florida daffodil society news

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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting, with election of officers, will be held 9:30 am, Saturday, June 6, in Rough House at Goodwood Plantation on Miccosukee Road. A bylaw change removing officer term limits was adopted Oct. 12, 1996, but without required publication in the FDS News. You are hereby notified that this will be revisited by the membership on June 6. There will be a door prize or two! See *you* there!

WE'RE GETTING "ARTY!"

Phyllis Graham, who prepares the final copy for your *FDS NEWS*, now has a scanner. We are collecting art to use in our newsletter as well as our other publications. John Van Beck has re-written our membership brochure and the brochure on planting and care of daffodils. Phyllis is working her magic and making them look beautiful. They will be available at the annual meeting.

HOME PAGE

Jay Smith, the 12 year old son of our treasurer, Janie, decided as a school project to put a list of some of the daffodils that do well here on the Internet. I said, "Great!" I was astounded when I called it up on the computer. He did a really magnificent job.

The FDS web site is located at **http://gamma.magnet.fsu.edu/fds/**. It's great now, but Jay is going to make some additions and modifications on it when school is out. We'll keep you advised – or better yet, check it out yourself!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are due this month. If you have not renewed yet, we are including a self-addressed stamped envelope to make it convenient for you. On the reverse side of this page is a list of public daffodil plantings in Florida and Georgia made possible by your membership dues. Please continue your support. This fall we will be planting in the median strip on East Tennessee Street and at Tallahassee

Memorial Hospital. Call Dot Roberts at 385-4101 with **your suggestions** for future public planting sites.

MINIATURES

I used to grow 'Hawera' in full sun where the stems were 6 to 8 inches long. When I moved them into a shadier spot, they were more vigorous with stems 12 to 14 inches long.

I "found" a great little bulb blooming on an abandoned home site in a lot of shade, dug it and brought it home with permission of the owner, Grace Dansby. It had 13 inch stems and two side by side blooms per flower stalk. It looked familiar, so I sent by a bloom by air express to Martha Anderson in Hernando MS. Martha, a national expert on miniatures, identified it as 'Jumblie'.

Before the "found" clump bloomed out, my 'Jumblie' growing in full sun bloomed with 4 - 6 inch stems. Flowers were absolutely identical except for the length of stem they were on.

I'm going to move some *N. x gracilis* this year to see what happens. You have to lay on your tummy to see the flowers, the stems being 3 - 4 inches long. I mentioned this on the Daffnet, and Linda Wallpe, ADS VP from Ohio, responded: "My *N. x gracilis* bloom about 14" to 16". The flower itself is small, but the foliage and the stems are tall."

Which proves you can learn something new every day!

Marianna

We will be having a bulb sale in Marianna this fall, jointly sponsored with the

Marianna Garden Club. They are really excited about us coming. More details later.

Public Plantings

BAINBRIDGE

MONTICELLO

OPERA HOUSE

50 Carlton
50 Barrett Browning
30 N. x incomparabilis

WIRICK-SIMMONS HOUSE

200 N. x incomparabilis

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

100 Gigantic Star

TALLAHASSEE

GOODWOOD MUSEUM & GARDEN

Major continuing project.

LEON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

500 Carlton

LITCHGATE

100 N. pseudonarcissus
35 Trevithian

TALLAHASSEE GARDEN CLUB

600 Tresamble

THOMASVILLE

LAPHAM-PATTERSON HOUSE

200 n. X incomparabilis

NAT WILLIAMS DAFFODIL GARDEN, PARADISE PARK

500 Carlton
600 Gigantic Star
200 Sweetness

QUINCY

MONROE HOUSE

100 Gigantic Star plus others
(Complete records not kept.)