

# SWODS News

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## THE PEGGY MACNEALE DAFFODIL GARDEN

By Bill Lee

On Sunday, September 24, Jim Hansel, Horticulturalist at the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center (CVC), came to our sales booth at the Cincinnati Fall Flower Show at Coney Island to tell us that the Park Board had approved the daffodil display garden for CGC. As you know, this is a project we've been talking about for several years. We were pleased to finally have a go-ahead on this project. However, since it was the second day of bulb sales, we had already sold out of all of our named cultivars. Where were the bulbs to come from?

Mary Lou Gripshover had 79 cultivars, three bulbs each, still in her garage that she donated. Bill Lee went back over the bulbs he had dug and kept for replanting and found about 30 cultivars that he could spare. And a couple of us found some bulbs at the bulb exchange of the regional meeting that found their way to the garden too. Bill then placed orders with Elise Havens of Mitsch Daffodils and Brian Duncan. Both Elise and Brian generously donated many cultivars beyond those ordered and we reimbursed Brian for postage.

Bill also thought the garden should in

clude a complete collection of Wister Award cultivars, so ordered those he could find from the general bulb catalogs. David Burdick of Massachusetts donated some Wister cultivars and John Van Beck of Florida sold us some bulbs of 'Ceylon', which was not available in any of the catalogs. The 2001 Wister cultivar was named at the October ADS Board Meeting, 'Golden Aura', and Bill and Mary Lou had enough to donate to the cause.

On two very cold days in November, Bill Lee and Linda Wallpe worked with CGC volunteers to plant the bulbs. The CGC volunteers had already tilled the space so it was ready for planting. In all, there are over 200 cultivars planted, including a complete Wister collection. There were enough Wister cultivars left over from purchases and generous donations to plant an additional collection at the Cincinnati Nature Center, which Sally Hecksher coordinated. Extra donated bulbs and another set of Wister cultivars (except for 'Golden Aura') were also planted at the Drawbridge Inn, where our 2002 ADS convention will be held, under the direction of Peggy Macneale.

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### Important 2001 dates

- March 4- SWODS Meeting
- March 10-11- SWODS exhibit Krohn Conservatory Plant Society Day
- April 4-7- ADS National Convention—Louisville, KY
- April 14-15—SWODS Daffodil Show Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, OH
- April 25-28- SWODS exhibit at Cincinnati Flower Show
- April 18-20, 2002 ADS National Convention, Cincinnati, OH—Drawbridge INN

## **Daffodil Garden (from page 1)**

### **Dedication Ceremony**

The daffodil display garden at CGC will be formally dedicated as the Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden on Monday, April 9, at noon. Not only is Peggy one of the founders of SWODS, but she was also the first director of the CGC in 1942, so it wasn't difficult to figure out how this garden should be named. All available SWODS members should plan to attend. SWODS is hosting this ceremony and furnishing champagne and hors d'oeuvres. We will purchase the champagne but will ask SWODS members to supply hors d'oeuvres from their kitchens. Peg Newill has kicked this off by pledging 100 ham rolls from her special recipe.

### **Future Plans for the Garden**

As the year 2001 proceeds, daylilies that have won the Stout Medal for garden merit will be interplanted with the daffodils. Other perennials and some annuals will also be included to show how a daffodil bed can be in bloom the entire gardening year. SWODS will also continue to add new daffodils as the garden expands in the future

### **March 4th meeting**

Get ready for spring!! Come to the SWODS meeting on March 4, at the Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati on Reading Road, at 4 p.m. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. We'll have drinks, plates, napkins, etc., ready for you.

We'll be talking about our show on April 14-15 at the Cincinnati Zoo, and we hope to have the schedule available at that time. We'll also have entry cards available. We'll be having some arrangement classes this year along with our usual horticulture classes. The theme will be The Poetry of Daffodils, and there will be five classes based on various lines of poetry. Interpretation is left to the arranger. We'll also have our photo section again, so get those prints made and mounted.

To round out the day, we'll see some slides of daffodils growing wild in Spain.

Hope to see each of you there. And why not bring an interested friend?

Mary Lou Gripshover

### **BULB SALES 2000**

It was a lot of hard work, but the bulb sales last year were very successful, bringing in over \$3,000.

The effort began in the summer when Bill Lee, Margaret Baird, Rebecca Koesters, Don and Marge Caton and their friend Dave, and Bill and Shirley Boardman traveled to Niles, Michigan to dig bulbs in John Reed's Oakwood Daffodils fields.

During the summer, Bill Lee, Linda Wallpe, and Don Caton worked on cleaning the bulbs, and Bill stored them all in his barn. Two days of bagging and tagging sessions on Bill and Hurst's got all the bulbs ready for sale. Hurst did lots of the bagging those two days and stared at bulbs, lots of bulbs, in the barn all summer.

Sales people at the Zoo and Coney Island included Judy Toman, Betsy Detmer, Pat Garrett, Bill Lee, Linda Wallpe, Sally Sieger, Mary Lou Gripshover, Liz Ragouzis, Don Caton, Peggy Macneale, Bill and Shirley Boardman, and Sally Hecksher. Rebecca Koesters, Margaret Baird, and George and Kathy McGowan conducted sales at Dayton sites. We had some success with personal selling to friends and acquaintances, thanks to Judy Toman and Betsy Detmer, Linda Wallpe, Bill Lee, Peggy Macneale, Don Caton, Bill and Shirley Boardman, and Peggy Macneale and hope to improve on that next year. Bill Lee, Linda Wallpe, Rebecca Koesters, and Sally Hecksher carted bulbs to garden clubs to sell.

It was a huge team effort and it paid off. Now to start planning for this year!

Bill Lee

## Dues Form

Please make checks payable to SWODS and mail to Liz Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45220. Call Liz at 513-221-1166 if you have any problems.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Dues @ \$5.00 per year .....

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Dues

The number at the top of your address label shows the year you last paid your membership fee. If the number has a P, you are a prospective member. Year 2001 memberships are due at show time in April. Please consider sending your dues in as soon as possible.

### Resources

#### Cincinnati (513 AC):

Bill Lee, 752-8104

Mary Lou Gripshover, 248-9137

Linda Wallpe, 221-1166

Liz Ragouzis, 221-1166

Peggy Macneale, 782-2558

#### Dayton (937AC):

Peg Newill, 885-2971

Rebecca Koesters, 426-7332

George McGowan, 862-4461