

American Daffodil Society

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“Allow me to introduce myself”, as Boris Badenov from the old 1960’s Rocky and Bullwinkle Show used to say. I’m Steve Hampson, your new regional vice-president. I was seriously involved with daffodils for about twelve years in western Pennsylvania before I and the daffodils moved to southern California about 2½ years ago. Although I had my doubts, I have found that most of the bulbs (and I) have found California to our liking. The greatest difference I have noticed between growing on each of the coasts is what it is that can be grown. In addition to growing the “normal” spring flowering cultivars, fall and winter flowering daffs can be grown in California. Incredibly, the daffodil flag flew in Santa Ana for a full 10 months this past season, beginning with *Narcissus broussonetti* last September and ending with a clump of ‘Camelot’ 2Y-Y in early June! Although I can’t guess why ‘Camelot’ decided to bloom that late, I’m certainly not complaining. As of mid-September, Harold Koopowitz in Santa Ana has *N. broussonetti*, *N. cavanillesii* and *N. serotinus* in bloom, with several other fall-blooming species and hybrids starting to show growth and/or flower buds. Already, I’ve noticed many paperwhites in the garden are beginning to send up their first leaves.

Our region held six shows in 2005; three in northern California and three in Oregon. A seventh show was scheduled in Union Gap, Washington but wasn’t ADS judged for the reason that not enough accredited judges could be found. An eighth, although non-accredited, show was held for the first time this year in Julian, California which is located at a 4200 feet elevation in the mountains east of San Diego. (See write up later in this newsletter.)

I hope to see many of you at the ADS Pacific Region fall meeting in Eugene/Springfield, Oregon on October 29th. Steve Vinisky has done a fantastic job in planning a full day of activities. Also, it’s not too early to begin thinking about attending the 2006 ADS National Convention in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. One highlight will be a tour to nearby Longwood Gardens; one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the country, if not the world.

Steve

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our region has had several new members this year. Although many of them have been recognized in this year's earlier issues of *The Daffodil Journal*, I personally would like to welcome them.

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PACIFIC REGION FALL MEETING

All of you should have received notice earlier this year of our fall regional meeting to be held on October 29th at the Shilo Inn in Eugene/Springfield, Oregon. If you haven't already signed up, you still have time to do so. Steve Vinisky has worked hard to put together a top-notch program of speakers, including Nancy Ellis on show winners across the U.S., Dr. Harold Koopowitz on fall-blooming species narcissus, Elise Havens on new daffodils from Grant Mitsch Daffodils, Nancy Wilson on growing miniatures, Kirby Fong on West Coast show winners 2004 & 2005, Steve Vinisky on potting daffodils to win at shows, and myself on narcissus species in Spain. In addition, there will be a panel discussion on what judges look for with Dr. Stan Baird, Bob Spotts and Kirby Fong.

If that isn't enough, there will be bulb sales from three excellent bulb vendors: Mitsch Daffodils, Cherry Creek Daffodils and Nancy R. Wilson Miniatures and Species Narcissus, and registrants will receive a free package of daffodil bulbs generously donated by the three vendors listed above. All this and a lunch buffet is included for the ridiculously low price of \$24.00!! Send your check, made payable to ADS Fall Meeting 2005, to Nancy Ellis, 16501 Fairview Road, Dayton, OR 97114-7507. (Phone 503 868-7507). The address of the Shilo Inn is 3350 Gateway, Springfield, OR 97477, (541) 747-0332.

JULIAN SHOW

Before the Southern California Daffodil Society disbanded, several shows were held each year. We have now gone for several years without a show. Jay Pengra encouraged a local garden group in Julian, near San Diego to hold an unjudged daffodil show on March 5th and 6th of this year. Julian is a small, quaint town with a gold-mining heritage that is located in the mountains in eastern San Diego county. The 4200 ft. elevation assures that Julian gets its share of winter weather, which usually includes measurable snow several times each winter. Julian is known for its fall apple festival and is also unofficially known as the "Daffodil Capitol of California". Over the years, hundreds of thousands of daffodils have been naturalized in several areas. The show this past March was quite successful and is to be repeated again in March 2006. The date is still to be determined. The eventual goal is to hopefully establish a new Southern California Daffodil Society with an accredited show.

2006 PACIFIC REGION SHOW DATES

March 11-12, 2006 Livermore, California:
Northern California Daffodil Society at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane. Contact: Kirby Fong, 790 Carmel Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, (925) 443-3888, kfong@alumni.caltech.edu

March 17-19, 2006, Lake Oswego, Oregon:
Oregon Daffodil Society at the Millennium Plaza Park (downtown Lake Oswego), Lake Oswego, OR 97034, (503) 534-2366. Contact: Kirsten Vollan, 1984 Wembley Park Road, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, (503) 697-5037, kirstenv@spiritone.com

March 18-19, 2006, Murphys, California:
Northern California Daffodil Society at Kautz Ironstone Vineyard. Contact: Bob Spotts, 409 Hazelnut Drive, Oakley, CA 94561, (925) 625-5526, rspotts@netvista.net

March 25-26, 2006 Amity, Oregon: Oregon Daffodil Society at Amity Elementary School gymnasium, 302 Rice Lane, Amity, OR. Contact: Nancy Ellis, 16501 S. E. Fairview, Dayton, OR 97114-8620, (503) 868-7507, Ellis16501@cs.com

March 25-26, 2006, Fortuna, California:
Fortuna Garden Club at River Lodge Conference Center, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. Contact: Dian Keese, 1000 Angel Heights Avenue, Fortuna, CA 95540, (707) 725-2281, mizmik@htan.org

April 08-09, 2006, Albany, Oregon: Oregon Daffodil Society at Heritage Mall, 1895 East 14th Street, S.E., Albany, OR 97321. Contact: Peggy Tigner, 27861 Pine View Road, Brownsville, OR 97327, (541) 466-3429, tigner@centurytel.net

April 14-15, 2006, Union Gap, Washington:
Monday Daffodil Club and Mount Cleman Garden Club, Valley Mall, 2529 Main Street, Union Gap (Yakima), WA 98903. Contact: Laura Baxter, 1460 North Bonair Road, Zillah,

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THE GENUS *NARCISSUS* AND ITS MAIN SECTIONS Harold Koopowitz

The genus *Narcissus* contains somewhere between 60 and 80 different species depending on who is doing the counting. The species are clustered into sections, which the botanists hope reflect natural groupings, with the genus. These natural groupings are, in turn, thought to denote clusters of species that have evolved from common ancestors. The entire group of course is also thought to have evolved from a single ancestral form. The number of sections also reflects the opinions of the botanists organizing the genus.

There are a number of ways that one can decide on natural groupings. At one time one did this comparing flower morphology, i.e. all of the hoop petticoats have a very large flaring corona,

reduced petals and zygomorphic (= bilaterally arranged) stamens. Some early botanists thought that was enough to put them into their own separate genus *Corbularia*. Other genera such as *Ajax* were erected for trumpet daffodils, *Hermione* for tazettas and *Queltia* for jonquils. Baker later recombined them all into *Narcissus* but these diverse genera for their most part were natural groupings of evolutionarily related species. It makes sense to break the genus into sections that reflect these relationships. There were, however, some exceptions.

When chromosomal comparisons became popular in the mid- 20th Century, the similarities and differences between the chromosomes were then used to group the various species.

Towards the end of the 20th Century, scientists compared the sequence of base pairs within single genes and used these to construct cladograms that showed not only evolutionary relationships within the sections but also between sections, something that was very difficult to do only using morphology. Many of the most important families and genera of plants have been analyzed this way except for *Narcissus*. Hopefully that will be accomplished within the next few years.

The sections listed below are taken from John Blanchard's (1990) *Narcissus: A Guide to Wild Daffodils*, which is still the best reference available. There are several very small sections that contain small numbers of obscure species and we will ignore those at this time.

Genus *Narcissus*:

Main Sections:

Narcissus: This contains the poets with one or two species depending on who is counting.

Pseudonarcissus: There are at least 23 species of trumpet daffodils, perhaps more. In this group the corona is elongated and the stamens are in a single series.

Ganymedes: One or three species in the triandrus group. Pendant flowers and variable positions of the two rings of stamens in relation to the length of the style. Usually but not always more than one flower to the stem.

Tazettae: The bunch flowered tazettas. Blanchard lists 17 species.

Jonquillae: Perhaps 5 species fit here. These tend to have rush like leaves and several flowers to the stem.

Apondanthae: Maybe 6 or 7 species. Usually flattened leaves and often only one flower to the stem.

Bulbocodium: Easy to recognize these are the hoop petticoats, with stamens of different lengths and usually on one side of the corona. Telling the 5 species apart can be difficult.

There are other sections but these are the major ones that most hobbyists grow.

THE QUIET TIME

Harold Koopowitz

I write this in midsummer. It is the quiet season as far as the daffodils are concerned. Bulbs that needed to be dug have been dug, dried and cleaned. They have been stored in brown paper bags in the garage and after each bag received a spritz of insecticide to try and foil the pervasive mealy bugs that attack our Southern Californian bulbs in storage, the bags were closed and clamped shut. They will get an inspection and further treatment if necessary in another month's time. Seeds were cleaned and sorted several months back. I still have to make labels and they will be planted in mid-August. Promising seedlings were dug and new raised beds for them are already prepared.

The bulbs are not resting, they are not really dormant, in fact they have been very busy during the June and July months. Hopefully by early August all of next season's flowers will have been made, new noses deep in the bulbs will have formed and all is ready and waiting to be inflated by the winter and spring rains.

Nearly all the orders for new bulbs were sent out months ago and they will arrive in late September. Yes this is the quiet season, the hiatus before the frenzy of opening new packages of bulbs, cool storing the new bulbs to acclimate them to our area for four weeks before planting

them. Replanting our own lifted bulbs from last season and trying to figure where all will fit, into our limited space. And while we are still planting there will be the fall blooming species and hybrids to worry about. Examining our fall blooming selections and seedlings will start in late September. Last year we had daffodils in flower from September through to May. It was almost indecently too long.

During this quiet time we daydream, wait and hope. Daydream about the new seedlings we hope to flower this year and hope that ones we liked last year will come back to enchant us again next season.

NOTES

Kirsten Vollan reports that "our festival in Lake Oswego (Oregon) is really growing and will be a city wide event this next year."

Laura Baxter reminds us that the ADS National Convention will return to the West Coast in April, 2007. The location will be Tacoma/Puyellup, Washington and will be held in conjunction with the Daffodil Festival in Puyellup. Laura is the convention chair and will be receiving help from Suzi Wert (Indiana), Kirby Fong (California), Bob Spotts (California) and Bill Lee (Ohio).