

SWODS News

SWODS JULY MEETING July 26, 3:00 PM

Ted and Susan Ruoff will host the July meeting beginning at 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 26. A map to the Ruoffs' home is provided in this newsletter. A number of our members went on the ADS tour of England and Northern Ireland and will discuss the tour, the sights, the people, and the daffodils, with photos and slides. Tom Stettner, Linda Wallpe, Mary Lou Gripshover, George and Kath McGowan, Margaret Baird, and Ted and Susan Ruoff, please bring your photos and/or slides and your recollections.

The meeting will also feature the traditional potluck supper, so everyone should bring a covered dish, and table service. You do not need to be a member to attend this meeting.

If you have dug some of your daffodils and have surplus bulbs, reserve a few for the fall meeting and bulb exchange and bring the rest to this July meeting to add to the fall bulb sale. Although we have quite a few bulbs already, a greater variety of cultivars will make the sale even more attractive. Other items on the agenda are plans for the show next spring, fall bulb sales, the announcement of the annual Challenge Bulb, and an interesting proposal.

We hope to see everyone at the meeting. Don't forget to bring a bathing suit if you want to take a dip in the pool. If it ends up raining heavily that day, the meeting will be postponed to August 9. If you are in doubt about whether the meeting is postponed, call Ted and Susan at 398-5491, Bill Lee at 752-8104, or Linda Wallpe at 221-4140.

Checklist for July 26 meeting:

- Bathing suit
- Covered dish
- Table service
- Bulbs for bulb sale
- Photos, slides, and memories of English/Irish Tour

DUES NOTICE

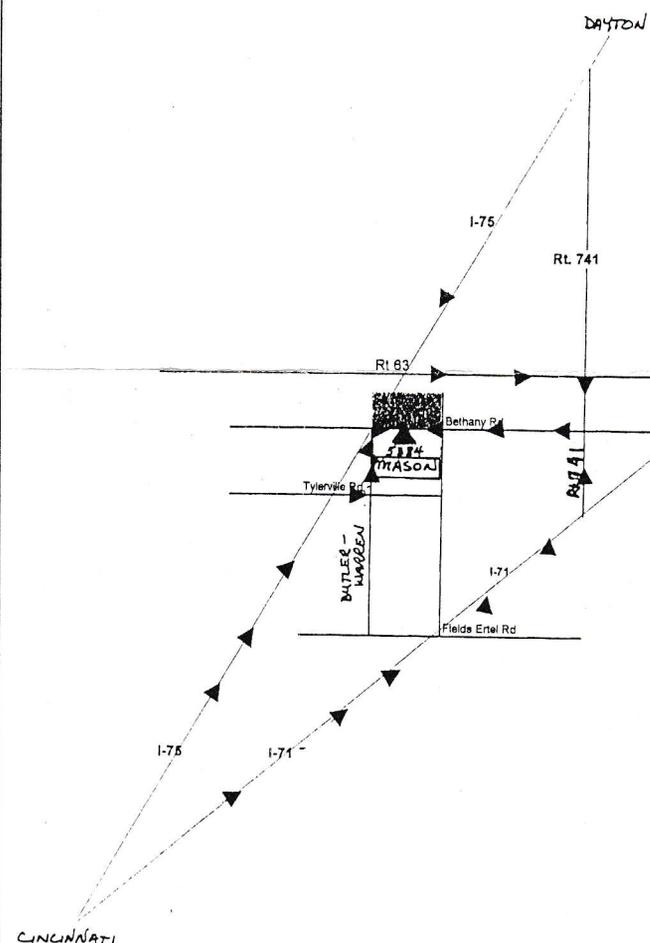
What would a newsletter be without a dues notice? If the number at the top of your address label is 98, you are paid up. If it is less than 98, your dues are in arrears. If the number has a "P", you are a prospective member. Please note: Liz was not available to provide an update for this mailing, so if you have paid since March, it is not reflected in your mailing label.

If you wish to bring your dues up to date or become a member, send the annual dues of \$5.00 to Liz Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45220. Telephone: (513) 221-1166.

Directions to Ted and Susan's Home

5384 Bethany Road ● Mason, OH 45040
398-5491

From Dayton: South on I-75 to Exit 29(Route 63). Turn left on Rt. 63 and go east to Rt. 741. Turn right on Rt. 741 and go to Bethany Rd. Turn right on Bethany Rd. Go past the stop sign at Mason Montgomery Rd. and the first house on the right is 5384 Bethany.



From Cincinnati on I-75: Take I-75 north to Exit 22(Tylersville Rd.). Go right on Tylersville to Butler-Warren Rd. (after the business district). Turn left on Butler-Warren and go to Bethany Rd.(2nd stop sign). Turn right and go to 5384 Bethany.

From Cincinnati on I-71: Take I-71 north to Rt. 741 exit. Stay on Rt. 741, and go across Rt. 42 to Bethany Rd. Turn left on Bethany Rd. and go through stop sign to 5384 Bethany.

Mason Montgomery Rd. is closed south of Mason!

FALL BULB SALES

We hope to sell bulbs at the Civic Garden Center, Wyoming, and Zoo Autumnfests this year, although none are yet confirmed. If anyone knows of other opportunities, in Dayton too, please let us know. We will have enough bulbs to cover these sales and more if we have the opportunity.

QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about SWODS, growing daffodils, or show details, feel free to call Bill Lee at (513) 752-8104. While Bill certainly does not have all the answers, he knows who does!

LETTER FROM CINCINNATI ZOO

Liz Ragouzis received the following letter from David Ehrlinger, Director of Horticulture, at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden in response to our donation in honor of Peggy Macneale. We made a similar donation to Wegerzyn Horticultural Center in honor of Christine Hanenkrat.

Dear Members of the Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society,

Thank you for the generous donation to the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden in honor of Peggy Macneale. Peggy has been such a dedicated leader in daffodil growing and in regional gardening generally for so many years. She also has been a great friend of the Zoo since her early childhood. To me personally, she has certainly been a good friend since I first arrived twenty-some years ago in this area. Thank you for this tribute to Peggy!

We are most appreciative to SWODS for your wonderful daffodil show and for our relationship over the years that has promoted daffodils in gardens and landscapes.

PEGGY MACNEALE WINS ADS SILVER MEDAL

Our own Peggy Macneale was honored at the 1998 National Convention of the American Daffodil Society in Richmond, Virginia, with the award of the Society's Silver Medal given for outstanding service. President Jaydee Ager began to list accomplishments of the winner, without announcing Peggy's name. Peggy sat in her seat and listened, unaware that she was the awardee. When Jaydee said that the winner held a potting party in her basement, Peggy realized that she was the newest holder of the Silver Medal. When she took the podium after receiving the medal from Jaydee, she admitted that she was uncharacteristically speechless.

BULBS DUG AT OAKWOOD DAFFODILS

Linda Wallpe has written an article describing the fun we had digging bulbs at John Reed's daffodil farm in Niles, Michigan, in June. This article appears below. We have about 2500 bulbs of 'Accent', 'Cordial', 'Festivity', 'Irish Mist', 'Magic Dawn', 'Uncle Remus', 'Ceylon', 'Suzy', and 'Cantatrice'. Bill Lee is cleaning, drying, and storing the bulbs until the sale so they will not be brought to the July meeting. However, if you wish to purchase any of these cultivars in advance of the sale, call Bill at (513) 752-8104 and he will gladly bring them to the July meeting for you. Also, Linda Wallpe is too modest to say so herself, but she has already sold \$100 worth of these bulbs.

DIGGING BULBS AT JOHN REED'S By Linda Wallpe

Well, you missed it and it was fun! Pat Garrett and I drove up to Niles, Michigan together early Saturday morning. (And if you want a pleasant travel companion who'll get you there quickly and safely, you'll have to ride in the backseat, 'cause I saw her first.) Harold McConnell had made all the arrangements with John and came equipped with tools, bins, labels, twist-ties, you name it! And what he didn't pack, Pat had. The girl does not know the meaning of 'pack light'.

Harold was already digging when we got there and Bill Lee arrived just two minutes behind us. We all pitched in: Bill and Harold digging and Pat and I cleaning, sorting, and counting. And Pat & I had trouble keeping up with them, they were digging so fervently. We worked till about 4:30, ran back to the hotel to swish off in order to jump in the pool. Then we cleaned up for a very nice, beefy dinner. Then back into grungies for a little more late digging until 10. Do I need to say that everyone slept well that night?

Much to my distress, Harold left the next day's organization up to me. The distress came when I realized that I was traveling with three (THREE!!!!) early risers. Now, I pride myself on trying to be fair and I believe in 'majority rule'. I guess. So, we agreed to forego breakfast and meet at John's at 7 AM and dig until we had as many bulbs as we could stand, then go back to our rooms, shower, and celebrate Father's Day with brunch.

Sunday's plan went smoothly and we were all on the road home by 12:30 PM with all the bulbs in Bill's car. That was quite an accomplishment considering the number of plants he had bought at a nursery on the way up! Pat pulled into my drive at 5:30 and asked for a garden tour. See, she wasn't sick of me either!

We want to give a big thank you to John and Sandy for allowing us to "camp out" in their backyard and to John for the wonderful bulbs. And I want to say thanks to my traveling buddies who made fun while the sun shined!