



THE AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

District of Columbia-Maryland-North Carolina-Virginia-West Virginia

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Dear Daffodil Friends,

Spring is finally near after a long, destructive winter. Snow and ice downed limbs and gutters and snapped the tops off several shrubs here. Even though we are northwest of Washington, our recorded snowfall was a little less than the Metro area as each storm passed through this portion of the Shenandoah Valley.

Leaves and buds have managed to nudge their way through the soil. 'Wee Bee', 'Candlepower', and 'Bagatelle' opened yesterday as the flowering season begins two weeks late for my garden. A few more warm days will hurry the process along in time for the first shows scheduled in our region.

The highlight of the spring season is the ADS National Convention in Towson, Md. on April 18-20. It is hoped that a great number of our members will support the meeting by attending and taking part in the show, lectures and other planned activities. The Convention

committees have worked for a year to make this a memorable event.

It is not too late to register. Complete information can be found in the September, December and the forthcoming March issues of the ADS Journal. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet and talk with other daffodil enthusiasts from all parts of the U.S. and from overseas.

I hope to see many of you there!

Mary

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION MEETING

September 23, 1995
Charlottesville, Va.

Members and friends of the ADS Middle Atlantic Region met on September 23, 1995 in Charlottesville, Va. for the annual fall meeting. All areas of the region were represented with the exception of Washington, D.C. Three guests attended from the Northeast Region.

Anne Donnell Smith presented advice for "Begining Your Daffodil Collection" and Kathy Andersen offered tips for "Selecting, Organizing and Transporting Show Daffodil Blooms". (More information later).

Following lunch and a bulb raffle, the Middle Atlantic Region Leadership and Service Award was presented to Mrs. Thomas W. Smith for her many years of untiring dedication to furthering the growing and showing of daffodils. Each year, she participates in a number of shows in the region as a judge and exhibitor and still has energy to travel to Nantucket to advise and assist with their show. Her generosity and knowledge has been shared with many novice and experienced growers for over 50 years.

After the spirited bulb exchange, the group was treated to a special tour of "Still Pönd" home of Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Robinson. Their lovely water garden and plantings lie at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. A wide selection of perennials and ornamental trees are displayed on the handicapped accessible grounds. Their gracious hospitality was enjoyed by all.

After dinner and another bulb raffle, Peggy Newcomb concluded the day's agenda with a slide program on "Garden Plants and Their History at Monticello". Her knowledge and enthusiasm left no doubts that she truly loves her work at Thomas Jefferson s home.

"BEGINNING YOUR DAFFODIL COLLECTION"

Anne Donnell Smith

At a meeting that featured our new members, Anne Donnell Smith's talk on forming a collection had eager listeners. We oldsters also found bitter sweet memories as she recalled golden oldies from the past.

Anne grew up on a place lavishly planted with naturalized daffodils. Her parents happened to buy some named varieties, were urged to show, won a pack of ribbons and were infected with daffodilitis. They were among those attending the first meeting of the American Daffodil Society and were ardent and successful collectors and exhibitors from then on. Anne helped them and shared their enthusiasm.

Her father gave her a piece of practical advice: As a young exhibitor, study the least filled classes. Mr. Smith liked bright colors and doubles while Mrs. Smith loved the whites and looked for elegance in bloom. This also meant that Anne grew up liking a wide variety of bloom.

Many of the flowers from early days are still very worthwhile. Well-grown 'Berýls' still win; and 'Ave' stands up to all but the best grown 'Homesteads'. 'Daviot' requires a cool season to reach its perfect coloring, but in such a year it is eye-catching. 'Pigeon' can fill the bill for a very late white. 'White Lion' is among the most blast free of doubles.

Developed since then, perhaps now almost classic, are flowers such as 'Daydream', 'Broomhill', and 'Strines'.

The beginning collector's wisest move is to go to as many shows as possible, look at the ribbon winners and learn to know the qualities for which judges look.

The ADS Journal lists winning flowers nation-wide, but your regional newsletter is probably more useful, for there you will find flowers that are happy in your climate.

Where can the collector find bulbs? The catalogues of specialists is your first line. These are often displayed at your local shows and are listed in the Journal. An excellent source is found in the bulb exchanges sponsored by local Daffodil Societies. Members are very generous, bringing bulbs of high-priced novelties and the fine old ones that are not still carried by the originators.

A caveat was given about the bulbs offered by the Dutch. Tissue culture has made some excellent varieties available at a good price, but experience has shown that often the bulbs do not come true to name.

Warning was given also by Delia Bankhead of catalogue descriptions. "Consistent", "Good for show or garden", "Valuable for hybridizing" are danger signals. "Very good in pots" is another.

Questions were asked about unnamed seedlings which are often offered for sale or as bonuses. The probability is that they will be inferior cultivars which the hybridizer has chosen to name.

Many catalogues list awards won by cultivars. This is an indication of show quality, but foreign awards do not guarantee local success.

Reported by Betty Smith

"SELECTING, ORGANIZING AND TRANSPORTING SHOW DAFFODIL BLOOMS"

Kathy Andersen

The selection of show quality blooms is made at three stages --- in the garden, after conditioning and before transporting, and while staging at the show. Some qualities to look for are: good form, great substance, clear color, straight stems in proportion to the flower, and proper pose of the flower.

The schedule is an important tool in organizing entries. After the decision on which classes to enter is made, the flowers to be used as single stems, in vases of three and in collections can then be arranged in numerical class order. A list with all possibilities is most helpful when entry cards are written and attached to each exhibit. Filling out entry cards at home allows more time for staging flowers at the show.

There are several ways to transport flowers to a show. Blooms can be carried in bottles in cartons to local shows. A lighter method is to put test tubes in a carrier --- either styrofoam with holes or one of metal made specifically to hold test tubes. For long trips by car, train, or plane, blooms can be dry-packed in sturdy cardboard boxes. Glazed paper, rolled diapers, foam, etc. can be used to prop the heads of flowers as the stems are arranged in the box. Securing the heads and stems prevents shifting and insures the safe arrival of undamaged blooms.

Advanced preparation is the key to successfully selecting, organizing, and transporting daffodil blooms to a show.

Reported by Mary Koonce

DAFFODIL WORLD '96

As previously announced, the 1996 World Daffodil Convention in Christchurch, New Zealand is scheduled for September 11-30. Additional information and a detailed brochure can be obtained by contacting Jan Coyle, KiwiPac Tours, 1919 Chula Vista Dr., Belmont, Ca. 94002 415-595-2090

ANNUAL REMINDER FOR SHOW CHAIRMEN

Please remember that one copy of your show report goes to Leone Low, ADS Awards Chairman/Show Reporter, and one copy is sent to me no later than two weeks after your show. If you need help in completing the report, please let me know.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome you to ADS and hope that you will have the opportunity to visit at least one show this season.

Frances Horich, 3204 Caves Rd., Owings Mills, Md. 21117

Dorothy Rogers, 6701 Middleburg Rd., Greensboro, N.C. 27406

Thomas Taylor, 8102 Bright Meadows Lane, Dunn Loring, Va. 22027-1202

NEW BOOK

Brent and Becky Heath of Gloucester, Va. have published a book titled DAFFODILS FOR AMERICAN GARDENS. It can be purchased for \$28 by writing to ADS, 1686 Grey Fox Trails, Milford, Ohio 45150. Some familiar sites and faces appear in this publication!

1996 WISTER AWARD WINNER

'Peeping Tom' 6Y-Y is the 1996 Wister Award Winner. Registered in 1948 by P. D. Williams, it is taller than most cyclamineus. Its classic cyclamineus form is ideal for floral arrangements. A clump of this early blooming, golden yellow cultivar is a lovely addition to the garden.

CHANGES

Please make the following changes in your copy of DAFFODILS TO SHOW AND GROW:

Add to ADS Approved Miniature List:

'Fyno' 12W-W	'Nanty' 6Y-Y
'Glenbrook Mini-cycla' 6Y-Y	'Norwester' 6Y-Y
'Mickey' 6Y-Y	'Odile' 7Y-O
'Minnie' 6Y-Y	'Smarple' 12W-W
'Mortie' 6Y-Y	'Three of Diamonds' 3W-GWO

Classification Changes:

'Brilliant Star' 11bW-OOY
'Can Can Girl' 2W-Y
'Casterbridge' 2YYW-O
'Coral Charm' 1W-GWP
'Hillbilly' Jac Lefeber, breeder
'Hillbilly's Sister' Jac Lefeber, breeder
'Inca' 6YYW-WWY
'Lemon Silk' 6YYW-W
'Lemon Snow' 2YYW-WWY
'Lemont Sprite' 7YYW-W
'Lemon Tarts' 7YYW-W
'Leniam' "Lehiam"
'Light Star' 11bW-Y/W, syn. 'Jeanne d'Arc'
'Menehay' 11aY-O
'Monk Silver' 'Monksilver'
'Montego' 3Y-YYO
'Pay Day' 1YYW-W
'Pearlax' 11W-Y, syn. of 'Perlax'
'Petit Four' 4W-PPY
'Rio Dell' 2YYW-WWY
'Rosegold' 'Rose Gold' 1YYW-GPP
'Snow Frills' 2YYW-W

"Sun Gem" 2YYW-W
'Swedish Fjord' 2YYW-W
'Triple Crown' 3Y-GYR
'Twotees' 11bW-P/YW
'Young American' 1YYW-WWY
'Clickety Click' Is variably double
'Hilltown' Varies between Divs 2 and 1
'Possum' Varies between Divs 3 and 1

JUDGING SCHOOLS AND REFRESHER

Refresher:

April 20, 1996, Baltimore, Md.

Lou Whittington, Chairman, P.O. Box 1386, Salisbury, Md. 21801

Schools:

Course III

April 8, 1996, Orange, Va.

Catherine M. Gillespie, Chairman, 260 Piedmont St., Orange, Va. 22960

April 24, 1996, Longwood Gardens, Pa.

Kathy Andersen, Chairman, 7 Perth Dr., Wilmington, De. 19803

1996 REGIONAL DAFFODIL SHOWS

March 30-31 Chapel Hill, North Carolina

State Show. North Carolina Daffodil Society at the North Carolina Botanical Garden, Totten Center. Information: Luan Smyth, 2306 Jones Ferry Rd., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27516.

March 30-31 Princess Anne, Maryland

The 31st Annual Show of The Somerset County Garden Club at the Peninsula Bank, 11732 Somerset Ave. Information: Mrs. William H. Anderson, Rt. 2, Box 187, Princess Anne, Md. 21853.

April 3-4 Danville, Virginia

The Garden Club of Virginia and the Danville Garden Club at the Senior Citizen's Center. Information: Mrs. Charlton B. Strange, Jr., 878 Ferry Rd., Danville, Va. 24521 804-797-1188.

April 3 Onley, Virginia

Town and Country Garden Group of The Women's Club at Carrie Watson Memorial Club House. Information: Mrs. David W. Corson, P.O. Box D, Locustville, Va. 23404 804-787-3037.

April 6 Gloucester, Va.

The Garden Club of Gloucester at Page Middle School, Rt. 17, South.
Information: Mrs. John W. Bowditch, 8303 Robins Neck Road,
Gloucester, Va. 23061.

April 10 Upperville, Virginia

The Upperville Garden Club Show at the Trinity Episcopal Church
Parish House. Information: Mrs. William Vance, Kerfoot House,
P.O. Box 579, Upperville, Va. 22176-0579.

April 12-14 Edgewater, Maryland

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland at the London Town Publik
House and Gardens, 839 Londontown Rd. Information: Mrs. Marie
Coulter, 34 Prestonfield Lane, Severna Park, Md. 21146.

April 13-14 Washington, D.C. Regional Show

Washington Daffodil Society at the National Wildlife Federation,
8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va. Information: Mrs. Stafford Koonce,
P.O. Box 45, Halltown, WV 25423 304-725-5609.

April 13-15 Richmond, Virginia

Virginia Daffodil Society at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 7000
Lakeside Ave., Richmond, Va. Information: George Bragdon, 8702
Shadow Lane, Richmond, Va. 23228.

April 18-20 Baltimore, Maryland

National Show. Maryland Daffodil Society at the Sheraton
Baltimore N., 903 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson, Md. Information:
Joan M. George, 614 W. Timonium, Timonium, Md. 21093.

SHOW CLOSE TO OUR REGION

April 23-24 Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Northeast Regional Show. Delaware Valley Daffodil Society at
Longwood Gardens. Information: Kathryn Andersen, 7 Perth Dr.,
Wilmington, De. 19803 302-478-3115.

April 27-28 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Chambersburg Garden Club at the Chambersburg Mall. Information:
Mrs. Joseph Dickenson, 980 Leidig Dr., Chambersburg, Pa. 17201.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The tentative date for the fall meeting is November 2, 1996 at
Harpers Ferry, WV. Complete information and a registration form
will be printed in the August Newsletter.