NARCISSUS NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST REGION

Fall, 2009

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MIDWEST SHOWS ~~2009~~ 2010

April 3: Jeffersonville, IN
Indiana Growers South/Leota Barn
Contact: Sue Bartle, 107 Nashua Dr, Clarksville, IN, 47129-1428; (812) 945-8219, suebartle@att.net
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Walnut Street and Market Street, Jeffersonville, IN.

April 10-11: Cincinnati, OH
Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society
Chair: Linda Wallpe, 1940 Gregory Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45206; (513) 221-4140); LWallpe@gmail.com
Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, 3240 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH (in the Treetops Room)
(NOTE: The Cincinnati Zoo has changed its parking configuration this year. Check with a SWODS member for details on unloading and parking.)

April 12: Indianapolis, IN
Indiana Daffodil Society
Chair: Suzy Wert, 7350 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260; (317) 254-0060; limequilla@aol.com
Hilton Indianapolis North Hotel, 8181 North Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis. (Entries from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM)
Show is in conjunction with the Central Indiana Garden Club Convention.

April 16-17: Columbus, OH
Central Ohio Daffodil Society
Contact: Phyllis Hess, 3670 E Powell Rd, Lewis Center, OH 43035; (614) 882-5720;phess1@insightrr.com
Franklin Park Conservatory, 1770 E Broad St, Columbus, OH.

April 23: Akron Ohio
Contact: Dan Bellinger, 341 Akron Road, Wadsworth, OH 44281; Cuyahoga@neo.rr.com
Our Lady of the Elms High School
(NOTE: Dan expects to take down the show at the end of the day; exhibitors could easily take their exhibits to the Youngstown show the following day. The shows are about 50 miles apart.)

April 24-25: Youngstown, OH
Fellows Riverside Gardens Daffodil Show,
Contact: Keith Kaiser, 123 McKinley Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509; (330) 740-7116; kkaiser@cboss.com

(The location of the regional show will be determined at the regional meeting.)

Midwest Region Fall Meeting
Saturday, October 31, 10:00 to 2:00

The regional meeting for the ADS Midwest region is Saturday, October 31, from 10 to 2. In addition to reports from the clubs in our region, there will be two informative sessions.

- Session 1: Mary Lou Gripshover will share slides of species discovered in the wild on her exploration trips to Europe.
- Session 2: Tom Stettner will show the equipment he has developed to do hot-water treatment (HWT) of bulbs. A description of the equipment is included in this newsletter. Bring the newsletter with you as your hand-out.

What to bring:

- A covered dish, salad, or dessert for the lunch.
- Bulbs for the bulb exchange. (Also feel free to bring any divisions or seeds from your perennial gardens.)
- Since the meeting is on Halloween, costumes are optional. If you wear a costume and it suggests the name of a daffodil, all the better!

Chillicothe Group Disbands

The Chillicothe Daffodil Society has disbanded. It was a difficult decision for them to make but their membership was aging and attempts to recruit new members were not successful. Many of our societies find themselves in a similar position. How many of our groups find the same people doing most of the work from year to year? Maybe we should discuss ways to attract new members at our regional meeting?

E-Mailing the Regional Newsletter

To save postage and printing costs, I am emailing this newsletter to all members for whom I have an email address. The format is a Word document. If you would prefer a .pdf version, email me at BLEE811@aol.com and I'll send it immediately.

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail-mail, and you have an email address, please email me your email address so we can update your membership records and begin communicating with you by email. My email address is BLEE811@aol.com.

New Members in 2009

Contact them, invite them to a show, meeting, or just over for coffee to see your daffodil patch. You can never have too many daffodil and gardening friends! New members, come to our regional meeting and make new friends and learn more about daffodils and our shows and projects. New members always leave with extra daffodils.

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4th Grade Class, Loveland Elementary School, c/o Michele Rodier, 600 Loveland-Madiera Rd., Loveland, OH 45140; feldmaher@fuse.net or rodiermi @lovelandschools.org

Laurel Richardson, PO BX 42458, Indianapolis, IN 46242; lhabitat@aol.com

Barbara Sutphin, 7805 Blome Rd,Cincinnati, OH 45243; bsutphin@cinci.rr.com; 513/936-8458

Mary Crowl, 26390 Cook Rd, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138; m.crowl@sbcglobal.net 440/ 235-3225

Annual Meeting and National Show Murphys, California, March 11-14, 2010.

The Northern California Daffodil Society (NCDS) and the ADS invite daffodil enthusiasts worldwide to their "daffodil convention in a winery," 11-14 March 2010. Planned as a participative daffodil "retreat," the convention activities will be in the modern business-conference facilities of the Ironstone Vineyards – in Murphys, California. This is California's famous "Gold-Rush" country, in the scenic foothills of the Sierra Nevada range.

Convention festivities will begin with a welcoming buffet early Thursday evening, March 11. This will be an optional event, since some attendees might well be tired from a long day's travel and prefer an "early-to-bed." Those persons bringing blooms and photographs to the National Show can enter them starting Thursday afternoon at 2pm. Photographs must be entered by Thursday at 9pm, but blooms may be entered through Friday at 9am. The full Convention program will start on Friday morning with a guided walk through historic Murphys. Judging the National Show will begin at 10am on Friday morning and the Show will open at 1pm on Friday. The Show will be open until 4pm on Sunday. The Convention closes with dinner and farewell speaker on Sunday evening, March 14.

Additional information is available at the NCDS website at http://www.daffodil.org/.

ADS Website

If you haven't checked the website lately, be sure to do so: **www.daffodilusa.org**. New resources are added all the time and you will also note that you can now make purchases of ADS publications and merchandise online using a credit card. You will also find lists of ADS approved miniatures, suggested intermediates, the Pannill and Wister lists, a Pocket Guide to Daffodils, and Daffodil Coloring Pages.

The link to Daffseek is also especially valuable and Ben Blake and Nancy Tackett continue to add more and more photos to the database as well as some new features that will blow you away. Check it out!

ADS Dues Reminder

Effective July 1, 2009, we converted to an annual dues renewal date of JULY 1. By this time, most members should be on the new schedule for dues payments. If you have any questions, please

contact the Executive Director Please renew by sending your check, made payable to ADS, to Jaydee Ager, Executive Director, PO BX 522, Hawkinsville, GA 31036-0522; jager@dishmail.net; (478) 783-2153. You can also renew at our ADS web store: www.daffodilusastore.org.

No Bulb Left Behind

Kate Carney, Youth and Community Involvement Chairman

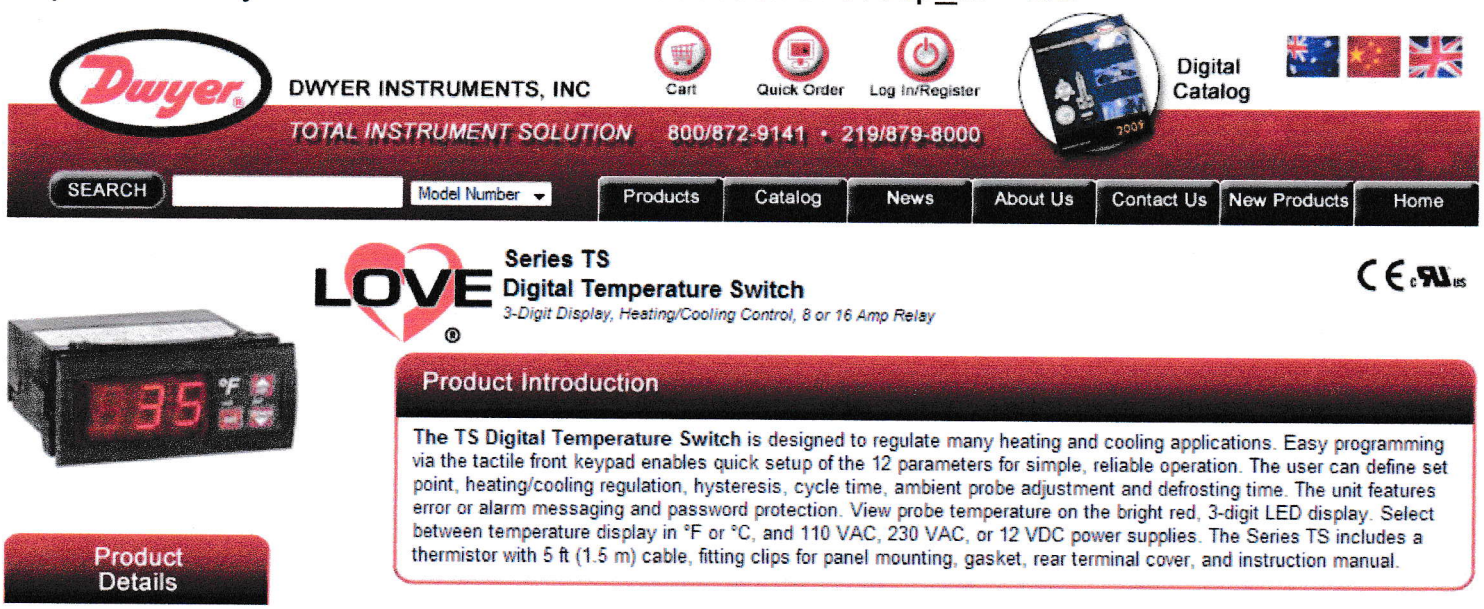
If you are like most daffodil aficionados, you have collected more and more daffodil bulbs that have now multiplied ten fold, and now you don't know what to do with them all. Am I right? We all share our special ones amongst friends and at fall meetings. But what about the lost the label ones, the ones you don't feel are show quality or are just plain tired of, the garden center impulse buy ones which are nothing like the picture and could be anything but what you thought you purchased?

Here's an idea that will help you and others. Take those outcast bulbs to your local library, nursing home, hospital or hospice and see if they would be willing to let you plant them in their gardens. Even better is to involve some youth like the Boy or Girl Scouts who need to do community service. What a wonderful project! And it will achieve so many things. The first is to spread our favorite flower to people and places so that others will admire their beauty and maybe bring some happiness and cheer. And by culling your collection you will have space for MORE bulbs and thus start this whole cycle over again!

Precise Hot Water Treatment system and procedures

1) A digital thermostat that operates in an electrical amperage that will be within a range of the small hot water heater shown after this device. This thermostat is the one we use and can be purchased online at Dwyer Instruments for $68.00 (this device is guaranteed to vary by only 1 degree F):

http://www.dwyer-inst.com/Products/Product.cfm?Group_ID=402



To be sure the electrical systems between the hot water heater and the thermostat (above) are compatible, be sure they are within the same Amp range. The thermostat above operates with either an 8 or 16 amp range. (You'll want to use a ground fault

circuit interrupter to protect against accidental shock, see the last note in this document for an example)

2) An example of a small hot water heater tank is below. This brand and model is a "Whirlpool" E1F6US017V tank heater. This Heater holds a 6 gallon capacity and operates at 13.75 amps which will work well with the thermostat above and keep the water temperature well within the desired range. This model can be purchased at Lowes for $238.00

Whirlpool
6-Gallon Electric Water Heater

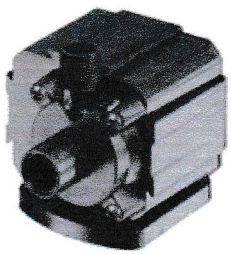
Item #: 140462 **Model: E1F6US017V 120V**

$238.00 ★

Add to Cart

3) You'll also need a submersible water pump to keep the water flowing and the entire capacity of water at the same temperature. We use a Pond Master Mag Drive pump, model PM5. Here's a piece of website information: http://www.123ponds.com/pm02525.html this item costs $68.00 on this website.

PM5 - 500 GPH Submersible Pump - 18ft Grounded Power Cord



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Item #:	02525
Suggested Retail:	$109.60
Our Price: Only	**$68.00** *You save: 38%*
Availability:	Usually ships the same business day Estimated Delivery Date
Order Quantity:	1

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4) Even though the thermostat has a temperature probe attached to it, you might want to acquire a separate temperature probe to verify the temperature in an area of the treatment tank that would be furthest away from the water pouring from the heater hose. You can get a basic "probe" type of thermometer that will do this nicely. I found one at Amazon.com as below:

Polder Original Cooking All in One Timer/Thermometer
Other Polder products
(109 customer reviews)

List Price: $26.00
Price: $21.49 & eligible for **FREE Super Saver Shipping** on orders over $25.
You Save: $3.51 (14%)
Special Offers Available

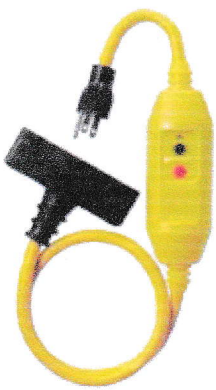
In Stock.
Ships from and sold by **Amazon.com**. Gift-wrap available.
Want it delivered Monday, July 27? Order it in the next 0 hours and 40 minutes, and choos

5 new from $19.99 1 used from $15.50

You can purchase any number of these in any kitchen store or larger store around your town.

5) One last suggestion is to use a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) which is nothing more than a portable circuit breaker. You can find these in any of the larger hardware stores at a minimal cost. Here's an example with 3 outlets that we found at Lowes, but they seem to have dropped this item from their website at the moment:

Inline GFCI and Triple Tap 3-Ft. Cord



NEMA 5-15P and (3) 5-15 R
12/3 AWG SJTW Cord
MODEL #30338024

UL, CUL 125V/15A

Qty: 1

This will plug into your wall outlet and all the above equipment can then be plugged into this device for protection against electrical shock through the treatment process.
My first experience in this process was in the summer of 2007 when I used a 30 gallon aquarium with the above equipment. I put the bulbs in the tank just after starting up the heater system. I added 10 percent Chlorine Bleach as an added measure of security. (This was suggested by a program on Pests & Diseases at the ADS Convention in Tacoma Washington given by Gary Chastagner). It was also suggested that 3 hours @ 113 degrees would suffice in successful treatment for Nematode infection. The bulbs were added and weighted down with bamboo garden steaks held with glad mugs. I started the process with room temperature water because it was suggested that a soak @ 85 degrees would cause nematodes to come out of dormancy and I knew that it would take a couple of hours to get above 100 degrees. This did work and after 2 & ½ hours, the temperature went to 110. It took a while longer to get to 111 but didn't seem to get much higher. The temp. bounced up to 112 for a second or so, but dropped back

to 111. This continued for the entire process, so I extended the highest temperature treatment to 5 hours.
The following spring, the evidence of HWT was apparent with small spots on the tips of the leaves that look like dishwater spots. This was the verification method suggested by Brian Duncan.
If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.
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ADS MIDWEST REGION ELECTIONS

Nominees for Regional Vice President, Regional Director and member of the ADS National Nominating Committee are:

For Regional Vice President, term of 3 years ending 2013:
☐ **Dan Bellinger, Wadsworth, OH**

For Regional Director, term of 3 years ending 2013:
☐ **Rebecca Koesters, Beavercreek, Ohio**

For member of the ADS National Nominating Committee:
☐ **Phyllis Hess**

Mark your ballot and mail it to Phyllis Hess, 3670 E. Powell road, Lewis Center, OH 43035-9530. If you are not concerned about anonymity, you may email your vote to Phyllis at phess1@insightrr.com.

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