
florida daffodil society news

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BOARD MEETING

The January Board meeting was really busy. Our treasurer, Janie Smith, reported that she had placed all of our financial records for the past three years on computer using "Quicken" software. She reported \$3,377.85 in the treasury. Clara Jane Smith reported on the bulb sale, which cleared nearly \$900.00. It was decided that we would contact the Madison Garden Club about co-sponsoring our main out-of-town bulb sale this fall.

Our membership rolls now reflect that we have 233 members in seven states. There was discussion on meeting the needs of our non-Tallahassee members. One way would be to hold mini-bulb sales in communities where we have sufficient members, such as Bainbridge, Thomasville, Quincy, Monticello, and Perry. **Out of town members will be polled** to get their feelings on this.

The Board authorized funds for a number of public planting projects, both continuing and new. The maximum for these projects are: \$100 for bulbs for **Litchgate on High Road**, \$100 for Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center, \$150 for **Goodwood**, \$5.00 for bulbs to be planted under the direction of Jovel Smith at the **Leon County Senior Center** (the cost of bulbs for the Center has been substantially defrayed by a generous contribution from The Planter's Exchange in Havana) and \$100 for a new test garden in **Flagler County**. The Flagler County project will be coordinated with the County Horticultural agent, and planted in Bunnell by the Master Gardener class. Bunnell is half way between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach. The Master Gardener Program will underwrite most of the expenses of the program. John Van Beck will coordinate it for the FDS.

Member Mary Doug Buchanan, who is also president of the **Maclay Gardens Volunteers**, has asked that the Society consider taking on a major daffodil planting at the Garden entrance. The board

voted to support such a project but no specific action is in order now as Maclay is still in the planning stages on the entrance project.

President Mary Ann Van Kleunen reported on the planting of daffodils at the **Monticello Opera House**. She indicated that there is lots of room left for more bulbs. The bulbs that Mary Ann helped plant were left from our last bulb sale. VP Dot Roberts will be contacting the Florida Department of Transportation about planting bulbs in a section of the median strip on **Mahan Drive** (US 90 east) inside Capital Circle. The number of bulbs suggested ranged from 200 to 1,000.

Since no serious effort was made to remind members to renew membership this year, Dot Roberts moved that membership dues delinquent for the current 1997-1998 year be waived, and members reminded that annual dues are due and payable June 1 of each year. Members who have not paid dues by August 31 will have their names removed from the membership rolls. The motion was passed and the Board indicated, "It is our hope that all of you will take care of this immediately."

A number of members have paid dues a year or two in advance, which is more convenient than paying annually. **Dues of \$5.00 for an individual and \$6.00 for family may be sent to Jane Smith at 2658 Noble Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32312.**

Mary Ann announced that Roxane Dow and Margaret Karniewicz are the new Co-Chairpersons of the telephone committee. Peggy McRae is the newest member of the committee. A big welcome and thank you to these new members of one of our most important committees.

She also announced that John has been doing a series of articles for the *Journal* of the American Daffodil Society, and that a photo taken by Linda of daffodils in their garden appeared on the back cover of the December. Issue. More about this next *florida daffodil society news* issue.

GREAT TAZETTAS

The weather has been absolutely perfect for all fall and early winter blooming tazettas. They have shown how happy they are by blooming better than they have for years. Often a hard freeze will catch the *N. italicus* and others that bloom in late December and January. It's amazing at how prolific and showy Omri (an Israeli hybrid) and Early Pearl are. Early Pearl has grown here for scores of years and was known locally as Minor Monarque. It had never been registered, so Bill Welch in California registered it under the name "Early Pearl." Mary McLeod set a variety of bulbs in dish gardens and pots this year. Her Soliel d'Or were particularly breathtaking. It is nice to have a pot or dish of bulbs to bring indoors.

SUMMARIES

We have tried to provide all new members with a packet of information with their first newsletter, and have tried to include a number of back issues of the *FDS news* as well. Jack Van Kleunen volunteered to review back issues and identify items that he feels have lasting value, such as advice on planting, fertilizing, etc. Because *florida daffodil society news* is on computer, it will not be difficult to pull those items together and print a summary for all current and new members. The new summary will be updated periodically. We try to remember to 3-hole punch the *florida daffodil society news* and other materials that have lasting value; but, alas, sometimes we forget.

OPEN GARDEN

John and Linda Van Beck again welcome you and your friends to their garden for a guided tour. Because of the funny weather we have been having this spring, some flowers were blooming at the end of January that normally would not bloom until the end of February. There will be something to see whenever you come, and you may wish to come

more than once to see early, mid-season and late season flowers. Call on Thursday or Friday before coming to find out what is in bloom at that time. John and Linda have added many new cultivars since last year.

The garden will be open:

Saturday, Feb. 14	9:30 -12:00 & 1:30 - 4:00
Sunday, Feb. 15	1:30 - 4:00
Saturday, Feb. 21	9:30 -12:00 & 1:30 - 4:00
Sunday, Feb. 22	1:30 - 4:00
Saturday, March 7	9:30 -12:00 & 1:30 - 4:00
Sunday, March 8	1:30 - 4:00

If you are unable to come on a weekend, call John or Linda at 878-9753 and they will be glad to arrange a time convenient for you.

A map to the Van Beck's garden is enclosed: See you there!

BITS AND PIECES

Bought a batch of bulbs from Keith Kridler in Texas to try out! Among others, I got what he calls early *N. pseudonarcissus* and early *N. jonquilla*. Sure enough they bloomed and were finished before the types that we generally find in the Big Bend. Both the "old" and "new" *N. jonquilla* broke ground at the same time, but nary a bud on the "old" one yet. Have added six or eight other new bulbs to test. **Next issue** - Jack Van Kleunen's "Rinjsvelt's Early Splendor."

THE DAFFODIL INVASION

The FDS has been involved in many public plantings throughout our membership area over the last few years. A list of our public projects will be enclosed in our next issue. It is really quite impressive considering how new our organization is. **Your dues go a long way toward beautifying our communities, and you have a right to be quite proud of yourself!**
