

SWODS News

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SWODS Meeting Sunday, July 23, 2PM

Ted and Susan Ruoff have invited us to hold a summer meeting at their new home in Morrow. Bring a covered dish and your bathing suit if you want to swim. Featured speaker will be Jim Hansel, Horticulturist at the Civic Garden Center. Jim's topic is: Soil Structure: Improving and Maintaining It. Jim will also talk to us about the possibility of doing a daffodil display garden at the Civic Garden Center. Just in time for our Cincinnati convention in 2002!

We'll have many other items to discuss as well, as indicated in the paragraphs that follow.

Directions to Ted and Susan's Home

From the North:

In Lebanon, take Rt. 123 East to the stop light in Morrow (about 7 miles East of I-71)

Turn RIGHT on to Pike Street (Rt. 22&3)

Turn LEFT at next stoplight on to Morrow-Woodville.

Turn RIGHT at the next road on to Morrow-Rossburg

(this is more like a Y).

Go to the Morrow Meadow Farms entrance which is the first available left turn.

Turn LEFT on Morrow Meadow Drive and go to the second street which is Orchard View Lane

From the South:

You will be going North of Route 48 on Montgomery Road, so you can pick your options for getting to Montgomery Road.

Go North on Montgomery Road to Morrow-Cozzadale Road (new high school at the corner)

Turn RIGHT on Morrow-Cozzadale Rd.

Turn LEFT on Ludlum Road (first available left turn).

Turn LEFT on Morrow-Rossburg (first stop sign).

Go to Morrow Meadow Farms Entrance (the first right)

Turn RIGHT on Morrow Meadow Drive.

Go to second street which is Orchard View Lane.

Challenge Bulb 2000

'Yum-Yum' 3W-WWY

Our challenge bulb this year will be David Jackson's 'Yum-Yum'. This cultivar was \$8AUS in David's catalog this year and John Reed offers it already turned around for the northern hemisphere for \$4. The SWODS price will be \$4, but it will include two bulbs. We dug these at John's Oakwood Daffodils last month and they will be available at the July meeting. John suggests storing one in a cool spot and one in a little warmer spot for different bloom times next

spring. Or planting one in a cool or protected spot and another in a warmer area for different bloom times.

David Jackson describes this cultivar in his catalog: "A tall striking flower with almost perfectly round glistening white perianth with every petal touching or overlapping. The short frilled cup has a narrow cream rim. It is a consistently good flower." John Reed says of it: "What a knock-out! The tall strong stems support a large flower that has to be seen to be believed. The wide smooth minor petals almost touch. Quickly loses its registered yellow rim here (Michigan)." Use the Dues form to order the Challenge Bulb—include a couple dollars extra if you will need to have it mailed to you.

Another Challenge

'Loch Hope' x *N. cyclamineus*

John Reed had part of a long row planted with his cross of 'Loch Hope' x *N. cyclamineus*, all 6Y-Y or 6Y-O/R. He selected a few for his own use and gave us all the rest of this cross. We have kept them separated by clone and have about 31 different seedlings from this cross. We have a few bulbs of some of them and many bulbs of others—enough for everybody to leave the meeting with a bagful.

Now we will have to decide what to do with them and how to distribute them. John thought we should trial them and that we may even want to register some of them. They will be available at the meeting and you'll have to decide how many you might have room for and whether you want to try several, all of them, or just several bulbs of the same clone. We might have special SWODS challenge classes in our shows for them, perhaps even 5-stem collections. These are ours to do with as we wish. Whatever members don't want to grow we'll sell to the public.

ADS Board Meeting Rescheduled; Sales Back ON!

In the spring we decided not to pursue having sales at the Cincinnati Horticultural Society's Autumn Celebration or the Zoo this year because so many of our workers would be in St. Louis at the board meeting on the weekend these events take place. However, due to problems with overbooking the hotel, the board meeting has been rescheduled for October 14 and so we can do our big sales after all.

For the Autumn Celebration, the organizers would prefer that our booth have the look of a country store. We need design ideas. And if anyone has any fixtures, such as country cabinets, display racks, etc., sitting around in the basement or garage gathering dust, we can surely put them to a good use in our booth. They will of course be returned to you after the sale. We will be signing up workers at the July meeting but don't think missing the meeting will get you off the duty

list—you may receive a telephone call if you don't attend or call.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please call Bill Lee at 513-752-8104 to volunteer for one of the sales dates (September 23-24 at Coney Island and the Zoo) or to help bag daffodils for the sales. There may be additional sales in Dayton on other days. Also call Bill if you have some furniture or fixtures that might be useful for the Autumn Celebration booth. In other words, there are lots of opportunities to contribute some effort. Please call and contribute a few hours.

Personal Selling

The last newsletter included bulb order forms for you to copy and distribute to friends and workers to take advance orders for daffodil bulbs. If you haven't yet spread a bunch of these around to friends, club members, church members, and co-workers, the forms are repeated in this mailing. We've got lots of bulbs to sell, so it's time to get cracking! If you have already taken some orders, please send them to Bill Lee so he can plan around the particular bulbs we have. We do not have many bulbs of all-yellow daffodils, so if there are very many orders for these, we may have to order some soon. Also, if you have any excess bulbs from your own digging this summer, please let Bill know. Bring them to the meeting if you're coming.

DUES

Year 2000 dues are now past due. If the number above your name on the mailing list is still stuck down in the 90s, it's time to catch up on your dues. A form is provided; also use this form to order the Challenge Bulb. If the number

above your name has a "P" in front of it, that indicates you are a prospective member because you've indicated some interest in the past. Use this opportunity to join. If you are a prospective member sitting on the fence about joining, why not come to the July meeting and meet us and see if you want to be part of what we do. We promise not to bite!

Convention 2002 Update

Convention plans are progressing. We have firm contracts for a hotel and a venue for the Saturday night dinner. We are close to a commitment on one speaker, have ideas for several others, and the committee is about to meet to finalize some plans. So come to the July meeting to hear all about it.

Bring to the July Meeting:

- covered dish
- table service
- bathing suit
- ideas about a display garden at the Civic Garden Center
- ideas about the cyclamineus daffodils from John Reed
- ideas about the booth at Autumn Celebration
- payment for Challenge Bulb 'Yum-Yum'
- completed bulb order forms

Can't Attend Meeting?

- Send dues and Challenge Bulb order to Liz Ragouzis
- Call Bill Lee (752-8104) to volunteer for bulb sale/bagging duty
- Call Bill Lee (752-8104) to volunteer design ideas or furniture/fixtures for Autumn Celebration booth

DUES and CHALLENGE BULB ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to SWODS and mail to Liz Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45220
Call Liz at 221-1166 if you have any questions.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Dues @ \$5.00 per year..... _____

Challenge Bulb 'Yum-Yum' 3W-WWY @\$4 for two bulbs..... _____

\$2 postage if Challenge Bulb cannot be easily delivered or picked up..... _____

..... **Total Enclosed** _____