

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY, INC.

Middle Atlantic Region

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST, 1978

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Dear ADS Members,

What could be nicer than being in Williamsburg on a beautiful fall day? The answer is simple --- being there with daffodil friends. So make your reservation promptly at THE MOTOR HOUSE being sure to mention your affiliation with the American Daffodil Society as they are holding a limited number of rooms just for us, and send your registration to Frank Klein. Blanks are provided at the end of this newsletter.

Our meeting will be held in the Cascades beginning at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 28.

PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL MEETING

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| 8:45 - 9:30 A.M. | Registration | Major Francis J. Klein, Sr. |
| 9:30 A.M. | Hybridizing Daffodils in Iowa | Dr. Tom D. Throckmorton |
| 10:00 A.M. | Growing Daffodils in Northern Neck and Influencing Others To Grow Them | Mrs. John Payne Robinson |
| 10:30 A.M. | The Organization and Staging of a Daffodil Show in Tidewater, Virginia | Mrs. Henning Rountree, Jr. |
| 11:00 A.M. | Judging Daffodils in Middle Atlantic | Mrs. H. B. Bloomer, Jr., Moderator
Mrs. Baldwin Perrin
Mrs. Raymond Lewis
Mrs. Quentin Erlandson |

(If you have questions for the panel, you might write them out ahead, if you wish, and give them to Mrs. Bloomer.)

- 1:00 P.M. Lunch and Bulb Exchange

The remainder of the afternoon is free to visit Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, Jamestown, Busch Gardens, Carter's Grove or to browse in the many attractive shops in the area.

- 6:30 P.M. Happy Hour - Cash Bar
7:30 P.M. Dinner followed by one of Wells Knierim's beautiful and interesting slide shows.

All we need for a perfect day is for YOU to be there.

NEW MEMBERS

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members. We hope you will derive as much pleasure from your membership as we who have belonged for some years have enjoyed.

Mrs. Drury H. Blair, 812 Clovercrest Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22314
Mrs. Fred L. Bower, 503 Fairview Ave. SW, Blacksburg, Va. 24060
Dennis D. Farney, 222 S. Alfred St., Alexandria, Va. 22314
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Mrs. Harris J. George, 614 W. Timonium Road, Timonium, Md. 21093
Mrs. Frank Green, 165 S. Court St., Luray, Va. 22835
Granville L. Hall, Box 594, Gloucester, Va. 23061
Mrs. J. G. Jowaisas, P.O. Box 726, White Stone, Va. 22578
Mrs. Paul L. Kabler, 6cl Magnolia Rd., NE, Roanoke, Va. 24019
Mrs. Donald S. King, RFD Box 236-C, Hartfield, Va. 23071
Mrs. Lloyd Lohmeyer, P.O. Box 227, Crisfield, Md. 21817
Harry G. McCrone, 207 Owensville Road, West River, Maryland 20881
Admiral and Mrs. Ben B. Pickett, Box 859, Gloucester, Va. 23061
Fred G. Pollard, 4711 Pocahontas Ave., Richmond, Va. 23226 (Life Member)
Richmond Horticultural Association, c/o Mrs. Lester F. Belter, Locust Green Farm,
Rt. 2, Box 217 A, Mechanicsville, Va. 23111 (in memory of Mrs. A. L. Lorraine)
Mrs. Scott M. Spence, 327 N. Henry St., Williamsburg, Va. 23185
Mrs. Frank S. Walker, Jr., Rosni, Orange, Va. 22960

We welcome back former member Mrs. Russell A. Innis, 102 Nottingham Road,
Richmond, Va. 23221

We are also happy to have Mrs. Robert A. Bowman, Rte. 2, Box 300, Heathsville,
Va. 22473 who has moved into our region from Chambersburg, Pa.

ERRATUM

As always, my typewriter with a little help from the typist managed to make a grievous mistake in the June Newsletter. We failed to report that the winner of the Purple Ribbon in the Huntington, W. Va. Council of Garden Clubs' Daffodil Show was Mrs. Grady Risen for a colorful exhibit from Division 2: Rustom Pasha, Ceylon, Red Devon, Kilmarnock and Indian Brave. Congratulations to Mrs. Risen and ten strokes for the typewriter.

DR. TOM

On June 9 the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. awarded the Evelyn Mooney Certificate for Creative Horticultural Achievement to Dr. Tom Throckmorton of Des Moines for his work in computer classification and hybridizing of daffodils. This award was made at the Awards Banquet during the Federation's annual convention in Detroit, Michigan. Surely, no one has ever deserved it more. And aren't we proud that he is coming all the way to Virginia in October to be on our program!

JUDGING SCHOOL

Three student judges have requested that Course Two be held in this region next spring. If there are others desiring this course, please let me know at once. There should be a minimum of ten or more to justify the expense of a school.

PLANTING TIPS

As this is the time to begin preparing for our fall daffodil planting, perhaps a few hints to novices are appropriate. They are offered with reservations as differences in climate and soils preclude uniform directions.

1. Select a well drained site, a place where water flows through the ground but never stands.
2. Dig as deeply as the soil requires for good drainage. Poor, heavy clay soils require 18-24 inches but perhaps you are luckier. Raising the bed slightly above the surrounding area will facilitate drainage.
3. Add humus. Peat is good. In hot climates avoid highly organic matter. Also add coarse sand to heavy soils.
4. Several weeks before planting work in fertilizer high in phosphate and potash but low in nitrogen (2-12-12, 3-18-18, 5-10-10).

5. Assemble your bulbs, sand, Chlordane, tools and paper and pencil. Some people prefer to open up a long trench for their bulbs; our preference is for digging a hole for one bulb at a time with a long handled bulb planter which is pushed in by foot. If you have the strength, or can find a willing soul who has, a post hole digger might be even better.
6. Dig your hole 6-9 inches deep, on the shallow side if you wish the bulb to increase quickly and if you plan to divide frequently; deeply, if you wish to leave them down for longer periods.
7. Put $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of sand in the hole. Some think this discourages basal rot; others say not. In any event, it makes lifting them later on much easier. Even more sand placed around the bulb makes beautifully smooth bulbs. Perlite may be used in place of sand.
8. Inspect bulb carefully before planting for signs of basal rot (softness or discoloration around base of the bulb) or narcissus bulb fly (watch for small holes where fly has entered).
9. Place bulb in hole and dust with Chlordane for protection against bulb fly.
10. Chart each planting immediately. Labels are not to be trusted, being subject to destruction or removal by children, animals, weather, gardeners, and even birds.
11. Push soil into holes and water well to fill in air pockets.
12. After planting is an ideal time to mulch.

Please detach and return before October 21, 1978

REGISTRATION FOR FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 1978

Send to Major Francis J. Klein, Sr., 18 Trincard Road, Hampton, Va. 23669

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

LUNCH \$ 8.00 _____

DINNER 11.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

RESERVATION BLANK for members of the American Daffodil Society meeting at the
Cascades October 28, 1978

Send to Reservation Manager, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P.O. Box B,
Williamsburg, Va. 23185

or

Call Toll Free:

in Virginia ----- 800-582-8976

out of state ----- 800-446-8956

Rates

Single or Double--\$36 to \$38

Corner Studios or
Suites --\$40 to \$43

Please reserve the following accommodations at THE MOTOR HOUSE:

----- Number of persons in party

-----Number of rooms required

A deposit of \$35 per room is
necessary to hold your reser-
vation. Make check payable
to CW Corporate Services.

Arriving-----

Departing-----

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

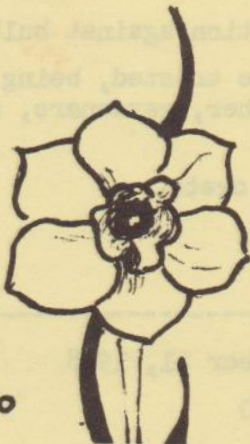
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THE DAFFODIL JOURNAL

With the June issue of the Journal the publications of the American Daffodil Society for the first time pass out of Middle Atlantic hands. For ten years Editor Roberta Watrous with the help of her very efficient Publication Committee, all from Middle Atlantic, has given us an unexcelled horticultural magazine. Every issue amazed us with its diversity of interesting and informative articles.

From the Journal's birth in 1964 until 1968 Kitty Bloomer was its very capable editor and prior to that was managing editor of The Daffodil Bulletin from 1958. Dr. Freeman Weiss, at that time a resident of Washington, D.C., was the first editor of the Bulletin and the Yearbook and was followed by the late Judge Carey Quinn as Editor of Publications. These fine editors and their Publication Committees deserve our highest accolades.

We especially thank you, Roberta, and wish you much time for hybridizing, writing and other daffodil activity in your retirement.



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BULB EXCHANGE

Remember to set aside a bulb or two for door prizes at luncheon in Williamsburg. Bag them individually with name on outside of bag, please. The one you receive just may win Best-in-Show next spring!

Happy bulb planting.

Yours sincerely,

Frances

Frances Armstrong, Reg. V-P

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