awarded	Martha Anderson	Martha Anderson
ADS Bronze Ribbon	Not Offered	James Russell	Not Offered
ADS Mini Bronze	Not Offered	Louise Dunn	Not Offered
ADS Green Ribbon	Not Awarded	Ted Snazelle	Joan Alliston
ADS Watrous	Martha Anderson	Not Awarded	Not Awarded