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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Daffodil Friends,

I write this, having finally heaved the last soggy bulb from the mud of my temporary beds. This is the second year I have dug all my bulbs preparatory to moving. As many of you know, I thought my house was sold last summer, and lifted everything then, even going to the extent of hot water treating the lot, only to have to replant here when the contract fell through.

Because of the HWT, which probably wasn't necessary, I put the bulbs into new ground. This was a strip of lawn, which had not felt the plow for many years, and was Glen Elg clay/loam. It was tilled as fine and deep (about 9") as the big 6' disc plow could get it, and the bulbs were planted straight into this soil, with no amendment except for a bit of sand under some whites and a few precious things.

The bulbs were planted quite late last fall, as the bed was too wet until mid-November. After a warm, fairly dry winter, a cold, dry April and very wet May/June/July, the bulbs were lifted with surprising health and increase. Except for a few poor growers, most bulbs lifted were larger than those planted and had increased beyond my expectations for just one year down. Most were dug before June 22 - these were big and healthy, and there were no losses. I resumed digging July 15, after a prolonged care visit to my aunt, and the further I progressed, the less good the bulbs looked, though losses were minimal. Before this year, I had never dug over such a long period of time, and this experience further convinces me of the merit of early digging. Not only is it easier to get everything while the foliage is still green, but the danger of basal rot is far less. Also, one can almost eliminate the Narcissus fly by digging early. Murray Evans once told me he never took any fly control measures, except early digging, before the larva has time to enter the bulb. Incidentally, I tried a new (to me) fly control method this year - I spread granular Dursban (at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ # per 100 sq. ft.) once in early May, and again in late May. Though a lot of my bulbs came out late, I found only one bulb with a grub in it!

The lesson of this story is - dig as early as possible, after allowing the foliage to grow strongly for 6 weeks after bloom. For those you don't dig, use the granular Dursban, or, if you prefer, spray foliage with liquid, but this must be repeated after every rain. These two methods used together should break the fly's life cycle successfully. Another lesson I learned - daffodils love clay, so long as it drains well.

Speaking of rain, the abundant amounts throughout the Middle Atlantic should produce fabulous bloom next spring. Let's hope we get good rains this fall and winter.

1990 Show Chairmen - PLEASE send me dates and details of 1990 shows as soon as possible!

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As a result of two judging schools currently running, we now have over 30 student judges in the Middle Atlantic region. All must get their three required judgments as a student within 3 years, so 1990 Judges Chairmen - PLEASE invite a student judge for each of your panels next year! It would be a great help to students to judge in shows other than their 'home' show, to gain wider experience. Every show in the region can participate in training these students, and can invite different students each year. I will send a list of names and addresses to all judges chairmen who will write to request one.

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I am sad to report the loss of two long-time members. Mrs. C. E. Fitzwater of Huntington, WV, had been an ADS member since 1959. She was an amateur hybridizer, and introduced three daffodils in 1985/86, one named West Virginia. It would be a pity if these were never seen and evaluated by others - perhaps a Huntington member might undertake their preservation and increase. Also, Mrs. Reginald Vance, of Gloucester VA, died in June. She and her late husband were noted exhibitors and judges in our region. Our sympathy to both families.

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I am also sad that no one has made use of the 'Where can I get...?' column which is available in this publication (OR, of my request for contributions to it!!) Does everyone have every bulb he/she wants? Does no one have a story to tell? I sometimes feel I am writing in a vacuum.....

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A warm welcome to all the members who recently joined ADS. We hope you all are thoroughly infected with 'yellow fever.' or soon will be. Remember, all your officers and directors are here for YOU, so if you have daffodil questions or problems, don't hesitate to write or call us. We look forward to greeting many of you in person at the Fall Meeting, where first-time attendees have first choice of the bulbs at the exchange. If you're coming for the first (or even the second) time, you are NOT expected to bring bulbs, so don't stay away because you have nothing to bring!

Mrs Thomas Brown, Jr., Alexandria, VA
Mrs. William Brown, Pasadena, MD
Libby Cross, Covington, VA
Robert Darling, Washington, D.C.
Mr. and Mrs. John Finch, Kensington, MD
Mrs. Richard Hemphill, Ellicott City, MD
Charles Kruszyna, Covington VA
Mrs. Philip Lines, St. Leonard, MD
Mrs. Bowdoin Lusk, Cheriton, VA
Mrs. Philip McAllister, Kearneysville, WV
Mrs. Robert McAlpine, Suffolk, VA

Mrs. J. Rieman McIntosh, Monkton, MD
Mrs. Richard Miller, Vienna, VA
John Paine, III, Midlothian, VA
Mrs. Martin Palmer, Ivy, VA
John Ramaley, Frederick, MD
Rappahannock Garden Club
Mrs. Lionel Skidmore, Vienna, VA
Mrs. Hal Tray, Severna Park, MD
Dr. Charles Wirth, West River, MD
Mrs. Robert Witter, Arnold, MD

THE 1989 SHOWS

On reading the show reports, it seems that Spring never really came this year. though after nearly 40 years in this area, no weather pattern seems strange to me. However, 1989 seemed to top many a season for unusual weather - after a mild winter, the temperature see-sawed nearly everywhere, with one show reporting extremes of 20-91 F. In my area, March was more like April, and April was cold, windy and very dry. Nonetheless, our exhibitors produced some very creditable numbers in the shows, though four were down from their 1988 counts. The decisions of one or two large exhibitors can greatly influence the numbers, however, so the season is not the only variable in show statistics.

It was encouraging to note that, in the collections offered, 8 collections, including 2 large ones, were won by amateur hybridizers with their own cultivars, mainly numbered seedlings. I also noted Anne Donnell Smith's coup in Baltimore - 5 winning major collections, including the Quinn and the Watrous - quite an accomplishment!

GARDEN CLUB OF GLOUCESTER DAFFODIL SHOW, Gloucester, VA, April 1-2, 1989. Mrs. Henry Wilson, Chairman, reported 916 blooms in 436 exhibits. The many outstanding seedlings of Dr. John Tarver aroused much comment, as did the whites.

Gold Ribbon	John Tarver	Sd1. 77-1-2 2Y-W
Miniature gold Ribbon	Frank Yazenski	Pango
White Ribbon	Mrs. C. Constantine	Rainbow
Miniature White Ribbon	Mrs Raymond Lewis	Segovia
Silver Ribbon	Mrs. Gordon Brooks	25
Rose Ribbon	John Tarver	Sd1. 77-1-2 2Y-W
Miniature Rose Ribbon	Brent Heath	Sd1. 6W-?
Red White & Blue Ribbon	John Tarver	Sdls. A33-12, C12-3, 77-5-4, 77-6-8 and C-22-7
Maroon Ribbon	John Tarver	Sdls. 78-2-2, 77-1-3, 77-1-2, 78-2-3 and 78-2-2
Lavender Ribbon	Mrs. Gordon Brooks	Picoblanco, Xit, Snipe, Jumblie and Mite

SOMERSET COUNTY GARDEN CLUB, Princess Anne, MD, April 1-2, 1989

Co-chairmen Mrs. G. C. Coulbourn and Mrs. N. T. Whittington reported 443 blooms in 269 exhibits. Golden Pond and Sweet Somerset were standouts.

Gold Ribbon	Mrs. Emory Tamplin	Broomhill
Min. Gold Ribbon	Mrs. N. T. Whittington	Bulbocodium conspicuus
White Ribbon	Jack Holland	Willet
Min. White Ribbon	Mrs. George Parsons	Yellow Xit
Silver Ribbon	Martha Simpkins	13
Purple Ribbon	Mrs Merton Yerger	Ypsilante, Mrs. Weightman, Words- worth, Secret Circle, Sweet Fantasy
Red White & Blue Ribbon	Mrs. L.T. Whitlock	Mitsch 659-5, Confection, Wahkeena, Pastel Gem, Gold Coin
Maroon Ribbon	Mrs. E.T. Cato	Nazareth, Honeybird, Daydream, Accord, Water Music

UPPERVILLE GARDEN CLUB DAFFODIL SHOW, Upperville, VA, April 5, 1989.

Mrs. Ted Haberland, Chairman, reported 334 blooms in 220 exhibits, and noted great interest in Silver Surf.

Gold Ribbon	Mrs. Bruce Gunnell	Silver Surf
Min. Gold Ribbon	Mrs Philip McAlister	Mite
White Ribbon	Mrs. K. B. Kingsley	Golden Amber
Min. White Ribbon	Mrs. Gordon Brooks	Segovia
Silver Ribbon	Mrs. Gordon Brooks	22
Purple Ribbon	Mrs. Lockwood Frizzell	Glen Echo, Pueblo, Chinchilla, Northwest, Silver Surf
Lavender Ribbon	Mrs. Gordon Brooks	Pixie, Xit, Hawera, Floday, Segovia

LONDON TOWN PUBLIK HOUSE DAFFODIL SHOW, Edgewater, MD, April 8-9, 1989.

Co-chairmen Mrs. Coulter and Mrs. Sample reported 811 blooms in 531 exhibits. Daffodils of interest were Angel, Ice King, Akepa, Hawera and outstanding poeticus seedlings of Meg Yerger.

Gold Ribbon	Mrs. Donald Fletcher	Salome
Min. Gold Ribbon	Mrs. Conrad Richter	Segovia
White Ribbon	Mrs. George Coulbourn	Fidelity
Min. White Ribbon	Mrs. Philip Lines	April Tears
Silver Ribbon	Mrs. Richard Ellwood	15
Rose Ribbon	Mrs. Merton Yerger	Sdl. 77G3
Min. Rose Ribbon	Mrs. Merton Yerger	Sdl. 80A1
Red White & Blue Ribbon	Mrs. Merton Yerger	Sdls. 75G3, 75J2, 77G2, 75J3 and 77G3
Maroon Ribbon	Anne Donnell Smith	Chiloquin, Gin and Lime, Sun and Snow, Water Music, Rushlight
Lavender Ribbon	Martha Simpkins	Hawera, Minnow, April Tears, N. jonquilla, N. b. conspicuus

TIDEWATER DAFFODIL SHOW, Newport News, VA, April 8-9, 1989.

Chairman Stan Krause reported 857 blooms in 374 exhibits, and lamented the much smaller than usual show, due to spring-like January. He noted that Bill Pannill's seedlings were spectacular, as usual.

Gold Ribbon	William Pannill	Sdl. Easter Moon x Cataract
Min. Gold Ribbon	Mrs. Raymond Lewis	Hawera
White Ribbon	William Pannill	Mountain Dew
Min. White Ribbon	William Pannill	Junior Miss
Silver Ribbon	Mr & Mrs Stanley Krause	29
Rose Ribbon	William Pannill	Sdl. 74/41 2W-Y
Min. Rose Ribbon	William Pannill	Sdl. G20-D 6Y-Y
Purple Ribbon	Donald King	Hotspur, Newport, Dewy Rose, Lyles, Limpkin
Maroon Ribbon	William Pannill	Junne Johnsrud, Continental, Accord, Sdls. H22A and J26
Lavender Ribbon	Mr & Mrs Stanley Krause	Quince, Pixie's Sister, Jumblie, Segovia, Hawera
Green Ribbon	Mr & Mrs Stanley Krause	Benvoy, Cairngorm, Indian Maid, Premiere, Sweet Prince, Snowcrest, Old Satin, Precedent, Fly Half, Gay Song, Rim Ride, Starmount
Watrous Medal	Mr & Mrs Stanley Krause	Hawera, Segovia, Sundial, Pixie's Sister, Paula Cottell, Jumblie, Xit, Kenellis, Quince, Bobbysoxer N. b conspicuus, N. canaliculatus
Quinn Ribbon	William Pannill	Accord, Rising Star, Indian Maid, Explosion, Lizzie Hop, Chippewa, Intrigue, Sdls. 70/43, 75/90, 71/51, 66/17D, D11G, 79/16/14, 62/31A, 81/6, 74/10, 80/20, 75/15, 75/20, 77/22B, 77/23B, I31, 77/870, 74/48

WASHINGTON DAFFODIL SOCIETY SHOW - Middle Atlantic Regional, Washington, D.C., April 15-16, 1989. Chairman Pat Crenshaw also lamented the smaller than usual show in her report of 1,021 blooms in 480 exhibits. Noted in the report, "Gull, as usual, got more than the fair share of attention," but most of the talk was about the "delicate, perfect" Cupid, a tiny 6Y-Y. Night Music, a new 4W-P, also received many comments.

Gold Ribbon	Mrs. John Bozievich	Killearnan
Min. Gold Ribbon	Delia Bankhead	Cupid
White Ribbon	Margaret Oswalt	Gull
Min. White Ribbon	Mrs. George Watrous	Sdl. 691/1 7Y-YYO
Silver Ribbon	Mrs George Burton	16
Rose Ribbon	Mrs. Merton Yerger	Sdl. 79-23 9W-GOO
Min. Rose Ribbon	Mrs. Merton Yerger	Sdl. 75/1-3 9W-GGO
Purple Ribbon	Delia Bankhead	Akepa, Jovial, Ice Wings,
		Arish Mell, Ruth Haller
Red White & Blue Ribbon	William A. Bender	Pops Legacy, Slieveboy x Chemawa,
		Arctic gold x Chemawa, (Festivity x
		Nor Nor) x Rima, P.O.P.S. x Lark
Maroon Ribbon	Mrs. John Bozievich	Rio Dell, Lea 1-9-76, Impresario,
Focal Point, Cairngorm		Focal Point, Cairngorm
Lavender Ribbon	Mrs. George Watrous	Wideawake, Sdls. SW12, 691-1,
		741-2 and 621-5
Watrous Ribbon	Delia Bankhead	Xit, Segovia, Jumblie, Minnow,
		Sundial, Yellow Xit, Cupid, Watrous
		691-1, Blanchard 71/3C, N. junci-
		folius, N.t. pallidulus, N. bulbo-
		codium sp.
Green Ribbon	Mrs. John Bozievich	Ice Wings, Declare, Meldrum, Quasar,
		Apostle, Swedish Fjord, Privateer,
		Safari, Cyros, High Society, Rich
		Reward, Homestead
Bronze Ribbon	Mrs. John Bozievich	Blithe Spirit, Bravoure, Quasar,
		Pink Wing, Gold Convention, Gull,
		Purbeck, golden Aura, Conestoga,
		Silver Surf, Dress Circle, Shortcake

MARYLAND DAFFODIL SOCIETY SHOW, Baltimore, MD, April 19-20, 1989.

Mrs. E.F. Salmons, Chairman, reported 1263 blooms in 582 exhibits, and commented on "especially fine whites - Gull was outstanding (your Ed. noticed Areley Kings, also) Dalhauine was also of special interest....very good color and substance throughout the show, after an especially dry winter and record-breaking temperatures (both ways) this spring."

Gold Ribbon	Mrs. R. Bruce Campbell	Tristram
Min. Gold Ribbon	Quentin Erlandson	Stafford
White Ribbon	Mrs. Andrew Warner	Cool Crystal
Min. White Ribbon	Anne Donnell Smith	Sennocke
Silver Ribbon	Mrs. R. Bruce Campbell	22
Rose Ribbon	Mrs. Merton Yerger	Sdl. 77G7 9W-GOR
Min. Rose Ribbon	Mrs. Merton Yerger	Sdl. 75H2-1 9W-GYR
Purple Ribbon	Mrs Thomas Smith	Purbeck, Surfbird, Delos
		Dalhauine, Vernal Prince
Red White & Blue Ribbon	Anne Donnell Smith	White Tie, Lara, Chiloquin,
		Rim Ride, New Penny
Maroon Ribbon	Anne Donnell Smith	Chiloquin, Daydream, Pipit,
		Gin and Lime, Grand Prospect

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Lavender Ribbon Anne Donnell Smith

Green Ribbon Anne Donnell Smith

Quinn Ribbon Anne Donnell Smith

Throckmorton Ribbon Joan M. George

Segovia, Jumblie, Xit,
 N. x tenuior, N. triandrus albus
 Purbeck, Verwood, Woodland Star,
 Golden Vale, Blithe Spirit,
 Acropolis, Homestead, Loch Hope,
 Golden Amber, Silver Chimes,
 Torridon, Golden Aura
 Blithe Spirit, Golden Aura, Fiji,
 Aircastle, Rockall, Golden Vale,
 Homestead, Arish Mell, White Tie,
 Arbar, Montego, Highfield Beauty,
 Loch Hope, Purbeck, Verwood,
 Diversion, Dalhauine, Woodland Star,
 Johnnie Walker, Rainbow, Clumber,
 Strines, Demand, Ice Wings
 Rameses, Balvenie, Snow Gem, Grebe,
 Colley Gate, Panache, Rim Ride,
 Crystal Blanc, Lara, Crenelet,
 Foundling, Achduart, Widgeon,
 Tudor Minstrel, Ice Wings

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FALL REGIONAL MEETING

Come to wild, wonderful West Virginia for the ADS Fall Regional Meeting, Saturday November 4, 1989! There will be an interesting and varied program on the latest developments in daffodil breeding, showing the work of several amateurs and one professional hybridizer. Also, Frances Armstrong will take you to last spring's San Francisco convention via her slides of the National Show winners and spectacular Japanese flower arrangements.

A luncheon, brief meeting and bulb exchange will follow the morning programs. The afternoon will have some free time for a rest, or to pursue one of the many activities offered in this fascinating area. Explore Harper's Ferry's historical sites or many interesting shops, or go on one of the tours of the town or nearby areas. Golfing, canoe trips and the races at nearby Charles Town are a few of the many attractions within easy reach, as is shopping at the fabulous new Blue Ridge Outlet Center in Martinsburg.

In the evening, there will be dinner, followed by a talk on daffodils by a very knowledgeable and witty gentleman. As a grand finale to the meeting, YOUR name may be drawn to win one of a half dozen top 'Down Under' bulbs, not readily available in the U.S. and already acclimated to the Middle Atlantic.

Don't miss this chance to meet with old daffodil friends and make new ones, to learn more about new developments in daffodils and to win a prize New Zealand bulb, not to mention the goodies at the bulb exchange! And please remember to bring a few of your nice bulbs for the exchange - it's only as good as our members make it.

If you'd like to expand your weekend, touring information is available from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 426, Charles Town, WV 25414. Telephone 304-725-2055. A train schedule from Washington to Harper's Ferry is included in an excellent information packet on the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. Fall foliage should still be well worth viewing.

See you in Harper's Ferry!

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