

The Indiana Ledger

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Mary Milberger, editor Vol. XVII August 2009 Sara Kinne, president

Next Meeting...August 29, 2009

At: Holliday Park Nature Center
6363 Spring Mill Road
Indianapolis, IN

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Hostesses: K. Cunningham, J. Daniels, P. Epperson,
L. Frey, S. Kinne, F. Levitt, R. Pelouch, J. Wozniak

2009 OFFICERS

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From our president...

Sara Kinne



Dear Daffodil Enthusiasts,
As my term as president comes to a close, I want to share some exciting developments and directions I am advocating that we, the Indiana Daffodil Society, embrace. This year my purpose in harvesting, storing, and selling bulbs was quite ambitious with the goal of leaving the society's treasury in good shape. This goal was not for the love of money, but for the love of daffodils, which is my passion.

I see the mission of our group, the promotion of our favorite bulb, being accomplished through our giving back to society, either directly or indirectly. One way this could happen would be through granting scholarships to horticulture students. Ruth Pelouch will be presenting a plan and conducting discussion regarding this idea at our

Mark you Calendars...

Holliday Park Nature Center, Indianapolis (HPNC)

Aug. 22, 23 IDS Bulb Sale, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. HPNC

August 29 IDS Meeting 1-4 p.m. HPNC

October 10 IDS Meeting 1-4 p.m. HPNC

August meeting. In the years to come, as I continue in my role of bulb sale chairperson, I will require goals to motivate me that involve communities benefiting from our service.

We had a brief meeting at the annual picnic in June, and a Bloomington member, Bettina Kehoe, and her children, Ivy and Jasper, were in attendance. This was especially meaningful to me because I could introduce them to IDS members. Bettina and the children have been good help to me this summer as I dug

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bulbs at Libby Frey's property, and Bettina has offered up many innovative ideas for attracting and encouraging the interest of younger people. One we'll be implementing is to give a sticker to each child who stops at our booth at the state fair. These stickers feature a photo of one of 5 different flowers on a dark background and are very striking. They were produced by Joe Hamm's photographer friend, Chuck Ortin, who donated his expertise and time, and will be available in sheets of 20 at our August meeting for only two dollars.

Our results from the first bulb sale in July at Holliday Park surpassed what we have sold in an entire season in the past. We took in \$1500 and have two more sales to conduct, plus the individual orders I'm filling. The flowers from Libby Frey are especially beautiful, but most of their names have been lost; I bring this to your attention if you are naturalizing daffodils and want the very best.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our August meeting. Please think of an idea for a future program and bring it with you on an index card for our programs file. This will be a helpful asset that you can provide for our new president. We'll be discussing your ideas about ways to funnel our IDS dollars back into the community, selling the flower stickers in sheets of 20, and offering starter bulbs for members who have joined in the last two years.

Sara Kinne

Editor's note:

Sara's term of President is coming to an end. That means, soon there will be election of new officers. But first, the nominating committee has to make up a slate of officers. How can you help your IDS? Let a current officer know what area of work you would be willing to help. The group may not know all of your "hidden" talents...go ahead...volunteer your help!

Extra! Extra! Speaker at August meeting!
Jennifer Daniel, daughter of Dr. Tom Throckmorton, will speak to us at the meeting, around 3:00 p.m. Dr. Throckmorton devised the daffodil color coding system, adopted by RHS in 1975.

Using DaffSeek :

As most of you know, I am a "new" member to IDS...and, certainly "new" to being aware that those "purdy" daffodils my family always planted actually have a history of science behind their beauty! Well, having been in the gardening world most of my life, I did actually "know" it, but just didn't think about it much. I don't think that at this stage of my life, I will become a hybridizer, and may not even be a contender in the shows...but my appreciation of the history of daffodils has grown immensely this past year. One of the best tools to study the history is to take advantage of the American Daffodil Society's online database www.DaffSeek.org There, you have a choice of looking up daffodils using these features: the Name (or "begins with"), the Division, the Perianth colors, the Corona colors, the Hybridizer, the Country, the Year registered* (or earlier or later), the Season, the Height, and even the Photographer! When the report pops up, it may include all the above info plus the Fertility, the Chromosomes, the Seed Parent, the Pollen Parent, a Pedigree Chart, Descendants, and Comments as well as Picture(s). Of course, not all fields are filled on every specimen. I have used the site heavily looking for the North Ireland hybridizer, Guy Wilson.

*You may want to take Joe Hamm's idea of giving your family and friends daffodils that were introduced the year they were born (or married, or house built, etc) That can be done by just searching for the "year registered".

I have learned that the name entered needs to be exact. The database is worse than your 5th grade teacher about the correct spelling!! If you are not sure, use the "begins with" feature...yes, you may have to sift through a much longer list, but you will find your match! Don't have a computer or access to the internet? No problem!! Most public libraries in the US do!! But not all librarians will know this wonderful site..just think! You may help with the Objectives of IDS by exchanging the interest and experience with your local librarian.

Mary Milberger

From your editor, To make the newsletter more relevant, I would like to start a column. We have so many talented people and some have received additional training, I think it would be good to let the membership in on this information. Knowing each other beyond the social aspect and really know the strengths and interests of the members can only strengthen the association in general. To get a "standardized" info sheet on each member, I would ask you to voluntarily submit to me your answers on the following questionnaire:

1. What function do you have in IDA? (officer, committee chairman, advanced, intern, past offices, etc)
2. How many years have you belonged to IDS? If you moved from another state, were you active there?
3. Why did you join IDS? or, what was the "pull" for you to join?
4. What is your favorite division or specific daffodil?
5. Do you "specialize" in any area of daffodils? (hybridizing, judging, design, etc)
6. What related training/education do you have regarding daffodils?
7. What is your favorite reference book/source of information for daffodils?
8. What is your favorite garden tool? (If it is unusual, explain more about it)
9. Offer other general information about you that you would like to share (profession, family, related hobbies, other related organization memberships, etc) Maybe, tell us something about you that we don't know.

(I realize that not everybody can/will answer all 8 questions. I may have to „edit“ for length...but I do hope you will e-mail me your answers. If you do not have e-mail, my snail mail is 1515 Village Walk Dr, Zionsville, IN 46077-1851) *Mary Milberger, editor*

re-print of minutes: Daffodil Society Meeting Mar 21, 2009

Speaker: Virginia Roberts affiliated with "Keep Indianapolis Beautiful" and the Purdue Extension Service. She spoke about planting our daffodil bulbs at various schools and parks. She also spoke of the work with schools in setting up gardens and teaching kids to grow veggies along with flowers.

Meeting was called to order at 2:25 by President Sara Kinne. Pat Siegman named Ka Freeman, Suzy Wert, Joyce Wozniak, Frances Levitt, Libby Frey, Sue Luken, and Helen Trueblood as contributors of Hospitality.

Jeanette Daniels read and corrected minutes (Joyce Wozniak did not volunteer for digs). Suzy Wert moved to accept and Joyce Wozniak second.

Ruth Pelouch gave treasures report. Total receipts of \$383.00 came from sales and dues. Expenses totaled \$518.31 for show item storage. Judges costs, NSF check, postage and Show and Grow. IDS beginning balance was \$10,602.42 and ending balance is \$10,467.12.

Rosie Springer told schedule of Daffodil Show. Suzy Wert and Debbie Fornefeld volunteered to co-chair awards committee. Sara Kinne brought tubes and blocks for exhibitors to sign out and to start staging their blooms at home.

Horticultural Note: Water daffodils during bloom, keep dry during summer.

Ka Freeman sent info to small town newspapers for publicity and wheelchair access was brought up.

Sara Kinne spoke of 2009 dig sites: Helen Link, Libby Frey, and John Reed 2009 Sales Sites. Holliday Park, State Fair, Master Gardeners Conference, Master Gardeners meetings. Jeanette Daniels volunteered to help cure bulbs.

Parliamentarian: No report.

Announcements:

Mary Milberger to work booth at the Gardenfest in Boone County.

Our nametags should have the year we joined.

Sara Kinne took her "Show and Grow" to Kinko's to have it laminated and bound.

Chatted about White House veggie garden. First lady broke ground.

Hilltop Gardens exhibition is Sunday April 19, 2009. Time 11-4

Ruth Pelouch has sign-up sheet for workers for Helen Link property. Open April 1 to 31. Docents present on weekends for sure and weekdays possibly or self-tours. Parking open weekends for sure and map is being provided.

Keep track of your own points for awards and give Sara Kinne list of your contributions.

NEW BUSINESS:

2009 Convention-IDS members can get \$100 toward registration if they've never been before.

2010-Show Venue -Garden Clubs of Indiana would like IDS to hold Daffodil Show at the Hilton during their convention on April 11-13. Discussed cost--\$785 minimum to \$885 maximum. Suzy Wert moved to proceed-Ruth Pelouch seconded and all voted aye.

Suzy Wert moved we hold a daffodil show at Holliday Park also on April 17 to honor contract with HP. Ruth Pelouch seconded and all voted Aye.

Need nominating committee soon.

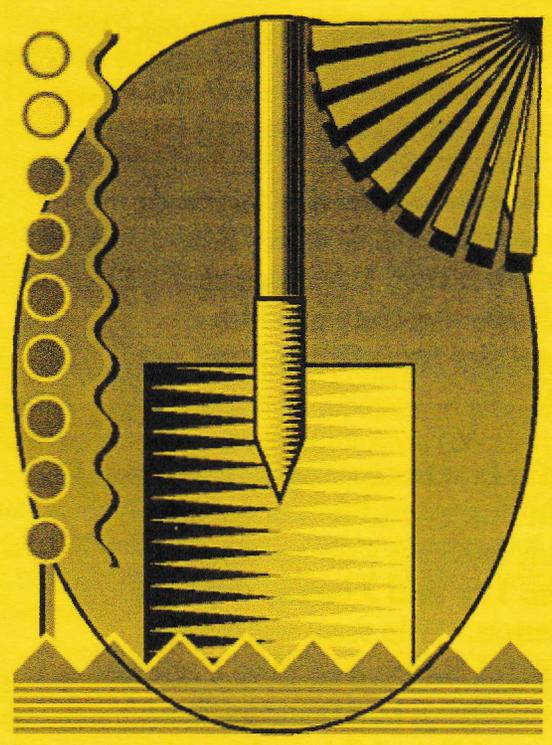
Took break with food, door prizes and flowers for all.

Motion to adjourn by Joyce Wozniak, seconded by Jeanette Daniels. Meeting adjourned by President Sara Kinne.

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Indiana Daffodil Society
c/o 1515 Village Walk Dr.
Zionsville, IN 46077



Objectives of the Indiana Daffodil Society

The objectives of the society shall be to increase the general interest in the use of daffodils through:

- Exchange of interest and experience
- Study and testing of varieties and cultures
- Promoting and encouraging wider use and appreciation of daffodils
- Encouraging breeding and improvements of daffodils particularly for the mid-west climate
- Study of means to promote the health of daffodils
- Setting standards for showing and judging of daffodils in shows.

Useful Websites:

ADS home page: www.daffodilusa.org
www.daffseek.org
www.daffodilusastore.org.

Others: www.rhs.org.uk
www.nidaffodilgroup.co.uk