

The Indiana Ledger

The Triannual Publication of the Indiana Daffodil Society
Mary Milberger, editor Vol. XVII Spring 2009 Sara Kinne, president

Next Meeting... March 21, 2009

At: Holliday Park Nature Center

6363 Spring Mill Road

Indianapolis, IN

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Hostesses: K> Freeman, L. Frey, F. Levitt

S. Luken, M. Milberger, H Trueblood, S. Wert

J. Wozniak

From our president...

Sara Kinne



Dear Daffodil Enthusiasts,

As I write this for our March newsletter, I am participating in the Cornell Ornithological/Audubon Society Great Backyard Bird Count. We have always been avid feeders and have noted dramatic changes in our numbers especially in the past decade. We are to have rain or snow tonight and I'm hoping for the white stuff. It will drive the little darlings to the feeders and boost the numbers for my report.

Winter is a time of reflection for me and as I begin my last year as IDS president, I look to our club's future with hope and possibility. We have a strong partnership with Holliday Park, a working relationship with I.U. regarding Mrs. Link's property, and now we are establishing a connection with Ginny Roberts at the Marion County Extension Office. It is their program that supplies Indianapolis Public Schools with daffodil bulbs and Ginny bought our remaining stock on the second day of the Master Gardeners' Conference last September. It would be wonderful if IDS could sell to her again and it would be a big commitment on our part to dig at Mrs. Link's. But what better way do we have of keeping the Link legacy going? Ginny will speak at our upcoming meeting about the importance of having school age children connect with the earth and what this means in our society.

Our March meeting traditionally focuses on our upcoming April flower show. You have heard my lament again and again about the fact that few of you exhibit. This year, blocks and tubes will be

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2009 OFFICERS

President: Sara Kinne
Vice President: Rosie Springer
Recording Secretary: Jeanette Daniels
Treasurer: Ruth Pelouch

Committees:

Daffodil Bulb Sale: Sara Kinne
IDS Daffodil Show: Rosie Springer
Horticulture: Helen Trueblood
Hospitality: Pat Seigman
Member Directory: Myra Bottoms
Parliamentarian: Miriam Harcourt
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Newsletter: IDSNews@Live.com

Mark your Calendars...

Holliday Park Nature Center, Indianapolis (HPNC)

March 20 Daffodil Day in Dublin, Ireland

March 21 IDS Meeting 1-4 p.m. HPNC

April 15-17 IDS Show HPNC

15. 1-5 p.m. Set Up

16 7am-5pm Show

17 9am-noon show

Noon-2 p.m. Tear down

April 24-27 ADS National Convention
Chicago, Il.

June 3 IDS Bloomington Dig at Libby Frey's property

June 7 IDS Picnic at Ruth Pelough's

June 10, 13 Bloomington Digs at Libby Frey's

June 17, 20 Brooklyn Dig at Helen Link's property off Hwy 67, South of Mooresville

July 25, 26 IDS Bulb Sale 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. 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

available for you to take home and return with your entries to Holliday Park on April 16, our show date.

We will also have an informal staging lesson if I have blooms to contribute. As always, our show schedule will be distributed at the March meeting and interpreted for our "newbies". Please join us.

The American Daffodil Convention is in Chicago this year and as an incentive for first time attendees, IDS will contribute \$100 towards the registration fee.

See details elsewhere in this newsletter. If you are interested but uncertain, talk to me at our upcoming meeting.

Next year, 2010, the Central District of the Garden Clubs of Indiana, Inc. will be hosting the State Convention at the Hilton on the north side of Indianapolis. Their national president has a vision of planting daffodils from coast to coast and speaks in those terms. We have been asked to hold our daffodil show just as their convention is ending. I see this as an opportunity for IDS exposure and possibility of drawing like-minded people to our organization. This chance is a once in a lifetime opportunity to show our stuff but I cannot do it alone. My biggest concern is to not jeopardize the partnership IDS has with Holliday Park. I will tell you more at the March meeting.

I want you all to think about how you can contribute to IDS and what you have to offer. We will need members to step up to the plate regarding our fall election of officers. I am looking forward to continuing as bulb sale chairman and relish not being president. I can however extend myself to others and am keeping a log for what needs to be done month by month by the President. FYI, one of the hardest things for me as president was coming up with two program ideas per year. So, in order to get a jump start for our next president, please bring at least one program idea with you when we meet this March. This club exists to serve you and answer your questions. Sara Kinne

Notes about Dig.

We start at 8 a.m. and go until ? Gloves, digging spade, sun screen, insect repellent, bottled water, and a sack lunch are the to-bring items. Sara

From Suzy Wert:

Daffodils have stages...

pencil - spear-like stem ; no color showing
crook neck - stem has formed an L, no color showing
colored up - spathe has opened
breaking - spathe has totally opened, and the petals have come apart, but are still held together by the mucro tips
open or full open.

Question from Sue Luken:

When showing, does it make any difference what name one uses, when there are several synonyms.

Could one be disqualified for using the wrong one?

I came across one I am growing and have labeled as Barrii Conspicuus. Daffseek.org says it is on the ADS Historics List and is a synonym of Conspicuus

In looking at Conspicuus at Daffseek there is no mention of it being on the Historics list, and it says Conspicuus is a synonym of Constance.

In looking at Constance at Daffseek, it says Constance is a synonym of 'Joe'. In looking at Joe at Daffseek, there is no mention of it being a Historic, and under comments it say Absorbed' 'Constance'.

So...will the real daffodil please stand up? Is there one name that is correct, or more correct than the other? If one was showing it, would it matter what name was used?

Answer from Mary Lou Gripshover:

First of all, yes the name is important. I can see why Sue is confused, though. Yes, 'Barrii Conspicuus' is a synonym of 'Conspicuus#', and so you should use the name 'Conspicuus' if you want to exhibit it. Note the # sign after the name. That means there is more than one daffodil that has gone by that name. Sue looked at 'Conspicuus' rather than 'Conspicuus#' when she was looking in DaffSeek which is why she came up with the names 'Constance' and 'Joe'. It's also important to remember that the correct name is the one that's the synonym OF the cultivar. So, 'Barrii Conspicuus' is a synonym of 'Conspicuus#' which makes 'Conspicuus#' the correct name. You don't need the # sign on the entry card. It's just something to indicate that there's more than one flower of that name in DaffSeek. It's hard to sort out these things that go back into the late 1800s, and I'm not sure the RHS knows what "absorbed" means today.

I've asked, and the best I can gather is that they think that the "absorbee" is the same as the one it was "absorbed" into.

April 24-27 ADS 2009 National Convention

April 24-27, Chicago Illinois

For all information, see this web site:
ads2009convention.org

Convention Chair: Jill Griesse

IDS will contribute \$100 towards
Registration fee to first-time IDS
Member attendees. More information
At the March meeting!!



Get Basic IDS Info Online!

Go to ADS website, www.daffodilusa.org. Click on "Societies Near You" then scroll down to "Midwest" and you will find the Indiana Daffodil Society link!

FYI: May 30, 2009 9a.m.-Noon...TheGarfield Park (Marion County South) Master Gardeners will have their ANNUAL PLANT SALE in front of the Conservatory by the entrance to the Sunken Gardens.

Again this April, Trena Trusty will be coordinating volunteers to serve as docents at the Helen Link Daffodil field. The Link property off of State Road 67 about 3 miles south of Mooresville is owned and maintained by Indiana University through its real estate office. The Link Observatory parking lot is opened daily in the month of April while the daffodils are in bloom. Hundreds of visitors come by to walk through the fields. Trena is working to have docents on site during the weekends to help keep track of the number of visitors, answer questions about daffodils and the history of Helen's work with daffodils. Volunteers from IDS, Master Gardeners and others are encouraged to contact Trena to schedule three hour shifts for one of the weekends. Please call her at 317-996-2746 or email to trustygarden@ccrtc.com. While you are on site you can plan to take pictures, do some pollinating, mark clumps for digging and dividing later on, or just have a pleasant afternoon in the sun.. Your time will count towards award bulbs, and if you are a Master Gardener, you get volunteer hours, too!

Minutes from the Indiana Daffodil Society October 11, 2008 Meeting

We selected "free range" daffodil bulbs and ate before the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Sara Kinne at 1:40pm. She introduced Mary Milberger. Mary spoke of traveling to Ireland and visiting gardens including Guy Wilson's gardens with his white daffodils. Hospitality was provided by Joyce Wozniak, Peg Powers, Francesca Levitt, Rosie Springer, Ka Freeman, Pat Siegman, Trena Trusty, Sara Kinne, and Sonja Eaton.

Minutes from the August meeting were read by Jeanette Daniels. Corrected and approved by Francesca Levitt and seconded by Ruth Pelouch.

Treasurer's Report

Ruth Pelouch gave the treasurer's report. Bulb sales totaling \$1370 and dues in the amount of \$60 were included in total receipts of \$1446. Expenses totaled \$170.95, including printing, copying, and postage costs, and supplies for bulb sales. Beginning bank balance was \$9,326.88 and closing balance was \$10,601.93.

Committee Reports:

- a. Daffodil Show—Rosie Springer has sign-up sheet for workers. Joyce Wozniak will take care of food catering. Judges taken care of by Kay Cunningham. Bob Siegman will investigate simplifying the show program for easier editing and printing from year to year.
- b. Horticulture—Helen Trueblood says to plant bulbs NOW, so they can grow roots before freeze. Put the good stuff at the roots. Plant small bulbs at a depth of 3X their height. Helen recommended 'Chaste', '95 as the best Mitch white. Helen gave out bulbs. Sara adds water to holes at planting time, being careful to avoid floating the bulbs out of the desired depth location.
- c. Membership—Myra Bottoms not present. Directory passed around to update contact information. Two new members Lois Schensker and Sue Luken; our Master Gardeners' contacts are our larger source for new members.
- d. Hospitality—Pat Siegman passed around the volunteer sign-up-sheet.
- e. Publicity—Try notices in small town newspapers and Master Gardners websites.
- f. Bulb Sales—Sara says Master Gardeners' Conference was a "raging success" and we sold out early. Trena Trusty was a major help, working both days with Sara. Marion County Extension Agent, Ginny Roberts, head of school projects for IPS and "Keep Indy Beautiful", bought us out..
- g. Parliamentarian—Not present

Announcements

- a. IDS is donating bulbs to Chris Staab "mayor of small parks" for planting in his neighborhood parks. Ka Freeman & Suzy Wert will do signs for planting day.
- b. Joe Hamm's Daffodil Show will probably be end of April 2010. IDS challenge bulb this year is Mrs. Link's cultivar, 'Pogo', donated by Joe Hamm. Thank you, Joe.

Old Business

- a. Audit looked good
- b. IDS website sample shared
- c. ADS Convention 2009—Suzy made motion for Rosie and Trena to attend with IDS paying their full registration and Peg Powers seconded. All voted aye.
- d. Show supplies moved to Sonia Eaton's garage. Francesca Levitt moved to pay Sonia \$200 per year for storage. Suzy seconded.

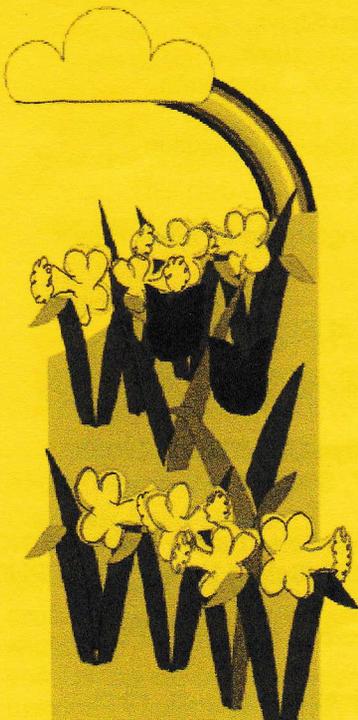
New Business

- a. Big Dig 2009 at Helen Link property. Francesa Levitt, Joyce Wozniak, Suzy Wert, Rosie Springer volunteered.
- b. IDS Newsletter—Mary Milberger, new member, is now our editor, IDSnews@live.com,. 317.873.3292 with insertions. A big thank you to Suzy Wert for doing this job for too many years to count. Also suggested put chairs in a circle at meetings so we can face each other for better interaction and connection with each other.
- c. IDS owes Trena Trusty a huge thank you for her ongoing support and help in the one year she has been a member. Thank you, Trena.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Milberger, seconded by Ruth Pelouch, all in favor. Meeting adjourned by President Sara Kinne.



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Have you paid your dues?

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.
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Useful Websites:

ADS 2009 Convention: ads2009convention.org

ADS home page: www.daffodilusa.org

www.daffseek.org

www.daffodilusastore.org.

Others: www.rhs.org.uk

www.nidaffodilgroup.co.uk