

# Narcissus Notes

Midwest Region

American Daffodil Society

Summer, 1995

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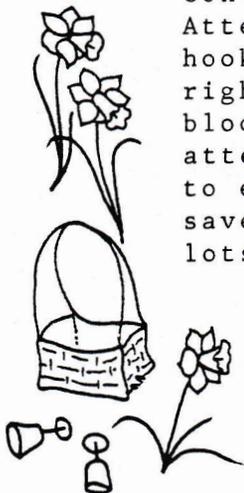
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These people have volunteered to serve the ADS for 1995. If you have ideas, suggestions or questions, please write or call them. They'll be glad to hear from you.



1996 CONVENTION  
Baltimore, Maryland  
April 18, 19 and 20

Conventions are a blast!  
Attend just one and you're hooked. And this one is right in the middle of our blooming season so anyone attending should have things to enter. Mark your calendars, save some pennies and plant lots of new bulbs this fall.

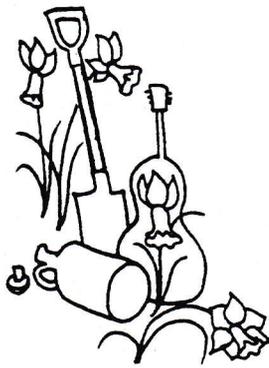


## 1996 SHOWS

Chairpersons for 1996 shows are requested to send their show information to Leone Low by October 1. The following information is requested:

Name of Show  
Chairperson  
Contact Person, their address  
and phone number  
Date  
Place

Leone would also like to have the schedule then or immediately thereafter. Leone then forwards this information to the Journal. Any group not sending info will show last year's chairperson as the contact person for this year.



IMPORTANT CULTIVATION NOTES FOR HOOP-PETTICOAT DAFFODILS:

In our garden we flower our hoop-petticoats (the species *N. bulbocodium*, *N. cantabricus*, *N. romieuxii* and their hybrids) prolifically every year. We believe this success is due to planting the bulbs in a situation where they get no water from November through until March. The easiest way to achieve this is by planting in pots and tipping these on their side for the Summer. This long, hot, dry spell certainly seems to be the key to prolific flowering.

LITTLE TASMANIAN DEVILS

Recent articles in the Daffodil Journal have encouraged us to send for Down Under bulbs. I succumbed and it's wonderful.

Here's how I planted mine. They arrived toward the end of March and I picked a spot north of the pine trees in half shade. I dug the holes and put a little fertilizer (low nitrogen) in the bottom. Then I put in about 2" of Peter's potting soil, then the bulb and then about 4" more of potting soil, topping up the hole with regular dirt. Potting soil was as close to "sterilized" as I could come. Then I watered and I'm still watering. I want to try and keep that foliage growing as long as I can. Eight cultivars were planted and 7 are up. I dug down and the other one is still there - just not up.

The next test is to see what happens next spring. I'll update.

A little seed  
For me to sow..  
A little earth  
To make it grow..



A little hole,	A little sun,
A little pat..	A little shower..
A little wish,	A little while,
And that is that.	And then - a flower!

M. Watts

A SAD TALE OF WOE

"Haste makes waste". How many times did mother say this? At our shows this spring, a number of exhibitors, including myself, forget this advice. Some of us forgot to prepare our tags properly. All were denied awards in collection classes because of various errors. Some have been doing this for years and "know better".

This should encourage newcomers. Learn from our mistakes. Read and understand entry requirements. Then pretend it's like love at first sight. It's nice, but a long, hard second look is in order!



Inkling Bluebells  
Hot Pokers red.  
Tell me a tale  
Before I go to bed.

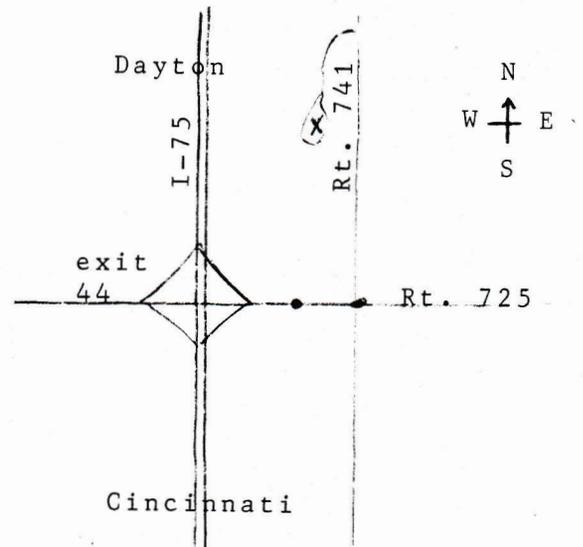
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MIDWEST REGIONAL FALL MEETING

October 14, 1995

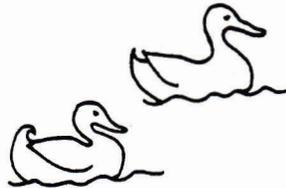
COX ARBORETUM

Take I-75. Exit 44 (Centerville)  
Go east on 725 to Rt. 741 (2nd light)  
Left on 741 to Cox (about 1 mile)



AGENDA

- 9:30 Local Society Meetings
- 10:00 Regional Meeting  
Lunch
- 12:00 Program  
Bulb Exchange



ODD SLIDES

Over the seasons, most of us have collected an odd slide or two that we would like to share - but not enough for a complete program.

Here's your chance.

Bring them to the meeting and be prepared to tell us what we're looking at. We're the most interested audience you'll ever find !!!

PROGRAM

This past spring, Mary Lou Gripshover, the ADS Executive Director, traveled to Spain with Marilyn Howe and Kathy Anderson to see where this yellow fever began.

She took some great pictures and has prepared a program. SWODS members have seen most of this, but I was so impressed with the photography and the useful information, that I asked her to do it again.

How many times have you asked to see a slide show a second time?  
IT WAS THAT GOOD.

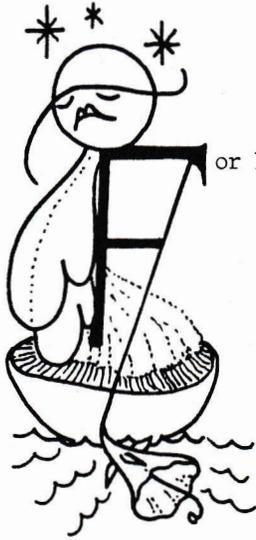
I have also asked Tom Stettner of SWODS to give us a 5 minute lecture on his use of Cygon to combat narcissus bulb fly.

BULB EXCHANGE

The spring so wet and the summer so hot, I wonder if many bulbs were dug? If you have a few extra to share, thank you. Newcomers get a thrill at this sometimes mad happening!

POTLUCK LUNCH

Same as always. Please bring something good to eat and share. Also, your place setting (plate, silverware, etc.). Coffee and tea will be provided.



or I, the Lent Lily, the Daffadowndilly  
Have heard through the country the call to arouse.  
The orchards are ringing with voices a-singing  
The praise of my petticoat, praise of my gown;  
The children are playing, and hark! they are saying  
That Daffy-down-dilly is come up to town!

From "The Song of the Daffodil Fairy"

by C. M. Barker

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