

SWODS News

1996 SHOW April 13-14, 1996

The 1996 SWODS show will be held April 13-14. Plans are just now being made for the show and details will be confirmed at the summer meeting announced elsewhere in this newsletter.

1995 SHOW RESULTS

The 1995 Show held at the Cincinnati Zoo on April 15 and 16 was one of our largest. Thirty-five exhibitors staged 595 separate exhibits with 1,063 total stems exhibited. A 1,000+-bloom show is a large show in any part of the country.

ADS Award winners were:

GOLD RIBBON (best standard daffodil in show): Liz Ragouzis with Conestoga, 2W-GYO.

SILVER RIBBON (greatest number of blue ribbons) Linda Wallpe with 13 blue ribbons.

WHITE RIBBON (best vase of 3 stems of standard daffodils) Tom Stettner with Gull, 2W-W

PURPLE RIBBON (best collection of 5 daffodils) Helen Link with a collection of Division 2s: Windsong, 2Y-YYP; Orange Lodge, 2W-O; Golden Amber, 2Y-R; Briarcliffe, 2W-Y; and Pastorale, 2W-WWY.

RED-WHITE-BLUE RIBBON (best collection of 5 American-bred) Christine Hanenkrat with Rival,

6Y-Y; Keepsake, 2W-P; Quasar, 2W-PPR; Marque, 3Y-OOR; and Freedom Rings, 2Y-P.

GREEN RIBBON (best collection of 12 cultivars/species from at least 4 divisions) Tom Stettner with Independence Day, 4W-R; Dilemma, 3Y-YYO; Newport, 2W-YOY; Takahe, 4Y-O; Hartz, 3W-R; Goldfinger, 1Y-Y; Kazuko, 3W-R; Surrey, 2Y-R; Cotton Candy, 4W-WYP; Kalanne, 2Y-P; Tahiti, 4Y-O; and Cherry Bounce, 3W-R.

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RIBBON (Best collection of 15 cultivars from 15 different RHS classifications) Donna Deitsch with Waif, 6W-P; Roberta Watrous, 7Y-GYP; Arish Mell, 5W-W; Hesla, 7Y-GYY; Penril, 6W-POO; Brogden NT31, 2W-R; Homestead, 2W-W; Scholar, 2Y-W; Gull, 2W-GWW; 88-92-1(Highland Wedding x High Society) 2W-W; Gay Symphony, 4W-Y; Fiery Flame, 2O-R; Media, 3W-OOR; Loch Lundie, 2Y-R; and Premiere, 2W-GPP.

MINIATURE GOLD RIBBON (best miniature in show) and **MINIATURE ROSE RIBBON** (best minia-

ture (candidate) seedling) Leone Low took both these awards with her seedling LL-3, 7Y-Y, parentage not specified.

MINIATURE WHITE RIBBON (best vase of 3 stems of miniatures) Helen Link showing Sewanee, 2W-Y.

LAVENDER RIBBON (best collection of 5 miniatures) Naomi Liggett showing rupicola, Mickey, Little Rusky, bulbocodium, 10Y-Y, and T. pallendulis auranticus.

JUNIOR AWARD (best standard in the Junior Section) Gretchen Bloomstrom for Lavender Lass, 6W-GPP.

LORE

A story by Robin Reade in the June, 1982 Daffodil Journal has particular significance for this area where many gardeners feel compelled to neaten-up their gardens by gathering up their daffodil foliage and rubberbanding it into stubby little packets on the ground.

"Guy Wilson came to lunch one day in late May to see my parents' garden, and walked around the garden after lunch. Now my grandmother was a very tidy woman and had spent all morning tying the daffodil leaves that were dying down into very tidy knots, so that they did no flop all over the beds. Guy Wilson said, "My goodness, the poor things," and proceeded there and then to undo in a few minutes all my grandmother's work."

ROSE RIBBON (best standard seedling) Mary Lou Gripshover, #80/9 (Leonaine x Rainbow).

ROBERTA C. WATROUS SILVER MEDAL (12 miniatures from at least 3 divisions) Helen Link showing rupicola, 10Y-Y; x Macleayii, 10W-Y; Hawera, 5Y-Y; #1670(Fairy Circle x jonquilla), 7W-W; canaliculatus, 10W-Y; #1368 (triandrus x jonquilla) 5Y-Y; Jumble, 12Y-Y; Sewanee, 2W-Y; bulbo-codium, 10Y-Y; Little Rusky, 7Y-GYO; triandrus concolor, 10Y-H; and Little Lass, 5W-W.

The maroon ribbon, Miniature red-white-blue ribbon, and Quinn were not awarded.

SWODS Award winners were:

Chair's Trophy (best standard in Div. 11) Sally Sieger.

Springwater Trophy (best standard in Division 3) Liz Ragouzis.

Burchill Memorial Trophy (best standard in Division 4) Linda Wallpe.

Balch Trophy (best collection of pink-cupped daffodils) Tom Stettner.

Thomas L. Pogue Memorial Trophy (best collection of daffodils introduced prior to 1970) Peggy Macneale.

Sloniker Memorial Trophy (best collection of white perianth, orange/red in cup daffodils) Tom Stettner.

Tom Dunne Memorial Trophy (best miniature) Leone Low.

Fran Anewalt Memorial Trophy (best collection of white daffodils) Mary Lou Gripshover.

New Collector's Award (most points in New Collector's classes) Michelle Truitt.

SWODS Green Rosette (Best standard in New Collector's classes) Jennifer Siegler.

SWODS Orange Rosette (Best daffodil SWODS classes) Tom Stettner.

There were also four entries in the special show theme class of daffodils with Easter in the name; Don Caton won the blue in this class.

MANY THANKS

Chair Bill Lee thanks the following for helping make the 1995 show successful:

Mary Lou Gripshover, Peggy Macneale, Tom Stettner, Linda Wallpe, Elise Havens, Dalton

and Margaret Battin, Liz Ragouzis, John Bloomstrom and his daughter Gretchen, Ted and Susan Ruoff, Sally Hecksher, and Don Caton for helping to setup and/or tear down the show.

Leone Low for recruiting and organizing the judges for the show.

All accredited and student judges who judged this large show.

Michelle Truitt, Hurst Sloniker, Dalton and Margaret Battin, Sally Hecksher, and Celia Stafford for clerking the show without the benefit of the proper forms for recording the data.

Liz Ragouzis for organizing the pre-show coffee and doughnuts, judges lunch, and worker-bee lunch.

Margaret Battin for organizing the artistic floral designs.

Mrs. John Fields and Mrs. George Fujikawa for the delightful Ikebana designs which graced the two entrance doors.

Neil Macneale for boldly drilling the mounting holes for the new banners to mark the way to the Peacock Pavilion.

Miggy Jacobs for the excellent educational display.

Ted and Susan Ruoff of Springwater Sweets and Flowers for the Easter confections that kept the tear-down workers energized. Also thanks for the impressive blue ribbons for the junior exhibitors.

Darci's for furnishing the judges' lunches.

John Bloomstrom for the excellent publicity; it seemed we had more newspaper attention than usual this year.

Peg Newill and Peggy Macneale for recording the show from the clerks' improvised data sheets.

Helen Link for conducting a seminar on miniatures as final judging progressed.

Mary Lou Gripshover for stepping in to help judge when time to open for the public was past due, and Peg Newill and Peggy Macneale for assisting her.

Peg Newill and Mary Lou Gripshover for their cool heads and calming influence on the chair as things reached their most frantic and hectic moments.

All those who contributed trophies for SWODS awards.

Tom Stettner for arranging and helping with the commercial display and Elise Havens for furnishing and staging it.

Linda Wallpe for organizing the dinner after the show, assisted in setup by her son Paul.

All the exhibitors who brought their best and brightest and worked hard to stage them.

And last, but definitely not least, Debbie Zurich and the very able Zoo staff without whom the show could not have occurred. Everyone should take a turn at chairing the show just to appreciate what wonderful help Debbie and her staff are.

Resources

Cincinnati:

Bill Lee, 752-8104
 Mary Lou Gripshover, 248-9137
 Linda Wallpe, 221-4140
 Liz Ragouzis, 221-1166
 Peggy Macneale, 522-7025
 Tom Stettner, 351-4268

Dayton:

Peg Newill, 885-2971
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 Christine Hanenkrat, 275-9919
 Rebecca Koesters, 252-3028

DUES

Of course, no SWODS mailing would be complete without a plea to update your dues. Dues are always due at Showtime; therefore, 1995 dues are now due. Payments of 1995 dues are lagging behind this year. Please update your membership today. The 2-digit number above your name on the mailing label shows the last year you paid dues. A 'P' indicates that you are a prospective member. Dues are still only \$5.00 per year. Send your payments to Liz Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45220. If you think our records are incorrect, call Liz at 221-1166.

CHALLENGE BULB SELECTED

Elise Havens of Grant Mitsch Daffodils is furnishing us 50 bulbs of Fidelity as this year's challenge bulb. In the 1995 Mitsch catalog,

Fidelity is described as follows:

FIDELITY (Mitsch) 1982 1Y-P. LM. 18" (Gloriola x Rima) KK4/4. A most unusual flower with pale sulphur yellow perianth of nice form, and a rich apricot pink trumpet that is flared and rolled. Considerably deeper in color than Memento and with a much more expanded trumpet.

Fidelity's catalog price is \$5.00, but we are offering it for \$3.00 (picked up). Send \$2.00 additional if we will have to mail you the bulb. We will only have 50 bulbs, so don't delay ordering too long. Bulbs will be available for pickup at the regional meeting in the fall. You may also pick them up from various locations in Cincinnati and Dayton, by prearrangement. Call Bill Lee at 752-8104 if you need to arrange to pick up your bulbs--he will distribute them to the nearest members attending the regional meeting and let you know who has your order.

While you are ordering your Challenge Bulbs, don't forget to also update your dues.

New members may not understand the significance of the Challenge Bulbs. Each year we select a different cultivar. The following year's show will have a special class for that year's Challenge Bulb. Previous years' Challenge Bulbs also have special classes in the show. Challenge Bulb classes are also eligible for the SWODS Orange Rosette.

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

There were ten junior exhibitors in this year's show. As an inducement to enter the show, we offered each junior exhibitor 3 daffodil bulbs. So now we need to collect 30 bulbs for distribution to the junior exhibitors. Please reserve some of your best bulbs when you dig to use for this purpose. Bulbs should be good-sized to bloom next spring, and of course healthy and properly identified. Please let Bill Lee know at the summer meeting how many bulbs of which cultivars you can furnish. We will need to make up the difference by purchasing bulbs.

SUMMER MEETING Sunday, June 25

The summer meeting will be held Sunday, June 25, 4:00 PM at Wegerzyn Horticultural Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Avenue, Dayton, OH 45414.

The meeting will feature discussion of initial plans for next year's show and a pot-luck dinner. To combine both education and entertainment, Mary Lou Gripshover will show slides of her recent trip to Spain in search of daffodil species in the wild. She believes that the growing conditions in the wild have implications for changes in the way we grow certain daffodils. This should be a very special presentation as many of us know little about the species and will certainly benefit from Mary Lou's

careful descriptions of them, enhanced by slides. Don't miss this one!!!

Bring a covered dish(casserole, salad, dessert, etc.) and your own table service. The pot-luck is a popular feature of our meetings as you get to sample goodies from the kitchens of a lot of very good cooks.

The meeting will officially begin at 4:00 in the afternoon; however, you are encouraged to come early to walk the Wegerzyn grounds and explore the special plantings. A 2:00 arrival would give you enough time to see everything and be ready for the meeting at 4:00.

Wegerzyn is easy to reach. From I-75, take the Wagner-Ford Road exit, north of downtown Dayton. Bear to the right in the turnabout and come out on N. Dixie Drive. Turn left on Siebenthaler Avenue and watch for the entrance to Wegerzyn Horticultural Center on the right.

