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To: Members, Southern Region, American Daffodil Society

The Thanksgiving Season is with us, and I wish you all a very enjoyable day, and with the approaching Christmas Season, please let me wish you a Merry Christmas.

This is my first attempt at a newsletter to the REgion, and as you know news is a little short this time of year. If you got your daffodils planted in October you have had all the rain you need to get the bulbs well set in the ground and the needed moisture to get root growth started. Let's hope we do not have another disastrous freeze as last year when so many of us lost bulbs.

Leslie and I went on the full tour of the Third World Daffodil Convention, Judy Faggard joined us for the two weeks on the North Island, and Mrs. Ellie Harwood joined us for the full New Zealand tour. We saw many beautiful daffodils, met some most gracious "daffodil people", and saw some really memorable scenery. I am just sorry that all of you could not have been there.

I thought you might be interested in our experience of judging the Tasmanian Daffodil Show in Launceston. Early in the year, Dr. Mike Temple-Smith, secretary of the Tasmanian Daffodil Council had written Leslie asking for suggestions for two panels of judges. Of course we took advantage of that and offered to judge, and asked Mrs. Helen Link, our president, Mrs. LaRue Armstrong of Covington, Virginia, Dr. William Bender, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and Wells Knierim of Cleveland, Ohio. We went thinking wd would be assisting judges from Tasmania, but when we got to the show found we were to be the judges. This was an experiment for the Tasmanian Society, wanting to see how our system worked in comparison to theirs, which is to use one judge to judge the entire show. We breezed through the judging, finding some points we would change, such as a blue ribbon had to be given in a class, even if we didn't think the flower merited a blue, but as a whole it was very much like judging at home.

Another feature of their show that is different from ours is that a champion is picked from each Division, and the Show Champion and Reserve Champion is picked from that group. To our dismay, just as we started to pick the winners the show was opened to the public, and we were soon surrounded by spectators checking to see what we were doing. You can imagine the confusion not only to us but to exhibitors who didn't understand the American Way of voting on Best in Show. The winner told us he all but died watching us, thinking everytime we voted that he wasn't going to win.

We were happy that everyone seemed pleased with the judging, and plan to try our way at the next Tasmanian Show. Mrs. Link and Mrs. Liggett taught a class on judging Divisions 5 through 9, classes that are very short in their shows, but interest is growing. We took copies of our Judges Handbooks for them.

A list of accredited judges and student judges will be listed at the end of this letter. If you are interested in being a judge we will be having School III in Hernando, March 16th. The Central Mississippi Daffodil Society will host the Mississippi State Show at Clinton, Mississippi on March 9, the Garden Study Club will have the Southern Regional Show at Hernando March 30-31, and Hte Mid-South Daffodil Show will be in Memphis on March 30-31. The Nashville show will be April 6-7, and I am sorry but I do not have the date for the Kentucky Show. It would be nice to have a show in Alabama too.

I am wondering if you all would be interested in a Regional meeting in the summer of 1985. I don't remember a regional meeting in our region, and think it might help to get together and talk about show dates, new members, school, and any problems we have. If you would be interested please let me know, and also if you have a suggestion about the location of the meeting include that. If we could select a central location, have a picnic and spend the day together would be very nice.

The 1986 American Daffodil Society Convention will be in Memphis, Tennessee with the Garden Study Club of Hernando as hosts. We invite suggestions and help from all of you.

Remember you should send your request for show dates to the Regional Vice-President, and when the date is approved you then send the show schedule to Mrs. Tag Bourne for approval. She is Chairman of the Awards Committee. And after the show please send a report of the show winners to the Awards Chairman and the Regional Vice-President.

Accredited Judges:

Mrs. Walter Thompson, Alabama	Mrs. Richard Roof, Kentucky
Lizabeth Ann Bicknell, Kentucky	Mrs. Herman Whitaker " "
Mrs. Wynant Dean "	Mrs. Luther Wilson "
Mrs. Annabel Fisher "	Mrs. Charles Zaring "
Mrs. Ray Hooper "	Miss Leslie Anderson Mississippi
Mrs. Raymond Roof "	Mrs. Wayne Anderson "
Mrs. Richard Roof "	Mrs. Betty Barnes "

Mrs. Edward Entriakin Mississippi
Mrs. C. E. Flint "
Mrs. Morris Lee Scott "
Dr. Ted Snazelle "

Student Judges

Mrs. George Alliston Mississippi
Mrs. Sandra Childers "
Mrs. Lamar McDowell "
Mrs. Orville Nichols "
Mrs. Ozell Scott "
Richard Frank, Jr. Tennessee
Mrs. Ruth McBride "
Mrs. Mary Pennington "

Mrs Fred Allen Tennessee
Mrs. John Bates "
Mrs. Fred Bradley "
Mrs. Robert Cartwright "
Mrs. Charles Crump "
Mrs. Richard Franks, Jr "
Mrs. Richard Harwood "
Mrs. Glen Millar, Jr. "
Mrs. John Payne "
Mrs. Harold Stanford "
Mrs. Joe Talbott "
Mrs. William Winton "

If, at any time, you have suggestions for our regional news letter, or items to print please let me know.

Sincerely,

Martha Anderson

Mrs. Wayne Anderson, Regional Vice-President