

florida daffodil society news

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Members' Daffodil Sale

Saturday, October 19, 1996 our third annual bulb sale will begin at 9:30 A.M. in Jubilee Hall, Goodwood Plantation. While there has been a significant increase in the cost of bulbs, we will still provide most bulbs at the rate of 5 for \$2.50. In some instances we will be forced to charge that amount for 4 bulbs. Please pay for bulbs by check, as it is a lot easier on the treasurer. ***If you have not renewed your membership, please do so, so you may participate in the sale.*** Check your mailing label for when your dues are due! Phyllis has added the date. (Bless her!) If you are unable to attend the sale and wish to buy bulbs, call John Van Beck at 878-9753.

A great variety of bulbs will be offered. Those available in limited quantities are indicated with an asterisk (*). We ask that you limit your purchase of those varieties.

DIVISION 2 - LARGE CUP

ACCENT — This has a stunning combination of white petals and intense, sun-proof, salmon pink, out-facing cup; strong substance; vigorous grower. Late mid-season.

CARLTON — This is a two-toned yellow. Flowers are fairly early. It has a sweet fragrance rather like vanilla. This flower should be the back-bone of your daffodil bed. Multiplies rapidly.

CEYLON — This flower is a strong yellow with a bright, deep orange/red cup. It is sun-proof, and upward-facing. A truly striking flower. voted daffodil of the year by the American Daffodil Society in 1994. Multiplies well here

GIGANTIC STAR — This is an immense giant of saffron yellow; long-lasting. Truly great for mind-blowing mass planting. Blooms a little later than Carlton. Good multiplier.

ICE FOLLIES — Petals are creamy white. The very large flat cup opens bright yellow and gradually fades to a pale yellow. Slow to multiply.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY — While it has the same parents as Ice Follies, it is quite different. The blossom opens all yellow, and the cup quickly fades to white with a yellow rim. A striking flower that was open here last year on March 17!

DIVISION 3 - SMALL CUP

BARRETT BROWNING — A very early white with an orange/red cup, it will be a bright shining face in any garden! It is big, and a show stopper.

DIVISION 4 - DOUBLE

***DOUBLE CHINESE SACRED LILY** — These bulbs are not all now of blooming size. They will all bloom the second year. Hard to come by and rather expensive for the club. Well known around Monticello, where they have been blooming for many years. They are an early white with yellow flecks. Produces lots of foliage. Maximum purchase is 5 bulbs.

***ERLICHEER** — (Pronounced early cheer) This double white tazetta has 10-15 florets per stem. Rather short, it should go in the front

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row. It is exceptionally fragrant - one blossom will fill a room. Scent is not objectionable.

*SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL — Creamy white with orange flecked center. It has 3-5 silver-dollar-sized flowers per stem. It is robust and fragrant. We have grown it only 2 years, but it really looks good for this area. Late mid-season.

DIVISION 5 - TRIANDRUS

*HAWERA — This elegant miniature has 3 to 5 pale yellow elfin bells with swept back petals per stem. A super naturalizer 5-6 inches high, reaches 8-10 inches in preferred partial shade. Multiplies rapidly. Mid-season bloomer.

THALIA — This, the whitest of whites, has 2-4 fragrant pendulous blossoms with dark green leaves. Needs to be up front where its delicacy can be appreciated. Late blooming. Grown in North Florida over 50 years.

TRESAMBLE — Large, strong white petals reflex like the wings of a dove; 2-3 florets per stem. Larger and usually earlier than Thalia. Low growing with swept back petals.

DIVISION 6 - CYCLAMINEUS

*FEBRUARY GOLD — An old favorite with sulfur yellow petals and yellow cup. It is a very early bloomer, 8 inches high. Slow to multiply.

DIVISION 7 - JONQUILLA

HILLSTAR — Has unusually deep lemon yellow petals with white halo; ivory white cup shades to buff with a white edge; 2-3 sweetly scented flowers; very showy. Medium height, sets seed. Late mid-season.

TREVITHIAN — Fairly tall, it produces 2 or 3 deep yellow, flat cup flowers to the stem. Variable blooming season. A great flower for this area. Multiplies very well. Next year we will have locally-grown ones at our sale.

*WATER PERRY — Low growing, it does best with some shade. Slow to multiply, it has creamy white petals and an apricot-pink cup. An elegant flower and a favorite of many

DIVISION 8 - TAZETTA (Bunch flowered)

*CHINESE SACRED LILY — This flower, like paper whites, has done well in our area since the early 1800's. It is, however, more showy and has strong petals and a bright golden-yellow cup. Many are found in the Monticello area. An early winter bloomer and somewhat tender, it does best in a sheltered spot.

GOLDEN DAWN — Has 3 to 5 fragrant florets per stem, with medium yellow petals and yellow/orange cups. No experience on multiplying. Rather late blooming so could use some shade in the afternoon.

SILVER CHIMES — All white, it has 5 silver-dollar sized fragrant florets to a stem. It is late blooming, multiplies well, and rather short for a tazetta. It's a real beauty.

DIV. 10 - SPECIES & WILD HYBRIDS

JONQUILLA — This beauty has 3 to 5 very fragrant, tiny yellow flowers per stem; grows best in acid soil that gets a summer baking; great near walks or rocks; reed-like, dark green foliage; Naturalizes and readily throws seeds that will sprout in your lawn. Eight inches tall. Mid-season.

N. ITALICUS — This species daffodil has grown here for many years. Those offered, are propagated from stock from the garden of Harriet Knapp on 6th Avenue. A tazetta (bunch flowered) with white petals and citron cup, it blooms just after the paper white.

*ODORUS CAMPERNELLI — Locally grown in Fraser Bingham's garden, this jonquil is an extremely early bloomer. It is yellow, fragrant, and has 2-3 flowers per stem. It is unstable and one bloom stem may have flowers with 3,

4, 5, or 6 petals each. A must for your garden, more will be available next year.

BULB SALE IN PERRY

Bulb sales for the Perry Garden Club will be held at Circle meetings on Oct. 14 and 16. Many of the above varieties will be offered.

