

Narcissus Notes

Midwest Region - American Daffodil Society

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

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*Will you be able to
house Richard? and
Will you introduce him*

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*You know
more about
him &*

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*Can do a good
job. Unless I
hear from you
I'll assume the
answer is
yes to both
questions -
Thanks*

NEW MEMBERS

Ms Phyllis Blessing	608 S. Grant St.	Brownsburg	IN 46112
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WELCOME TO YOU ALL! Do plan to join your local society. It is an opportunity to gain in knowledge, meet fellow daffodilians and share bulbs. We hope to meet you at the Midwest Regional Meeting on October 26, 1991 at Cox Arboretum. Directions on the back of newsletter.

*Since we are not paying him what do
you suggest we give him as a thank you?*



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REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It is coming soon, your Annual Midwest Regional Meeting. Mark your calendar by circling Saturday, October 26, 1991 as YOUR DAY OUT to meet with fellow daffodilians at Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH. Note map on back page. Again lunch will be the usual delicious pot-luck cuisine, so bring your favorite dish, your own table service, bulbs for the exchange and a friend who could be a potential member. Napkins, cups and beverage will be provided. There will be a fee of \$1.00 to help cover these costs and the cost of the building.

Did you take slides or photo's at the Indianapolis ADS Convention last April? If so please bring them to show. I will have an empty carousel and a projector available for the slides.

I have allotted 30 minutes for an Open Forum on ANYTHING pertaining to daffodils, so BRING YOUR QUESTIONS and we will try to find the answer.

Leone Low has consented to share her experience in hybridizing. She has a wealth of knowledge gained through her research and you will find her "MURPHY'S LAW IN HYBRIDIZING" most informative.

We will have a very special guest speaker at this meeting. He is Richard Ezell, the First Vice President of the American Daffodil Society. Richard comes to us from Pennsylvania and is fitting us in between family obligations and his own daffodil society meeting. He promises to be entertaining while educational and his topic offers information for both the beginner and advanced grower. The title "SINCE I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT DAFFODILS HOW COME I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING"?

AGENDA

- 9:30 - 10:00 REGISTRATION - Coffee and Baked Breads
- 10:00 - 10:30 BUSINESS MEETING
 - Report from Societies
 - Report of 1991 ADS Convention-Indianapolis
 - Update from National ADS Board Members
 - Notes from ADS Fall Board Meeting - Nancy Gill
 - 1992 ADS CONVENTION - COLUMBUS - Namoi Liggett
- 10:30 - 11:00 SHOW WINNERS - Wells Knierin's Slides
- 11:00 - 11:50 "MURPHY'S LAW IN HYBRIDIZING - Leone Low
- 11:50 - 12:00 Questions
- 12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH + preview the bulb exchange table
- 1:00 - 1:45 "SINCE I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT DAFFODILS HOW COME I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING"? - Richard Ezell
- 1:45 - 2:15 OPEN FORUM - members questions answered by members
- 2:15 - 2:45 Bulb Exchange
- 2:45 - Adjournment

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DEADLINE for next issue of NARCISSUS NOTES is February 9, 1992.
Please make this YOUR newsletter by contributing to it. I look forward to hearing from you.

May your fall plantings bring only Blue Ribbons.



1992 ADS CONVENTION - COLUMBUS, OHIO

The 1992 ADS convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio, at the Hyatt Capitol Square on April 23 - 25. Start making your plans now to attend this educational and entertaining event. I understand that Peter Ramsey will be the main speaker. The planning committee has a tour of Ameriflora '92 on the agenda. This will be the first international floral and garden festival ever to be held in the U.S. It is a quincentennial celebration honoring Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the America's. A 10,000 square foot addition to Franklin Park Observatory will feature variable climate controls. You will be able to walk from lush rain forests to frozen tundra to desert. From April 20 through May 3, Ameriflora '92 will house a 90,000 square-foot indoor international horticultural and garden design competition. Ten Nations and top U.S. Organizations will compete for the first time in the U.S. Attend your ADS convention, enter the National Daffodil Show, tour AmeriFlora '92 and enjoy sharing experiences with your daffodil friends.

SHOW CHAIRMAN NOTE !

Robert Spotts, 409 Hazelnut Drive, Oakley, CA 94561 is the ADS Awards Chairman. He must approve your Show Schedules. Get them to him as soon as possible. Please pass this information on to your show chairman. Not all show chairman are ADS members and will not receive this newsletter.

BASAL ROT

You had so many bulbs to dig and somehow time was limited and the bulbs didn't get dipped. I learned the following from one of Helen Link's notes in the IDS newsletter and it has been most helpful - so I'm passing it on to you.

Protect against basal rot buy mixing Benlate in water to form a thin mix about the consistency of buttermilk. WEAR GLOVES Dip bulb in mix before planting, then set on a cushion of sand and cover. Another suggestion which is easier and has been working well for me is to dust the top of the sand with Benlate Powder, then set the bulb directly on the sand and cover with soil. Use an old salt shaker or a can with holes pinched in its removable lid to serve as your benlate shaker. This method allows the roots to absorb the benalate and inoculates against basal rot starting. So far I have not noticed any damage.

INEXPENSIVE NAMED MINIATURES

by Leone Yarborough Low

A daffodil friend that I admire said "Grow miniatures for fun!. They are either too early or too late for our shows."

There's a lot of truth in this challenge. For garden color, the earlies should be grown in higher, sunnier places, but for show, they will bloom a little later if grown north of evergreens, at the foot of a slope, etc. The opposite applies to late bloomers.

Inexpensive miniature hybrids are great subjects to experiment to determine the effect (if any) of different planting sites on bloom time. They don't take up much space in the refrigerator, either.

Hybridizing miniatures is far more difficult than standards. However, accepting the challenge to fill the season gap adds another goal to a list which includes more colors and color/shape combinations. A few comments on inexpensive minis' hybridizing potential included.

EARLY BLOOM

The miniature list includes the early season sturdy 1 Y-Y's Bagatelle, Little Gem and Wee Bee, probably all closely related to the species, nanus (minor), 10 Y-Y. Possibly a more graceful because of its starry, but sometimes twisted perianth is 10 Y-Y (minor) pumillus. Little Beauty, 1 W-Y, also provides a bright dash of spring color. While some have described these as "big flowers on short stems," they are inexpensive, are available for very early shows, are seed and pollen fertile, and chase winter from the garden.

It is also possible to purchase early Tete-a-Tete, 12 Y-Y (formerly 6 Y-O, wish it were 12 Y-O), jumblie, 6 Y-O, and Minnow, 8 W-Y, for under fifty cents each in lots of five. Although these lack the snob appeal on the show table because of their ready availability, well grown specimens still merit a blue ribbon and occasionally more. I have tried crossing many, many blooms of these, with almost no luck. In fact, the ADS Daffodil Data Bank has an S (seed parent) by Tete-A Tete, and it may deserve a P (pollen fertile).

GRACEFULLY LATE

A group of inexpensive hybrid miniatures which has at least one parent from the large jonquil family tends to be late blooming. Crosses with triandrus include the 5 Y-Y's Hawera and April Tears (which is usually better). Baby moon and Baby Star, both 7 Y-Y, have two parents from within the jonquil family and are fertile. Bobbysoxer, 7 Y-YYO, Sun Disc, 7 Y-Y, and Sundial 7 Y-Y are from Alec Gray's rupicola and poeticus crosses. So is Bebop, 7 W-Y, which is usually a little more expensive. Prices on these and others, such as Clare, may have a wide range for the same cultivar. The well-known Law of Supply and Demand helps to explain some of the price differentials.

SPECIES FOR ALL SEASONS

Species daffodils are the most ancient of daffodils. The miniature species are primarily from the Mediterranean area and occur naturally in the wild. Because collectors were making inroads into native populations, the US is regulating the importation of wild daffodils in an effort to keep them from becoming extinct in their native habitat.

Most of the easily obtained field/garden grown miniature species daffodils, such as asturiensis, bulbocodiums obeseus and conspicuus, cyclamineus, jonquilla, juncifolius, various minors, rupicola, scaberulus, tazetta laticolor (canaliculatus), and triandrus concolor, all 10 Y-Y, triandrus puchellus, 10 Y-W, and triandrus albus, 10 W-W, were available for under a dollar each in lots of five or six in 1990.

Species comprise a fifth of the miniature list and are now even more attractive for show purposes, since the new ADS Handbook states that "SPECIES MAY BE DIVIDED BY THEIR CLASSIFICATION." Thus each species entry should be judged against specimens and the standard for its own species. The change is a good one. An excellent asturriensis normally would not take a blue ribbon from an average rupicola because most rupicola are so good. The rupicola will have a perfectly round cup and symmetrically spaced flat petals (possibly overlapping) which are relatively thick. The asturiensis will have a deeper yellow color and be smaller, but the cup lip may be irregular, the petals narrow and twisted, and the cup will give the effect of being too large for the stem, unless it is a truly outstanding specimen. Now the asturiensis should be judged as an asturiensis (minimus).

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Formerly all 10 Y-Y's were judged in the same class unless there were more than three or more of each kind. Note to show chairs: Leave extra space for miniature 10 Y-Y's when setting up the show area, since there will be quite a few classes here.

The species miniature daffodils that have descended from large population in the wild, are, under the right conditions, seed and pollen fertile. This is useful for propagating the species, and hybridizing miniatures, as well as standard 5's, 6's, and 7's. The species clone(s) may not be genetically predisposed to long life and vegetative reproduction that we expect from larger daffodils, so consideration should be given to letting some flowers go to seed to supply replacements.

The species should be variable. For example, two dozen cyclamineus, 10 Y-Y, and eight dozen triandrus albus, 10 W-W, ordered for 1990 blooming showed 100 % variation in size, differing perianth and/or cup shape, bloom season, and to a lesser extent, color. The variability in the wild sometimes leads to difficulty in identification and nomenclature.

Ordering a larger number of bulbs increases the chances of obtaining a nicer specimen for exhibition and getting more than one clone for seed propagation purposes. Some clones, i.e, bulbs which are divisions of a single bulb, are self-sterile. However, keep in mind that it is not unknown for suppliers to make a mistake.

MIWEST REGION DAFFODIL SHOWS

At the printing of this newsletter the following shows have been scheduled.

April 4 - Scottsburg, IN. DAFFODIL GROWERS SOUTH, Leota Barn R.R.3
 Information: Mrs. Verne Trueblood, R.R.3, Leota, Scottsburg, IN 47170

April 11-12 - Dayton, OH, SOUTHWESTERN OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY at the Wegerzen Horticultural Center, 1301 E. Seibenthaler Ave.. Information Mrs. Richard Omlor, 237 Hadley Ave. Oakwood, Ohio 45419.

April 16 Indianapolis, Indiana. Indiana Daffodil Society - location to be announced in next news letter. Information: Mrs. Geothe Link, P.O. Box 84, Brooklyn, IN 4611

April 23-24-25 - Columbus, Ohio. NATIONAL SHOW. THE CENTRAL OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY at the Hyatt on Capitol Square. Information: Mrs. David Gill, 2475 West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43221.

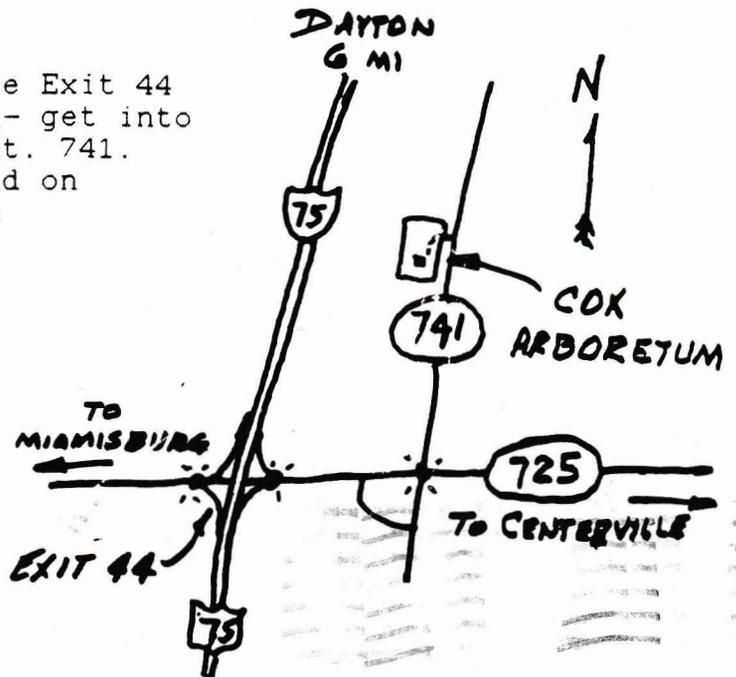
May 2-3 - Mansfield, Ohio, KINGWOOD DAFFODIL SOCIETY - at the Exhibit Hall, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue West. Information: Charles Applegate, 3699 Pleasant Hill Road, Perrysville, OH 44864.

COMING EVENTS

April 23 - 25, 1992 ADS Convention, Columbus, OH
April 1 - 3 1993 ADS Convention, Nashville, TN
Spring 1994 ADS Convention, Portland, OR

TO GET TO COX ARBORETUM

Exit I-75 at Miamisburg Centerville Exit 44
and go East on Rt. 725 to Rt. 741 - get into
the left lane to turn North onto Rt. 741.
Cox Arboretum is about a mile ahead on
the left. Entance is on the North
edge of the park.



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