

SWODS NEWS

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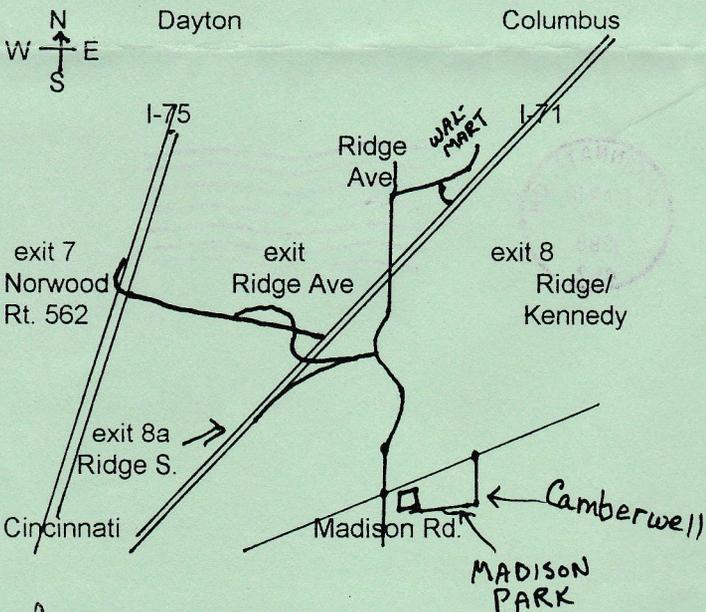
MEETING March 22, 1997 3:00

Fully aware of what a jam-packed season is ahead, we've still decided to have a spring meeting. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Oakley. A map is drawn below to help you locate it.

Two things are on the program - so far. Mary Lou Gripshover and Peggy Macneale will show various slides including some of Holland's Keukenhof Gardens. Anyone who has ever seen these gardens rave about the incredible designs and color. Both Mary Lou and Peggy are wonderful photographers and we appreciate that they are so willing to share their work.

Second, we will share tips and pointers in entering flowers in a show. Newcomers and old-timers can always learn something at these sessions. It is so easy from year to year to forget the little nuances of staging flowers. And SWODS is fortunate to have quite a few members who have proven themselves to be proficient exhibitors and willing to share what they have learned over the years.

The meeting will begin at 3:00. We will share a potluck as usual. Bring your favorite covered dish and don't forget to bring your place setting.



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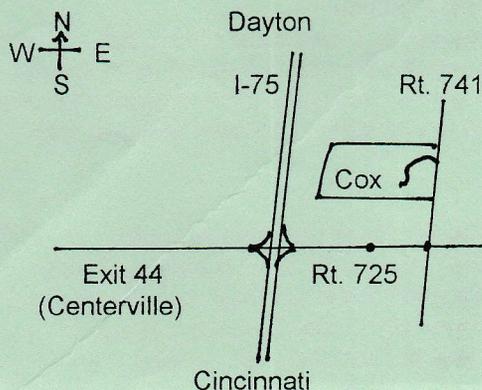
1998 Show at Cox Arboretum

Cox Arboretum will be the site for the 1998 SWODS show April 18-19. A map to the location is below. Harold McConnell is the chairman of this years show.

This year there will be some very nice bulbs awarded for the best blooms from Down Under - New Zealand and Australia. The bulbs have been donated by growers from those countries. We truly appreciate their generosity. Check your bloom names carefully in Show and Grow to see if you don't have some that will qualify!

Is there a flower in your yard that is show-worthy but you've not a clue what the name is? This is your lucky year! There is a new section on the schedule for just such lovelies. They won't be eligible for ADS ribbons but bring them and show them off.

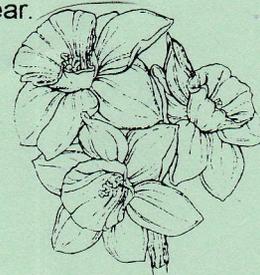
If this weather holds up, this year's blooms should be outstanding, so plan on exhibiting. If that's out of the question, turn out just to see what's new in the daffodil world.



From I-75 take Exit 44 (Centerville). Go east on Rt. 725 to Rt. 741 (second light). Turn left onto Rt. 741. Cox Arboretum is on the left in approximately 1 mile.

Dues

Have you kept your dues current? Showtime is the due date. The last year you paid dues is shown on your mailing label. Send payments to: Liz Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220. Liz's phone number is 513-221-1166 if you think our records are wrong. Dues are still only \$5. per year.



DIRECTIONS TO OAKLEY TEMPLE

From Dayton: Take I-75 South to exit 7, Norwood Rt. 562. Take this appx. 4 miles to Ridge Ave exit. It is on the left. This is a long exit. At light, turn right onto Ridge Ave. Go up the hill to the third light. This is Madison Rd. Turn Left. Go 1 block to next light. Turn right on to Camberwell (It is Ibsen on the other side) Go one block and turn right onto Madison Park. At the end, the parking lot is on your right.

From Columbus: Take I-71 South to exit 8 Ridge Av/Kennedy At exit light, turn left. Go to the next light and turn left onto Ridge Ave. Follow Ridge appx. 1/2 mile to Madison Rd. Turn left onto Madison Rd. Go one block to next light. Turn right onto Camberwell (It is Ibsen on the other side). Go one block and turn right onto Madison Park. At the end, the parking lot is on your right.

From the South: Take I-71 North to exit 8A Ridge Ave.South At exit light, turn right onto Ridge and follow the above directions from Dayton

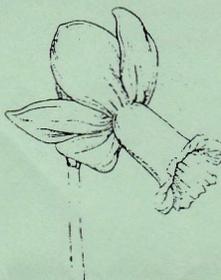
NOTES OF INTEREST

>From Steve Vinisky of Oregon:
Father Athanasius Buccholtz had emergency stomach surgery last week. He is doing well and should be back home at Mount Angel Abbey tomorrow. I'm sure he would appreciate a get well wish and prayer from all his daffodil friends. If you'd like to send him a card, his address is:

Father Athanasius Buccholtz
Mount Angel Abbey
St. Benedict, OR 97373

>From John Van Beck of Florida:
> As an example a dense 5 x 5 foot square in full sun, will bloom 2-3 weeks earlier than bulbs planted individually or in 3's with a lot of space between them. The bulbs in the crowded patch will produce foliage 2-4 times as long, and flower stems at least 8 inches longer. >>

This is just a short notice in case you haven't heard. On the Alpine Garden Society web, a press release dated January 27, notes that John Blanchard has been awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour. It mentions his primary interest in daffodils. A well deserved honor indeed.

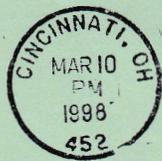


The first warm days of spring
excite the earth within its roots
like stirring of a ladle
in a wondrous pot of soup
The surface of the pot
is put a'swirl with needed growth
then gently let to simmer
soon as winters spell was broke

Essential is the process
most of life is thusly brewed
nutritional demands are met
within the primal stew
Have yourself a modest portion
breath in deep and hold
savor now the nectar
of the gods that feed the soul

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