

The Indiana Ledger

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Suzy Wert, Editor Vol. XIII No. supplement December 2000

From the Garden of the President



Greetings Daffodillians!

The IDS and I got some very bad news; long-time member, Nancy Reier, died unexpectedly last week. Although she had not been feeling well, her death was a shock to us all. Our hearts go out to her husband, IDS member Ed Reier, and also to her mother, IDS member, Carolyn Rosenbrock. I think all of us can understand that having a child die is not the way Nature intended the cycle of life, so Carolyn's loss is especially difficult. Because it was so recent, the space for her IDS obituary has been truncated, but please understand it's not because she was less-loved than other members, it's because I didn't want to intrude on Ed's and Carolyn's mourning to get the details of her life and accomplishments for publication.

Just as *The Ledger* was over half-completed, I ran into computer problems and had to start completely over! But the December 15th deadline for registering for the ADS National Daffodil Show and Convention looms, and I just don't have the time to recreate all the wonderful prose that normally takes up the President's message!

Please read through this issue – including the details of our March 20 meeting -- the show schedule for the Oooh and Aaaah Daffodil Show is printed in *pink*. And the details for the Louisville Convention are printed in *blue*.

Nancy A. Rosenbrock Reier

Nancy A. Rosenbrock Reier, 58, Charlottesville, died Nov. 29. She worked 34 years as a secretary for the Department of Joint Accounts System of Defense Finance and Accounting Service at Fort Benjamin Harrison, retiring this Year. She was a member of the Nameless Creek Literary club. Services: 10a.m. Dec. 2 in the Nameless Creek Christian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the church..... Survivors: husband Edward E. Reier; mother Carolyn Roney Rosenbrock; sister Linda Hardin.

Nancy was active member of IDS. A regular volunteer for the daffodil show, an exhibitor in the horticultural and the design sections a successful Blue Ribbon competitor. She helped staff the Orchard in Bloom booth, bagged and contributed bulbs as well as assisting in the bulb sales.....Our condolences to Ed, Carolyn and her sister Linda..... all members of IDS.

Heartfelt Sympathy from us all,

Suzy Wert

2001 Daffodil Calendar

2001 Convention in Louisville

Make plans now to join with our sister-society, KDS, in Louisville for the ADS Convention April 5-7, 2001.

2001 Meeting Dates

March 20, LINK OBSERVATORY, BROOKLYN, IN "Oooh and Aaah Daffodil Show" A non-flower daffodil show featuring all the stuff you've collected over the years with daffodils on it! See Show Schedule in this issue.

Entries 11:00-1:00

Pitch-In luncheon 1:00

Short Meeting

View Show

June 24 - Picnic in Bloomington. Details in the June Ledger.

August 1- Bulb and Plant Exchange Nora Library 1:00

Slide Show on miniatures

October 6 - Bulb and Plant Exchange Nora Library 1:00

Joe Hamm and Helen Trueblood "Tips on Planting and Organizing".

2001 Sales

July 29, 9:00 a.m. setup Holliday Park Nature Center

Aug. 26, 9:00 a.m. setup Holliday Park Nature Center

2001 Show Dates

ADS NATIONAL SHOW April 5-7 Louisville, Kentucky

April 11-12 - Scottsburg Show, Leota Barn

April 14 - SWODS in Cincinnati

April 17 - Set-up Indianapolis Show

April 18-19 - IDS Show (55th & Meridian)

April 17 and 18 Adena in Chillicothe

April 21 and 22 NODS in Akron

April 21 and 22 - CODS in Columbus



Your IDS Officers

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DAFFODIL CONVENTION 2001
April 4–April 7, 2001
Executive West Hotel
830 Phillips Lane
Freedom Way @ Kentucky Exposition Center and Airport
Louisville, Kentucky 40209-1387

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

How do you want your name(s) to appear on your badge?

This is my first ADS Convention (I'm a newbie!)
 I'm willing to be a daffbuddy (I'll help a newbie!)
 I plan to exhibit in the ADS National Show

Registration fee – Includes: National Show, tours, and banquets.

| | Amount Enclosed |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Before December 15, 2000 | \$215.00 _____ |
| Before February 15, 2001 | \$240.00 _____ |
| After February 15, 2001 | \$270.00 _____ |

Optional Activities

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| Thursday: | |
| Tour of the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center | \$15.00 _____ |
| Friday: | |
| Hybridizers Breakfast | \$15.00 _____ |
| OR Historic Daffodils Breakfast..... | \$15.00 _____ |
| Saturday: | |
| Judges Refresher Breakfast..... | \$18.00 _____ |
| OR Creative Flower Arranging..... | \$15.00 _____ |
| Sunday: | |
| Tour Kentucky Horse Park | \$40.00 _____ |
| (35 participants required for horse park tour) | |

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Send completed registration form and check payable to **ADS Convention 2001** to:

Judith P. Hunt, Registrar
 6701 Echo Trail
 Louisville, Kentucky 40299

The IDS is offering scholarships to first-time attending members for \$50.00 off Louisville Convention 2001. Members cannot be SWODS or KDS members and must be Indiana Residents. In addition, they have to write a couple paragraphs on whom they met and what they did for the IDS *Ledger/ ADS Journal* by May 30, 2001.

The ADS is also offering \$50.00 plus a one-year ADS membership to any first-time attendees, so that's \$100.00 discount total, plus an ADS membership!

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST
AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY CONVENTION 2001
Executive West Hotel
830 Phillips Lane
Freedom Way @ Kentucky Exposition Center and Airport
Louisville, Kentucky 40209-1387
Kentucky: 800-633-8723; 502-367-2251
Out-of-State: 800-626-2708
Fax: 502-363-2087

Make reservations before March 14, 2001. When reserving by phone, be sure to identify yourself as part of the ADS Convention

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

Rates: 1 to 4 persons per room\$99.00

(Rate does not include 12.03% tax)

of Rooms # of People

Special Requests _____

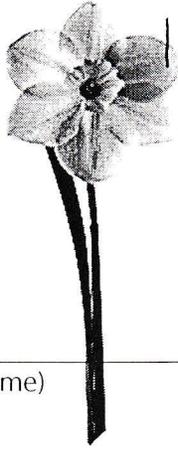
To guarantee reservation for arrival after 6:00 PM, send deposit for one night's lodging (plus tax) or credit card information.

Name of Cardholder _____

Card Number _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____

Master Card, VISA, Diners, American Express, Discover Accepted



INDIANA DAFFODIL SOCIETY

'COUNT ON ME'

SIGN-UP FORM 2001

(Your Name)

(Phone)

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the following areas. Unless otherwise noted, all jobs are worth one point toward the Special Bulb for Special People or Appreciation Award Bulb awarded at the October meeting. Please check the jobs you're interested in, make a copy for your records and give this sheet (or mail) to Joe Hamm, 4815 Fauna Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46234.

SPRING

_____ **Orchard in Bloom** (Joe Hamm 293-3381)

2 hour shifts available May 4, 5, 6, 2001

DAFFODIL SHOW (Joe Hamm 293-3381)

PIZZA PARTY

_____ **Page** (helps juniors with entries)

_____ **Bring drinks and cups**

April 17, 2001 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Pizza Party night before the Show)

_____ **Page** (helps people with entries)

April 18 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Clerk

_____ April 18 10:30-1:00 a.m. (helps judges and records winners)

Dish for Luncheon

_____ April 18, 12:00 - Tag the tops of all dishes "for Daffodil Society"

Salad, Hot Dish, or Dessert

_____ **Show Set up** (April 17 1:00-3:00)

_____ **Show Tear Down** (April 19 3:00-5:00)

Other things that are awarded partial points relating to the show:

Entering the Show, Encouraging a non-member friend enter the show, Attending the Show, Bringing a Friend to the Show, Entering another show in the region.

SUMMER

Digging at Mrs. Link's or other member's gardens

(all times are 7:00 am-10:00 am)

- _____ 1st week of July - weekday
- _____ 2nd week July -weekend
- _____ 3rd week July weekday

Bagging Parties

- _____ Party Host
- _____ Bagger and General Factotum July 20, Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- _____ Bagger and General Factotum August 17, Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

July 29, 2001 Bulb Sale Holliday Park Nature Center

- _____ Donating bulbs to the Sale
- _____ Secretary Assistant for cash table
- _____ July Sale Set-up & Carriers 8:00 am-10:30
- _____ July Sale at Holliday Park 10:30 am-1:00

August 26, 2001 Bulb Sale Holliday Park Nature Center

- _____ Donating bulbs to the Sale
- _____ Treasurer Assistant for cash table
- _____ August Sale Set-up & Carriers 8:00 am-10:30
- _____ August Sale 10:30 am-1:00

Partial points awarded for bringing a friend to the sale to shop.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- _____ Heading up a school planting project for students
- _____ **Community Planting Projects** (tell us how you use daffodils in your community)
- _____ Other (please tell us your idea!)

AUTHORS

- _____ **Newsletter/Web page articles** - History of IDS; biographies of Helen Link, Helen Trueblood and other members of note.

YEAR 'ROUND

Hospitality - Barbara Sindors has a separate list for this, but it's worth points, too.

ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITIES

- _____ **Scrapbook** - Still need a couple people to put together the IDS scrapbook
- _____ **Poster Maker** - Pasting Pictures to Poster Board for the Sales.

THE OOH AND AH! NON-FLOWER DAFFODIL SHOW

March 20, 2001 Link Observatory, Brooklyn, Indiana

The Ooh and Ah! Daffodil Show is a chance for you to show off all your daffodil "stuff" - earrings, plates, napkins, whatever you have with a daffodil on it! Prizes!

General Rules: Entries may be made from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are no entry cards but exhibitors might like to work out their own identification system.

Exhibit Rules: Tables will be provided but exhibitors must bring their own staging requirements. Entries may be and should be removed before exhibitor leaves. All classes are open to anyone. Classes may be subdivided by the judges. The decision of the judges is final. Ha!

Exhibit Sections

Section A One piece of anything

Section B Three pieces which don't have to match.

Section C Collection of five pieces

Section D Collection of twelve or less pieces

Section E Collection of more pieces than believable

Division 1 China / Porcelain Bowls Teapots Candlesticks Miscellaneous Plates

Division 2 Crystal Bowls Vases Plates Miscellaneous Stemware

Division 3 Fabric Bags Hats Clothing Miscellaneous

Division 4 Furniture Lamps Miscellaneous

Division 5 Glass Bowls Stemware Plates Miscellaneous

Division 6 Jewelry Bracelets Rings Earrings Miscellaneous Necklaces

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|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Division 7 | Metal | | | |
| Division 8 | Miniatures | | | |
| Division 9 | Paintings | Oil | Watercolors | Miscellaneous |
| Division 10 | Paper | | | |
| Division 11 | Plastic | | | |
| Division 12 | Pottery Bowls | Stemware Mugs | | Vases /Pots |
| Division 13 | Silver Bowls | Platters/ Flatware | | Miscellaneous |
| Division 14 | Sundries & Miscellaneous | | | |

Awards

The **Helen Link** Historic Award for the nicest, old exhibit. (our 87 yr. old founder)

The **Helen Trueblood** Award for the piece or collection that best exhibits 'Shabby Chic'. (and doesn't care what anyone thinks about it!)

The **Doug & Jeanne Clarke** Large Collection Award named for someone who has at least one of everything.

The **Joe Hamm** Award for the best organized collection. (as is he)

The **Joyce Wozniak** Silver Piggy Award given for anything that adds up.(our treasurer)

The **Barbara Sindors** Pink Award for the best pink thing. (she breeds lovely pink daffodils!)

The **Tom Walls** Jewelry Award named for someone who spends too much time collecting rings and doesn't wear any of them!

The **Suzy Wert** Best in Show Award if you steal the show schedule, you can name it after yourself ! =====

Ya 'll Come!

~by Chuck Schad

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Loo-ee-vil, loo-a-vul or loo-is-vil. Derby City, River City, or Falls City. Gateway to the West, or the Gateway to the South. No matter how YOU wanna say it, or what you wanna call it, **Louisville, Kentucky** is where every narcissophile will want to be the first week of April 2001 for the **ADS national convention**. Members of the Kentucky Daffodil Society have been working hard to make sure everyone has an unforgettably good time. Learn all about the history of the region and see all your daffodil friends here in the middle of the country. So many accomplished daffodil growers, exhibitors and lovers are within a half-day's drive that we anticipate a very well attended convention. Convention co-chairs and Kentuckiana daffodil matriarchs Hilda Dunaway and Helen Trueblood have organized a program sure to please every attendee, no matter your wish, expectations or experience. **Newcomers** are incented once more with a \$50 discount off cost of registration. **Daffbuddies** will also pair off with newcomers to show them the ropes and make the most of their participation. Please be sure to note on your registration form if you are a first time attendee or if you would like to be a daffbuddy. We're counting on plenty of both.

The Convention will take place at the **Executive West Hotel**, located across the expressway from Louisville International Airport. The Executive West is easy to access whether you fly or drive. Drivers, no matter the direction of your approach, will find the Hotel easily by following the signs to the Fair/Expo center. It will lead you directly to Phillips Lane and the Executive West Hotel. Be careful that you do not end up on the wrong side of the street at the Executive Inn. All the daff junkies will be at the

Executive WEST. Those arriving by air may call the Hotel for complimentary shuttle service by using the courtesy phones located near baggage claim. The wait is usually brief. Staging and exhibition on the ground floor make it easy for everyone to bring loads of daffs. Bring yours!

Of course the **National Daffodil Show** is what many are most interested in, whether you exhibit or just admire our favorite flower, or both. We anticipate a huge show, knowing folks from the south will have their lates, folks from the north will have their earlies and in the central areas folks will have loads of peak season blooms, not to mention what will be brought in from across the country or the ocean. Show chairs Pat and Bill Evans, along with Joe Hamm, assure you that staging can begin Wednesday at 3PM and will continue all through the night until 9AM Thursday morning. Every effort will be made, not only to host a hopefully record number of blooms, but also to meet every exhibitor's need and fancy. Helen will be there all night, so you know too there will also be some good coffee to keep you primed. Many have worked hard to arrange new props for the show and provide the exhibitors with plenty of room and support, as well as cool conditions favorable for our daffodils. Hint: dress appropriately if you are averse to chilly rooms and do bring your flowers. Let's put every show-worthy flower in the running next spring.

Thanks to Bill Lee's challenge in Portland in the fall of '98, the KDS has had a **photo section** in their last two shows. To further this worthy objective, we are proud to invite exhibition of your daffodil photos this year for the first time at an ADS National Show. Photography classes include portraits, landscape, people and collages of five photos. Everyone can be encouraged to exhibit their photos knowing that amateurs and professionals will be judged separately. The KDS owes many thanks to the Louisville Photographic Society for providing display props and

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a judging panel of professional photographers. Please bring your mounted photos, either 8X10 or 11X14, color or black and white. Sue Bartle, 107 Nashua Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129, 812-945-8219, e-mail suebartle@prodigy.net, is the photography show coordinator. Please contact her should you need more info. Also be sure to check on your registration form that you plan to exhibit photos and how many. By so doing you will be sent a complete list of rules and classes. Advance notice is required—we want to provide adequate display space for every possible photo exhibit. Get them ready now for exhibit and bring them all! Oh, and to see some past photo winners from around the country, go to: pg.212, top left photo by Mary Price, the *Journal*, June 2000; pg.88, top left photo by Suzanne Evans, and the back cover photo by Judith Sullivan of the *Journal*, December 1999; and pg. 4, top photo by Ray Henry, *Journal* September 1999.

Show judging is scheduled to begin at 10AM, sharp, **Thursday** morning. Suzy Wert, an able ADS member, known to many, has assembled the judging panels. While they are busy with their charge, buses will leave the hotel for an optional trip to **The Falls of the Ohio State Park and Interpretive Center**, nestled on the Northern bank of the mighty Ohio River in 1404 acres known as the Falls of the Ohio National Wildlife Refuge. You won't want to miss the spectacular view here. Seeing the downtown skyline from its best vantage point is only a small reward. Here at the falls, you won't see a Niagara. You will see some rapids which gave rise to the falls cities of Louisville, Shippingport and Portland in Kentucky, and Jeffersonville, Clarksville and New Albany Indiana, along with an exposed fossil bed that was 400 million years ago a tropical inland sea floor. Ancient corals and many other forms of sea life long extinct are to be found here. If the river level is low, you can walk on the fossil beds for close inspection. If you are not that daring, but still interested in the

natural history of a spot where Audubon rendered more than 200 sketches of some 14 avian species, the interpretive center offers an entertaining and informative exhibit of the geology, history and development of the falls. There is an outdoor wildlife observation deck and a room indoors for viewing the river that gave rise to city of Louisville. Natural history enthusiasts and souvenir hunters are sure to find treasures in the gift shop. The buses for this trip will return to the hotel in time for lunch on your own and plenty of free time for all.

Back at the hotel, judges will have proclaimed the show winners. The **show will be open at 2PM** and remain open until take-down following the Friday night banquet. Hurry in to see if you got the ribbons and medals you hoped you would.

KDS members will have opened the **daffodil boutique** for your daffodil paraphernalia perusing and procurement proclivities. Sue Bartle has coordinated this too, and with donations from many near and far, you are guaranteed to find at least one item you can't live without, no matter what your taste or budget. Sue adds that its not too late for you to make donations to the boutique. If you have items or know someone who does, she welcomes the contribution. Any individual is invited to rent space or donate items. Sue has set high standards and you must contact her soon if you wish to participate. The KDS boutique will be open 9-5 Thursday through Saturday, but come early for best selection.

At 3:30PM the **Daffbuddies will meet with their newcomers** as they arrive, explaining the nuances of a convention of people with the severe, but only slightly dangerous, contagion known commonly as yellow fever.

The **cash bar** opens 6PM and gives everyone a chance to mix, mingle and meet new and old friends.

Mentors are encouraged to introduce the newcomers. At 7PM, **dinner** will be served in the hotel and Helen Trueblood and Kirby Fong will present the **awards**. Newcomers will also be recognized and welcomed. Early to bed applies now to those who don't want to miss a thing- Friday's schedule is packed tight.

Starting at 8AM **Friday** morning, you will have to choose from two breakfast programs. A **Hybridizers Breakfast** organized by Elise Havens or the **Historics Breakfast** hosted by Helen Trueblood and Joe Hamm. Joe and Helen will narrate a slide show of the **Fabulous Five Plus**. You will see the work and legacy of Backhouse, Engleheart, Brodie of Brodie, P.D. Williams and Guy Wilson, plus anyone else they decide worthy. Elise will assemble a panel of noted hybridizers with a topic of current interest.

Friday's tour goers will board buses by 9:30. Two sets of buses will depart the Executive West. They will all visit the same destinations but one group starts in the east and the other starts in the west. Four stops are planned and the buses will cover less than 30 miles, so you won't be cooped up too long. Cave Hill Cemetery, the garden of Sandi and Russ Johnson, Bullitt Estate and Whitehall historic home and garden make up the stops.

In less than 20 minutes from our suburban hotel, those working their way east will arrive at **Cave Hill Cemetery**, a horticultural and historic jewel of tranquil respite only minutes from downtown. Chartered in 1848 and comprised of 296 acres, Cave Hill, where more than 500 species of woody plants can be seen, is home to over 20 specimen trees that are the largest of their species known in Kentucky. Miles of paved roads meander through this tranquil setting where many people of local prominence have found their final resting spot. Many monuments are works of art indeed and depict the changes in style

and materials used for memorials through the decades and centuries. Union and confederate soldiers are buried here. Colonel Harlan Sanders of Kentucky Fried chicken Fame; Pete 'the Gladiator' Browning, described as the best right-handed batter who helped make the Hillerich and Bradsby Louisville Slugger famous; J. Graham Brown who created the first hot brown sandwich; Henry Watterson who edited the Louisville Courier-Journal in its heyday; and George Rogers Clark who founded Louisville and Clarksville, are just a few of the notable locals buried here. Also buried and returning their yellow spring glow in a perennial way are- you guessed it- a few of our favorite flowers.

Whitehall, our next stop and about 5 minutes from Cave Hill, originated in 1855 as a farmhouse of eight rooms, 4 down and 4 up. Having always been on just 20 acres, the original Italianate house was built by the first saw mill owner in the area. It's considered her Victorian fantasy of what an antebellum mansion should look like. You will be able to tour through parts of the house. Be careful of the ghost though. It's not known who the ghost is, though we know its not Hume Logan Jr., who was the first one to spot the ghost. If you tour the house, beware of lights turning on and doors opening-its just the ghost doing what he likes most. Logan, Jr. also designed a formal garden in the Florentine style. The grounds are currently in transition as work proceeds to make this a botanical garden. KDS members, thanks to generous donations of bulbs from novelty growers and historic enthusiasts, have planted a few displays of our favorite flower. Look for more than 120 novelty cultivars labeled in trial beds. Historic buffs will most likely be impressed with a planting of over 100 labeled pre-1940 cultivars in the annual garden. Thousands more bulbs are naturalized all over the property and will nod yellow welcome to all that come. The KDS has planted all these not only for the enjoyment of convention comers, but for local visitors as well.

Whitehall is on its way to becoming a horticultural destination in its own right and it is the hope the KDS that others will catch yellow fever here. Look for wonderful woody plants here too, and don't miss the woodland walks and the formal areas walled with yew. Box lunches will be served here.

Ten minutes away is the next stop. Of both architectural and horticultural interest, **Bullitt Farm and Estate** is still occupied by Mrs. Bullitt, now in her 90's. This huge tract of property was first deeded to a Bullitt in 1795 and Bullitt farm is still in the family with 495 acres, a bucolic island in suburban sprawl. Mrs. Bullitt is an Olympic medallist in tennis circa 1920's and a lifelong gardener. She delights in opening the grounds and seven different gardens to other enthusiasts and has planted lots of bulbs just for our visit. Gardens of dwarf conifers, annuals and perennials dominate, but you will also see woodland plantings as they awake from their winter's rest, and a working farm. If we are lucky, the horses will be training too. A small museum will be open.

Back on the bus, we will make the 10-minute trip to **The Daylily Garden**. Sandi and Russ Johnson began planting this 3-acre garden 20 years ago. Today it's one of only four AHS Display gardens in Kentucky and the only in Louisville. 500 Hemerocalis find their home here among thousands of mass planted daffs. A three-pond stocked and planted water feature anchors the gardens, which is set up along meandering paths through meadow and woodland and are adjoined with beds full of horticultural delights of all sorts. April will show the garden just waking from its winter slumber, a most wondrous time in the garden to those afflicted with yellow fever.

General Board Meeting at 4PM. If you are free during this time you may want to view the show again and shop the boutique- both will be open.

Those taking **Judges School II** on Sunday morning will take the **identification test at 4PM too.** Look for these flowers to be staged Thursday after the show has been judged.

The **cash bar** opens again at 6PM and the buzz of the crowd is likely to be high in anticipation of the night's **7 o'clock banquet** headlined by **keynote speaker Ian Tyler**, Standish, England. He has accomplished much in the world of daffs since he began growing daffodils 21 years ago; joined The Daffodil Society 18 years ago; achieved accredited judge status in 1993; served TDS as marketing manager since 1995 and is a Silver Gift Medal recipient for services to The Daffodil Society during the centenary. Ian plans to make a slide presentation of Ron Scamp's flowers and set up a stand of same. With what is known of his sense of humor and the rumored fan club, lots of laughs are a sure bet.

Saturday starts at 7:30 with a choice once again between two breakfasts. Kathy Welsh has organized a panel for the **Judges Refresher Breakfast** to discuss the often tricky business of **judging miniatures**. Everyone who judges will want to catch all the latest here. Jean Ohlmann of the KDS and treasurer for the convention, is a Master Flower Show Judge and board member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. She is most talented and will offer a workshop on **Creative Flower Arranging with Daffodils**. Jean's artistic and creative talents will make this a workshop well worth your time. What a tough decision choosing breakfast can be. I wanna be at both.

Those wishing to take in more of the local sights will leave on buses by **9AM** for the **Kentucky Derby Museum** just outside world famous **Churchill Downs** where the three year-old thoroughbreds thunder down the homestretch every first Saturday in May for the garland of roses. We'll be a month early,

but can at least get the two-hour tour through the recently redone museum showcasing the thoroughbred industry and the Kentucky Derby, including three floors of racing artifacts, a life size thoroughbred exhibit and a well-stocked gift shop. There may be time to look around the legendary track and even see some horseflesh.

Next stop is the Hillerich and Bradsby **Louisville Slugger Museum** on historic West Main Street where can be found one of the world's largest concentrations of 19th century cast iron façade buildings. You can't miss the Museum though- it is marked by the world's largest baseball bat! The tour takes visitors underground through a locker room and dugout and on to view lots of baseball memorabilia. The tour concludes in the manufacturing area where you will see bats in production. Fans of the favorite American pastime must also visit the gift shop. Box lunches will be served here as well and everyone leaves with a mini slugger of their own.

If the Mother Nature graces her favor upon us with fair weather, our next stop will be the new **Waterfront Park**. Connecting Louisville back to its waterfront roots on the riverbanks has been a longtime goal of many local civic leaders. Now, as a result of lots of time and money, Louisville is back in touch with the water in grand style. The Waterfront Park, just 4 years ago rustbelt industrial sites and scrap yards, combines active and passive recreation opportunities with such features as the Great Lawn, Festival Plaza, and the Water Feature with fountain stretching 900 feet. The park adjoins many features you may explore including the Louisville Wharf, berthing place of the **Belle of Louisville**, the world's oldest authentic paddlewheel steamboat, and an 8 mile river walk with loads of daffodils in mass plantings.

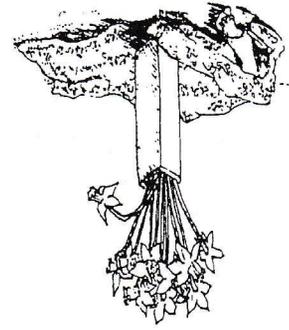
Buses will have you back to the hotel for the rest of Saturday's events.

At 4:30, Steve Vinisky will lead this year's ADS **Bulb Auction**. Steve has exceptional skills at auctioneering, so even if you want to sit on your hands, don't miss this! But if you are serious about having the latest and greatest of our favorite flower, loosen and up and be ready to bid for what promises to be a huge selection of choice bulbs from the world's most accomplished hybridizers. The latest advances in daffodil breeding are likely to be represented by the bulbs auctioned.

6PM opens the **last cash bar** for our gathering and will lead us in to our **farewell banquet** at 7PM. **Bill Tribe** will be our keynote speaker. He is a legend in daffodildom and has a program sure to captivate every daffnik. Don't miss it!

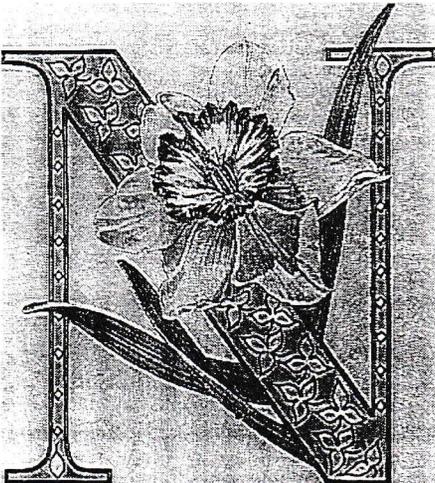
You don't have to leave us so soon though. **Sunday** we have **Judges School II** at 8AM and an optional trip into the famous Kentucky Bluegrass Region. At 9AM buses leave for the **Kentucky Horse Park** in Lexington, some 90 miles east. At Kentucky Horse Park you can ride horse drawn trolleys through the 1000-acre park or take a self-guided walking tour. Visit the **International Museum of the Horse** to see the history of all breeds of horses depicted. A working **thoroughbred horse farm** will also be on tour. If you've never been to the bluegrass, you are in for a treat. It's in April when the grass really does wear a blue sheen and Kentucky never looks better than when winter turns to spring. The daffs grace the countryside where the horses know the first Saturday in May they crown their champion, just as next spring narcissophiles from all over the world will crown their best, in Louisville, on the first weekend in April.

Y'all do come now or you will always wonder what you've missed. And I'll wager now you'll be sorry if ya'll don't come.



Suzy Wert
Indiana Daffodil Society
7350 N. Illinois Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Next Meeting March 20, 2001 for the 'Oooh and Aaah
NON-FLOWER Daffodil Show' at the Link Observatory, just
south of Indianapolis.



Directions: From 465 South at 67, go south on 67, past
Mooresville exit, until Observatory Rd., which has a large sign.
(If you see the sign for Martinsville, you've gone too far
south.) Go about 3 miles (this is a wild estimate) on
Observatory Rd until it turns left at a 90 degree angle and
the Link Observatory is off to your right, bordering Mrs.
Link's property. Call Joe Hamm 293-3381, if you need more
specific directions.

Bring a pitch-in luncheon item, service for yourself, and all
your non-flower daffodil goodies!