



Narcissus Notes

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Regional Vice-President's Message

Dear Members:

1989 has brought spring in January and February, so let's hope winter doesn't arrive in April! We could worry more that it will be summer by blooming time, with all the daffodils wilting as soon as they come out. With this crazy season, who can tell if we'll have flowers for our shows. Our only salvation will be cooperation from all members to enter as many shows as possible. Check out pages 126 and 127 in the Dec. '88 ADS Journal for the dates of shows, and add the Western Reserve Show (Cleveland) on April 26 and 27.

Start, however, by supporting the Regional Show at Scottsburg, Indiana, on April 8. Daffodil Growers South has never staged a Regional before this year, so let's help Helen Trueblood have an eye-popping display. Her schedule includes a map of how to find the Leota Barn, site of the show. It's a lovely area of Indiana, so head for Scottsburg, one and all!

Meantime, many of us are also heading west for the National show and convention in San Francisco March 16-18. The Bay area is lush in March, and we look forward to seeing Sid duBose's seedlings on our Saturday field trip. A highlight will be Clive Postle's talk at the Saturday banquet, plus the bulb raffle. We are reproducing the

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page from the Dec. Journal about the bulb bonanza to remind you that even if you can't get to the convention, you can take a chance on these bulbs.

This is my last letter as Regional V.P.. Peg Newill of Dayton has been nominated to take over this job so you will be hearing from her about the fall regional meeting. She is aiming, at last report, for October 7th.

Thank you all for helping me have a rewarding three years. This is a busy region, and it's a joy to meet with so many fellow daffophiles.

See you around!

Peggy Macneale

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NOTES FROM THE FALL '88 REGIONAL

Forty-one members from Indiana and Ohio turned up for a day at Inniswood, near Columbus, on October 22, '88. How about some Michigan participation in '89? Our pot luck luncheons alone are worth the drive!

It's always inspiring to hear what is going on in the local societies. Several have regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year, and besides instructive talks they have projects to increase their funds and memberships through bulb sales. Reaching out for a large attendance at their shows, many find that staging them in a mall (Akron), a conservatory (CODS), or a Garden Center (SWODS and Cleveland) where the public is liable to be on hand for other weekend pursuits, attracts hundreds of visitors, and ususally results in having a few join up for the fun.

A call from the ADS for the establishment of a regional "Round Robin" was answered by Leone Low. She will be happy to be chairman of this effort. A half dozen or so of those on hand expressed interest, so look elsewhere in this newsletter for instructions from leone about getting this project under way.

The new issue of "Daffodils to Show and Grow" has 619 changes, and is now available from Mary Lou Gripshover. Cost: \$6.00 postpaid.

The main discussion of the day centered around various types of labelling and methods of keeping track of daffodil plantings. Besides the evaluation of several different metals and plastics used for markers, the panelists revealed that charts, file cards, or computers are essential aids in keeping track of buried bulbs.

We also enjoyed hearing about Tasvention from both Naomi Liggett and Wells Knierim. Then, the bulb exchange, as usual, was a great way to close the program and end an enjoyable day.

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Your "Narcissus Notes" was delayed due, in part, to the editor's participation in judging the East Tennessee Daffodil Society Show in Knoxville, Tennessee on March 25. This was only their second show and they deserve a big "tip of the hat" for a job well done. The drive through the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee is an easy and very scenic one. Being able to see their blooms that were still, at best, in tight bud state up here "in the North" was well worth the drive and proved to whet the appetite for things yet to come. Look for word of this groups show next year and give some thought for attending!

A SUGGESTED LIST OF INTERMEDIATES

The ADS has begun to assemble a list of those daffodils which are too large to be considered miniatures, and yet are often ignored in competition with "standards". Show chairmen have been asked to include a class for "intermediates" to see if an interest exists in these middle-size daffodils. Probably a final list will not include any of the cultivars in Divisions 5,6, and 7, for almost all of these are automatically smaller than those in Divisions 1 and 2, and even most 3's. There are very few small Division 8's, 9's and 11's, but let's see what we can do in our shows to help the ADS decide this question once and for all. The December '88 ADS Journal, on pp.97 and 98, printed a tentative list of suggested candidates for "intermediate" status. We hope you will study this and bring your own candidates for an entry in those shows offering this class.

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As earlier mentioned in this newsletter, your Narcissus Notes is being published very late. Peggy Macneale did her part and got me the material in plenty of time to get out to you but I did not do my part. Leone Low, as was earlier mentioned, had volunteered to take on the responsibility of heading up this area's "Round Robin", and very efficiently sent me a letter pertaining to that issue promptly after the Regional Fall meeting had been held in Columbus. I thought that I had filed it with the rest of my daffodil information (ADS Journals, old Narcissus Notes, catalogues, etc.) and knowing I wouldn't need it until early March promptly put it out of my mind. Yes, you know what is coming next, when it came time to start getting my typewriter out and thoughts centered around daffodils, I went to get the letter from Leone. Now I know that letter is here in my house somewhere, but as of today (3/30/89) it still has not been located. So apologies to Leone Low are due (I found the letter with her book review, Sept.'88!). I believe that she indicated that those persons interested in participating in a "Round Robin" in the Midwest Region should contact her. Leone also is involved with the "Round Robin" for hybridizers and indicated that more than 8-10 participants get out of hand. Leone's address is : Leone Y. Low, 1450 President Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio - 45387.

An apology is also due to Peggy Macneale, for as I said earlier, she made a special trip to the school where I teach to make sure I had her Vice-President's letter and the report from the fall meeting. Unfortunately, March is also the time of year when (professionally) I have a school yearbook to assemble and Individual Educational Programs to write for the children I teach and unfortunately for the Narcissus Notes, my job comes before my daffodils. As I am continuing on as editor for Peg Newill, I hope to do better in the future.

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If you are not already aware, as of April 1,1989, Leslie Anderson will be retiring as Executive Director of ADS and she will be replaced by our own Mary Lou Gripshover. Lets all do all we can to help Mary Lou if the need arises. It is an honor to have the new Executive Directo in our midst!

Any news items, articles, comments, and/or interest is always welcome!

Sally