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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

What do you suppose 'mother nature' is trying to do to us? The Good Lord has given her free reign this year with water, which hopefully means large bulbs this year. I have been changing plans on gardening tasks and losing precious time cutting grass with a frequency I do not relish.

We had an excellent show in April and the report follows in this newsletter. I think special thanks are due to Helen Macpherson for her excellent floral arrangements and to Libby Frey for the exhibit of 136 / 153 vases of which I would guess consisted of about 680 to 765 blooms. The public was enthralled with the special exhibits, I believe they then spent more time viewing the Show Entries. 26 individuals, (8 from Ohio) were responsible for the 770 blooms and 419 entries. Thank you all and thank you for those who aided in setting up and dismantling the show.

The Show gained us 1 membership renewal and five new members. We have added or should I say Suzy Wert as added 6 or 7 additional members for a total of 13 or 14 new members.

The 'historic' or pre 1940 collections had 3 entries, these were collections of 5 blooms, I hope we will gain more entries next year. If there is any comments as to change in format or other thoughts regarding the 'historic' section please feel free to let me know.

Suzy Wert has been very busy! We now have a 'Junior Growers' group, a more detailed report is to follow in this edition. I know we will all make ourselves available to assist in any way we can.

This is to remind members we are obligated to furnish bulbs to the Robley Elementary School for their 'Walking Garden', we were very well acknowledged for our proposed contribution and the contribution of Bonnie Brae Gardens. We also need to set aside bulbs for Riley's Children Hospital as partial payment for the use of Glendale Mall for the Bulb sales. As a side note, the Indiana Daffodil Society is recognized as a group with credence. The Indianapolis Zoo recently asked for our input on a proposed new horticultural center...they really wanted ideas and not a contribution of bulbs!

See you Sunday July 28th

JUNIOR DAFFODIL GROWER'S CLUB

We are pleased to announce the formation of The Junior Daffodil Grower's Club by Suzy Wert. We hope we can guide them. Ed.

I was an ADS member in the early 80's, but when I had my second child, I traded Daff meetings for coffee clatches, and later, Brownie Meetings and Afterschool Science Classes.

For as long as I can remember (the last fifteen years anyway), there has been talk on how to get more younger members involved in the ADS. I was astounded to learn at this year's Indiana Show that I am still considered a younger member -- I always thought they were talking about *younger* members, say in their 20's.

Anyway, my kids showed in the Junior Division this year, competing against each other, because there are no other Juniors here. The only problem is that being the best of two, well, it isn't really anything to brag about. Well, they invited their friends to see the show, and well, the friends saw the flowers and the blue ribbons... they all want to grow daffodils!

Meanwhile, their mothers saw the exhibit made by member Libby Frey showing all the Divisions, and I mean it was an 8'0" table chock-full of flowers, not just 12 stems in little test tubes. A huge array of waxy, perfect, unusual, beautifully displayed daffs! For those unable to make the show, we just took her flowers to them in big bunches after the show and said "See?". What was so unusual is that for all of those mothers, the daff season at their houses had been over for a full two weeks!

Now every mother wants her child to Grow and Show daffodils, too!

That's all good and well, but the truth is that you can't just appear the morning of the show with a daffodil in your hand and expect to show it. You need the name. You need the Division. You need the color-code. You need a tag. You need to learn how to show the flower, and you can't expect somebody there to drop everything and help you. You need to learn from somebody already involved. But How? Daffodil Society Meetings are serene. Calm. Shall we say, tranquil. Children simply do not belong (and in all fairness, they wouldn't have any fun until the end of the meeting, when they would descend upon the cookie trays, decimating everything in their wake like locusts on a hot August day.)

So, an idea was born to make a Junior Daffodil Growers' Club, part of the Indiana Society, but with separate meetings. --An aside here: Daffodils are the perfect plant for teaching about science. They grow and bloom all within a school year. In my opinion, the daffodil should be a symbol of school, not an apple. Apples are backwards for the school year. Showing the fruit before the flower makes no sense at all, if children are even shown a blooming apple tree in the spring, which I doubt. Most teachers would rather have daffodils on their desks than apples, any day, so a child wanting to get in a teacher's good graces would be better off giving daffodils than apples. And do you realize that daffodil bulbs are cheaper than apples nowadays? Sorry, I get off on a tangent sometimes.

The Junior Daffodil Growers' meetings will teach *how* to plant, take care of and show daffodils, all geared toward children elementary and middle school ages. Meetings with little girls running around, and digging holes, and measuring with a ruler distances that adults already know in their heads. Actually measuring fertilizer with a level tablespoon because that measuring concept isn't internalized in their brains until they do it over, and over (usually after a person starts cooking on her own). Meetings with experiments like planting double-nose bulbs vs single-nosed, fertilized vs non-fertilized, amended soil vs hard-pan clay, well, you get the drift. Meetings where every worm, insect and pill bug they see have to be examined (please, God, don't let them scream at every bug they see) and flocked at.

Sounds like a nightmare, doesn't it?

So what is my role? Especially since any person reading this article knows more about daffodils than I ever will? Good Question. I guess you'd call me the coordinator. I'll teach the girls what I know, and I'll just study, ask lots of questions, read old Daffodil Journals, and practice ahead of time. I'll be trying seed this summer in preparation for next year -- just an aside here, I've been growing daffodils all my life, and I've never had a seedling appear. Even if they're allopathic, or homeopathic, or whatever the scientific term is, wouldn't you think that one, *just one seedling* would've appeared in all those years? Come to think of it, I'm not sure I even believe that daffodils grow from seed....do you suppose it's all a big hoax from hybridizers who are really mad scientists and make new cultivars from bat's tongues in a dark and moldy basements?

The real information will be from invited guests who are adult Indiana Daffodil Society &/or ADS members ...the beauty of which is that after their 20 minute spiel, they can escape to calm tranquility if they want. It's a little like being a grandparent! If this sounds like something you could handle, please call me at 317-259-0060 (e-mail: SuzyWert@AOL.com). I'll tell you the things I hope to accomplish, and you can tell me where your expertise lies.

Oddly enough, the Junior Growers' first meeting has nothing to do with daffodils. It will be a social at the local swimming pool on August 8. I won't even be there, and neither will their moms, because we'll be at the Indiana Daffodil Society Adult meeting learning about "Landscaping with Daffodils". The "young" mothers (I am still laughing at *that* one!) will be able to see what it's all about, meet a few older members, and decide if they want to join. The whole thing is kind of a long-way-around of getting those younger members to join! ~as of this writing, there have been 6 or 7 new "young" members joining IDS who are the parents of our Junior Growers.

So, if you don't teach, what can you do to help? I need daffodil information: culture sheets, how to plant, how to grow, and your personal tips, (we're talking starting from scratch). Each girl will be getting a notebook with information and growing charts already in it. As I get information, I'll give each girl a copy to add to her notebook. I could also use some daffodil computer clip art for meeting notices and information sheets.

My problem at this point is that I have 18 girls, and I need more help. The mothers will be happy to help, but I will have to teach them step-by-step what to do. I really could use some experts like you. Meetings are second Sunday afternoons of September and October from 4:00 p.m. to around 6:00 p.m. There will be another meeting or two in April for the show and I'll need (unnamed) flowers and flower arrangers to come and give small group talks. I'll be calling if I don't get volunteers; I don't know the first thing about flower arranging!

I also would like to have a contest for the girls to see who can grow the earliest blooming flower and who can grow the latest blooming flower. This will illustrate that the daffodil season is just a little longer than the two or three weeks people assume it to be. (If you have a candidate, why don't you save me a bulb? It does not have to be a show flower or have a name!) Over the next few years, our goal will be to try to have daffodils in bloom continuously from their earliest to their latest.

Part Two of the Junior Growers will come later. I'll tell you how many members have signed up and what I have planned for this year. I'm also thinking about long-range goals, but I want the girls to come up with some ideas, too.

If you're interested in the tri-fold brochure describing the program to the girls and their mothers, or would like to start a Junior Growers' Club in your neighborhood, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Suzy Wert
7350 N. Illinois St.
Indianapolis, IN 46260

A SHOW CHAIRMAN'S LAMENT Helen Trueblood

You have heard this before and are going to hear it again. Schedules are written to help everyone enter the show and enter in the right class. Sometimes we look instead of read. Please read and learn what it says. Ask about Section and Class if you are in doubt. Check the Handbook for Division and color code of flower. Sometimes the flower you have is mis-named but you can have it correctly coded in correct Division.

The entry cards need to be completed on the top and on the bottom half. Your name can be put on before show time. How many cards are removed without names? It takes time to hunt the entry on the show table. Sometimes the whole thing is blank and if a blue ribbon punch has been made it would go toward sweepstakes. Fill it completely.

Large rubber bands are not to be used, #12 are plenty large and hold the cards tight on the tubes. Recycling is good in other areas. I bought a pound of #12 for 99 cents. The cards are hard to handle when having to straighten up for judging. These items seem of little importance but become a time saver for judges and show chairmen when correctly done.

Having clean flowers is a must. They are not so hard to clean when mulched. Weather damage is out of our hands. Clean those entries!

The greens are used to hold the stem or stems tight in the tube. Too often it seems to be added any old way. It should hold the flower/s in best position for show. Short stems can be brought up as far as possible and still be in water - wedge tight; the flower is more graceful. Greenery too long is detracting; it can be wedged in and then some trimmed off so that it is not more than the flower. Don't just stick in some greens and hope your flower will be stable. Wedge them.

Clean flowers in the right tubes with good wedging are helpful in shows. Sometimes the larger tubes are used in miniature classes and vice-versa. Select the best tubes for the class.

Thanks for reading this message, and an even bigger thanks if you remember to do all these things. Show chairmen and judges will also be thankful.

1996 ADS SHOW WINNERS

**KENTUCKY DAFFODIL SOCIETY
EXHIBITS 208 BLOOMS 397**

AWARD	CULTIVAR	WINNER
GOLD	Pop's Legacy 1 W-Y	Peggy Macneale
WHITE	Phalarope 6 W-Y	Libby Frey
Mini GOLD	Hummingbird 6 Y-Y	Libby Frey
Mini White	Jumblie 12 Y-O	Libby Frey
SILVER	10 Blue plus 8 Red ribbons	Mary Jane Wilborn
SMALL GROWER	Sweetness 7 Y-Y	Charles Schad
PURPLE-	Helen Trueblood	RED-WHITE-BLUE Helen Trueblood
Perfect Spring	6 Y-Y	Itzim 6 Y-R Mitsch
Chickadee	6 Y-O	Butterflower 2 Y-Y Mitsch
Trena	6 W-Y	Dawn Light 1 Y-W Evans
Garden Princess	6 Y-Y	Rapture 6 Y-Y Mitsch
The Alliance	6 Y-Y	Perfect Spring 6 Y-Y Mitsch

**INDIANA DAFFODIL SOCIETY
EXHIBITS 419 BLOOMS 770**

ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS Helen Macpherson SPECIAL EXHIBIT Libby Frey

AWARD	CULTIVAR	WINNER
GOLD	Alton HA 2 Y-W	Tom Stettner
WHITE	Seedling 2 W-GWW	Leone Low
Mini GOLD	Clare 7 Y-Y	Naomi Liggett
Mini WHITE	Yellow Zit 3 W-Y	Naomi Liggett
ROSE	#LOW PG -1 2 W-POO	
Mini ROSE	Pitta X Pastel Gem 5 W-Y	Leone Low
	#77 5 W-Y	
	Ice Chimes X	Leone Low
JUNIOR AWARD	Milan 9 W-GYR	Hannah K. Wert
SMALL GROWER	Pink Charm 2 W-WWP	Susannah Dillon
SILVER	13 Blue Plus 6 Red Ribbons	Douglass Clarke
BEST CLUB BULB	Top Notch 2 Y -Y	Pat Moulin
PURPLE -	Naomi Liggett	LAVENDER - Naomi Liggett
Twicer	2 Y-YOO	Segovia 3 W-Y
Brogden x 95/1	3 W-YYO	Stafford 7 Y-O
Sciopo	2 Y-Y	Zit 3 W-W
Shadrach	3 W-YYO	Clare 7 Y-Y
Red Haze	2 Y-R	Yellow Zit 3 W-Y
RED- WHITE-BLUE	-Leone Low	MAROON - Leone Low
Ly-Se Loch Lundie X		AL-E-1 Accord x Lemon Snow 2 YYW-W
Limbo	2 Y-YOO Low	Altun Ha 2 Y-W
Gull	2 W-GWW Mitsch	W-C Moonspell x Lemon Snow 1 Y-WWY
River Queen	2 W-W Pannill	AL-E Accord x Lemon Snow 2 YYW-WWY
Piano Concerto	2 W-P Mitsch	LW-SW Moonspell x Lemon Snow
Pacific Rim	2 Y-YYR Mitsch	2 YYW-WWY

INDIANA DAFFODIL SHOW---Continued

THROCKMORTON --- Tom A. Stettner Jr.

Bilbow 6 W-P; Red Spartan 2 Y-Y; Dr. Hugh 3W-G00;
Dilemma 3 Y-YY0; Sextant 6 W-GWW; Papua 4 Y-Y;
Modulux 2 W-Y; Carib Gypsy 2 Y-WWY; Fresno 3 W-R;
Burning Bush 3 Y-R; Angel 3 W-GWW; Altun Ha 2 Y-R;
Cotton Candy 4 W-WYP; Amboseli # Y-YYR; Gull 2 W-GWW.

QUINN --- Mrs. (Peg) W.J. Newill

Sweet Delight 9 W-GYR; Oregon Music 2 W-W; Nianito 9W-GY0:
Foundling 6 W-P; Rival 6 Y-Y; Intrigue 6 Y-Y; Raspberry
Ring 2 W-GWP; Pure 2 W-Y; Mount Fugi 2 W-O; Silent
Valley 1 W-GWW; Conestoga 2 W-GY0 Sunny Delight 2 Y-Y;
Beauty Tip 2 W-W; Chapeau 2 W-Y; Marth Washington 8 W-O;
Pink Silk 1 W-P; Cyros 1 W-P; Starmount 2 W-W;
Crackington 4 Y-O; Tangent 2 W-P; Polbathic 2 Y-R;
Gull 2 W-GWW; Vulcan 2 Y-O; Golden Vale 1Y-GYY.

BEST HISTORIC COLLECTION #194a -- Phyllis Vonnegut

Folly 2 W-R 1926; Mary Copeland 4 W-O 1913; Blarney
3 W-00Y 1935; Cheerfulness 4 W-Y 1923; Geranium 8 W-O 1930

NOTICES AND CHANGES

IDS Daffodil Sales--- Sunday(s) July 28 and August 25th
GLENDALE SHOPPING MALL, 62nd. and KEYSTONE AVE, use
entrance on East by L.S. Aryes.
Set-up at 8:30 AM. Sales to members at 10:30 and
Sales to Public at 11:00 AM. NO EXCEPTIONS!
The club will have net bagging available at the sale
and if you want netting in advance contact Joe Hamm

August 8th, thursday, 1:00 P.M. Nora Library, will
be a ADS Slide show "Landscaping with Daffodils"
Bulb and Plant Exchange will be held

October 12th. Saturday 1:00 P.M. Nora Library. This is
a change from the original Yearbook date. This will
also be our Club Bulb distribution. Members whose dues
are paid and are members of record as of March are entitled
to receive bulbs. If you want your bulb sent by mail, you
need to send \$2.00 to Treasurer Barbara Sindors.

Gift Certificates for bulbs at our sales are available in
any denomination. Suzy Wert has designed a certificate
that makes an excellent gift and is an outstanding design!

THANK YOU HELEN TRUEBLOOD! The Picnic was great and everyone
enjoyed themselves. I do not know how you can judge a Hosta
Show, create an Floral arrangement for the Hosta Society and
Host a Picnic for Indiana and Kentucky Daffodil members and
please tell me how you managed to keep the Rain at Bay?

TILL WE MEET AGAIN to Shirley and Russell Bruno, we do
not want to say Good-bye. We are sure going to miss you but
wish you every happiness in GEORGIA, you are both loved very
much and I hope your place will be big enough for visitors!!!!
We will see your new address is printed many times so we all
can keep in touch.

LEAST I FORGET... thank you Pat Moulin for the 'Musical
Crystal Ball' of Daffodils in Snow. It was a wonderful award
for our Junior Award.

Thank you to IDS for the \$2.00 coupon to use at the Daffodil Bulb Sale!
We hope to meet some of you at the sale in Glendale Shopping Center on July 28th at 10:00-
10:30!

~Junior Growers' Club Members