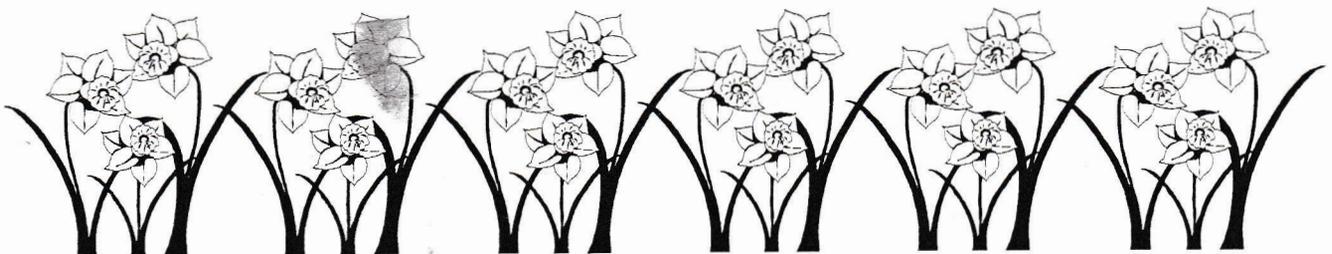


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Narcissus Notes

When I first started to think about doing this newsletter, I looked back to see what Linda had written. In her first letter she stated that her husband had given her a computer at Christmas and how her friend had given up a beautiful Sunday afternoon to help her get the show report entered. Well, it does parallel my experience. I got my computer at Thanksgiving and cousin Ann gave up a Sunday evening and a Saturday night to get me acquainted with a few of the finer points. However, I'm very good when it comes to playing Hearts and Solitaire.

For those who don't know me, I've been a member of CODS and ADS for about ten years, and have attended all national shows since 1991 when the show was held in Indianapolis. In 1996 I retired from Columbus Southern Power Company after 38 years of service. At that time we (husband Bill and I) moved to our new home in the country. It's built on part of the farm which my great great grandfather bought when he moved his family from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to the wilds of northern Licking County in 1827 (county seat is Newark).

From our windows we see trees, plowed fields, deer, turkeys and the ever present ground-hogs. As anyone living in the country can tell you, there is the ever present chance of surprise such as last month when I happened to look out the front window in time to see Bessie the Holstein heifer and several of her closest friends standing in our less than a year old landscaping calmly chewing on some daylilies. N. jonquilla was surrounded by hoof prints, and Silver Snow was trimmed to 5". However, they were fortunate not to have found the major bed or else they may have been hamburger.

This daffodil season was rather early for some of us. It was necessary for CODS and NODS to cancel their shows because the flowers had passed their prime, and Adena's show was not scheduled because of the World Tour. El Nino really did a number on us this year. There is no accounting for what Mother Nature will do, but there's always next year.

What would you like to see in a newsletter? How about a column of Lost and Found, suggestions on how to make weeding easier, attracting new members, ways and means, program topics, or if you just want to share your experiences of growing the perfect daffodil, send me ANYTHING. Please also send me any comments, suggestions, or criticisms. I love to receive mail, snail mail that is.

Since I mentioned Lost and Found, I would like to put out a request that if anyone has a bulb named **BRUCE**(Philips), Betty Bruce Kealiher would be thrilled to receive one. Irene Moseley, CODS, is looking for **IBIS** (Mitsch). We will both be happy to take possession of them at the Regional Meeting.

Please mark October 10 on your calendars as the date of the fall Regional Meeting. Hope you all have a great summer.

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World Daffodil Tour

We must thank Ian, Tom Handley and Maureen for being our escorts for the week. I am sure it took a great deal of stamina to handle all the problems that were brought to them. Reg Nicholl and his team did a masterful job on the English portion of the tour. How Brian & Betty did what they did and remained sane is a mystery to me and we owe them many, many thanks.

Ian and the Handley's met us at Heathrow and got us all safely to the Tower Thistle Hotel which was located right at London Bridge. It was a wonderful venue for us. We had the afternoon free to tour a portion of London. On Tuesday, a number of us helped judge the RHS Show. As stated before, Brian won the Engleheart with some wonderful flowers, such as Goldfinger 1Y-Y, Dorchester 4W-P, Tropical Heat 2Y-R, June Lake 2W-GYP, Assertion 2W-P, Surrey 2Y-R, Cape Point 2W-P, Cheetah 1Y-O, Chobe River 1Y-Y, Dr. Hugh 3W-GOO, Bouzouki 2Y-R, and Queen's Guard 1W-Y.

Clive Postles was second, John Pearson was third and the Best Division 1 seedling #92-8-P29 1Y-Y came from John's collection. I did not write down the Best Division 2, but Moon Shadow, belonging to Paul Payne was Best in Show and Best Division 3, and of course, Dorchester Best Division 4 and Ice Wings 5W-W Best Division 5-9.

On Day 3, the group went to Wisley Gardens in Surrey, and it rained most of the day. I did not go to Wisley but spent the day with Sandra and Michael Baxter close to a warm fire. The following day, it was on to RHS Hyde Hall Gardens and then to John Pearson's Hoffland Daffodils. John & Rosemary must have connections "upstairs" because the sun came out and it was a beautiful day. We were able to get into the bulb fields and saw many fine cultivars: Lavender Mist, Celestial Fire, Sheelagh Rowan, etc.. After leaving the Pearson's we had time to shop in the little town of Maldon where I toured a church where George Washington's great-grandfather was a minister.

The next day was to be spent at Stratford-on-Avon, but due to heavy rains, we stayed on the coach and had a "Blue Badge Guide" of this historic town. Then on to Solihull and the society's Centenary activities. It was great to see our English friends again industriously cleaning and grooming their daffodils. The following day when some of us were judging, the remainder of the group motored to Clive Postles to see his daffodils. Royal China, Hampton Court, Ombersley, and Fireblade caught my eye. John Pearson won a number of classes, including the Bourne Cup, and Ian had time to enter his flowers with a "little help from his friends" and won a number of ribbons. We were happy to see Astrid Postles greeting the visitors and hope she is well soon.

The Centenary Dinner was special with daffodil lovers from all parts of the globe: David & Robin Jackson, Jamie and Kaye Radcliff, David and Leitha Adams, Spud Brogden, Andrew Jenkins, Peter and Lesley Ramsay, Jan Pennings, Wim Lemmers, Dr. Shejbal from Italy and others. We toasted the Queen, we toasted the President and heaven knows how many others down the line. They gave out their show awards and do they have

trophies. I mean, THEY HAVE TROPHIES! They only get them out every 100 years or so...they stay in a bank vault.

Early Sunday morning we headed for Northern Ireland. Sandy McCabe met us at the airport and got us and all the luggage onto buses, and we headed for the Dunadry Inn and Country Club. This building was formerly a mill and linen factory, beautiful area to bird and relax after the flight over. We were privileged to be present when Brian presented the Peter Barr Memorial Cup to Sir Frank Harrison. It was the first time I have seen Sir Frank speechless. He was overwhelmed.

The tour guide on my bus was Crosbie Cochrane, Brian's brother-in-law, and the stories he did tell. We toured Greenmount College of Agriculture and Horticulture. Beautiful college grounds and a wonderful nature trail (good birding). In the afternoon we visited Kate Reade and Carncairn Daffodils. You will be glad to know that Robin is coming along quite well. We were served tea and cookies by Kate's children and had a great time in the daffodil fields.

Each day the Council in the area we were visiting treated us to champagne lunches and wonderful dinners. On Tuesday, we toured Old Bushmills Distillery, Giants Causeway and the University of Ulster. The Guy Wilson Garden on the university grounds is breathtaking. A beautiful setting in memory of this wonderful daffodil hybridizer. Then on to Omagh where we met our hosts for the next couple of days. Hube and I stayed with Wilma Marshall, who is the sister of Rosanna Campbell of Tyrone Daffodils.

We visited The Ulster American Folk Park and then on to Brian and Betty's. The shed was set up with beautiful vases of daffodils, perfectly staged... I am assuming Brian didn't go to bed at all to have set all this up. It was fantastic. My "want List" is a mile long after visiting Brian and Betty's. They also hosted our luncheon this day, so between showing flowers and cooking, Brian is probably pretty worn out by now.

We then attended a cocktail reception given by Their Graces, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn at their castle and then another dinner hosted by the Omagh District Council. On Thursday we were scheduled to go to Tyrone Daffodils (Clarke, Rosanna & Desmond Campbell) to view their daffodils, but due to bad weather and the daffodils being almost over, the Campbell's arranged for us to visit the Tyrone Crystal factory. It was most interesting, and we did a great deal of shopping for folks back home. Then on to Hillsborough Castle for lunch and a tour of the castle gardens.

After lunch, we were on our way to Ballydorn Bulb Farm and Sir Frank Harrison's. What a beautiful site...high on a hill overlooking a lough and viewing great daffodils. A bright sunny afternoon in Northern Ireland. We then made our way to the Wellington Park Hotel in Belfast. The hotel was quite near Queen's University and the Belfast Botanic Garden.

On Friday we visited some of Belfast's beautiful parks with mass daffodil plantings...

hundreds of April Tears naturalized and doing beautifully. We judged the Daffodil and Companion Plant Trials initiated by the Northern Ireland Daffodil Group in cooperation with Belfast Parks. We had a free afternoon, and I went shopping in downtown Belfast.

On Saturday I helped to judge the Belfast Spring Flower Show which was held near a beautiful old mansion in one of the city parks. The daffodil show was outside in a tent and again we saw great daffodils. Brian won the Championship of Ireland with Ethos, Soprano, Jake, Savor Faire, Crimson Chalice, Garden News, Nether Barr, Goldfinger, Chobe River, Dr. Hugh, State Express and June Lake. Ethos was Best Division 1, and Best in Show was Achduart.

In the evening we were guests of the Lord Mayor of Belfast for dinner at the historic City Hall. It was a memorable evening. The farewells continued back at the hotel until two in the morning, and we had to get up at five to leave for the airport.

Each day started with a traditional huge breakfast, tea and cookies around ten, wonderful lunches, tea and cookies again around five and then champagne receptions and banquets each evening. I am now on my way to join Weight Watchers! We thank our hosts for an unforgettable World Daffodil Tour.

Tag Bourne

Many thanks to Tag for allowing me to reproduce her article about the World Tour which went out over the internet. Someday these computers and the internet will be as common as TV's, and we'll all have them.

If my count is correct, there were 21 persons from the Midwest Region attending all or part of the World Tour, so we were very well represented.

I have to agree with everything Tag said about our UK hosts showing us a wonderful time, and I certainly have to agree with the fact that they fed us very well.

Betty

The Fall Regional Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on October 10, 1998 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1555 S. James Road, Columbus, OH. The church is located at the second traffic light north of Interstate 70. James Road is Exit # 105B on the east side of Columbus.

Coffee and donuts will start at 9:30. Tag Bourne has pictures which are several years old, and your help is needed in identifying some of the people in them. After lunch, she will show pictures from the World Tour. For those who have never seen the daffodil fields of our UK friends, you are in for a treat. We will conclude the

afternoon with the bulb exchange, so save a few extra to bring. For those who will be coming to your first Regional Meeting, please bring your favorite dish to share and your own table service.

Congratulations to Peggy Macneale

Congratulations to Peggy Macneale (SWODS) for being awarded the Silver Medal at the recent ADS meeting. This award is given annually to an individual in recognition of outstanding service to the Society. Peggy has served as Regional Director and other positions in ADS. Her column for newcomers is a standard in the Daffodil Journal. She is one of the founding members of SWODS and is also a Master Gardner. She was the first director of the Civic Garden Center and is also famous for her potting parties. Again, congratulations Peggy, but we always knew you were pretty special.

Midwest Region Elections

This fall our Midwest Region must elect one new Regional Director. Mary Rutledge is our outgoing director. At this time, I'll thank Mary for the three years she has served as a director knowing that she will continue to promote the daffodil with her attendance at many regional and also the national shows.

The ballot with the names of nominees for this election will appear in the fall Regional Newsletter. There must be at least one nominee but not more than three for each office. The Regional Director serves one, three-year term.

Anyone from our region wishing to submit a nomination(s) to be voted on for these offices must obtain the consent of the nominee(s) to submit his/her name(s) and obtain signatures of five members from our region who support the nomination(s).

Any such nominee(s) must be submitted to the chairman of the regional nominating committee no later than August 1, 1998.

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NOTE - When I got most of the way thru this newsletter, I discovered I had forgotten the heading, so here are the directors:

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