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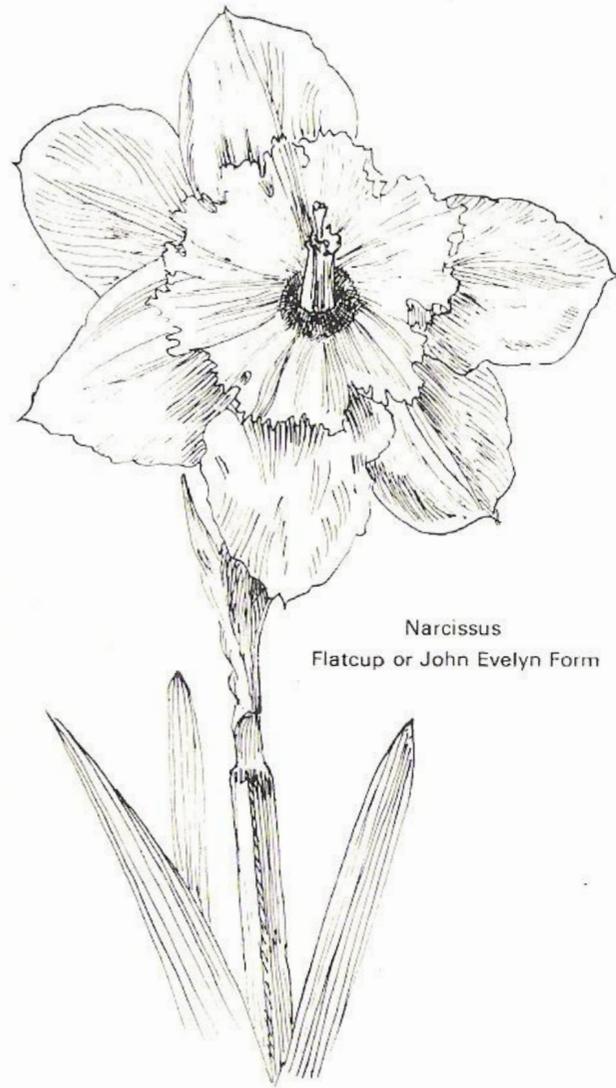
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WHITE FLOWER FARM

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Narcissus
Flatcup or John Evelyn Form

NARCISSUS. (nahr-sis' sus) Daffodil. Very important garden plants, chiefly hardy and bulbous, most of them from Europe. In all of horticulture there isn't a finer bulb for naturalizing. Plantings do not have to be disturbed for years; the bulbs multiply amazingly; flowers come in profusion; few diseases attack Narcissus in this country. What more does one need from a flower? They are also extremely useful in the perennial border—they provide the first large flowers of spring. Gardeners now have many forms to choose from. In naturalizing Narcissus it is more effective to devote an area to just one form, separated by 10 to 20 feet of woodland or grass, from another one. **Fall planting only.**

Culture. Daffodils are easy to grow. They seem to do as well in semi-shade as in full sun, they force their way up through any turf, and although they grow well in damp areas they do not like a location where water stands on them. Plant them 4 to 7 inches deep for fast propagation. If put down 9 to 10 inches the bulbs propagate far less rapidly. Instead of using bonemeal at the bottom of each hole, put in a heaping teaspoon of sewage sludge and mix it thoroughly in the bottom of the hole, then plant the bulb. This culture, recently worked out by Dutch growers, gives remarkable results. Then top dress them with sludge each spring after bloom. (Milorganite is the sewage sludge sold nationally.)

Daffodils in the perennial garden can have tops cut back when they sprawl—it is not necessary to wait until they yellow. Gardeners who want to naturalize a meadow should hire a tractor, cut furrows following the contour of the land, load with sludge, plant the bulbs, and then replace the furrow. Dig up every fifth year, separate, and replant.

We sometimes get calls in early September from gardeners who have bought Narcissus and Tulips and the other spring-flowering bulbs asking why we are so late shipping. They see bulbs at that time for sale in supermarkets or have already received orders from other nurseries. Our Dutch bulbs will invariably be later getting to you than most other bulbs, because they are all top-size and take from two to three weeks longer to cure in Holland—hence they are shipped to us later. This is a function of the crop and the weather in Holland. In a normal year we usually get them about September 15; in an abnormally wet or a fine growing year delivery from Holland can be as much as 10 days later. The bulk of the Dutch crop arrives in the United States in late August.

Note: The letters—F.C.C. or A.M.—found after the name of the following varieties are abbreviations for First Class Certificate and Award of Merit, both top prizes at the best Dutch, English, and Irish shows, and hard to win.

Flatcup Narcissus. This is a modern form of Narcissus whose varieties come in many sizes and colors. They result from a single bulb hybridized by W.F.M. Copeland, an English specialist living in Southampton, and shown by him in 1920. He named the flower John Evelyn, after an English writer who lived in the early part of the 18th



Narcissus Triandrus

Century, because Evelyn wrote so well about gardens. Copeland won an A.M. from the Royal Horticultural Society that year, and at Haarlem in 1921 and 1924. The Dutch, impressed by its different form have developed a remarkable strain from it. Instead of trumpets, this form has flat cups, some flaring, others ruffled and edged in various colors. The petals are very large, some with a semi-double effect. All have such strong stems that they have been called "Weatherproofs" because hard spring rains rarely damage them. All Flatcup Daffodils bloom mid-season.

N. Amateur. 794. A.M. The large white petals overlap and are perfectly shaped. The cup is small, as flat as can be, and brightest scarlet in color.

Six \$2.25, Doz. \$3.90, 25 \$7.00, 100 \$25.00

N. Apricot Distinction. 795. A.M. White Flower Farm Introduction. We have been growing this magnificent daffodil for several years—the first one cost \$25 per bulb. It is still relatively expensive. The petals, believe it or not, are apricot in color; the strong, frilled cup a very deep matching shade. This is probably the first new color break in Narcissi in the past 25 years. A small cup.

Six \$3.60, Doz. \$6.00, 25 \$11.25, 100 \$40.00

N. Arguros. 796. F.C.C. Outstanding new flower with creamy-white petals, and of all things one doesn't expect, a greenish flat cup.

Six \$3.60, Doz. \$6.00, 25 \$11.25, 100 \$40.00

N. Burma. 797. A flatcup with large overlapping yellow petals, the cup is orange-scarlet. A beauty.

Six \$2.10, Doz. \$3.60, 25 \$6.45, 100 \$23.00

N. Delibes. 798. A.M. The large overlapping petals are a rich golden-yellow, the large shallow cup is tangerine-orange. As it is a heavy propagator, use it for naturalizing.

Six \$2.40, Doz. \$4.20, 25 \$7.60, 100 \$27.00

N. Duke of Windsor. 799. F.C.C. A sensationally large flower on a strong stem. Petals are purest white, the large spreading cup is orange-apricot.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

N. Eddy Canzony. 800. A.M. The big flat cup is bright orange-red, becoming gold at the base. The petals are large and white.

Six \$2.40, Doz. \$4.20, 25 \$7.60, 100 \$27.00

N. Galway. 801. A.M. and F.C.C. This Narcissus has been heaped with awards in all countries. It's all golden-yellow—the flaring petals and the large crown.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

N. Iceland. 802. An excellent John Evelyn seedling. The white petals are large and flaring and the huge flat cup is apricot.

Six \$2.00, Doz. \$3.45, 25 \$6.20, 100 \$22.00

N. Jezebel. 803. The petals of this beauty are reddish-gold, the medium-sized flat cup is the color of red lead. Unusual. Spot as a specimen.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

N. John Evelyn. 804. F.C.C. The daddy of the Flatcup strain and as fine a flower as any of its many offspring. Large white petals in beautiful composition. The huge flat cup is heavily-frilled and pale apricot.

Six \$2.10, Doz. \$3.60, 25 \$6.45, 100 \$23.00

N. Lady Kesteven. 805. F.C.C. The pure snow white petals of this unusual flower form a perfect background for the cup, which is a solid cherry-red.

Six \$2.15, Doz. \$3.75, 25 \$6.75, 100 \$24.00

N. Margaret Mitchell. 807. A.M. and F.C.C. Another variety which has taken prizes everywhere. The pure white petals are broad and they overlap, the smallish flatcup is soft yellow with a near-red margin.

Six \$2.10, Doz. \$3.60, 25 \$6.45, 100 \$23.00

N. Milk and Cream. 808. A.M. A White Flower Farm Introduction, 1953. This giant flower has pure white petals and an enormous flat crown the color of double cream. Nothing like it has been seen in this classification. We cannot recommend it too highly.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

N. Missouri. 809. A yellow-petaled variety with a flaring cup that is orange-red throughout.

Six \$2.00, Doz. \$3.45, 25 \$6.20, 100 \$22.00

N. Mol's Hobby. 809A. An odd name for an outstanding and relatively new flatcup with soft yellow petals on the outside. The petals of the split crown are markedly frilled and are interwoven with outside petals. It is unique.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

N. Mother Catherine. 810. Very large white petals; the expanded cup has a sulphur-yellow edge followed by a broad band of soft orange-yellow, the base is pale cream.

Six \$2.35, Doz. \$4.00, 25 \$7.30, 100 \$26.00

N. Muscadet. 811. A flatcup with pure white petals and an ivory cup. It is the only Narcissus with the fragrance of Freesia.

Six \$2.40, Doz. \$4.20, 25 \$7.60, 100 \$27.00

N. Scarlett O'Hara. 811A. The large perfectly shaped perianth is golden-yellow, the flat trumpet-shaped cup is bright orange-scarlet. It is a vigorous thing and blooms very early.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

N. Rococo. 812. A.M. and F.C.C. This exciting Daffodil has huge white petals and the flat crown is soft yellow with a broad ribbon of salmon-orange on its edge

Six \$3.15, Doz. \$5.25, 25 \$9.85, 100 \$35.00

N. Royal Crown. 813. Petals are silvery white. The cup—large and heavily frilled—is a lovely soft apricot. It is a newish Evelyn seedling now reasonable in price.

Six \$1.90, Doz. \$3.25, 25 \$5.90, 100 \$21.00

N. Royal Orange. 814. Very strong and overlapping white petals. The spreading heavily-frilled cup is enormous and deep orange throughout. It has the largest cup in this classification.

Six \$2.40, Doz. \$4.20, 25 \$7.60, 100 \$27.00

N. Spencer Tracy. 815. F.C.C. This huge round thing has another of those gorgeous John Evelyn flat cups—this one of purest orange.

Six \$2.00, Doz. \$3.45, 25 \$6.20, 100 \$22.00

N. Sun Chariot. 816. Broad, flat rather pointed petals of deep golden-yellow. The well-proportioned goblet-shaped cup is a solid glowing orange-red. The flower seems sunproof and lasts remarkably well.

Six \$2.10, Doz. \$3.60, 25 \$6.45, 100 \$23.00

Poetaz Narcissus. Here is a group of charming Daffodils whose flowers cluster on strong stems. The first four are completely hardy. *N. February*, used largely for forcing in place of Paperwhite Narcissus, which is not hardy, is a tender bulb. Those who live in Zone 5 and southward use them for forcing, then they naturalize them in the spring—and get double duty from them.

N. Poeticus recurvus. 816A. This is an ancient beauty in the Poeticus class. We dropped it years ago but gardeners still ask for it. It even has a common name "Old Pheasant's Eye". We don't know why. The flowers are single, white, and heavily recurved. The cup is just off white with an edge of red. If it looks like a pheasant's eye, which it doesn't, it is a bleary pheasant's eye. Stems are short.

Six \$1.90, Doz. \$3.25, 25 \$5.90, 100 \$21.00

N. Cheerfulness. 817. A.M. Never was a flower better named. Clusters of showy double white flowers bloom on exceedingly strong stems. When Cheerfulness first opens there is a suggestion of yellow in the center which soon fades. It is a late-season bloomer; a heavy multiplier.

Six \$1.80, Doz. \$3.10, 25 \$5.60, 100 \$20.00

N. Cheerfulness Primrose. 818. A.M. It has the



Trumpet Narcissus

same lovely form as Cheerfulness but in a solid primrose-yellow. Both of these varieties are very sweet-scented. Double. Late-flowering.

Six \$1.90, Doz. \$3.25, 25 \$5.90, 100 \$21.00

N. Early Splendour. 819A. This is a greatly improved form of *N. Early Perfection*. The flowers are larger and there are 5 to 7 of them on a truss. The perianth is pure white; the cup is bright orange.

Six \$2.10, Doz. \$3.60, 25 \$6.45, 100 \$23.00

N. February. 820. F.C.C. (Also known as Cragford.) Early flowering. This utter delight in multi-flowered Daffodils has white overlapping petals and a yellow cup edged a bright orange-scarlet. February, when started in December, blooms indoors in, obviously, February. Orders should be placed very early for November shipment for forcing as we are invariably sold out early. Not hardy in Zone 4.

Doz. \$4.00, 25 \$7.30, 100 \$26.00

Trumpet Narcissus. Trumpet Daffodils are the most familiar form of this fine genus and over the years Trumpets have been naturalized by the hundreds of millions. Most naturalizing mixtures are largely composed of them. The hybridizers, however, have turned up some remarkable new varieties in the last two decades—huge things. Also, Irish and Dutch plantmen have developed pink forms, different shades of gold and yellow, as well as two-color. Here, in our opinion, is the cream of the crop.

N. Beersheba. 821. F.C.C. A widely known pure white flower and quite satisfactory. It flowers mid-season.

Six \$2.60, Doz. \$4.50, 25 \$8.15, 100 \$29.00

N. Lord Nelson. 822. A.M. A uniform soft yellow throughout, and a sensationally large flower to boot. Flowers show mid-season.

Six \$2.70, Doz. \$4.70, 25 \$8.45, 100 \$30.00

N. Louise de Coligny. 823. Late-flowering. It is one of the best of the pinks—the petals are white and large, the trumpet apricot pink, which shows its color

immediately after opening. It is fragrant and a heavy propagator, so it is good for naturalizing.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

*†N. **Oklahoma. 824.** This well-proportioned large trumpet Daffodil is intense orange-yellow, the petals white and flat. It is an outstanding bi-color that flowers mid-season.

Six \$2.60, Doz. \$4.50, 25 \$8.15, 100 \$29.00

*†N. **Spellbinder. 825.** A greenish-lemon mid-season trumpet. As the flower develops the inside of the trumpet turns almost white, making it unique.

Six \$2.90, Doz. \$5.00, 25 \$9.00, 100 \$32.00

*†N. **Unsurpassable. 826.** F.C.C. A gorgeous flower, large, and of the deepest golden-yellow throughout. It is as vigorous as all get out and flowers in mid-season. This is a vastly improved King Alfred, the trumpet everyone knows.

Six \$2.70, Doz. \$4.70, 25 \$8.45, 100 \$30.00

Miniature and Small Narcissus. These are the botanical species types and their hybrids. Some are surprisingly little fellows, only a few inches high, with utterly delightful small flowers. They are rockery plants, of course, and most varieties are easily forced.

*†N. **Bulbocodium citrinus. 827.** About 6 inches high, with small sulphur-yellow flowers. Early flowering. Hardy Zone 6, southward.

Doz. \$2.00, 25 \$3.65, 100 \$13.00

*†N. **canaliculatus. 828.** It has a tiny flower with white petals and a yellow cup. Darling should be its name. It blooms mid-season. Hardy Zone 5, southward.

Doz. \$2.00, 25 \$3.65, 100 \$13.00

*†N. **Liberty Bells. 829.** Clusters of deep lemon-yellow flowers on reed-like stems—3 to 4 blooms to a stem. Liberty Bells is the yellow form of Thalia, one of the most lovely small daffodils ever developed. A Triandrus type.

Six \$2.15, Doz. \$3.75, 25 \$6.75, 100 \$24.00

*†N. **Little Beauty. 830.** A.M. As you would expect from its name, this is a charming miniature. It is a perfect bi-color, the petals white, the tiny trumpet a soft yellow, and it flowers early.

Six \$1.60, Doz. \$2.80, 25 \$5.00, 100 \$18.00

*†N. **Little Gem. 830A.** The perfect companion to N. Little Beauty. A tiny yellow trumpet, somewhat deeper in tone at the throat. These two are unique in the miniature group. Doz. \$2.20, 25 \$3.95, 100 \$14.00

*†N. **Suzy. 831.** This lovely is similar in form to Trevithian, but with canary-yellow petals and a very clear orange-red cup.

Six \$2.50, Doz. \$4.35, 25 \$7.85, 100 \$28.00

*†N. **Thalia. 832.** A.M. Largish purest white flowers on 6- to 7-inch reed-like stems—three to four of

them to a stem, too, and very sweet-scented. Late flowering. It is a Triandrus type.

Doz. \$3.10, 25 \$5.60, 100 \$20.00

*†N. **Trevithian. 833.** F.C.C. Flowers mid-season. Broadly overlapping petals form the shallow crown in perfect proportion. A pale lemon-yellow throughout, with 2 to 4 flowers dancing on each stem. Very fragrant. Another Triandrus that is exceptionally lovely.

Doz. \$3.10, 25 \$5.60, 100 \$20.00

*†N. **triandrus alba. 834.** (Angel's Tears) A late-flowering silvery-white miniature; 2 to 3 flowers to each 5- to 6-inch stem. Utterly charming.

Doz. \$1.85, 25 \$3.40, 100 \$12.00

*†N. **triandrus April Tears. 835.** This yellow late-flowering hybrid has three drooping flowers on each 5- to 6-inch stem with petals that reflex. The small trumpet and the petals are a clear yellow. Very fragrant.

Doz. \$1.85, 25 \$3.40, 100 \$12.00

Narcissus Mixtures. White Flower Farm's mixtures of Daffodils have been outstanding in the trade. One reason is that instead of dumping overstock of a few trumpet varieties in a bin and calling it a mixture, these mixtures are made up from named varieties. Another reason is that the bulbs are all top-size and perform perfectly the first year.

Flatcup Narcissus Mixture. 835A. This series has also been called "Weatherproofs," because their



stems and flowers are so strong that they withstand beating and blustery spring storms. Gardeners who plant this mixture once are back after more every year.

Doz. \$3.45, 25 \$6.20, 100 \$22.00

Poetaz and Multi-flowered Narcissus Mixture. 835C. This is the race of dainty Daffodils. They mostly have a series of small dancing flowers or clusters on each stem. Some are single, others double. Any naturalized area should have some patches of these charmers.

Doz. \$3.25, 25 \$5.90, 100 \$21.00

Miniature Narcissus Mixture. 835D. These tiny fellows, few more than 6 inches high, are ideal rockery plants. They should also be naturalized in areas bare of heavy grass in woodland areas. Like all perfectly shaped very small things, they have great appeal.

Doz. \$1.55, 25 \$2.80, 100 \$10.00

Pink Narcissus Mixture. 835E. The Pink Trumpet

Daffodils are a lovely lot. We once offered a series of named pink varieties, but stopped because they were just too expensive. They can, however, be offered at modest prices in mixture. The Pinks all have white petals. Their trumpets are either all pink or have pink shades that develop as the flower matures. Plant them in semi-shade to keep sunshine from burning out the delicate colors. We do not suggest large plantings of the Pinks, but a few patches should be in every woodland area naturalized with Daffodils.

Doz. \$3.45, 25 \$6.20, 100 \$22.00

Trumpet Narcissus Mixture. 835F. Here are the Daffodils everyone knows, the perky trumpets. This mixture, with blooms in every size, is heavily weighted with yellows from lemon to golden. Buyers will also find outstanding bi-colors—white petals and yellow trumpets.

Doz. \$3.25, 25 \$5.90, 100 \$21.00

Narcissi Mixture—The Works. 835G. The workhorse mixture for naturalizing. Here one has the whole spectrum of Narcissi types: Double, Flatcup, Multi-flowered, Pink, Trumpet—in other words, the works, except Miniatures. It consists of premium-sized bulbs of many varieties. Orders for less than 100 bulbs cannot be accepted, and all orders should be placed by August 20. *Please note that the bulbs in this mixture are so heavy that additional transportation charges—over the standard minimums—may have to be billed after shipment.*

100 \$18.25, 250 \$40.00, 500 \$74.00, 1000 \$140.00

neapolitana (nea-pol-i-tay' na) of Naples

NEPETA (nep' et-uh) Ground Ivy or Catnip. A rather large genus of plants, first named by Pliny, probably after the Italian town of Nepi. But only a few species are worth growing. They like ordinary sandy soils. **Plant spring only.**

*N. **Mussini. 836.** An extremely good edging or border plant with gray-green foliage. It is a compact grower—15 to 18 inches wide. Profuse, small, lavender-blue flowers appear from June to August. Full sun is the best location.

Each \$1.25, Three \$3.55, Doz. \$13.50

Newberryi (new' berry-eye) after Botanist Newberry

nivalis (niv-aye' lis) snow-white, growing near snow

niveum (niv' ee-um) snow-white

nodulosa (nod-you-low' sa) having nodules

nummularium (num-mew-lay' ree-um) coin-like, circular

obtusata (ob-tew' sa) blunt, rounded at end