



NCDS Newsletter January 1999



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Board of Directors' Message to the Membership

We still need your help. Those of you who read the last newsletter read the plea for help with the jobs that it takes to run the NCDS. We received no volunteers. Now is the time to participate and help. There are two daffodil shows and the Alameda Home and Garden Show coming up soon.

Welcome new Members!

Nancy Tackett, Membership Chairman (among other responsibilities) reports the following new members: Stephanie & David Arrich of Murphys, Katrina Piatt of Burbank, Michael Larmer of Pine Grove and Carol Verrier of Roseville. Welcome! We hope to see you at our spring activities.

Daffodil Dates for 1999

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

California Daffodil Shows

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

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

Fortuna Show - Monday Club - Fortuna - March 20-21

National Daffodil Show - Pittsburgh, PA - April 22-24

World Daffodil Convention - Portland, Oregon - 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/>.

Alameda County Home and Garden Show

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 (925) 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. You also will receive a potted daffodil of your choice.

A message from Kirby Fong, Livermore Show Chairman

The first daffodil show in the United States this season is our own NCDS show at **Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane in Livermore**. I expect we will have a tent set up a couple hundred feet south of the store as we did in 1998. Because the show was moved up to an earlier date so that Murphys could follow, I am concerned about getting an adequate number of flowers to have a good show. If you've never entered flowers in a daffodil show before, please consider doing so now! Our president Jan Moyers is always willing to instruct and help new exhibitors. If you are a first time exhibitor and would like some personal help, contact Jan so she can arrange to meet you.

Even if you can't enter flowers, we can always use people to set up and take down the show. Plans are to start setting up 4 pm Friday afternoon. This means spreading table covers on the tables and filling test tubes so that they will be ready for exhibitors to use. You can also start staging flowers right after set up. We will be able to stay in the evening after the nursery closes. Staging continues Saturday morning until 10 am. This is followed by judging. The show opens to the public from 1pm to 5pm. It will also be open Sunday 9 am to 4 pm. During that time we can use people to help answer questions for the public and explain what they are seeing at the show. Putting things away is also a fairly simple process. You toss out the redwood wedging material, pour the water out of test tubes, and pack test tubes and wood blocks back in boxes. It usually takes no more than one and a half hours to tear the show down.

The **NCDS annual membership meeting** will be at the dinner Saturday night. After several years at Cattlemen's Restaurant, we are going to go to a different restaurant. It will be the **Basil Leaf Cafe at 4040 East Avenue** on the east side of Livermore in a neighborhood shopping center. The restaurant specializes in pasta. The dishes typically range in price from \$9 to \$15. You'll be pleased to hear that you can order off the menu and pay the restaurant directly. This means NCDS doesn't have to collect the money or settle for a limited selection of entrees. It would be very helpful however if you would let me know that you plan to attend so I can tell the restaurant how many people to expect. **Dinner will be at 7 pm**. I will make a hand drawn map to hand out at the show. When you contact me to let me know you're coming, tell me if you need a map.

If you are coming from afar and looking for a place to stay, there are several fairly new motels near the Airport Blvd exit on Interstate 580. There are cheap motels in town and some older motels and an old **Holiday Inn** at the Springtown exit off I-580. The **Residence Inn by Marriott** has kitchenettes for long term visitors and is a bit on the expensive side. A reasonable compromise should be one of the following. The **Comfort Inn** at 475 Collier Canyon Road (925) 606-6200 is on the north side of I-580 at Airway Blvd. Their rates for that weekend are \$69 per night for one or two people in a queen size or king size bed and an additional \$10 for two beds. Price includes continental breakfast. Also on the north side is **Hampton Inn**, 2850 Constitution Drive (925) 606-6400. Their rates are \$79 per night for one, \$89 per night for two. Continental breakfast is included. **Extended Stay America** is on the south side of the freeway just in back of Cattlemen's Restaurant at 2380 Nissen Drive (925) 373-1700. Their rates are \$69 per night, one person, queen size bed, \$74 per night for king size bed. A second person is an additional \$5. No breakfast is included. I have drawn a crude map for the NCDS Newsletter (last page) that shows where these motels are.

Make plans now to join us. The nursery is a great place to have a daffodil show. You can look at other plants when you've finished with the daffodils, and we get a lot of visitors who didn't know about the show but happen to find us while they are at the nursery.

A message from Bob Spotts, Mother Lode Show Chairman

Things are shaping up for the Daffodil Show at the **Kautz Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys on March 13-14**. Several NCDS members met at KIV recently to finalize planning for the show. I'm sure you will be pleased with the ambience of the show. It's hard to picture a daffodil show on the working floor of a winery, but that is what it will be! And KIV is not just the ordinary winery! There will be naturalized daffodils in the landscape everywhere and hundreds of tubs and pots with show varieties for you to admire. Let's just hope the weather entices the daffodils to bloom!

We need people to volunteer to help during setup (Friday 4-6pm), as clerks (Saturday 9-11am), and during takedown (Sunday 3-4:30pm). Entries will be accepted 6-10 pm Friday and 6-9am Saturday. The show will be open 11am to 5pm on Saturday and 11 am to 3 pm on Sunday.

The NCDS Daffodil Show will be but one of many happenings at KIV during its annual weekend festival "**Spring Symphony of Daffodils and Wine.**" There is also a juried art competition. One section of this competition requires a daffodil theme, with the winning painting to be used on the label for the new release of KIV's featured wine "Obsession." There will be a children's art contest and other festivities. We will miss the KIV Gourmet Banquet on Saturday night where chefs serve the dishes with which they won the festival's culinary competition. (Instead, we'll have dinner together at a place to be determined.) Go easy on early Sunday breakfast because on Sunday noon you may want to attend the marvelous Brunch prepared by the skilled KIV banquet staff. The winery also has a lovely jewelry/gift shop with a Mother Lode focus and an extensive historic display of Mother Lode mining memorabilia.

On Saturday in downtown Murphys a mile away, there is the **Saint Patrick's Day Celebration.** A shuttle bus will run between KIV and Murphys downtown, so you can park at the winery and enjoy both events!

On both Saturday and Sunday at the County Fairgrounds in Angels Camp ten miles west, there is the annual **Celtic Fair!**

All these activities draw visitors from afar, so **rooms indeed are hard-to-find.** Here are some options you have (I visited the facilities and vouch for their attractiveness). All rooms blocked for us will be **released for others on February 12,** so please call soon:

Gold Country Inn - Angel's Camp (ten miles west of Murphys)

For two-nights stay (Friday and Saturday):

Five non-smoking rooms available:

Four rooms with two queen beds: \$53.10/night

One room with one queen and one twin (room is handicapped accommodated): \$48.60/night

For Friday only:

Three additional non-smoking rooms available:

Two rooms with two queen beds: \$53.10/night

One room with one queen bed: \$48.60/night

Rooms at the Gold Country Inn are blocked under "NCDS-Bob Spotts". First-come, first-served; for reservations call directly to Gold Country Motel at 1-800-851-4944. If you want a smoking room, there are none reserved but there may a few left - best call quickly.

Murphys Inn - Murphys

Requires **minimum of two-nights** (ie, both Friday and Saturday) stay:

Ten non-smoking rooms each with two queen beds: \$85/night.

Rooms at the Murphys Inn are blocked under "**Northern California Daffodil Society/KIV**".

Murphys Inn is a new facility scheduled to open March 1. It is only a couple of blocks from old-town/downtown Murphys. For reservations, call directly at 1-888-753-0226. Make sure you refer to "Murphys Inn": they also book for Angel's Inn in Angel's Camp.

Should you be too late to get a room at the Gold Country Inn and want an alternative to the two-night minimum at the Murphys Inn, here are some additional places that might have rooms remaining (call soon):

Jumping Frog Motel, Angel's Camp 209-736-2391

Redbud Inn, Murphys 209-728-8533

Timberline Lodge, Arnold 209-795-7666

Yellow Dog Inn, Arnold 209-795-1980

(Arnold is 10 miles east of Murphys on Highway 4, at about 1000' higher elevation.)

Contact me (rspotts@netvista.net) with questions you have on NCDS activities, or Chris Gomez at KIV (chrisg@goldrush.com) with any questions you have about the KIV festival.

A message from Dian Keesee about the Fortuna Show

The **Fortuna Garden Club** invites you to attend their 24th annual Daffodil Show "A Daffodil Spectacular" on Saturday, March 20, and Sunday, March 21, 1999. The show hours are Saturday, 1-5 pm and Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm. Refreshments will be served both days. Admission is free.

For those of you bringing flowers to exhibit, entries will be accepted from 3-10 pm on Friday, March 19, and 6:30-10 am, Saturday, March 20. Judging will commence at 10:30 am Saturday. For those interested in entering daffodils and/or floral designs, please contact me for a schedule of classes (Dian Keese, 1000 Angel Heights Avenue, Fortuna 95540, email - mizmik@htan.org).

We are very excited this year to be presenting our show at the new **River Lodge Conference Center** in Fortuna (1800 Riverwalk Drive). The landscaping of this location was done by our local Heather Society (H.E.R.E.) furnishing and planting some 3500 Heath and Heather plants. Motels are just across the street.

The Best Western Country Inn

2021 Riverwalk Drive

Fortuna, CA 95540

Phone (707) 725-6822

They will hold a block of rooms (mention Daffodil Show, River Lodge) until March 15.

Rates are 1-2 persons, 2 beds - \$58. They provide a lovely continental breakfast.

Holiday Inn Express

1859 Alomar Way

Fortuna, CA 95540

(707) 725-5500

Mention the Daffodil Show.

Rates are 1-2 persons, King or Double \$49. They too have a lovely continental breakfast

Super 8 Motel

1805 Alomar Way

Fortuna, CA 95540

(707) 725-2888

Queen single - \$42, 2 queens - \$50. Continental breakfast

There are two restaurants within walking distance.

ADS Judging Schools

A new series of ADS judging schools will be starting on Saturday, March 20, following the show at Fortuna. Anyone who is interested in taking the judging schools and becoming a judge or those accredited judges wishing to audit School I as a refresher course should complete the following registration form and mail it to Susan Bell, the School Chairman, along with a check for \$5 made payable to "Fortuna Garden Club" as soon as possible. The **Introductory Course** will begin at 2:30 P.M. Saturday afternoon followed by **School I** beginning at 8:30 A.M. Sunday. The Introductory Course is designed to prepare students for School I as well as provide up-to-date information regarding daffodil culture and control of pests and diseases. While the Introductory Course has no test, it does cover information students will need to know in order to pass the School I test. If you are undecided as to whether you wish to become an ADS judge, taking the Introductory Course will be very helpful in reaching a decision.

Before taking the schools, students should procure a copy of the Handbook for Growing, Exhibiting, and Judging Daffodils, which is available from the American Daffodil Society for \$2. Write to Naomi Liggett, ADS Executive Director, 4126 Winfield Road, Columbus, OH 43220-4606 to order a copy. The requirements for accreditation are found on p. 42 of this Handbook.

Before these schools, please study the following sections of the Handbook carefully:

Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 plus pp. 36-38 of Chapter 9

REGISTRATION FORM - INTRODUCTORY COURSE AND SCHOOL I

Name (please **PRINT**) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I plan to take the Introductory Course and School I for credit.

I plan to audit School I as a refresher course

If you plan to take the schools for credit, please complete this form and mail it to the school chairman, Susan Bell, along with a check for \$5 made payable to "**Fortuna Garden Club**" no later than March 1. If you plan to audit School I as a refresher course, please complete the form and mail it to Susan Bell along with a check for \$3 made payable to "**Fortuna Garden Club**" no later than March 1.

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