

# The Ledger

A Biannual Publication of the Indiana Daffodil Society



## From the Garden of the President



*The Ledger* has a new look, and a new Editor. Suzy Wert has agreed to take the reins from Helen Link and is forcing us to work with the computer. 'Bummer!' Not Suzy, but the computer-thing.

Thank you, Helen, not only for having the vision to start *The Ledger* 10 years ago, but for all the hard work in keeping *The Ledger* a viable member link. We still expect your input. Thank you again!

I do not have any great words of wisdom but we had a colorful March meeting. To see that many blooms (from Libby Frey) at a March meeting was a first for me. Another first was the huge box of daffodils we had air freighted in from Mitsch Novelty Daffodils.

I managed to do three shows this spring, Kentucky, Scottsburg and of course Indianapolis; a full show report is included on pages 10-11 in this issue. This was all at the expense of work. My clients have been conditioned to D.S.D. (Daffodil Season Delays); money unfortunately does not acknowledge seasons because the bills do not get paid. Well it is over and was an enjoyable 1997 show season. For those of you who have never visited our sister society shows, it is something you need to experience. It expands your exposure to blooms you might not purchase because of local prejudices toward Divisions or color codes. Not all 1 Y-Ys are the same; nor are 3 W-Os the way you might picture them in your mind's eye. The other advantage is you can jot the name and grower of the cultivar from the entry card, and maybe they will exchange with you!

We have an excellent membership as proven by our recent Bloomington Picnic/meeting. Thank you Libby Frey, Sherry Holliday and Sara Kinne (and Pete) for planning and hosting such a great day!

I hope everyone is digging for our July 27th Bulb Sale, to be held in conjunction with the Iris/Daylily Society in the Glendale Mall. The sale is our only source of funds outside of membership dues. We will be setting up at 8:00 A.M. Sales to Members start at 10:00, and to the Public at 11:00--*No exceptions!* Please invite your friends to our sale.

Bulbs should be dirt-free and mud-free. We prefer net bags and they will be available at the Sale.

The August 9th meeting will be a bulb exchange. The program is to be a Question and Answer session entitled "Methods to the Madness". Several members thought an exchange of methods, hints, tools and just answering questions is needed especially in light of the number of new members. Bring a question or a helpful hint.

The Club Challenge Bulb chosen by those members attending the Bloomington meeting is 'Bright Candle' a 2 Y-R with an Early-Mid season of bloom. Helen Trueblood came up with a solution to our final tie-breaker, actually we had a three-way vote, showing how diverse our membership is regarding preferences in *cultivars*. Helen, I do not remember which "beatitude" it is, but "..... blessed are the peace-makers...."!

Joe Hamm

## 1997 Daffodil Calendar

- Sun., July 27      IDS Bulb Sale,              Glendale  
 Open to the Public @ 11:00 am  
 Opens to members @10:00 am
- Sat., August 9      1:00 Meeting,              Nora Library  
 General Discussion Meeting  
 "Methods to the Madness"  
 Bulb/Plant Exchange  
*See article on p. 8 for more on this meeting*
- Sun., Aug 24      IDS Bulb Sale,              Glendale  
 Opens to the Public 11:00 am  
 Opens to members @10:00 am
- Sat., October 4      Regional Meeting in Ohio TBA  
*See article p. 9, Linda Wallpe*
- Sat., October 11      1:00 Meeting,              Nora Library  
 Club Bulb Distribution  
 Bulb/Plant Exchange  
 Dues Collection \$5.00

## 1998 Daffodil Calendar

- April 9-11      ADS Convention & National Show  
 Richmond, VA
- April 12-19      ADS Trip to England
- April 16      *New!* IDS Tour of Member's Gardens
- April 22-23      IDS Daffodil Show
- May 1, 2, 3 (tentative)      Holliday Park  
 IDS Display for *Orchard in Bloom*.  
*A daffodil display, using cut flowers. This is a three day event, the display would be a small 8 foot x 8 foot garden. More details call Joe Hamm, or we will discuss at the October meeting.*



## June Meeting

~ by Sherry Holliday

Bloomington members Libby Frey, Sara Kinne and I hosted the annual Pitch-In Picnic at the Hilltop Nature and Garden Center in Bloomington at noon on Sunday, June 29. Over 35 members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of good food, friendly socializing and informative tours of several points of interest in the Bloomington area.

Hilltop Nature and Garden Center is located on a sunny hilltop on the eastern edge of Indiana University's Bloomington Campus. Now in its 49th year, Hilltop is supported by the I. U. Department of Recreation and Park Administration and sponsored by the Bloomington Garden Club with the City of Bloomington Department of Parks and Recreation. Hilltop is perhaps best known for its Youth Gardening Program. Each summer since 1948, children learn about their environment by caring for individual garden plots where they grow vegetables. The landscaped areas offer a peaceful and lovely inspiration for visitors. After the picnic, a short business meeting was held.

After the business meeting, the group traveled to northern Monroe County to visit Burnham Woods, a nursery that is a treasure house of first quality perennial plants. Dan and Lisa Burnham opened their nursery on Sunday afternoon especially for the Indiana Daffodil Society. The warm, hazy afternoon made for a pleasant tour of the artistically arranged perennial beds. Several members took the opportunity to make a few selections before we were surprised with a summer shower.

After the visit to Burnham Woods, the group proceeded to Libby Frey's home and garden, located at the headwaters of Lake Monroe, east of town. Libby's garden, with its network of brick walkways, was enjoyable and inspiring. Members sipped lemonade and marveled at her impressive collection of hostas and her beautiful view of the ravine.

Everyone agreed that it was a delightful afternoon, and the strong turnout made it all the more fun!

Helen Trueblood says . . .

## Daffodil Shows are Fun!



others and need more frequent division.

Daffodil Shows are fun - up to a point. I enjoy getting ready for the show and having everything as handy for the exhibitors as the Leota Barn allows. Seeing all the folks with daffodils come in - makes my heart sing. Especially if it is a cold day.

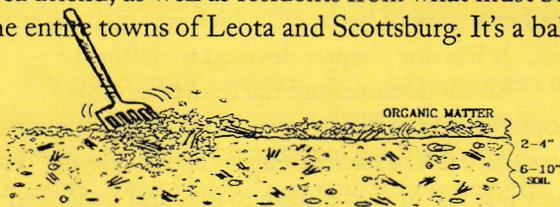
All the hustle and bustle gets the show together. Several folks help check the classes so they are learning while more experienced folk help, too.

Food is ready - Judges go through the buffet line first. The clerks are rounded up for introductions.

Judging and recording -- still fun. Judges have been given bright paper squares so they can easily find the best exhibit(s) that their panel judged - still fun.

Now, all hell breaks loose. Threats of bodily harm fall on deaf ears. Judges are looking to see what they won instead of voting for the top awards, while I am calling out, "Please, let us vote!" and "Can we vote *now*?" By now the public is pounding on the door. Finally all awards are in place. I'm having fun again and I'm expecting all you judges again next year so we can have the short lapse in fun together.

*Editor's note:* I would urge all members to order some early blooming show flowers and attend next year's show at the Leota Barn. Not only is the barn picturesque, but it is perfect for staging and showing your blooms. Daffodil personages from a quad-state area attend, as well as residents from what must be the entire towns of Leota and Scottsburg. It's a ball!



## Helen Link's Timely Reminders

Now is the time to dig those bulbs you wish to separate because they are not blooming well; they are too crowded. Some varieties multiply faster than

When bulbs are in bloom, take a look at the amount of bloom they have put forth. If the amount is small and the leaves are prolific, it is probably time to dig and divide.

In the digging process try to keep from cutting into bulbs and be sure not to injure the basal plate as that is the area from which growth arises. It is best to use a sharp tool. A spade does a good job if you have a lot of bulbs, but if you have only a few bulbs a hand trowel might be sufficient. Be sure to get down underneath the bulbs, otherwise you may cut into them.

Lift the clump gently and be sure to get under the clump so as not to cut into the base of bulbs. Injury to the bulbs opens a base for infection to enter.

Some varieties multiply faster than others so there is not a stated number of years that bulbs should be divided. The eye will tell you when division is needed. Crowded bulbs produce fewer blooms.

Usually the most expensive bulbs are slower to multiply than the older and cheaper ones; at least it seems like that in my garden. While they do increase, it is slow and not prolific.

After the bulbs are out of the ground, you need to dry them unless you want to divide and plant back right then. I have tried it both ways and have not seen any difference. As a time saver in recent years I plant back as I dig and the surplus bulbs are dried for giving to others.

When I plant back I use new soil which has been previously prepared. If bulbs are planted back in the same location I put fresh soil underneath the bulbs. A large handful of freshly prepared soil is placed in the hole, then a sprinkle of Benlate on top of that. Each bulb is firmly placed on the pad of prepared soil so the roots have a well prepared area to grow. Freshly prepared garden soil then fills the hole.

I find that slow growers and bloomers do quite well in the prepared area. Try it, you might like the results!

## Helen Link Sweeps National

You'd think ADS members from the Northern States would be at a distinct disadvantage exhibiting in Jackson, Mississippi on March 13, and indeed most of the ribbons winners were from south of the Mason-Dixon line. Miniatures, though they must be grown outdoors, can be grown with protection, and that is how Helen managed to have some of her seedlings in bloom so very, very early.

Helen entered her miniature 1W-W seedling #225 (Tiny Tot x Divine) x (N. *cyclamineus* x Candlepower) in a vase of three which won the Mini White ribbon for the best vase of three miniatures. One of those flowers then went on to win the very-coveted Mini Rose ribbon for the best seedling shown by the hybridizer. Helen also won the Larus Award for her 6Y-Y miniature seedling #2, (Mite x N. *cyclamineus*). The Larus Award is awarded for a Vase of three miniature stems shown by the originator.

If you're interested in what it takes to win the top trophy for miniatures, there is a picture of the winning #225 in the June '97 Journal.

## "Methods to the Madness" August Meeting

The August IDS meeting will be a general discussion meeting & bulb exchange.

As in years past, members are asked to bring bulbs individually packaged with name and color code. Other items of interest to gardeners are also welcome.

*New members* are asked to bring questions about daffodil growing. Something related to one of the following topics would be appropriate:

- planting
- growing
- dividing
- record-keeping and label markers
- fertilizing
- purchasing

*Experienced members* are asked to bring:

- daffodil shovels
- garden implements relating to daffodils
- tags/labels/marketing systems
- maps & charts of your gardens
- other items of interest to members on the topic of "*Methods to the Madness*".



## Charles Kuralt, Daffodil Lover

~ edited from posts by Tom Roche, Decatur, GA  
and Mary Lou Gripshover, Dayton, OH

As if Charles Kuralt weren't already qualified for sainthood, it seems that he also loved daffodils. I am referring to CBS's tribute to the journalist and writer who died this past Friday. Yesterday's *Sunday Morning* had a segment which referred to a yellow trumpet, bred by Granville Hall in Virginia and named 'Charles Kuralt'. Apparently Granville and Charles were friends from way back, and Granville sent Charles a box of bulbs each fall. I think the seeds were from a yellow trumpet open pollinated. And so he named one 'Charles Kuralt.'

Another interesting sidebar to Kuralt's interest in daffodils happened when he had heart surgery several years ago. One of his staff called Mary Lou to see where he could get daffodil blooms. (It was in the fall.) She said he could try New Zealand or Australia, and offered to send a bloom of her N. *cantabricus monophyllus*. They asked if it looked like a daffodil, and she said, "No, but it IS a daffodil." So they said, "OK, send it." Which she did. They sent her a copy of his book, which was just out at the time. It has one chapter devoted to daffodils!

Kuralt documented the lives of ordinary people across the US in several books and television shows called "*On the Road with Charles Kuralt*." He knew just the turn of phrase to use, and he looked for the good in people.

In one reference to daffodils, early in his career he objected to being sent to Asia to follow an earth-shaking story because he would miss the daffodils blooming in his beloved North Carolina.

## Indiana Daffodil Society Reaches Out - Garden Club Project



Sometimes it's not enough to advertise an event like our spring Daffodil Show. Sometimes it takes a special invitation, and that is a new project Helen MacPherson, Dolores Moore, Helen Link, Caroline Brunner, Helen Merrill, and Suzy Wert are undertaking this fall in preparation for the 1998 Daffodil Show. Tentatively called the "IDS Garden Club Project", Helen Mac. and Dolores are launching the idea this summer by giving the Show Schedule a facelift. They will be thinking of creative classes for entries which will be of particular interest to Garden Club Members and sprucing up an old display cabinet formerly used for miniature arrangements. The display cabinet is apparently like a little curio shelf with cubbies for arrangements to sit on/in. It is painted black, but lighted, to really show off the little arrangements at eye level. It has been "resting" in Dolores' basement, but is being pressed back into commission for the 1998 Daffodil Show.

This summer, Helen L. and Suzy will be lifting bulbs to give the Garden Club Members a boost for the Spring 1998 Show. Daffodils from Divisions 5-9 are a flower arranger's dream, and Suzy will be packing bulbs in individual packets especially for Garden Club Members. The packets will be color-coded so that a member of a Garden Club can have her pick of either the horticulture or artistic classes.

For the Artistic Division, Suzy has a number of clumps of unnamed jonquils she will package in packets, and for Horticultural Division (Small Growers), both Helen Link and Suzy have older, named varieties which will be packaged in packets of three.

Specific Garden Clubs will be targeted the first year as a "test-year", and those clubs are being picked because IDS members belong to them and

are willing to make the offer explained below to their clubs. If you would like to add your Garden Club to the list, call Suzy Wert (259-0060) and she will be happy to fill the order.

In the fall, the women will pitch the idea of growing/showing/arranging to their respective garden club members. They will make it sound very cool and very hip... only available to a 'veddy' select crowd of people, don't you know. Every woman there will want to be included, it will mushroom until we have to find a bigger Church to hold ... well, maybe we'll see how it goes the first year.

A very abbreviated Show Schedule will be included inside each packet telling the names of the Artistic Classes, as well as the particulars of the show: date, time, location, etc. If time/finances allow it, information in the form of a flyer on the IDS and how to properly plant bulbs may also be included; some of the decisions along those lines haven't yet been finalized. Packets of bulbs will be furnished to any Garden Club Member who raises her hand as willing to plant the bulbs with the idea of bringing the flowers to the 1998 Indiana State Daffodil Show--that's all it takes, raising your hand!

Also this summer, Helen M. will be contacting (through flyers) all the Garden Clubs in the Metro area with the date and time of visiting hours for the 1998 Show, so that Garden Clubs can print this information in their 1998 roster-meeting books. Caroline Brunner is coordinating the project not only with her Garden Club, but also with the Judges Association of which she is a Master Judge. In addition to increasing single-visitor traffic, there is a good chance that we could get a couple of Garden Clubs to hold their April Meeting at the Show itself -- as sort of a field trip. Put that together with the garden club members who take the IDS Artistic Challenge, and we should have a very busy 1998 Show!

If you have an idea, or would like to be involved, mention it to one of the ladies above, either by phone or at the August meeting. Be ready to take charge of a small job so this doesn't become an albatross for one person!

## Jump on the DaffNet

The American Daffodil Society (ADS) has a home page on the Internet. The address is:

<http://www.mc.edu/~adswww/>

At the bottom of the opening screen is a button with directions for joining the DaffNet. The DaffNet is a listserver and messages are forwarded to all members via e-mail. There are members in England, Ireland, and Australia. You do not have to be an ADS member to join.

## IMHO

~ by Suzy Wert (In my humble opinion)

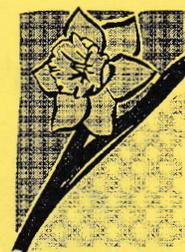
It wouldn't be hard to guess that the Bloomington meeting would be a lot of fun. With genial hosts Libby Frey, Sara Kinne and Sherry Holliday, the day was bound to be lively and active. And it was.

It was fabulous seeing old friends like Donald Sauvain at the Bloomington meeting. It was fantastic meeting new members like Ruth Ann Newnun and Phyllis Epperson. It was marvelous meeting old friends who have recently become new members like Doris Winton and Joe and Betty Polanka. And it was superb to get to know better some of the members I have know for years, Marcella Modisett and Juanita Webster. And of course it's always wonderful to see daffodil friends, even the ones I speak with on the phone nearly every day!

But, IMHO, the best part of the meeting was the vote on the Club Challenge Bulb. There were three choices from Elise Havens of Grant Mitsch Novelty Bulbs: Bright Candle, 2Y-R; Pink Holly, 11a W-P; and Oregon Light, 2W-O. The 40 or so members assembled were equally divided in their votes. And I mean equally! When all was said and done, though, and 'Bright Candle', 2Y-R won the final run-off, there were no sulky whiners, nor any bad-tempered grumblers, did you notice? What a great group of people we have! Especially Helen Trueblood, thanks, Helen! Blooms of 'Bright Candle' will always remind me of that great meeting!

## IDS Miscellany

~by Joe Hamm



### Paw Paw Everlast Labels

The IDS has bought 2000 of the zinc garden markers for resale to its members at the bulk price of 25 markers for only \$5.00.

The markers will also be at the IDS Bulb Sales (July 27 & August 24) for sale to members at the discounted price above and the general public at 25 markers for \$10.00. So you see, membership *does* have its privileges!

### Election of Officers

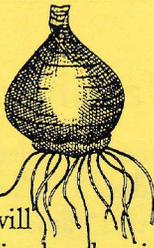
In accordance with our by-laws the Nominating Committee was selected. President Joe Hamm appointed Barbara Sindere and Suzy Wert to serve. The IDS Membership elected Douglas Clarke, Sara Kinne and Phyllis Vonnegut to serve. These five members will present the Slate of Officers to be voted upon for two year terms. Any member wishing to serve as an Officer of the Indiana Daffodil Society should contact the five fore-mentioned individuals to offer their candidacies. Elections will take place at the Oct. 11th meeting.

### October Meeting

If any one has a suggestion for a *short* program please let us know. This should not exceed twenty or 30 minutes, as this is also an election meeting and bulb exchange meeting.

### 1998 Programs

In order to better serve the membership, it would be nice to hear from anyone who has a meeting topic idea, or the name of an individual speaker for fun or educational meetings in 1998.



## Sneak Peek

Word on the street has it that Helen Link will be digging many of her hybridized and registered bulbs this summer. These bulbs are impossible to buy except at our sales, as they aren't on the open market. Look for Sunsplash, 3Y-YYR; Requiem, 3Y-GYO; Pogo, 3W-GYO; Enchanted Elf, 3W-GYO; Pee Wee, 3W-GGP; and the late, late, bloomer, Gidget, 3W-GGY.

If you can't tell from the list above, Helen is digging her Div. Three (short cups) this summer. It will be a bonanza year for the IDS because after the first day of digging, Helen had this list for me: Thanet, Lyrebird, Cherry Spot, Challenge, Ulster Bank, Tia, Trelay, Trona, Evesham, Lighthouse and Beautiful Dream. Look for them at the sale at substantially discounted prices.

Along the same lines, Doug & Jeanne Clarke had the following list from their first couple days digging: Golden Aura, 2Y-Y; High Society, 2W-GWP; Colley Gate, 3W-YOR; Sportsman, 2Y-R; Pueblo, 7W-W; Verdin, 5W-Y; Step Forward, 7W-Y; Tropic Isle, 4W-P, Purbeck, 3W-YYO; Bird Song, 2W-YYR; Pure Joy, 2W-Y; Omagh, 3W-GOO and the Historic, Nance Gillum, 7W-W. Start saving your money!

## Check Your Yearbook

Check your personal information in the yearbook for discrepancies. Check for the following:

- a. your area code has changed
- b. you can furnish us with your nine-digit zip code
- c. you have an e-mail address to add
- d. other information published in the Yearbook is incorrect.

*There will be a sheet to sign at both the August and October meetings, but if you are unable to attend, please call or write:*

Mrs. Joseph Higgs  
7520 N. Pennsylvania Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46240  
317-255-7520

## New IDS Members

Please offer a warm welcome and introduce yourself to our new IDS members at the next meeting:

*From Indianapolis*

Sheila Barton  
6508 Westfield Blvd.

Phyllis A. Epperson  
7145 Shelby St.

Mary Rose Miller  
5440 Central Ave.

Gene Lausch  
4248 Washington Blvd.

Esther G. Rosen  
5336 Greenwillow Rd.

*From outside Indianapolis:*

Rebecca Sindors Harris  
Poland

Lynn Jenkins  
Zionsville

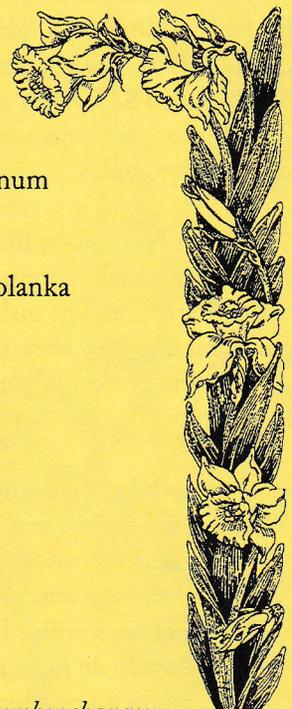
Ruth Ann Newnum  
Greencastle

Joe and Betty Polanka  
Westport

Doris Winton  
Franklin

John Pike  
New Palestine

Mary Pike  
Lawrence



*Yearbook change -- Phone number changes:*

Mrs. Barbara Bottorff, 812-283-7726  
Carolyn Rosenbrock, new area code: 765  
Ed & Nancy Reier, new area code: 765

## Junior Growers Update

The Junior Growers' Club has finished its first year and I thought I would hit some of the year's highlights. Last October was the first meeting; the girls got notebooks, bulbs, soil amendments, fertilizer, and more. It was described in detail at the October meeting, but the short description is there were 4 stations manned by IDS members: Joe Hamm and Suzy Wert; and mothers Kim McBride, Beth Schiffli and Rochelle Smith. The kids were divided into groups of 5 and rotated through the stations. They learned how to plant their bulbs, how to draw a map, and did a little craft with a lidded can and paint.

In October, the girls and their families also did a public planting project at the corner of Broad Ripple Ave and College Ave. IDS member Sue Dillon came with a drill to show the girls one more way that bulbs could be planted. Pat Moulin and Joe Hamm were also helping/teaching. And Helen Trueblood came all the way from Scottsburg to join the action! Channel 8 had us on the News at 6:00 that night, so IDS got a little exposure, too. The IDS donated \$25.00 for soil amendments and fertilizer for the project and Helen Link and the IDS donated bulbs.

In November, the girls went to a pottery studio and actually threw clay on a wheel to make a bulb forcing pot! The girls then decoratively glazed the bowls and they were then fired. The finished product was perfect for forcing bulbs and/or Paperwhites.

Our April meeting, which was again held outside at my house, and again, had 4 stations of IDS members "showing their stuff". The meeting was absolutely *awesome*, and many thanks go to Helen MacPherson and Dolores Moore who taught the girls how to do flower arrangements. Right there, at tables on my driveway, they walked the girls through the process step-by-step. Each girl arranged her own flowers and their arrangements were very, very nice. Special thanks should be inserted here, because Helen Link brought 150

blooms for the girls to work with!

Another station was manned by Helen Link who taught the girls how to hybridize! That's right, each girl had a "mother" and picked a "father" to go with it. Helen talked about the parts of a flower and "what went where" in kind of a botanical version of 'The Birds and The Bees'.

The final station was the "work" station and as such is the least glamorous and the most necessary. Phyllis Vonnegut had the task of making the picking/grooming/tagging/staging directions fun and interesting. Luckily, she did just that and you could really tell the girls who attended the meeting from the ones who were unable to attend the meeting on the morning of the show. Which just goes to show you what a good job she did!

Fifteen of the 25 girls had flowers in bloom the day of the show. The following supergrowers won blue ribbons for their beautiful specimens:

Anne Mail	Carrickbeg
Sarah Schiffli	Gold Convention
Sarah Schiffli	Liverpool Festival
Jill Evans	Croila
Sarah Schiffli	Ferndown
Hannah Wert	Cheerfulness
Hannah Wert	Ice Wings
Kelly O'Connor	Larkwhistle
Hannah Wert	Sweetness
Ellen Mail	Triller
Christina McCoy	Pipit
Jill Evans	Dainty Miss
Caitlin Huxhold	Falconet
Lucy Wert	Actaea
Anne Mail	poeticus recurvus
Andrea Phillips	Space Shuttle
Hannah Wert	Tripartite
Hannah Wert	Dovekie
Sarah Schiffli	Passionale (V3)
Lola Smith	Golden Dawn (V3)

The Junior Award went to Pink Satin, exhibited by Sarah Schiffli, and it looked right at home on the head table!

*Congratulations to all the girls who worked so hard!*

## ADS Plans Trip to England

IDS members who are not ADS members may be interested in knowing about a trip to England in the Spring of 1998. Cost for the trip is \$1399.00 and includes transportation from the ADS National in Richmond to Washington, DC and then airfare to London. Items on the itinerary include: seeing the Engleheart Competition, Wisley Gardens, Hyde Hall Castle, Hofflands Daffodils, Stratford-on-Avon, Daffodil Society 100th Anniversary Show, and a Tour of Clive Postles among other things. Hotels are rated 4/5 Star and breakfasts and dinners are included. The cost seems quite reasonable, but you must be an ADS member to participate.

## ADS News Bits

**New Director-** CODS Member, Naomi Liggett has been named the new director of the ADS effective July 1, 1997, when Mary Lou Gripshover retires from the position. Naomi's address is 4126 Winfield Rd. Columbus, OH 43220-4606. Her phone number is 614-451-4747.

### New Miniatures

The following daffodils were added to the miniature list at the last March, 1997 ADS Board meeting:

- 'Angel's Breath' 5Y-Y (Glenbrook)
- 'Arrival' 1W-Y (Evans)
- 'Drop o' Gold' 5 Y-Y (Wells)
- 'Ferdie' 6 Y-Y (Glenbrook)
- 'Kholmes' 12Y-Y (Glenbrook)
- 'Orclus' 12W-W (Glenbrook)
- 'Totten Tot' 6Y-Y (Wells)
- 'Yimkin' 2Y-Y (Teschner)

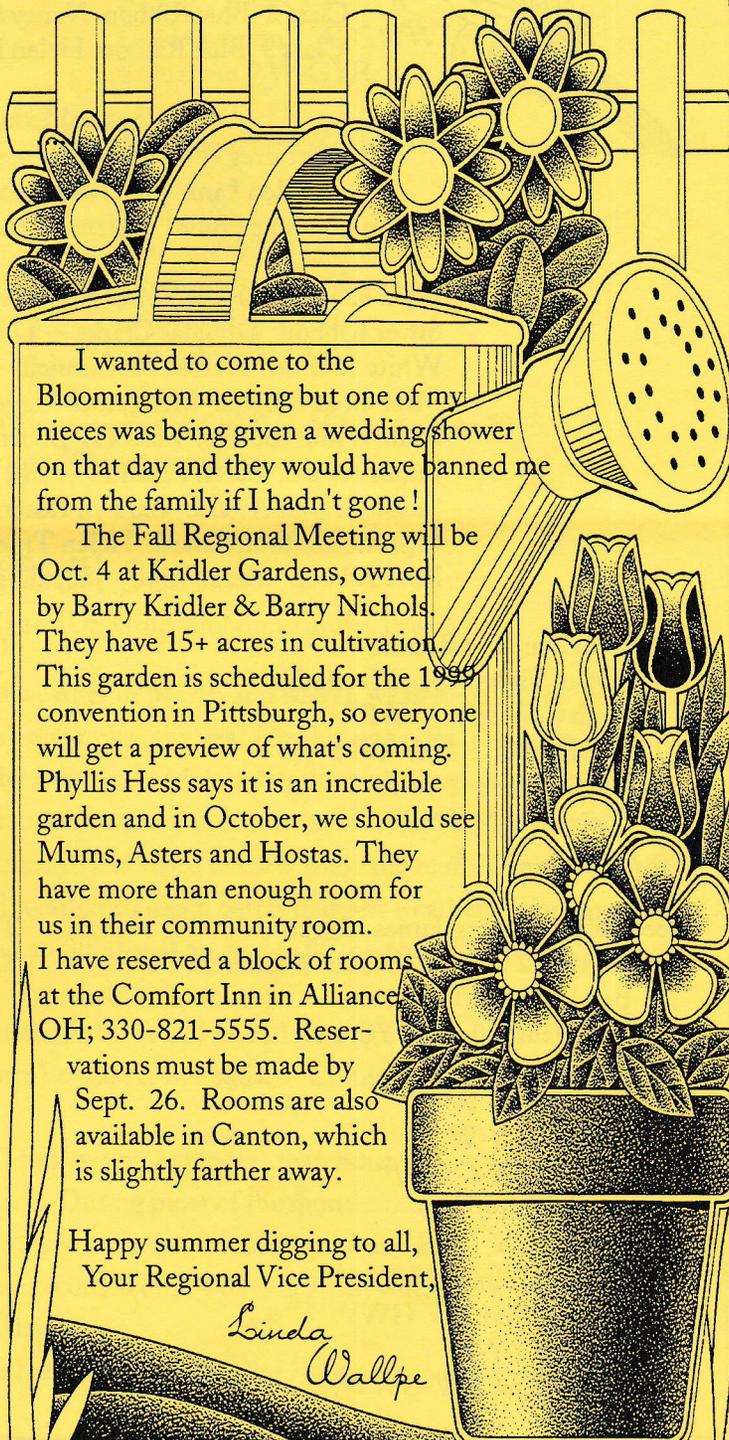
### New Edition of Show and Grow

The next version of *Daffodils to Show and Grow* will be available after the first of next year. The IDS is looking into possible bulk purchase to offset the cost of this newsletter. Stay tuned.

## New Pannill Award

'Gull', 2W-GWW wins the first Pannill Award recognizing outstanding American-bred show flowers.

'Rapture', 6Y-Y wins 1997 Wister Award for a great garden performance.



I wanted to come to the Bloomington meeting but one of my nieces was being given a wedding shower on that day and they would have banned me from the family if I hadn't gone!

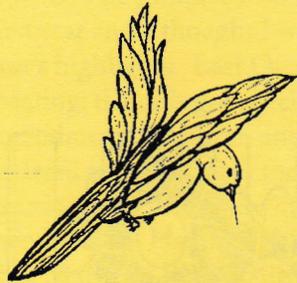
The Fall Regional Meeting will be Oct. 4 at Kridler Gardens, owned by Barry Kridler & Barry Nichols. They have 15+ acres in cultivation. This garden is scheduled for the 1999 convention in Pittsburgh, so everyone will get a preview of what's coming. Phyllis Hess says it is an incredible garden and in October, we should see Mums, Asters and Hostas. They have more than enough room for us in their community room. I have reserved a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn in Alliance, OH; 330-821-5555. Reservations must be made by Sept. 26. Rooms are also available in Canton, which is slightly farther away.

Happy summer digging to all,  
Your Regional Vice President,

*Linda Wallpe*

- Indiana Daffodil Society •
- American Daffodil Society •
- Midwest Regional Show Report •

April 23 & 24, 1997  
 564 Exhibits  
 40 Exhibitors (34 IDS, 6 out of state)  
 1,001 Blooms



Artistic Arrangements 6

- Class 1 Blue Ribbon **Dolores Moore** "Breath of Spring"
- Class 2 Blue Ribbon **Nancy A. Reier** "Golden Days"
- Class 3 Blue Ribbon **Helen MacPherson** "Tid Bits"

Special Exhibits

- Libby Frey** -- 49 vases representing all cultivar Divisions
- Helen Link** -- 12 vases / collections of miniatures
- Club Challenge Bulb: **Helen Trueblood** -- Stratosphere 7 Y-O

- Gold Ribbon: Phyllis Vonnegut** -- Badbury Rings 3 Y-YYR
- Silver Ribbon: Douglas Clarke** -- 17 (seventeen) Blue Ribbons
- White Ribbon: Harold McConnell** -- Gold Convention 2 Y-Y
- Mini Gold Ribbon: Mrs. James Liggett** -- Angel's Whisper 5 Y-Y
- Mini White Ribbon: Mrs. Tag Bourne** -- Stafford 7 Y-O
- Junior Award: Sarah Schiffl** -- Satin Pink 2 W-P
- Small Grower Award: Carolyn Rosenbrock** -- Forge Mill 2 Y-GOO
- Historic Daffodil Award: Helen Trueblood** -- Misty Moon 3 W-WWO, 1936
- Rose Ribbon: Helen Link** -- Seedling # 32, 5 W-P, N. *triandrus* O.P.

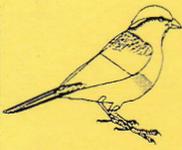


- Purple Ribbon: Tag Bourne** --  
 Collection of Pink Cupped Daffodils
1. Piano Concerto 2 W-P
  2. Fine Romance 2 W-WPP
  3. Auntie Eileen 2 W-P
  4. Chemeketa 2 Y-YPP
  5. Declare 2 W-P.

- Red-White-Blue Ribbon: Harold McConnell** --  
 Collection of 5 American-Bred Standard Daffodils
1. Indian Maid 7 O-R (Pannill)
  2. Symphonette 2 Y-Y (Mitsch)
  3. Colonial White 2 W-W (Mitsch)
  4. La Paloma 3 W-GYR (Roese)
  5. Lemon Sprite 7 YYW-W (Mitsch/Havens)

- Green Ribbon: Mrs. James Liggett** --  
 Collection of 12 cultivars, at least 4 different Div.
1. Beryl 6 W-YYO
  2. Bee Mabley 3 W-YYO
  3. Gallatica 2 Y-YYO
  4. Saberwing 5 W-W
  5. Intrigue 7 Y-W
  6. Calcite 2 W-GWW
  7. Cindy-Lau 6 Y-O
  8. Seraph 9 W-GYR
  9. Lemon Cremes 2 YW-W
  10. Dainty Miss 7 W-GWW
  11. Tristram 2 Y-Y
  12. Misty Glen 2 W-GWW.

- The Roberta C. Watrous Award: Mrs. James Liggett**  
 Collection of 12 miniatures.
1. Xit 3 W-W
  2. Junior Miss 12 W-Y
  3. Yellow Xit 3 W-Y
  4. Moncorvo 7 Y-Y
  5. Little Rusky 7 Y-GYO
  6. Jumblie 12 Y-O
  7. *Bulbocodium* var. 10 Y-Y
  8. Quince 12 Y-Y
  9. Rikki 7 W-Y
  10. Segovia 3 W-Y
  11. Angel's Whisper 5 Y-Y
  12. Clare 7 Y-Y



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**Lavender Ribbon: Mrs. James Ligget --**

Collection of 5 Miniatures

Segovia 3 W-Y

*Bulbocodium* var. 10 Y-Y

Junior Miss 12 W-Y

Angel's Whisper 5 Y-Y

Rikki 7 W-Y.

**Best English Bred: Phyllis Vonnegut --**

Collection of 5

Ohio 2 W-ORR

Misty Glen 2 W-GWW

Badbury Rings 3 Y-YYR

Gold Overton 3 W-GWW

Killearnan 9 W-GYR.

**Best Irish Bred: Harold McConnell --**

Collection of 5

Goldfinger 1 Y-Y

Regal Bliss 2 W-GWW

Moon Valley 2 W-GWW

Solar Tan 2 Y-R

Duncan Seedling #D1107 2 Y-R

**Best Australian New Zealand Bred Harold McConnell-**

Collection of 5

Flash Affair 2 W-Y

Lemon Haze 2 Y-GWY

Silver Kiwi 2 W-W

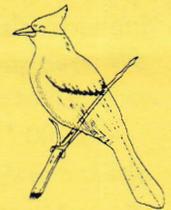
Red Mission 2 Y-R

Kinsman 3 Y-YYO

There were no Container Grown , Rose Ribbon , Maroon Ribbon, Mini Red, White & Blue Ribbon, Throckmorton, Quinn, Bronze Ribbon, or Mini Bronze Ribbon awards given.

## A Look Back at the 1997 Daffodil Season

~ by Phyllis Vonnegut, Midwest Regional Director (and IDS Gold Ribbon Winner, 1997)



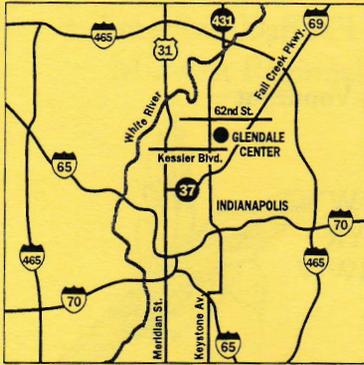
What an unusual spring! We had April weather in March and March weather in April! For the past 30 years I have grown many daffodils, and I can't remember any year like this one. Yes, there have been other years when we had warm Februaries followed by a very cold March, but this was a record year for me. Never have I had so many daffodils in bloom in March and so many in bloom in May, and so *late* in May.

In a normal year (if there is such a thing), sometime in late April or early May, the temperature will hit 80°, and that just cooks the daffodils. They can take cold weather so much better than hot weather. This year it was well into June, the third week I believe, before we had an 80° day. This had to be the reason I still had so many blooms in mid-May.

It was amazing that we had 1,001 blooms in our show this year. I feared we might have to cancel it a couple of times, once because the season was so early and once because it was so late! Columbus had to cancel their show due to cold weather.

In mid-March, we had enough nice weather to bring out more blooms than normal. I was afraid I'd be bloomed out for our show. Then came that awful April. During most of the month, the buds seemed to be in a "hold" state. We had so many days of under 50°, that those buds just wouldn't grow and open. My husband, Walter, records the temperature every morning and he recorded only 4 days in April when it was in the 50's in the morning. An it didn't warm up much during the day, either.

Spring and the daffodils are both gone now, but I am very thankful that I was able to enjoy my daffodils in what turned out to be the longest season ever.



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## Bulb Sale Reminder

July 27 at Glendale Center

Schedule

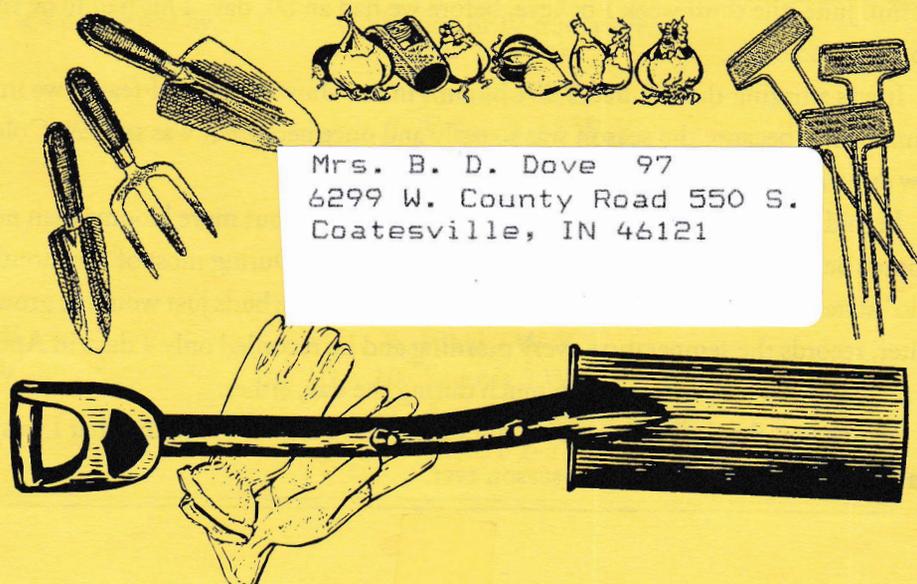
8:00 am - Workers meet to clean and bag bulbs

10:00 am - Sale opens for member purchases

11:00 am - Sale opens to Public

Cash, Checks, money orders, and sometimes even small I.O.U.s accepted! Sorry, no VISA or MasterCard. If you have any money left over, you can take a peek at the Daylilies and Irises.

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