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Dear Daffodil Friends:

We have all put our daffodils to bed in the New England Region, checked the labels and maps, and are beginning to mulch most of the beds for winter. We have had a beautiful fall in between some rain and our daffodils should be making good root growth.

There are several interesting events taking place in the New England Region. The Buzzards Bay Garden Club and the Beacon Hill Garden Club are putting on an interesting display of daffodils to complement the Amateur Gardens of the Massachusetts Horticulture Society. This will be held at the New England Flower Show, March 3-12, at the Bayside Exposition Center.

The current plan is to have all 12 divisions of daffodils displayed with one border of all white daffodils, one border white perianth with colored cup, one of all yellow, and one border with yellow perianth and colored cup. Obviously there will be exceptions in certain borders, like Division 9 which does not have an all white daffodil. This project is an ambitious undertaking and, hopefully, the borders can be arranged as planned. All of you who attend the New England Flower Show in Boston will be interested and should take particular note of the daffodil display. Ruth Crocker of the Noanett Garden Club is heading up this project. Ruth won Best in Show at the Northern New England Show two years ago.

We are planning a large meeting on Saturday, April 29, 1989, at the Dublin Town Hall, open to the public. We find interested young working people would like to come on Saturday. We hope to entice more men and some of our children. It will be a combination of basic information on culture, entering shows, grooming, transporting blooms, and the like. There will be several speakers and, as an added attraction, slides from Amy Anthony's collection and, hopefully, some from the Tasmania, New Zealand, trip. Please put down the date and place and come to Dublin on April 29. The Northern New England Daffodil Show will be held on May 4 and 5, so the meeting will be one week before the show.

The New England Region has Test Gardens at Strawberry Banke, a restored early American village at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. There is a new Director of Horticulture who reports that many of the varieties need identification. Portsmouth is on the coast and not very close to any daffodil authorities. If any of you are near Strawberry Banke, will you please see the Director, Miss Masury, and help in any way you can. She has taken slides of the daffodils and hopes to identify them in that manner. Nancy Whitlock, Chairman of the Test Gardens, is also working with Miss Masury.

Once again, I'm bringing up the subject of Round Robins. Quoting Betty Krahmer, National Chairman of Round Robins:

"Simply put, a round robin is a method of corresponding with a number of people by writing one letter. A list of interested people is compiled. The first person (Robin Director) writes a letter on the subject (i.e., Daffodils) and sends it to the second person on the list. That person adds a letter of his/her own and sends both letters to a third person. And so it goes until it reaches the person at the end of the list. That person does the same as above and sends it to the Robin Director who takes out his/her previous letter and adds a new letter sending them off for another round."

If we can start a round robin, I will act as Robin Director to start the "ball rolling." There are so many regional questions members might be interested in:

- Daffodil culture in our area
- Which divisions grow best
- Where are certain varieties available
- How to deal with daffodil pests
- Does anyone want to trade bulbs
- How to form a junior group
- Now to improve your daffodil show
- What about hybridizing

The list is endless. Send me a card if you are interested and we'll see what we can do.

Finally, don't forget to work on membership. This was emphasized at the Board meeting in October. Give membership as prizes and gifts. With Christmas coming up, a membership makes a wonderful present. I have plenty of membership brochures if any of you wish them to have at a flower show or meeting.

With best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,

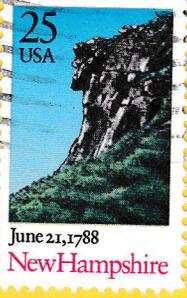
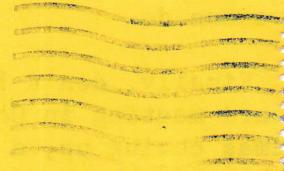
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Important dates:

- ADS Convention, San Francisco, March 15-18
- Nantucket Daffodil Show, April 24-25
- Greenwich Daffodil Society New England Regional Show, April 26
- Northern New England Open Meeting, Dublin Town Hall, Saturday,
April 29, 2:00 P.M.
- Northern New England Daffodil Show, May 5-6

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