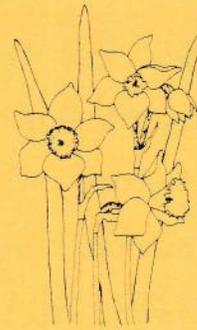


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NATIONAL CONVENTION AND SHOW

After more than a year of planning the Northeast Region hosted the ADS Convention and Show. All of us who worked on it wished that every member in the Region could have participated. The planned activities and symposium speakers were well received and in spite of the hot weather preceding the show, the blooms were exceptional. When Sunday came and we wearily folded our tents, we all felt satisfied with the results.

Special recognition goes to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mackinney for their tireless efforts as Co-Chairmen, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fairman for producing the nicest Boutique ever, and to Dr. William Bender for organizing and entertaining the overseas visitors. We all enjoyed the table centerpieces created by Mrs. George Haines, and appreciated the efficiency of our Registrar, Mrs. John Gehret, and our Treasurer, Mrs. Jonathan Williams. There were many others whose long hours and hard work made the Convention possible. We thank them all. They did the region proud.

The Journal will give reports of the Show and Convention, but I would like to praise some successes by our Regional members. One the pleasures of a National Show is viewing the lovely trophies which are awarded only at that time. Dr. Bender's POPS 75/57 which created so much interest at local shows

last year, won the Grant and Amy Mitsch Trophy which is given for the best three stems of one standard daffodil seedling exhibited by the originator only.

Mrs. Marvin V. Andersen won the Tuggle Trophy for vases of three stems each of twelve cultivars of standard daffodils from at least three divisions, the Mains Trophy for vases of three stems each of nine cultivars of standard daffodils from Division 3, the Australian Award for five standards cultivars of daffodils, one stem each, bred in Australia and the English Award for five standard cultivars, one stem each, of daffodils bred in England. Mr. Richard Ezell won the Carncairn Trophy for five standard cultivars, one stem each, bred in Ireland. So, even in the heat of April, the Northeast Region acquitted itself well.

Another delight of a National Show is the exhibits of the commercial growers from this country and abroad, which provide not only an opportunity to see some of the newer registered cultivars, but also to see some of the seedlings. There were exciting developments in colors exhibited, such as perianths with a rosy blush and ruby red crowns.

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#### OTHER DAFFODIL SHOWS

While the National dominated the show scene this spring, there were two other beautiful shows, the Northeast Regional in Summit, New Jersey, and the Pennsylvania State Show in Chambersburg. The Regional Show had 725 blooms entered in the show. As a Regional Show, it could offer the Bronze Ribbon (vases of three stems of twelve varieties from at least three divisions), won by Mrs. W. R. Mackinney.

Many of the overseas guests who had been at Convention journeyed to Chambersburg. Because the show was so very late, it was smaller than usual but the quality was high. Richard Ezell produced a beautiful Quinn and Marie Hartman had a perfect Throckmorton. It was also an opportunity to see more of Dr. Bender's seedlings.

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#### NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR

We thank Mrs. Owen W. Hartman, our outgoing Director, for her three years of service on the Board. And we welcome Mrs. Joseph S. Dickenson as the new Regional Director in the Northeast Region. Mrs. Dickenson is an active member in the ADS and a successful exhibitor on the show table.

We are proud to have a number of members from the Northeast Region serving on the Board. Their names and addresses are appended to this letter. Do contact them to give them your thoughts.

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#### THE THREE SEASONS OF DAFFODILS

All of us are familiar with two seasons of daffodils, the 'Fall Plant' and the 'Spring Bloom', but too many of us ignore the third season, the 'Summer Dig'. Every year friends bemoan their clumps of daffodils which have become all foliage and only scattered small blooms. A member on the Eastern Shore says in her sandy soil, the bulbs eventually push up out of the earth. The remedy is DIG.

Before the foliage topples over I wander through the beds placing stakes on those which need to be lifted. When the foliage collapses those stakes are insistent reminders to dig.

When the foliage has ripened, (Wisley says any time six weeks after bloom) I dig the bulbs. A drain shovel is a useful tool. I try to dig carefully so as not to damage the bulbs.

After the bulbs are washed, each variety is placed in its own mesh bag such as an onion bag. Some members use pieces of stockings. The bagged bulbs are dipped in a benlate solution for at least 30 minutes. This should be done within 24 hours of digging. (Mrs. Andersen bags her bulbs before washing and then turns a strong spray from the outdoor hose on them.)

After dipping, the bags should be hung in an airy place. Living in an older house, I hang them from the pipes in the basement, where they remain until planting time. As a child, I had a book illustration showing the lamb tails in "Little Bo Peep" hanging from the branches of a tree. In the summer, some of Mrs. Andersen's trees take on a similar appearance.

Use your own methods, but DIG!

Now, having said that, I will repeat what Sir Frank and Lady Harrison of Ballydorn Bulb Farm related. By always fertilizing around a clump of daffodils the growth and blooms are pulled outward, the blooms are numerous and their size satisfactory. Some of their clumps have been down for 40 years.

When one digs there are often extra bulbs. What to do? For what one group does, read on ...

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#### DELAWARE BULB SALE

The Delaware Daffodil Society's Bulb Sale will be Wednesday, September 25th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at my house. (See address & phone at end of newsletter.) These are bulbs dug from members' gardens. It is a wonderful opportunity to buy special bulbs at

very reasonable prices.

This is a lengthy letter, but due to our fall travel plans,  
that newsletter will be very late.      HAPPY DIGGING !



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