

CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

President, Mrs. William C. Baird

Editor, Mrs. Paul Gripshover

Although this is officially the April Newsletter, it's coming to you this time in May--your editor just never got around to it in April! But April was very busy, and very enjoyable. I hope you all enjoyed your blooms and the daffodil activities as much as I did, even if we didn't get to show as many of them as usual. It was thoroughly delightful having our visitors from overseas, and I'm glad we were able to have them here. Thanks to all of you who helped entertain them--I really think they had as much fun as we did. For those of you who missed them, Brian Duncan, Northern Ireland; Jack Goldsmith, Ireland; Matthew Zandbergen, Holland; and Mrs. Abel-Smith, England; were here for the show week-end, and it was great fun to get to know them. I hope they'll all be back for our convention in 1978.

-o-

CODS members who purchased our bulb collection in 1975, please note:



March, 1976

The Central Ohio Daffodil Society regrets that one bulb of the collection you ordered last Spring was never received. The bulb, Craigywarren, 2a, has been re-ordered, and you will receive it this Fall.

We regret the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

CENTRAL OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY

The above card was sent as well to all non-members who ordered our collection last year.

-o-

Ruth Pardue is now taking orders for the 1976 bulb collection. Six bulbs, one each of Accent, Golden Dawn, Vireo, Greeting, Ballymarlow, and a new seedling from Kate Reade which is hopefully to be named Columbus, are being offered for \$3.00. Miniature collections are also available. Four bulbs of Tete a Tete can be had for \$2.00, and 3 each of Hawera and Minnow (6 bulbs total) are available for \$2.00. Please check with your garden club members and friends and send money and orders to Ruth Pardue, 2591 Henthorn Rd., Columbus, 43221.

-o-

The Dispatch Home and Garden Show held the end of February included our CODS booth for the second year. Grace Baird and her committee did an excellent job and put in a lot of work. The dried daffodils from Roberta Moffitt caused many comments, as did the fresh daffodils brought in by various members. Many, many thanks to all who helped for a job well done.

-o-

Our garden in the park suffered from the elements this year. The lack of water, and the freezing nights followed by windy days had many blooms laying on the ground. But another year hopefully it will be better. The bed which has been down two years looked very good. Ruth and I counted the blooms and tried to note which had blasted. It should be interesting to compare notes from year to year. At our April meeting, a weeding schedule was passed around for sign-up. If you haven't yet signed up, please call Ruth Pardue, 486-2775, and offer your services. We need all of you to help keep the beds looking good!

-o-

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President - Mary Lou Gripshover
Vice-President - Tag Bourne
Secretary - Marty Schmidt
Treasurer - Cecile Spitz

--Mrs. Hubert Bourne, Chr.

-o-

REMINDER - There will be a meeting on May 19 at the home of Cecile Spitz, 4985 Charlbury Dr. at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there. After the business meeting, those wanting to place orders to Carncairn at 1/3 off the price, can see Cecile. Also, anyone wanting to order anything from Gerritsen, can see Mary Lou. Hopefully we can get the \$25 minimum order together.

-o-

Our 1976 show has to be one of our most unusual--if not the most unusual--shows. Quantity and quality were both down, due to the most unusual season. But there were enough blooms to put on a good display for those visitors coming to the show, and enough blooms of quality to award some of the ADS ribbons. The ADS Gold Ribbon and the Mary Elizabeth Blue Founders Cup went to Mary Lou Gripshover for her bloom of Downpatrick, 1b. Mary Lou also won the Miniature Gold and the Leonora C. Wilkie Trophy for her bloom of Demure, which came from her Miniature White Ribbon winning vase of three Demure. She also won the Lavender Ribbon for her collection of 5 miniatures. Wells Knierim won the White Ribbon and the Mary & Wells Knierim Award for his vase of three Bunting and the Silver Ribbon, while Cecile Spitz won the Purple Ribbon and the Walter Poppenger Award for her collection of white daffodils. Margaret Loudenslager won the Novice Trophy and a year's membership in the American Daffodil Society for her bloom of Pristine. The lovely luncheon was arranged by Jennie Belle Adler assisted by Katie Rollins. Blooms flown in from Oregon from Murray Evans added greatly to the quality of the show, as did the educational exhibit staged by Tommy and Louise Dunn. The exhibit staged by the Ohio Branch of Sogetsu School was outstanding. Our overseas visitors kindly consented to serve as judges along with some of our local judges who had no flowers to exhibit. Dinner followed in the evening at Mary Lou's, and to add the final touch to the week-end, Grace and Bill Baird hosted a brunch at the OSU clubhouse on Sunday. All in all, it was a lovely daffodil week-end. We only wish our show chairman could have been there to share all the fun with us.

-o-

We welcome the following new members to CODS and we hope they will enjoy being a part of our group. We look forward to welcoming them in person to our various functions.

Thomas M. Dunn, 3672 Mandalay Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45416
Mrs. Thomas M. Dunn (Louise), 3672 Mandalay Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45416
Mrs. J. Mario DeBernardi (June), 613 Banbury Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459

-o-

This was probably the first season I have been able to enjoy the flowers in the garden. Usually, they are cut as soon as they are open and are refrigerated, but this year since they bloomed so early, they could be enjoyed in the garden. It was interesting to watch the development of the flowers as they matured. I learned that some poets don't burn in the sun (I thought they all did). I also learned the difference water makes. I put the soaker hose on one day and forgot about it, and as a result the bed was really drenched. The change in substance in the blooms was amazing! What had been rather crepey blooms were now firm, waxy blooms.

I was particularly impressed with the red cups this year. I don't know why they should have been so good, because the days were warm. I had always attributed good color to cool, moist springs, so I don't know what the answer is unless it's all the compost we added to the beds last Fall. However, others also commented on the color in red cups in their gardens, so it must not be the compost. Ceylon was particularly noteworthy. The blooms stood up straight and tall, and looked upward. I much prefer that the blooms look slightly upward rather than hang their heads. That's the only fault I can find with Festivity in the garden--it hangs its head. My clump of Festivity had over 60 blooms this year, but they don't stand up and "look me in the eye." Several years ago, bulbs of Aranjuez, 2a, were received at the Fall Regional meeting. This year the blooms, with their bright red rims, were outstanding. They too, stood up with heads held high. Falstaff, with its intense red coloring was very good, but the color does not extend the full length of the cup. Vagabond, with an orange cup, had color the full length of the cup and seemed fairly sunproof. It was crossed with Falstaff, but no seed resulted. Another outstanding flower in the garden was Murray Evans' seedling D-207. It's a 2c, very large and very white, and early. It was in bloom before my Vigil and Cantatrice, so pollen from Ruth's flowers were used on it. So far, there are nice fat seed pods. Grace had an old unknown poeticus in bloom as my early miniatures were almost done, and pollen from her poeticus was put on Snipe and Bagatelle and others in anticipation of miniatures with some red in the crowns. We have our fingers crossed!

Of the flowers new to my garden, Blanchard's Shell Bay, 2bp, was a nice flower. It is almost a 3bp. Although the petals caught in the cup, it had a nice clear pink cup. Mitsch's 2ay Patrician and 2ay Inauguration stood up straight and tall until the freezing and wind broke the stems. I saw very little difference in them as they grew here. His Yellowthroat, 2by, was interesting. It opened a 2b, had very waxy texture, and faded to a 2c with the yellow in the throat. Aptly named, and a rather nice flower. Windfall, a 2ay with a little orange rim, was very nice. Although the cup is frilled, the petals had no nicks. Chit Chat was cute as could be. Two round bulbs gave 10 bloom stems with several blooms on the stem. It should be added to the miniature list. Other candidates for the miniature list are 1a Skelmersdale Gold and Gambas. Remember, to recommend that a flower be added to the miniature list, you have to grow it yourself. You can't vote for something you see in someone else's garden. Altruist, 3ar, didn't have as deep color in the perianth as does Ambergate, but the flower was of better form. Ben Hee was a very nice 2c. As usual, new bulbs of *juncifolius* and *scaberulus* turned out to be *rupicola*. Perhaps I'll have to try a new source for these bulbs.

Of the flowers noted in the exhibits at the ADS convention in Philadelphia, the one I would most like to have is Mr. Lea's pink double, 3-39-68. As there are only a few bulbs of it, and I'm sure the price will be fantastic when it is available, I took a picture of it--which is all I'll have of it for years to come! Also noted in his exhibit were 2bp Kildavin, Loch Assynt 3bgwo, Ohio 2borr, and Dalhauine 3br. In Murray Evans' exhibit I liked Tye 2bp, Rose City 2bp, and Suede 2d. Mrs. Abel-Smith's Birchill, 3b, had a nice green eye. In Brian Duncan's exhibit I liked Violetta, 2bp, Woodland Beauty 3br, Silent Grace (not yet listed), Dress Circle 3byyr, and Debbie Rose 2bp. Kate Reade exhibited her Foundling 6bp which I have wanted since I saw it at Williamsburg, but the price simply does not come down. Lots of other people like it too!

Happy Summer to you all!