

September '94

SWODS News

Regional Meeting October 2 Cincinnati Civic Garden Center

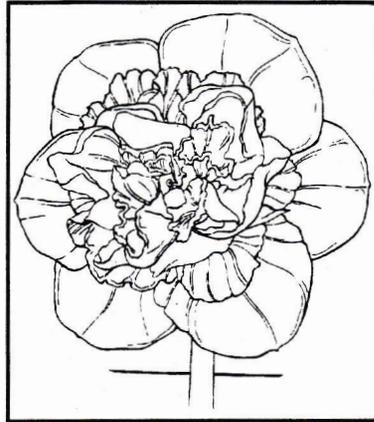
The annual regional meeting is on October 2, a Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center. Note that the regional meeting is open to all people interested in growing daffodils. You do not have to be a member of the American Daffodil Society, nor the South Western Ohio Daffodil Society (SWODS). If you have never attended a meeting that includes a bulb exchange, you should know that daffodil enthusiasts are very generous. You are guaranteed to leave the meeting with free daffodil bulbs, even if you do not have any to share yourself.

The meeting will feature the following:

- Brief SWODS business meeting at 9:45
- Regional business meeting
- Program by Charles Wheatley on current trends
- Bulb Exchange with bulbs contributed from across the region
- Distribution of SWODS Challenge Bulbs
- Distribution of transcripts from July's Division 5-9 panel discussion
- Lunch

You should bring with you:

- Bulbs for the Bulb Exchange
- Pot-luck specialty for the lunch (entree, salad, appetizer, casserole, dessert, etc.)
- Your own table service for the lunch



Division 4 Daffodil

- Payment for Challenge Bulbs (see separate item for information)
- Payment for SWODS dues if not already up to date
- Questions, concerns, suggestions

CHALLENGE BULB

It appears that the Challenge Bulbs are sold out. We had some difficulty acquiring Silver Surf and Silvermere as our first resource gave late notification that they could not be provided after all. Brian Duncan, however, stepped in to rescue us, and the bulbs have just arrived. Easter Moon was ordered from Daffodil Mart and the order has been confirmed. We hope to have these by the regional meeting. The quoted price of \$2.00 for Easter Moon will still hold.

Now the good news and the bad news. Because of the change in suppliers, there is also a change in the price for Silver Surf and Silvermere. The good news is that Silvermere, offered at \$3.00, will only cost \$2.25. The bad news is that Silver Surf, offered at \$3.00, will cost \$4.35. If these changed prices make you want to change your order, that

is OK. We will find additional customers to make up for it. Unless there are some changed orders, there will be no additional bulbs for sale; we are sold out.

1994 DUES

Of course, no SWODS mailing would be complete without a plea to update your dues. Please note that 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. There are 61 current members with updated dues, but we mail to over 120 people. If your mailing label shows a year that is earlier than 1992, this will be your last bulletin unless you bring your dues up to date. 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.

DAFFODIL GRAPHICS

The daffodil graphics that have appeared in this and the previous newsletter are owned by SWODS. They were commissioned several years ago for the triptych we use at shows and other displays. They are scanned into .tif format files and are available to any members who need them. Call Bill Lee (752-8104) if you need a copy. In thinking about further uses of these images, it seems reasonable that we could also make them available to other enthusiasts around the country. It seems appropriate that if people outside of SWODS want to use them, they

should give us a credit line when they do. Furthermore, if they want to use them for any profit-making venture(stationery, novelties, etc.) they should pay us a small royalty. We can discuss this at our next meeting.

KITTY FRANK

We were saddened to learn that Kitty Frank passed away this summer. Kitty and her husband Dick judged our SWODS show a couple of years ago, and of course ADS members are familiar with her work on the Daffodil Journal. SWODS has sent a card to Dick expressing sympathy.

REQUEST

Does anyone have a bulb of Sundance 1Y-Y they can share? I put this in the bulb exchange for several years, so several SWODS members should be growing it. When I moved I did not dig this one and I miss it. It is not a good show flower but it is an excellent strong-growing garden flower. Call Bill Lee(752-8104) or bring it to the Regional Meeting if you have one to share.

1995 SHOW

The 1995 show will be April 15-16 at the Cincinnati Zoo. We will have to work hard to have this single show be as spectacular as the combined shows last year. The name of the show will be "Easter Parade", since it is on Easter weekend. There will be a special class for daffodils with "Easter" in their names, such as the challenge bulb Easter Moon. We expect to feature the holiday tie-in in publicity releases.

Last year we removed the requirement of color codes on the entry tags. At the July meeting members voted to restore the color code requirement, primarily because it enhances the educational function of the show. We also agreed to cut the invitational artistic arrangements to two instead of the usual four or five. This is largely because it is both difficult to entice individual designers to participate

and the show site is really too small to accommodate more than two arrangements.

Some chairman positions have been filled: John Bloomstrom, Publicity; Peg Newill, Clerks; Tom Stettner, Commercial Display; Leone Low, Judges; Mary Lou Gripshover, Schedule; Peg Newill and Peggy Macneale, Recorders. There are more positions to fill, so don't be surprised if someday Bill Lee, who is chairing the show, calls and says "How would you like to..."

CREATIVITY WANTED

For the Easter show at the zoo, it has been suggested that we should have some sort of display, and certainly posters at the walk-in entrance. We need someone with an artistic/design sense to help with this idea. Some members suggested a staged cart full of spring blooming plants with signs directing people to the show at the Peacock Pavilion. If you have ideas about this or would like to head a group to work on it, please call Bill Lee(752-8104). If you don't call Bill, he may call you.

TIP

If you are buying from overseas suppliers who accept payment only in the local currency, consider using a traveler's check rather than a money order. If you are a member of AAA, you can get them free! This can save you money and hassle.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

To make these newsletters more useful and/or informative, we are adding some Tip/Question features. Please send your suggestions to Bill Lee, or call. These features can include anything. Note the two in this issue: one is a request for a particular cultivar, another is a tip for paying overseas suppliers. Anything goes. For instance, how to acclimate DownUnder bulbs, how to decide what to plant where, interesting companion plantings, unusual

sources of bulbs, where to find good bulb fertilizer, sources for hard-to-find cultivars, particularly good books on daffodil cultivation, tips on selecting flowers for shows, what judges look for, convention travel tips, interesting gardens or nurseries to visit when traveling, etc. If you don't feel comfortable with writing these items yourself, call Bill Lee, an experienced writer and editor, and he will help you write your ideas.

Judging School III

Judging School III will be held on April 9, 1995. The location is yet to be determined, but it will probably not be held at Natorp's. Mary Lou Gripshover is the Schools Chair and would welcome suggestions for the school location. We currently have seven student judges in our region who have passed the first two schools: Liz Ragouzis, Don Caton, Margaret Baird, Rebecca Priestler, Linda Walpole, Tom Stettner, and Bill Lee.

Banner Research

At the July meeting we discussed acquiring some banners with daffodil motifs to use outside the Peacock Pavilion(or other sites) when we have a show or event. Denny Huff volunteered to search catalogs that are available to him to see what is available and what the price options are. Thanks to Denny for volunteering to do this.

DIVISION 5-9 PANEL

The panel discussion at the July meeting was well-received. And very informative. Many thanks to Leone Low, Christine Hanenkrat, Peggy Macneale, and Mary Lou Gripshover for the time and effort involved in putting these presentations

together. Transcripts of the four presentations are being edited and will be available at the Regional Meeting. Additional copies on request to Bill Lee.

1994 SHOWS

Our Cincinnati and Dayton shows had a combined total of 2,204 blooms (862 in Cincinnati and 1342 in Dayton). We can consider this a very successful year.

Winners in the shows include those shown below. If you know the winners of the awards that are marked "Unknown" please call Bill Lee at 752-8104 so we can complete our records.

AWARD	CINCINNATI SHOW	DAYTON SHOW
Gold	Libby Frey	Donna Deitsch
White	Margaret Baird	Mary Lou Gripshover
Miniature Gold	Mary Lou Gripshover	Helen Link
Miniature White	Nancy Gill	Peg Newill
Junior	Jacqueline Sieger	Brandon Dean
Silver	Mary Lou Gripshover	Mary Lou Gripshover
Rose	Mary Lou Gripshover	Donna Deitsch
Miniature Rose	Mary Lou Gripshover	Leone Low
Purple	Libby Frey	Mary Lou Gripshover
Lavender	Nancy Gill	Helen Link
Red-White-Blue	Leone Low	Mary Lou Gripshover
Miniature Red-White-Blue	Mary Lou Gripshover	Leone Low
Maroon	Returned	Leone Low
Green	Returned	Harold McConnell
Watrous	Mary Lou Gripshover	Returned
Throckmorton	Returned	Mary Lou Gripshover
Quinn	Returned	Returned
Chairman's Award	Unknown	Libby Frey
Balch Trophy	Unknown	Cincinnati only
Pogue Trophy	Bill Lee	Cincinnati only
Sloniker Trophy	Not Awarded	Cincinnati only
New Collector's Award	Unknown	John Hinger
SWODS Green Rosette	Unknown	John Hinger
SWODS Orange Rosette	Tom Stettner	Tom Stettner
Miniature Award	Dayton only	Unknown
Ina Rupert Award	Dayton only	Phyllis Vonnegut
Hanenkrat Award	Dayton only	Peggy Macneale
Artistic Award	Dayton only	Unknown

For more information about SWODS and SWODS activities, call Bill Lee(752-8104), Peggy Macneale(522-7025), Liz Ragouzis(221-1166), Linda Wallpe(221-4140), or Mary Lou Gripshover(248-9137).