



NCDS Newsletter

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Board of Directors' Message to the Membership

We are asking for your help. During recent years we have been rotating the responsibilities for the leadership positions that allow the NCDS to exist, stage daffodil shows each spring, be represented at the Alameda Home and Garden Show, have an Internet site, balance the budget, hold a bulb auction and raffle (as well as all of the many tasks that make these activities successful) to a few members who are willing to commit time, energy and expertise. Each of us continues to add to the time we volunteer as the NCDS adds new events (the recent addition of a Mother Lode Show) and the tasks to make them successful. We would like to share these responsibilities with more of you, the membership of the NCDS.

To highlight a few volunteers: In addition to creating and maintaining the web site, Nancy Tackett is both Secretary and Membership Chairman. In addition to Show Chairman, Wayne plans and represents the NCDS at the Alameda Home and Garden Show. Mary Smith has been kind enough to host the Fall Bulb Auction and Raffle for as long as I can remember. Wayne Steele and Kirby Fong haul properties stored in Bob Spotts' garage to and from event after event. Wayne makes a run to Stockton to pick up staging foliage and cut flowers for the arrangers. Wayne and Kirby manage to find time in all of this volunteer work to grow and show winning entries in numerous shows each spring. We all need to recognize the contributions Bob Spotts continually makes to the NCDS as well as the ADS. Bob is our Ambassador-at-Large, having done or helped with every detail of show and society in the years that I have known him. He is currently ADS President, yet ready in a minute to help in any way we ask. Kirby Fong needs a giant vote of thanks for completing a two-year term as NCDS President in addition to his numerous responsibilities in the ADS as well as the NCDS.

Won't some of you take the plunge and get involved? We will provide any support that you need to give you the confidence and support to take on one of the numerous tasks that make the NCDS a success.

For starters: Wayne needs help both at the planning and event stages of the Alameda Show in February. He also needs volunteers to help plan and put on the March show in Livermore. We need a Secretary to free Nancy's time to do membership tasks and maintain the web site. We know that there are talented individuals among the membership. We need to find you and share the jobs with you.

In addition to the Fall Bulb Raffle, Auction and Potluck we need to have a gathering of workers at Bob Spott's house in Oakley to inventory, sort and organize the properties we use to stage our shows. We will try to do this during October or November when the weather cools down a bit. We also have properties that were given to us by the disbanded SCDS that need the same treatment.

Bulb Raffle, Auction, and Potluck

The annual bulb raffle and auction will be Sunday, October 11 at Mary Smith's home, 3910 Alhambra Way in Martinez. If you have bulbs to donate or can help set bulbs on the tables for the raffle, come at noon. We will start at 1:00 PM with announcements followed by the raffle, a bulb auction, and a potluck. You are asked to bring an appetizer, dessert, salad, main dish or vegetable dish. We have decided not to limit what you may bring. There always seems to be a balanced menu even when everyone brings what they choose. The NCDS will provide bread, beverages, cups, plates and utensils.

The NCDS Board and Steering Committee (the officers, Directors George Perko/Phil Stanley and Anna Fine and Immediate Past-President Kirby Fong) will meet at Mary's at noon.

The NCDS raffle is an opportunity to pick up quality bulbs at bargain prices. There will be hundreds of bulbs. We receive bulbs from Mitsch Daffodils, Oregon Trail Daffodils, Bonnie Brae Gardens, Nancy Wilson, Oakwood Daffodils and Brian Duncan in exchange for a small donation. Raffle tickets are a dollar each or twelve tickets for ten dollars. Choice cultivars are selected for the auction. The raffle/auction and our membership dues are the sources of income for the NCDS.

Membership in the NCDS

You may wonder what the expenditures are for the NCDS. We hold two shows each spring. Expenses include the cost of ribbons, printing, trophy engraving and lunch for the judges. We pay for insurance at \$1.10 per member. We pay postage to mail newsletters. We provide items for the potluck at the auction/raffle. We contribute to the growers who provide the bulbs for the auction/raffle. We print information to be distributed at the Home and Garden Show as well as the judged shows and a special exhibition we did at Kautz Ironstone Vineyards in the spring.

Is your mailing label sporting blue?

If the renewal date on your mailing label is highlighted in blue, this means it is time for you to renew your membership to the NCDS! The dues are \$8 for individuals and \$10 for families. We are also interested in current mailing and e-mail address information. Please include this information with your renewal checks made payable to Northern California Daffodil Society and mail these to Nancy Tackett, 066 Green Street, Martinez, CA 94553. If you have any questions please call her at (925) 372-8083 or e-mail to nancyt@netvista.net.

1998 Livermore Show

The Alden Lane Nursery surprised us at the last minute with a large tent in which to stage the Spring Show. They had all aisles of the nursery leading to the show with markers and arrows. We had a little problem with wind where we decided to place the show winners, but we won't make that mistake again.

Girl Scouts in Livermore

The NCDS hosted a group of Girl Scouts from San Jose as guests for a tour of the show on Saturday. The contact came from an ADS member's posting on the Internet that they answered. The girls and their leaders toured the show and learned about our favorite flower. We would like to continue the relationship and have offered them bulbs to plant and an invitation enter next year's show and learn more from us. Are there members who are involved with Scouts or other youth groups who would be interested in growing and showing daffodils? If so, contact Jan Moyers soon so that we can see about obtaining bulbs for them.

In memory of Christine Kemp

Dian Keesee reported the 1998 Fortuna show was dedicated to Christine Kemp and there is a new trophy in her honor. The Humboldt Botanical Garden displayed Christine's many awards and will plant an area with daffodils in honor of Christine. It was a very lovely display and show.

Livermore Show Results

Gold ribbon: Kirby Fong, Clouded Yellow
Miniature Gold ribbon: Steve Vinisky, Vinisky V95-4-6
White ribbon: Sid Dubose, Nob Hill
Miniature White ribbon: Steve Vinisky, Smarple
Rose ribbon: Bob Jerrell, 68-8-8 (Ardour x Falstaff)
Miniature Rose ribbon: Steve Vinisky, V95-4-6 (Mitzy x Candlepower)
Junior ribbon: Miranda Fay, Yazz
Quinn ribbon: Bob Spotts
Throckmorton ribbon: no entries
Watrous ribbon: one entry, no award
Green ribbon: Wayne Steele
Purple ribbon: Bob Spotts, Div. 2 collection
Lavender ribbon: Bob Spotts
RWB ribbon: Sid Dubose
Miniature RWB ribbon: Bob Spotts
Maroon ribbon: Bob Spotts
Silver ribbon: Kirby Fong, 21 blues
Small Growers ribbon: Dian Keesee, Williamsburg
Standard Container ribbon: Kirby Fong, Scarlet Gem
Miniature Container ribbon: Kirby Fong, Angel O'Music
Species Container ribbon: Kirby Fong, N. atlanticus
Historic ribbon: Kirby Fong, Eggs and Bacon
Intermediate ribbon: Ben Hager, ID220Y/O
Vase of Honor: Bob Spotts, Quinn collection
Hybridizing trophy: Sid Dubose, RWB collection
Ben Hager award: Stan Baird
Yellow Collection trophy: Kirby Fong
Pink Collection trophy: Sid Dubose
White Collection trophy: Kirby Fong
Murray Evans/Grant Mitsch Memorial vase: Bob Jerrell, seedling 68-8-8
Reserve Champion trophy: Kirby Fong, Impeccable
Bill and Rosemary Roese trophy: Sid Dubose, seedling N100-34
White daffodil trophy: Dian Keesee, Williamsburg
SCDS trophy: Bob Spotts, seedling 98-203-1
Novice trophy: Amanda Stear, Circuit

Mother Lode Show Results (March 7, 1998)

Gold ribbon: Stan Baird, Akala
Miniature Gold ribbon: Nancy Wilson, Angel's Whisper
White ribbon: Sid Dubose, Geometrics
Miniature White ribbon: Bob Spotts, Moncorvo
Rose ribbon: Bob Bob Spotts, seedling 98-108-1
Miniature Rose ribbon: Bob Spotts, seedling M86-01
Watrous ribbon: Bob Spotts
Green ribbon: Bob Spotts (all his own seedlings)
Purple ribbon: Sid Dubose, 5 Intermediates
RWB ribbon: Sid Dubose
Silver ribbon: Bob Spotts, 18 blues
Small Growers ribbon: James Wilson, Graduation
Standard Container ribbon: Richard Hunt, Jetfire
Species Container ribbon: Kirby Fong, N. jacelanns
Historic ribbon: Nancy Wilson, Beryl
Intermediate ribbon: Sid Dubose, seedling Q35-34

Fortuna Show (March 20-21, 1998)

Gold ribbon: Wayne Steele, Filoli
Miniature Gold ribbon: Nancy Wilson, Junior Miss
White ribbon: Wayne Steele, Stratosphere
Miniature White ribbon: Kirby Fong, Angel's Whisper
Rose ribbon: Bob Spotts, seedling 98-353-1
Miniature Rose ribbon: Nancy Wilson, seedling 6525-98-1
Quinn ribbon: Bob Spotts (all his own seedlings)
Purple ribbon: Stan Baird, Pink cupped collection
Lavender ribbon: Nancy Wilson
RWB ribbon: Stan Baird
Maroon ribbon: Bob Spotts
Silver ribbon: Kirby Fong, 32 blues
Small Growers ribbon: Dian Keesee, Homestead
Standard Container ribbon: Kirby Fong, Quail
Historic ribbon: Kirby Fong, Scarlet Gem
Intermediate ribbon: Bob Spotts, seedling 98-308-1

In addition to the Fortuna, Livermore and Mother Lode Shows, Bob Spotts, Wayne Steele, Nancy Tackett and I, among others, went to Murphys on February 28 to display daffodils at Kautz Ironstone Vineyards at their first annual Spring Symphony of Daffodils. Dian Keesee and her husband joined us at the "Winner's Circle" dinner on Saturday night. Anita Hartshorn brought her show video to run continuously while we shared information about daffodils.

NCDS Members at the Eugene, Oregon Show

Purple Ribbon: Kirby Fong, Division 3 collection
RWB ribbon: Kirby Fong
Standard Container Award: Kirby Fong, Pipit
Silver Ribbon: Kirby Fong, 16 blues

The 1998 NCDS Annual Meeting

The annual dinner and general membership meeting of the Northern California Daffodil Society was held Saturday, March 14 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Livermore. The main item on the business meeting agenda was the election of officers. The Nominating Committee presented a slate without a candidate for President and containing renomination of the other officers. In contacting members to seek their willingness to run for office, they had come up empty-handed. Members contacted stated that they lacked the knowledge required to be an officer. We need to solve this dilemma. I volunteered to allow my name to be on the slate with the goal of getting more of you involved so that you may become leaders in the NCDS. The slate of officers was approved by the members attending the meeting.

Alameda County Home and Garden Show

The NCDS was rained out of the Alameda County Home and Garden Show for 1998. Wayne Steele has once again volunteered to operate a booth at the county fairgrounds in Pleasanton February 5-6-7, 1999. If you are able to spend 2-3 hours at the booth to answer questions for the public, please contact Wayne at (510) 447-5261. Friday morning February 5 is set-up time. The show is open to the public at one o'clock. For volunteering, you will receive free admission and an extra ticket for a friend to attend the Home and Garden Show.

New Royal Horticultural Society Classification System

The Royal Horticultural Society has a new daffodil classification system that takes effect July 1, 1998. We will be adding new classes to the show schedules. There will be 13 daffodil divisions. The species daffodils have moved from the old division 10 to the new division 13. The new division 10 is not assigned to bulbocodium hybrids.

Daffodil Dates for 1999

Alameda County Home and Garden Show - Pleasanton - February 5-6-7 California Daffodil Shows

NCDS 4th Annual Mother Lode Show - Kautz Ironstone Vineyards - Murphys - March 13-14

NCDS Annual Spring Show - Alden Lane Nursery - Livermore - March 6-7

NCDS Annual Spring Show - Hidden Lake Nursery - El Fortuna Show - Monday Club - Fortuna - March 20-21

National Daffodil Show - Pittsburgh, PA

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World Daffodil Convention - March 31-April 2, 2000

The WORLD DAFFODIL CONVENTION will be held in Portland, Oregon on the weekend of March 31-April 2, 2000. The Convention will be preceded by two weekends of daffodil shows and festivals in California and a ten-day bus tour of the sights and scenery between San Francisco and Portland.

The Mother Lode Show will move to the Kautz Ironstone Vineyards in Murphy's in 1999 and be held in conjunction with their Spring Symphony. If you would like to know more about Kautz Ironstone Vineyards' Spring Symphony, they have a beautiful web site at <http://www.ironstonevineyards.com/>.

ADS in 2004

Bob Spotts reported that our NCDS/KIV proposal for World Daffodil Convention 2004 was turned down by the American Daffodil Society Board in favor of a "50th Birthday Convention" in Washington DC. Washington was the city in which the ADS was formed in 1954. Bob reported that the nostalgia involved with that proposal was impossible to overcome.

NCDS on the Web

Nancy Tackett has just given the NCDS web page a remodel job. Be sure to check it out and share it with your friends. (<http://www.daffodil.org>) There are links to the ADS and commercial supporters as well as information about daffodils and the activities of the NCDS.

Directions to Mary Smith's home (3910 Alhambra Way, Martinez 510-228-6098):

Take the Alhambra Avenue exit from Highway 4 and go north. Alhambra Way in Martinez parallels the Highway 4 (freeway) exit street, Alhambra Avenue, a block to the east. The map should help those of you who have never been there before.

