

# The Indiana Ledger

The Triannual Publication of the Indiana Daffodil Society  
Mary Milberger, editor Vol. XIX March 2011, Ruth Pelouch president

## First Meeting of 2011!

Saturday, March 26 at Holliday Park Nature  
Center...promptly at 1 pm  
6363 Spring Mill Road  
Indianapolis, IN

**Snacks...**by F. Levitt, H. Trueblood, S. Wert, S.  
Kinne, S.Eaton, K.Freeman, S .Luken, L. Frey  
**Meeting...Let's Get Ready For A Show!**  
**Speaker!** It'll be worth the drive to attend!

## 2010 OFFICERS

<b>President; Treasurer</b>	Ruth Pelouch
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<b>Secretary:</b>	Diane Cockerham
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<b>Daffodil Bulb Sale:</b>	Sara Kinne
<b>IDS Daffodil Show:</b>	Sara Kinne, Joe Hamm
<b>Horticulture:</b>	Helen Trueblood
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Pat Seigman
<b>Member Directory:</b>	Myra Bottoms, Pat Seigman
<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Miriam Harcourt
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*From our president...*

## Ruth Pelouch....Ruth's Corner

It's almost daffodil time again! Depending upon how warm or cold it's been in your area, you may have some very early green poking through. Maybe even some buds. It's fun to anticipate those first daffodils.

Speaking of firsts, our first member's meeting of the year will be Saturday, March 26 from 1-4 PM at Holliday Park. We will have a business meeting from 1-2:30 and then have a speaker from 2:30 to 3:30.

Our Daffodil Show will be Wednesday, April 13, 2 to 5 PM and Thursday, April 14 from 9 AM to noon. Room setup and staging of daffodils will be Tuesday, April 12 from 1 to 5 PM. I hope that we will have more members participating with their daffodils this year. Perhaps the change in staging time will be more accommodating to member's schedules.

The Link daffodils will be up and blooming in April. Docents will be needed again this year. If you are interested in spending a delightful morning or afternoon with daffodils, contact Trena Trusty for scheduling.

*Ruth*

## Mark your 2011 Calendars...

Holliday Park Nature Center, Indianapolis (HPNC)

**March 26**, IDS Meeting at HPNC

**April 12**, IDS set-up for Show, HPNC, 1-3pm  
Afterwards, floor will be open for  
Staging flowers

**April 13**, Floor is open for staging from only  
9-10:30 am; Judging; Show opens in  
afternoon

**April 14**, Show is open to public 9-noon  
Teardown at noon

**June** picnic time/place TBA

**July 23**, IDS Bulb Sales at HPNC 9ish to 3pm

**August 2** IDS Bulb Sales, at HPNC,same time

**August 5-21**, exact date TBA, IDS Bulb Sales  
At Indiana State Fair

**August 27**, IDS Meeting, 1-4pm HPNC

**October 8**, IDS Meeting, 1-4 pm, HPNC

## *What can you do as a member of IDS?*

### YOU CAN

- attend meetings. Join a committee;
- help with the SHOW..set-up, bring flowers to show, assist judges, be a docent to the public, and help with teardown;
- help in "digs";
- help in cleaning of bulbs (next to eating someone else's cooking, the best activity at our picnic!);
- help at the "bag & tag" party(s)
- help at the sales;
- attend regional and national meetings

There is never a shortage of opportunities for you to be an **active** member!!

## *A partial report of what IDS did this past year....*

- Funded 3 scholarships
- Planted Daffodils at Crown Hill Cemetery, specifically at IDS's internationally known Helen Link's gravesite
- Sold bubs to the public as well as bulk sales to high school Key Clubs for community service projects
- Donated leftover sale bulbs to a major project being almost single handedly done by our friend Fred Lawlor. She is creating an ADS accredited site at the Cincinnati St. Clare of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor Convent and Centennial Barn The grounds are open to the public, 60 Compton Dr. She is also doing daffodil plantings at the Gorman Heritage Farm. Just ONE of the criteria for an ADS site is to have at least 100 different hybrids, with each being properly identified with signs.
- Attended the regional meeting in Granville, Ohio. IDS members who travelled to Ohio were Helen Trueblood, Sue Luken, Sara Kinne, Ruth Pelouch, and Mary Milberger. Also in attendance was our own Joe Hamm...and his loving sister.

## *What is the history of "IDS Challenge Bulbs"?*

Here is Suzy Wert's response:

When Joe Hamm & I set up the 3-per class, I chose early, mid season and late blooming varieties, 1 each per class, so that the class would always have the potential to have some entries. But no one entered - we had maybe 5 or 6 entries when Joe was showing here, but once he moved, we had no entries.

The Shirley and Russell Bruno Challenge Award was an award presented by the Bruno's for the best bloom of the IDS Challenge bulbs:

Class 239 First Impression, Oneonta, Stratosphere

Class 240 Chemawa, Pitta, Stainless

Class 241 Emporors Waltz, Shearwater, Bunting

Class 242 Euphonic Grace, Freedom Rings, Irish Coffee

Class 243 Charter, Cool Peppermint, High Note

Class 244 Gold Velvet, Cloud Nine, Top Notch

Class 245 Harmony Bells, Rima, Phebe

Class 246 Misty Morning, Royal Coachman, Sir Winston Churchill

Class 247 Bright Cnadle, Ice Wings, Reggae

Class 248 Pacific Coast, Tracey, Limbo

Going down the list - a couple of them are extremely hard to keep alive: 'Limbo' and 'Sir Winston Churchill' (which might not be totally hardy); and to some extent, 'Tracey'; plus, 'Harmony Bells' and 'Ice Wings' (both of which are usually fine, but one can't just drop them in the ground anywhere and expect them to flourish. They need to be COOL and dry in the summer dormancy, as opposed to jonquils and most others which need to HOT and dry in the summer. *Cyclamineus* is a totally different kettle of fish - I am no expert, but they need to be cool and somewhat moist though the summer.

Another possible reason for the lack of entries is that our members do not seem to dig and divide their bulbs and they just plain peter out (the bulbs peter out, well, maybe the members, too! hahahah)

### *Getting A Longer Stem For The Show - Sometimes Ya Just Gotta Fake It*

Unfortunately, I don't have a tip for getting a taller, longer stem for the show. It takes time and/or sunshine, and if you run out of either one of them before a show, your stems will be short.

Do NOT cut the flower down so low that you get to the whitish-green part. That is actually part of the bulb and leaves a gaping hole for water to gather and bacteria to grow.

Instead, bring your short stemmed flowers and FAKE IT. Pull the flowers up so they look good in the test tubes and arrange your yew greenery so it fills the tube visually. Jam it in there to the bottom, and make sure your flower is wedged securely. The judges won't be looking for the stem end; they only notice if there is a bunch of plain clear water in the tube that makes them wonder, ..."where's the stem?" *Suzy Wert*

### Minutes of the October 2010 IDS Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Pelouch at 1 PM. Ruth thanked all of those who helped Pat Siegman with refreshments. Aug. 28th minutes as printed in the "The Indiana Ledger" were approved. The Treasurer's report was read. Walk-in comments about wanting Ruth to email the agenda to the members before each meeting.

#### Committee reports

**Daffodil Show:** Sara Kinne agreed to co-chair the show for next year. Dates for the Daffodil Show were set for April 13th, 2:00-5:00, & April 14th, 9:00-12:00 at Holliday Park. Show set up will be April 12th, 1-5:00.

**Horticulture:** Helen Trueblood passed around some bulbs to share for the membership. She also showed how a bulb that was discarded under a tree because it was thought to be "no good" started showing signs of new growth. Ruth was also given a Chavicorn bulb, an intermediate bulb by Helen to grow out. Helen also reminded us to come to the meetings with extra bags to carry home shared bulbs.

**Membership Directory:** Myra Banks is updating our directory. If there were any changes to our information we were encouraged to note that on the attendance sign in sheet.

**Publicity:** Ka Freeman had no new information to report at this time.

**Newsletter:** Mary Milberger mentioned that if we wanted our newsletter emailed to let her know via email

#### Announcements by various members

**Bulb Sales:** Sales were good at the Danville & Hartford City events we participated in. Sales at the Hartford City event were \$939.28. Mary reported that the Kiwanis Club & Key Club's purchased large quantities of bulbs from us. Kay Cunningham was going to contact her Master Gardener's group and see if there was an interest in purchasing bulbs. Ruth reported that the **planting at Holliday Park's** was cancelled due to the dry weather conditions. A new date is to be set in the near future if we get some more rain. Francesca and Sue said they would help with the planting at Holliday Park.

Ruth reported on the **Crown Hill planting** at the Dr. Geothe & Helen Link's grave sites. Decided to reserve the remaining Fox Fire daffodils for planting there as well as other daffodils. She would be setting up the planting within the next two weeks.

**Scholarships:** Ruth reported that she would be writing three checks each to: Purdue, Ball State & IU. It was discussed that the scholarship criteria would be put in the newsletter, that we consider opening up the scholarship eligibility to students of other (accredited) schools such as Franklin, Butler, & Wabash, and we check into Fast Web to see what their criteria is for scholarships. It was decided that in 2012 we will offer additional scholarships for \$1000.00 each.

#### New Business

**Robert Darling of the ADS** was inquiring about IDS' interest in a photography section at the IDS show in April. There was some discussion and the decision was made to shelve the issue until 2012.

Discussion about **Joe Hamm Honorarium-Holliday Park brick-** Francesca motioned that we buy a brick and put some money towards is computer fund. Sara seconded the motion. There was a majority vote to purchase a large brick and give \$200 towards the computer fund.

Sara passed out two **IDS challenge bulbs** to all members present Fox Fire & Little Ruby  
Sara **awarded bulbs** to members in appreciation for their hard work with the club activities  
Sara also coordinated the plant **exchange table**

#### Adjourned Business Portion

Potted Avalanche & Tete-a-Tete bulbs for forcing. Special thanks to Trena Trusty for all the container foil wraps and containers donated for the program.



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#### Criteria/Guidelines for 2010-11 IDS Scholarship

1. Recipient is to be a junior or senior level undergraduate student in the Landscape Horticulture and Design, or Public Horticulture programs.
2. Recipient should be a U.S. resident with preference given to Indiana residents.
3. GPA of 2.8/4.0
4. Recipient will need to attend one of the Indiana Daffodil Society meetings held at Holliday Park in Indianapolis, Indiana during the year following their award.
5. Preference should be given to an applicant with a strong interest or experience in the growing, breeding and/or showing of daffodils.
6. Applicants should prepare a one page or less personal statement regarding their qualifications for this scholarship.
7. Applicants are asked to include two letters of recommendation to support their application.

#### Recommended value of application elements:

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| • Application appearance and completeness | 5%  |
| • Academics (GPA and coursework)          | 10% |
| • Extracurricular/Volunteer work          | 10% |
| • Work experience                         | 10% |
| • Letters of Recommendation               | 10% |
| • Personal Statement                      | 20% |
| • Financial need                          | 20% |
| • Personal interview                      | 15% |