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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well - that time of year is here. All the new bulbs should be in the ground and the beds mulched, if you need to do so where you live. I like it because it keeps the weeds down, but I have noticed the daffodils will poke thru.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could rest all winter like the bulbs, but now is the time to work like crazy so that maybe we can get caught up and be ready for spring. In the meantime rest, hope your holidays are happy and filled with blessings.

Rest now, spring and the March meeting can't be too far away.

Shirley Bruno
President

SHOW PREPARATION

It is not too soon to think of the spring shows and start to prepare now. Even with snow on the ground you can go over your labels, redo those which need attention, check for correct color codes and spelling of each label. The codes do change from time to time and even though your code does not match the one in the latest record, please use the one most recently published. Colors are not the same in all areas of the country. Some areas have much more vivid colors than our area, but regardless we must follow the latest code given.

On a sunny, warm winter day you can take the records into the garden and make a list of new labels needed. It is well to keep a few new labels ready and when needed all one has to do is replace the old ones and slip the new ones into the spot. Always check the color code to be sure it has not been changed. Periodically the Journal will give the names of cultivars which have had color code change.

Soon winter will be over and time for the shows to begin. It is time to go into the garden and see the scapes shooting upwards so you need to decide what will be ready at show time.

When examining possible blooms for the show there are a number of things to consider:

CONDITION; A good show flower should be clean, fresh, perfect development for the division to which it belongs. Look for bruises, dirt, pollen in cup, brown anthers, enlarged ovary, spathe badly mutilated, never remove spathe. Look for brown on tips of petals which indicates specimen is getting past prime.

FORM: Depends on which division specimen belongs. Some cultivars have certain characteristics. In divisions 1, 2, 3, and 9, the perianths should be flat and overlapping; may be shovel-shaped, pointed or oval. There should not be any notches, cuts, mitten thumbs, cup may be broad or narrow, round, and if serrated, ruffled or scalloped the indentations should be even. Split corona cultivars differ but should be split evenly. Balance is a part of form, all parts should be in proportion to each other.

SUBSTANCE AND TEXTURE: Substance is the thickness of the tissue and texture is the roughness or smoothness of the tissue. Crepeyness and thinning of tissue are faults.

COLOR; Should be representative of the cultivar. Some cultivars change color as they mature and are classed as variables. Different areas and weather conditions also affect color. In cool areas the color is usually more vivid than in the warmer climates. It should be clean, clear, no muddiness, streaking or fading, Reverse bi-colors usually do not reverse until they are mature, so will need to be penalized if color is not reversed somewhat or the specimen is past its prime.

POSE; Pose depends on the division. Blooms from divisions 1,2,3,4,9,11 one bloom to the stem should look you in the eye, heads should be held slightly above a right angle when viewed from the side. Divisions 4,5,6,7, usually have rather long necks, heads normally droop, some have multiple blooms. Division 8 flowers have more than one bloom to the stem and blooms should form an umbrella-like form.

STEM; Stem should be in proportion to size of bloom in strength and sturdiness, relatively straight, but graceful. Do not cut down into ground to get length. It may damage bulb.

SIZE; Knowledge of the normal size of a cultivar comes with experience. Extra large size indicates good growing conditions if bloom is refined. If blooms are small but otherwise refined they should not be penalized heavily.

When entering three stems of one cultivar or species look for three which are uniform in all ways. Non-uniformity counts 5 points off the score.

FORM: Is the form typical for the cultivar? If you do not know, then look for faults in the form and for these things: Shape of petals, are they flat, elongated evenly, notches, cuts, mitten thumbs, bruises.

DAFFODIL SHOWS FOR 1995

Daffodil Shows in our area which you might like to attend are:

APRIL 1,2, Louisville, KY, State Show, Oxmoor Mall, information: Mrs. Hilda Dunaway, 3104 McMahan Blvd. , Louisville, KY, 40220

April 8, 9, Scottsburg, Indiana Daffodil Growers, South, Leota Barn, Information: Mrs. Verne Trueblood, 3035 Bloomington Trail Road, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

April 15, 16, Cincinnati, OH Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society, Cincinnati Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Peacock Pavilion, 3400 Vine Street; Information: Bill Lee, 4606 Honeyhill Lane, Batavia, OH 45103-1315

April 17, 18, Adena Daffodil Society at Veterans Administration Medical Center. Information: Mary Rutledge, 704 Ashley Drive, Chillicothe, OH 45601

April 20, 21, 1995, Indiana Daffodil Society, Meridian St. Methodist Church, 5500 N-Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN. Information: Joe Hamm, 4815 Fauna Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46234

April 22,23, 1995,Columbus, OH, Regional Show, Franklin Park Conservatory 1777 East Broad St.,Information Cindy Hyde 8870 State Route 22, East, Stoutsville, OH 43154.

April 29, 30, Akron, OH (TENTATIVE) Information: Mrs. Otho Boone, 340 Reimer RD, Wadsworth, OH 44821.

April 29, 30 Rockford, IL Northern Illinois Daffodil Society and the Council of Rockford Gardeners at the Colonial Village Mall, 1100 South Alpine Rd. at Newburg Rd. Information: Mrs Nancy Pilipuf, 11090 Woodstock Rd., Garden Prairie, IL 61038

May 6, 7 1995, Regional Show, Midwest Daffodil Society, at Chicago Botanic Garden , Lake-Cook Rd. Information: Laurie Skrzenta, 2959 Hobson RD,Downers Grove, IL 60517.

WILL THE REAL MARY COPELAND PLEASE STAND UP

Several years ago I was judging vases of three stems in our local show. When we came to the doubles, there was an entry of Mary Copeland. For many years I had grown 25 bulbs of Mary Copeland, but these were distinctly different from mine. Mine had more petaloids, and really, a very different form. Later I discovered the entry belonged to Delores Moore. She had bought her bulbs at a local garden store and they were labeled as Mary Copeland. I had ordered mine from a grower in Michigan over 25 years ago.

For the next two years I bought bulbs from the same store that Delores had. When they bloomed they were like hers and not mine. I was really puzzled. Which is Mary Copeland?

At the ADS convention in Portland this year, one of the speakers made the following comment. "The Dutch growers are never out of any variety." In other words if a cultivar is ordered and they have no stock of it, they will substitute another somewhat similar one and call it the ordered cultivar!

So now I am still wondering. Are my old bulbs the true Mary Copeland, or are the current bulbs the real one? No matter which is, I have to say that I think my old bulbs have better blooms and fragrance, and I like them more.

Phyllis Vonnegut

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DATES FOR IDS MEETINGS FOR 1995

All of our meetings except for the June Picnic will be held at the Nora Library 8625 Guilford Ave, Indianapolis.

Tuesday, March 28th, 1:00 P.M. at Library

April 20,21, Our show at the Meridian St. Methodist Church, 5500 N. Meridian St. Set up will be April 19th. Please come help if you can. Joe Hamm is the Chairman and if you can help with set up or tear down, please contact Joe.

June Picnic, Sunday June 11, 12 noon at the home of Joseph Hamm, 4815 Fauna Lane, Indianapolis.

Thursday, August 10th, 1:00 P.M. at Library

Thursday, October 19th, 1:00 P.M. at Library

The American Daffodil Society Convention will be held in Dallas, Tx this year March 16, 17, 18th at the Plaza of the Americas Hotel located in downtown Dallas. There will be the annual Daffodil Show, programs, and visiting of gardens. It is a fine opportunity to meet other daffodil buffs and learn more about our favorite flower. If you are not a member of the ADS you are welcome to come and enjoy the convention. For more information you may contact The Registrar, Mrs. James J. Hawkins, 3600 Selzer Drive, Plano, TX 75023

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