



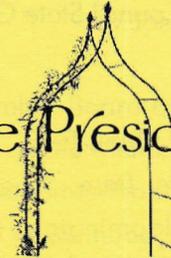
The Indiana Ledger

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Suzy Wert, Editor

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From the Garden of the President



Greetings Daffodillians!

At the time of this writing, the daffodil flag is up on North Illinois Street with blooms of *N. cantabricus*, protected from the snow and cold. It is a pretty thing, a white *bulbocodium*-type that may or may not be hardy here. There just isn't enough information available on which species bulbs are hardy here in Indiana, and with our low winter temperatures ranging from -20 to 0 depending on the year, the information could take a while to compile!

You'll notice from the masthead that we have a new president, but not a new *Ledger* editor, and it was recently brought to my attention that no reasonably sane person would take over editing a 12 page newsletter. With that thought in mind, the *Ledger* will now be condensed to a four-page document in the hopes that someone will step forward to be editor.

A new president and a new board usually mean a lot of changes, but not in this case. I would like to make a concerted effort to honor members who have been important to the IDS and get our bulbs (and ourselves) out into the community. Although it's a tough act to follow, taking over the presidency from Joe Hamm has been a joy, as he has both a good memory and lots of notes. Thank you, Joe!

We will continue the Appreciation Bulbs that we awarded to our hard-working members again this year. For those of you not present at last October's meeting, there were some wonderful and very expensive bulbs bought from Mitsch Novelty Daffodils given away to the members who make this club viable. Each job in the society was allocated a point or two; anything from bringing refreshments to digging bulbs to entering flowers in the show. The points were tallied for each member who then got to pick the bulb of their choice from the head table. It was well-received by members, but we'll make two improvements: making a list of the bulb descriptions available at the October meeting so members can read about their choices and having a sign-up sheet so members can more easily pick the jobs they would prefer to do. The sign up sheet is titled "Count on Me" and is included with this newsletter. Please take time to look it over, fill it out, and either bring it to March meeting or mail it.

I see I'm at the end of the page and already can understand making this newsletter shorter and keeping it friendly and informative will be a challenge! Did I say four pages? Maybe next issue!

Looking forward to seeing you all in March!

Suzy Wert

2000 Daffodil Calendar

March 21, 2000, Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Nora Library. Daffodil Flower Arranging with Ruth Moorehead, National Council State Garden Club Life Judge

April 10-11, 2000, Mon-Tues. Scottsburg. Daffodil Show at Leota Barn. Contact: Helen Trueblood, 3035 Bloomington Trail Rd., Scottsburg, IN 47170, (812)752-2998

April 17, 2000, Monday - Set-up Indianapolis Show 1:00 p.m. at Meridian Street United Methodist Church

April 17, 2000, Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm - PIZZA PARTY! Have Pizza and Coke with the juniors and enter your flowers the evening before the show. Be sure to write the name of your flower on the stem in ball point ink when you pick it. If you've never entered in the show before, this is an ideal way to get your feet wet! See story page 4.

April 18-19, 2000, Tuesday and Wednesday
IDS 43rd Annual Daffodil Show
Meridian Street United Methodist Church
5500 N. Meridian Street

May 5, 6, 7, 2000, Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
Orchard in Bloom Holliday Park

June 25, 2000, Sunday 12:00 noon
IDS Summer Pitch-in Picnic with Kentucky Daffodil Society. Helen Trueblood's garden, 3035 Bloomington Trail Rd., Scottsburg. KDS members will update us on their ADS 2001 convention plans.

July 30, 2000, Sunday IDS DAFFODIL BULB SALE.

Glendale Shopping Mall-62nd and Keystone Ave.
Member sales 10:30; 11:00 open to the public .

August 12, 2000, Saturday 1:00 p.m. Nora Library. A Photographic Journal - Taking flower portraits with photographer, Debbie Ashby.

August 27, 2000, Sunday IDS DAFFODIL BULB SALE Glendale Shopping Mall-62nd and Keystone Ave. 10:30 member sales begin; 11:00 open to the public .

October 7, 2000, Saturday 1:00 Nora Library Club Bulb Distribution, Appreciation Award Bulbs, and Bulb/Plant Exchange. Program: Forcing Bulbs ^ with Peggy MacNeale ^ requires registration, see last page of the yearbook.

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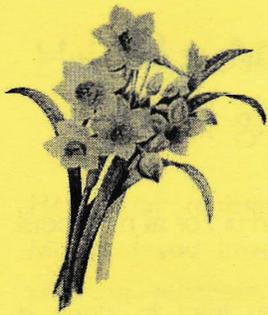
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IDS Miscellany

The Board has developed a wonderful series of meetings for this year, with more hands-on activities, starting with flower arranging in March with guest Ruth Moorehead, Life Judge for National Council of State Garden Clubs. Ruth is willing to take 3 volunteers from the audience to arrange daffodils side-by-side with her. If you are interested in being one of the volunteers, please call Suzy at 317-259-0060, and she'll tell you what to bring.

2000 Show Schedules will be available — look for the extra classes and ribbons. If you want to enter a flower arrangement, contact Dolores Moore.

The 1999 *Daffodils to Show and Grow* will be available for \$5.25. You will definitely need one of these if you don't already have one.

Yearbooks Ready - Dues Due

Be sure to pick up a 2000 yearbook if your dues are current. (And of course, bring money if you are in arrears.) Only nine people haven't paid their 2000 dues; if there is a "99" after the name on your mailing label, your dues are due. The yearbook lists our Y2K activities and meeting programs.

Sign up Now for the
Potting Party held at
the October
Meeting!

-information and registration are on
the back page of the yearbook!



Helen Link - First Lady of Daffodils becomes the First Life Member of IDS

by Joe Hamm

The November Board meeting brought forward a discussion of Life Members. The society has been remiss in honoring those who have served so well. The Board unanimously voted to make Helen K. Link the first Honorary Life Member. Helen deserves this honor as Helen was the foundress of the Indiana Daffodil Society and attended the first ADS Board meeting some 50 years ago. Helen's generosity of her service to the Society on a local and National basis makes her exemplary therefore deserving of this honor. She has given tirelessly of her daffodil bulbs, given her introductions without charge, and her time without regard to compensation or praise.... Helen, enjoy this humble token with the love for you held by the membership.

Leota Show

If you've never been down to Helen Trueblood's Leota show, you absolutely must try to get there this year! This year, Helen's show is on a Monday, which means there might not be as much competition for ribbons as usual.

Leota? Think of I-65 south to Scottsburg. It's just a few miles from that interstate exit. Helen will have show schedules (including maps) at the March 21st IDS meeting. The show is a lot of fun and lunch is provided — homecooked by Helen, because cleaning the barn and setting up the show by herself isn't quite enough work!

John Hunter's Gift to IDS



Indiana has received some excellent bulb prizes donated by our friend, John Hunter, in New Zealand. And you get the bulb itself, not a gift certificate! The best deal, though, is that you don't have to win the best Australia/New Zealand flower to win one! *John specifically wanted the newer Indiana members to have a chance at his bulbs, so we're using one as prize for the best new grower award and one for the IDS Challenge bulb award (Ice Wings).* Be sure to try to enter these classes, because the bulbs he's sending are newer varieties hybridized by him: Sulphur Monarch 1Y-Y, Polar Venture 2W-W and Elfin Dell 2W-P (Intermediate). He will also send Polar Sky 2W-P and Polar Convention 3W-W! These five daffodils have all been the best of their divisions at the New Zealand National Daffodil Society Shows.

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*The ADS invites you to join
with over 1400 members
around the world to learn
the latest about daffodils.*

*Members receive the quarterly
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and are invited to attend nearby
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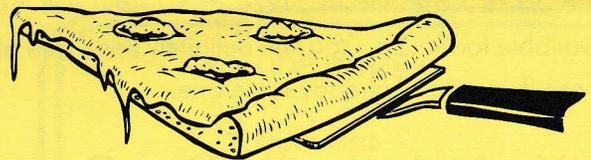
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April Pizza Party & Flower Staging Party!

Something new and wonderful for all members!

Remember the first time you tried to stage a daffodil stem and piece of yew in a test tube? Nothing would go the way it was supposed to go and it wouldn't stay put? If you've been entering flowers for a while, chances are those troubles are long behind you, but for new members, this "night before" staging party is just the ticket to gain the experience to pit their flowers and horticultural practices against others'. Now new members can come the night before and get instruction in the fine art of flower staging, and experienced members can get an earlier start on their entries. Low Key. Congenial. Fun! Did I mention Pizza?



Papa John's will make deliveries every hour from 6:00-8:00 – just so we can keep up our energy. Bring flowers, friends, family; it's going to be a good time!

Experienced members, we need you! Just being available for people to watch you stage and ask you questions is enough. Bring some flowers to stage. Since this is "bonus time", you should have enough time to get a few flowers staged and answer questions. Maybe talk as you stage so people can hear why you do things a certain way. We'll have some outdoor (cool and damp) covered storage to hold the flowers until the morning when the pages will bring them in and set them out on the tables.

Helen Link's New Registrations

by Joe Hamm

Helen Link registered three daffodils in 1999. Many of you have been growing these under seedling numbers. These all have the same qualities that gave them the value of being registered: They increase well, are free flowering, sunproof, make for great garden plants and most of all, have exhibition quality and they are faintly scented.

'Enchanted Prince' 3 W-GWW (seedling #1374) is a Very Late or season 5 standard bloom. The cross was 'Sweet Music' x 'Peewee' in 1974. It first flowered in 1979. The white perianth is spreading and smooth with heavy substance. The bowl-shaped corona is green to half the cup and then white to the rim.

'Radiant Star' 2 WWY-GYY (seedling #1976A) is an Early, or season 1, Intermediate bloom. The cross was ('Beige Beauty' x 'Limeade' X 'Rio Rouge' in 1976. It first flowered in 1982. The perianth is star shaped, smooth segments, heavy substance a with color in the ribbing causing a radiating of the pale yellow-green base color. The cylinder corona with its flared mouth and dentated edge make this a bloom very exciting. Under seedling number in 1999 it took the ADS Best Intermediate Awards in the Louisville and Leota Shows. Additionally it won the Helen Trueblood Rosette Award in Louisville.

'Summer Princess' 3 W-GYY (seedling #1674Z) is a Very Late, or season 5, standard bloom. The cross was 'Peewee' x 'Xit' in 1974. It first flowered in 1979. This is a mate to 'Enchanted Prince' and is slightly taller and the cup has a green eye but with yellow in two zones.

Helen will be registering two or three more seedlings this coming year.....

IDS Offers New Ribbons

The ribbons for the new IDS Awards came just before *The Ledger* went to press, and they are spectacular! – big rosettes in pastel colors. Here's the run-down, but be sure to read the show schedule for the details:

Helen Link Award - Silver-gray rosette for collection of 15 cultivars, divisions 5-9

Helen Trueblood Award - Green rosette for best collection of 5 intermediates.

Doug Clark & Barney Hobbs Award - Light blue rosette for most entries.

Joe Hamm Award - Yellow rosette for best collection of 5 Historics.

Also, there are some new ADS ribbons to look for: the **Elise Havens Ribbon** for best collection of 12 flowers, no less than 3 divisions, from divisions 5-10. The Green Ribbon has been renamed the **Marie Bozievich** ribbon.

There are 2 new Junior Award ribbons, one for a collection of 5 and one for a vase of three. This is primarily due to **our** Junior Group in Indiana and the strong junior group in Amity, Oregon. If you know of any kid(s) who would enjoy growing and showing daffodils, invite them to the show and have them talk to Joe or Suzy and we'll get them set up with a starter's kit. This is an excellent way to get kids started in gardening in general and any ages are welcomed.

Dandy Day for Daffodils

by Peggy Sabens, Meridian Kessler Association



On a perfect October morning, MSF neighbors planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs in the south end of the Winters Preserve at Westfield and North Meridian. These bulbs were generously donated by the Indiana Daffodil Society and many came from the garden of former Meridian Street resident, Mrs. Goethe (Helen) Link. We amateur gardeners were directed by the incoming president of the IDS, Suzy Wert, who showed us how to plant the bulbs. Look for the results this spring. We want to thank the IDS, especially Suzy and outgoing president and long-time Meridian Street supporter, Joe Hamm, for their help in this project. Also the Master Gardeners, especially [IDS Member] Ramona Frosch and crew, who helped keep the Alice Carter corner in flowers during this past difficult season.



Virginia Wolff

by Helen Trueblood, Leota, Indiana

Virginia Wolff was born in southern Indiana, (91 years ago this coming April) as a child she lived in Chicago, also lived in Florida and then again in Indiana. She was nicknamed the "Traveling

Horticulturist" by Helen Trueblood because she thought nothing of moving plants at any time when the need arose, or when Virginia or Helen would get the whim to rearrange their gardens as one would rearrange rooms in their homes. Cecil Woolf, Virginia's father was a very integral part of her life. Cecil would dig her garden beds deep and enrich the soil so that Virginia could plant bulbs at 12" deep or more and seldom worry about dividing. She had a unique horseshoe shaped rose bed with a bench at the open end. She grew her miniatures all around the edge and they thrived.

Virginia Wolff started growing different daffodils. "Because her father loved to grow different kinds of onions and sent for a Burpee Catalog. She saw daffodils listed as a collection. So our order was onions and daffodils – no names – who cared 'bout names?"

Helen Trueblood grew up on a farm where acres of pseudonarcissus grew. She was buying named ones and she convinced Virginia that names were important. That started the bond with Virginia and Helen ordering daffodils and hostas from someone in Iowa and Venice Brink in Illinois. Later Mrs. Thomas from Shelbyville, KY would give lists to choose bulbs and add to her large orders which would make them cheaper.

Virginia had joined a new garden club in Scottsburg, organized by Mrs. Berry. Mrs. Berry hybridized daylilies so Virginia and Helen were early growers of daylilies (a whole different story). Virginia started classes with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and insisted that Helen attend with her, encouraging Helen to become a judge. Helen says, "Virginia loved to judge, for she was as opinionated as I am!" The first blue ribbons they won for a school credit, were for daffodils. Helen

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remembers "Texas" a 4 Y-O was the first and only beautiful Texas bloom they have seen since. No one took a picture.

As National Council Judges they were at an Indiana Daffodil Show, met Helen Link and Mrs. Mc Vaugh and were convinced to go to Cincinnati for daffodil judges' school. This was the beginning of Virginia's service to IDS and ADS. She became a member in 1962, she has served as Recording Secretary, Vice-President, has served on almost all committees, was acting President at the October 6, 1983 meeting. Virginia won the IDS "Best Artistic Design" in 1968. The Minutes of the IDS record over 15 activities of her membership in IDS.



Virginia Wolff at her 90th birthday party, April 1999.

Virginia and Helen traveled many miles together to daffodil and flower shows including conventions. The Asheville, NC convention, was attended with Helen Trueblood's arm and hand in a cast. Virginia promised Verne (Helen's husband) that she would take good care of her if he would let Helen go (He hated daffodil time because Helen was always gone). They flew to Dallas for Convention and Virginia became airsick and the attendants

wanted to put them off in Atlanta. Being of pioneer stock, they rebuked with "Hey! We are not going to the hospital. We have daffodils and are going to a show!" Signing a release they went on to Dallas to win Blue Ribbons!

Virginia's tenacity for judging had her traveling (and Helen) as far as West Palm Beach, Florida in 1976 for an International Flower Show. One of many eventful trips had Virginia and Helen going to Wells Knierim's Cleveland Show. Not thinking about the riots at the time, but only daffodils. They were shocked when we drove into the riot area, finally after checking 3 motels they felt safe. Virginia won the Roberta Watrous Medal. They were so happy about the medal, seeing the beautiful show in such a lovely place and getting out of town, talking about all the events, that Virginia got a heavy foot on the drive home. Lights were flashing - a speeding ticket! Smoothly, it took both to talk the officer into letting them send a check so as not go to court. All they had was the Watrous Medal to their name.

Virginia remembers all the great times of daffodils and flower shows She had to curtail her 'goings' because of her breathing problem. It is not the same, but talking about old times in 'daffodil doings' brings back lots of memories. Virginia visits the Leota Show every year. Then she, Helen Trueblood and Barbara Bottorff visit with Alma Ogden who will celebrate her 104th birthday in March. Pink daffodils are Alma's favorite. They always take her some and explain how they look. Her eyesight doesn't allow her to see color, but daffodillers never lose their love for them.

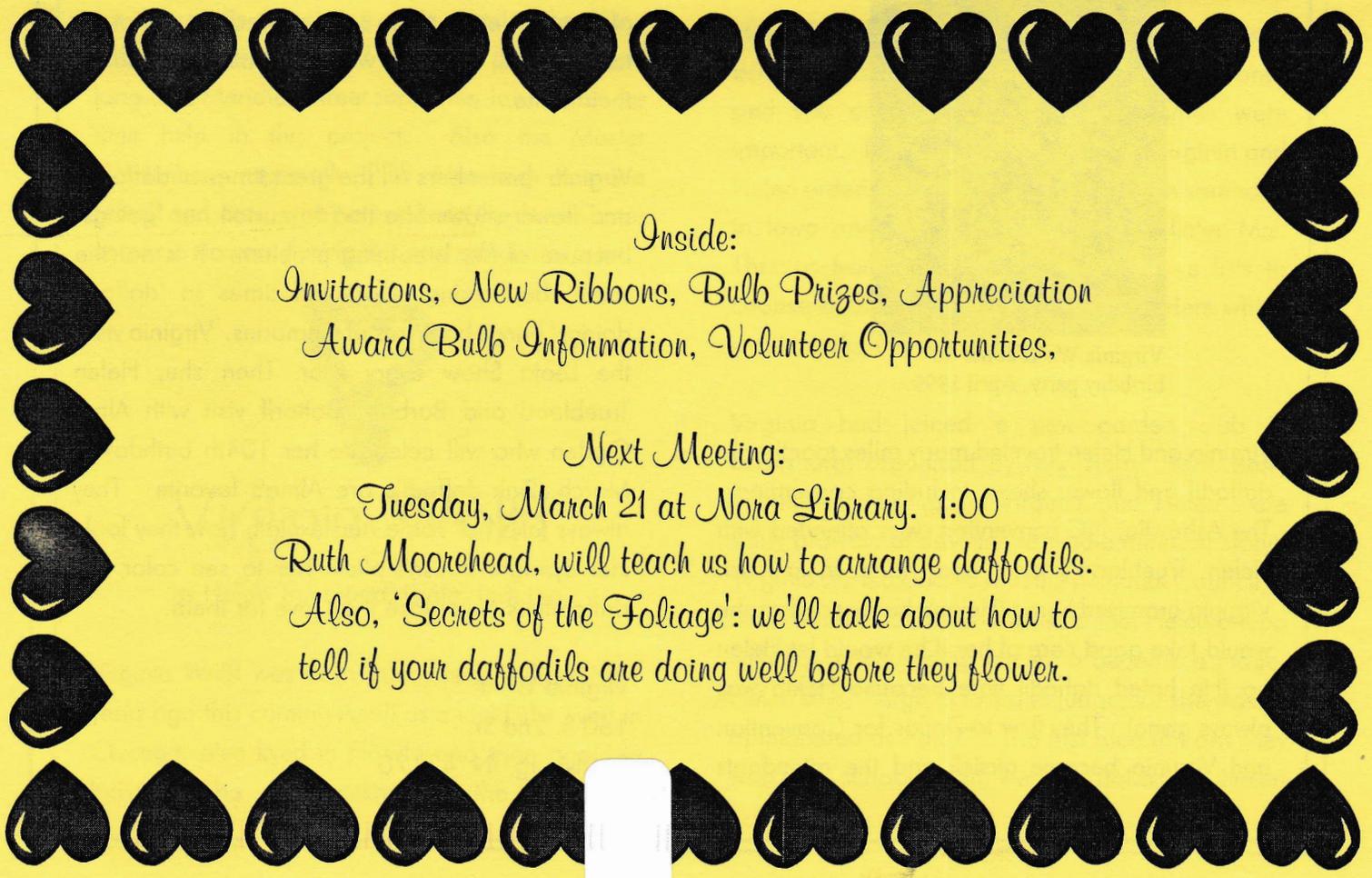
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Inside:

*Invitations, New Ribbons, Bulb Prizes, Appreciation
Award Bulb Information, Volunteer Opportunities,*

Next Meeting:

*Tuesday, March 21 at Nora Library. 1:00
Ruth Moorehead, will teach us how to arrange daffodils.
Also, 'Secrets of the Foliage': we'll talk about how to
tell if your daffodils are doing well before they flower.*