



## Northern California Daffodil Society Newsletter Summer, 1995

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### Special Invitation to "Welcome Spring" weekend in 1996

The Northern California Daffodil Society has had a special invitation to a March 1996 weekend of activities, thanks to the efforts of Richard and Janie Hunt, NCDS members living in Plymouth. The NCDS is invited to stage an early, one-day daffodil show on Saturday, March 2. Then on Sunday, March 3, we could have our "Beginning of Spring" party in Sutter Creek. The Sutter Creek Merchants Association would sponsor the show and our weekend.

On Friday evening, the association would provide food for exhibitors (and helpers) while we prepare and enter daffodils. For both Friday and Saturday nights, the Association would subsidize our rooms at local bed-and-breakfast inns, reducing our rates to \$40 per night. On Sunday the Association would cater our annual "Welcome Spring" party as a brunch. It would be at a local restaurant or in a scenic picnic area at one of the nearby wineries if the weather is grand. Special tours of local wineries would follow for those interested. Those who enjoy fine wine will surely get their fill.

The show would be open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, so judging would start about 8:30 am. Exhibitors with many flowers should plan to enter their exhibits on Friday evening. The show would be taken down late Saturday afternoon or evening. The brunch would be around noon on Sunday. Those who are interested would visit wineries on Sunday afternoon.

Sutter Creek is 40 miles northeast of Stockton via State Highway 88. It's about a two-hour drive from the Diablo Valley or East Bay. It is the quaint town 15 miles below Daffodil Hill. The town of Sutter Creek is a major attraction in the California gold country. It is full of history. It has unique antique stores, boutiques, and crafts shops. Sutter Creek bed-and-breakfast inns are exquisite and booked long in advance. The usual rate for a night is \$90 and up. We need to confirm interest for the Merchants Association to reserve the rooms at participating inns. A one or two night stay is possible. Please call Jan Moyers (415) 453-5261 or Bob Spotts (510) 625-5526 before July 15 if you are interested. No reservation is necessary yet - just an expression of interest for us to get an idea of how many NCDS members might participate.

### 1996 Annual NCDS Spring Show

In 1996, the Annual NCDS Spring Show will be held in Livermore. The show will be at the popular Alden Lane Nursery on March 9-10. Public attendance should benefit from the Livermore community's love of daffodils. In 1994 the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden club and the Alden Lane Nursery joined to plant 100,000 daffodils around the City of Livermore. The Garden Club is adding another 20,000 bulbs in 1995. Put the weekend on your calendar and plant some more early and mid-season varieties to bring to the show.

### **NCDS Members, where are you?**

We have a membership list that shows 120 members. We need to find a way to get more of you participating in the activities of the NCDS. We would like to hear from you to know what changes we could make in our activities or the location of events that would encourage more members to participate. We have added new members at the Alameda County Home and Garden Show in Pleasanton. It would be wonderful to see you actively participate with us in both exhibiting at the shows and working with us to organize both the shows and the other activities of the NCDS. A small group of "old" members invites all of you "new" members to help us promote the daffodil by growing and showing and sharing your talents. Please let us know how you would like to be more involved in the NCDS.

### **NCDS on the net!**

A group of NCDS members is working with the ADS and with each other to place home pages for both the NCDS and the ADS on the Internet. Nancy Tackett created a sample daffodil home page for a class project, complete with scanned photos and text about daffodils. The latest ADS Journal contains information about the ADS List Server.

### **Summary of Awards - Northern California Daffodil Society 27th Annual Spring Daffodil Show, Marina Community Center, Pittsburg, California March 11-12, 1995**

There were 343 entries consisting of 646 stems. The awards and their winners are:

- ADS Gold Ribbon/Melrose Gardens Trophy - Best standard in show: Kirby Fong, Ormeau
- ADS Miniature Gold Ribbon/Nancy Wilson Trophy - Best miniature in show: Nancy Wilson, Icycle
- ADS White Ribbon - Best standard vase of three stems: Bob Spotts, Random Event
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- ADS Rose Ribbon/NCDS Standard Seedling Trophy - Best standard seedling: Bob Spotts, Sdlg.86-107-1
- ADS Min. Rose Ribbon/NCDS Min. Seedling Trophy - Best miniature seedling: Sid Dubose, Sdlg. M38-1
- ADS Carey E. Quinn Silver Medal - 24 cultivars or species from no fewer than five RHS Divisions: Bob Spotts with 24 flowers of his own breeding, one registered, 23 seedlings
- ADS Purple Ribbon - Best collection of 5 standard or intermediate cultivars excluding Red-White-Blue, Reverse, and Yellow Collections: Kirby Fong, 5 stems from Division 8
- ADS Lavender Ribbon - Best collection of 5 miniature daffodils: Kirby Fong
- ADS Red-White-Blue Ribbon - Best collection of 5 American-Bred standards: Stan Baird
- ADS Miniature Red-White-Blue Ribbon - Best col. of 5 American-Bred miniatures: Sid Dubose (sdlds)
- ADS Maroon Ribbon - Five cultivars with colored perianth and corona paler than perianth: Bob Spotts
- ADS Silver Ribbon/Jack Romine Sweepstakes Trophy - Greatest number of blue ribbons: Bob Spotts with 23 blue ribbons
- NCDS Hybridizing Trophy - Best col. of 5 daffodils created by the exhibitor: Ben Hager, 5 intermediates
- NCDS Ben Hager Award - Best collection of five cultivars with colored perianth and predominantly orange or red corona from RHS Divisions 1, 2, or 3: Bob Spotts
- NCDS Marilyn Holloway Trophy - Best col. of 5 yellow cultivars from RHS Divisions 1, 2, or 3: Bob Spotts
- NCDS Pink Collection Trophy - Best collection of 5 cultivars having pink in corona from RHS Divisions 1, 2, or 3, either all with white perianth or all with yellow perianth: Bob Spotts
- NCDS White Collection Trophy - Best col. of 5 white cultivars from RHS Divisions 1, 2, 3: Stan Baird
- Murray Evans/Grant Mitsch Memorial Vase - Best American-bred standard daffodil: Stan Baird, Williamsburg
- NCDS Stan Baird Reserve Champion Trophy - Second best standard in show: Bob Jerrell, Ben Aligin
- NCDS Mary Dunn Trophy - Best standard white daffodil (Div. 1-3) in show: Bob Jerrell, Ben Aligin
- Bill and Rosemary Roese Trophy - Best standard pink daffodil (Div. 1-3): Bob Spotts, Starshine
- SCDS Trophy- Best daffodil from Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9: Kirby Fong, Elfin Gold
- NCDS Novice Trophy - Best standard bloom by one yet to win an ADS award: Nancy Tackett, Tripartite

Bob Spotts' Quinn was composed of all "home grown" blooms - 23 of his seedlings and one named variety (Kokopelli). Bob won the Rose Ribbon with one of his "green daffodils" which has Viridiflorus in its parentage. Sid Dubose's seedling (M-38) that won the Mini Rose Ribbon and his 5 seedlings that

won the Mini Red-White-Blue showed a new area of success in his breeding program. Nancy Wilson displayed a group of 3 perfect blooms of Icycle to win the Mini White Ribbon and one was selected for the Mini Gold.

A scan of the awards listed in the ADS Journal shows NCDS members gaining national recognition for their skills at growing and showing daffodils. While photographing flowers and people for the ADS Kirby Fong found time to stage a Gold Medal Quinn. Bob Spotts became the second American ever to win the ADS Hybridizer's Challenge Cup with twelve of his seedlings. He also won the Best Bloom in the Hybridizer's Section and the class for eight American Bred blooms from Divisions 5-9 from at least three divisions with his own seedlings. The English Award Medal was one of bob's 22 blue ribbons that earned him the "pig" award. Stan Baird, who won the Gold Ribbon and the Quinn last year, received the Red, White & Blue with all Pacific Region cultivars and won the Carncairn Trophy. Sid Dubose won the Link Medal without even appearing in Dallas! We need to remember that Steve Vinisky, who won the Gold Ribbon at Nashville and repeated his feat in Dallas as well as received the Green Ribbon and the Olive Lee and Fowlds Awards, is a member. Nice going, NCDS Members!!

### 1995 Dues

If you have not paid you dues for 1995, please do so at your earliest convenience. We will do one more mailing to the present mailing list before deleting names of those with delinquent dues. Please send \$5 (individual) or \$8 (household) to Nancy Tackett at the above address. You will receive a roster of members in the next mailing that will inform you of membership status and ask your input to help us update our NCDS data base.

### Dues Increase for 1996

Dues for the calendar year 1996 will be \$8 (individual) or \$10 (household). The increase will cover the cost to the NCDS of membership in the California Garden Clubs and Insurance. Membership in the CGC allows us to purchase low cost insurance for our shows. Members who have paid dues in advance for future years will be notified when they need to renew their membership.

### Coming Events

Fall Bulb Auction and Raffle, Martinez	October, 1995
Alameda County Home and Garden Show, Pleasanton	February, 1996
"Beginning of Spring" Party, Sutter Creek	March 3, 1996
NCDS Daffodil Show, Livermore	March 9-10, 1996
ADS Convention and Show, Portland OR	Spring, 2000