

CODS CORNER

President, Mrs. Paul Gripshover

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Don't forget our daffodil show April 23 and 24 at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Building. The Ohio Branch of Sogetsu School of Flower Arranging will again hold an exhibit in the Concourse area and our show will be on the lower level. Set-up will take place at 3:00p.m. on the 22nd and workers are needed. Also at this time entry tags and specimen bottles can be picked up. Lots of time and space are saved if you bring your entries to the show in the test tubes with entry tags attached.

In order to save money on table rental, each member is asked to bring a card table. These will be used for grooming and lunch. For those members missing the last CODS meeting, don't forget to bring either a salad or dessert for the luncheon. Katie Rollins (488-2151) is in charge with Jennie Belle Adler (488-6083) assisting. They need at least one more person on their committee. Please call one of them.

Let's all pray for the cool weather to continue, so we can have a really big show!

--Naomi Liggett, Show Chr.

APRIL 23

The annual dinner on the evening of our show will be held this year in the Fifth Room of the Jai-Lai with cocktails beginning at 7:30p.m. (Jai-Lai, 1421 Olentangy River Road). Everyone will have separate checks and it will be possible to order whatever you like from the menu. However, we need reservations so the tables can be set up, so please call Tag Bourne (457-4526 home; 457-7700 office; 1052 Shadyhill Dr.) to let her know if you and your spouse will be coming. Please call by April 21.

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

Mrs. Hubert Bourne, President
 Mrs. William Miller, Vice-President
 Mrs. James Schmidt, Secretary
 Mrs. David Spitz, Treasurer

--Grace Baird, Chairman

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This has been another unusual season. The cool weather was nice while it lasted, but we certainly could have gotten by nicely without all this heat and wind of the last few days. Everything seems to be popping out at once with the red cups burning before the flowers have time to develop. But there have been some compensations. For me, the most exciting thing to happen was to have several four-year old miniature seedlings bloom for the first time. Both were from the cross Bagatelle x ? (the tag was illegible, but from the looks of the flowers, it had to be either cyclamineus or Jetage, as they are obvious cyclamineus hybrids.) They bloomed very early in the season and are long since gone. Now some other standard seedlings are in bloom and some of them are considerably better than they have been before. Hopefully some of them will keep under refrigeration until our show and you will be able to see them then. None are world beaters, nor are they likely to make me rich and famous, but it has been fun to watch their development.

most impressive. It is a huge flower, pure white, substance you wouldn't believe in this heat, and a strong stem. The only fault is the short stem but I attribute the short stem to the fact that it is a new bulb and the heat caused the flower to open before the stem had a chance to grow. Most of my new bulbs are flowering on short stems. Brian Duncan sent me the bulb, so if you're interested in acquiring it, that's where you get it.

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Our Daffodil Clinic on April 3 drew a few unfamiliar faces. It was a nice program with Tag Bourne presiding, while Mary Lou Gripshover discussed classification; Naomi Liggett discussed refrigeration and staging; Grace Baird covered grooming; and Ruth Pardue did oral judging on the flowers which Naomi had staged. All in all, it was an educational meeting, and I'm sure those who attended learned more about our favorite flower.

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At the March meeting of CODS, members voted 8 to 3 to institute a Trial Garden Award to be given to cultivars which have been in our garden in the park for a minimum of three years and which also meet certain other criteria. Ruth Pardue, chairman, and Cecile Spitz, Handy Hatfield, and Mary Lou Gripshover make up this committee. They will set the requirements and also evaluate the flowers in the garden.

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Information on our bulb sale for this year should be available by show time. Bulb prices have gone up, which necessitates our charging more for our collection this year. Brian Duncan will likely be our supplier.

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A hearty welcome to our newest member. We're glad to know she has already been put to work on one of the show committees!

Mrs. David P. Gill (Nancy), 4381 Lyon Dr., 43220; 451-8592

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I dug parts of six cultivars this spring because they looked to me like they had yellow stripe virus. I took the infected bulbs to OSU to the Plant Disease Clinic, and was surprised to learn that they had no facilities for testing for virus there. However, Dr. Ellett sent some of the bulbs to the virology lab at the experiment station at Wooster. So I am waiting to hear what the tests show. Several other cultivars look like there is less there this year than last, so I plan to dig them when the foliage is yellow to see if there's any problem that I can correct. And there are a few blank places in the garden where the cultivars have failed to come up. Two whites, Pristine and Carrigeen, have not come up, while *N. rupicola* failed in two places, and there is only evidence of one bulb in another place where there were about a dozen bulbs. Some triandrus species have not come up, and Cobweb is also on the missing list.

Some other unusual tidbits--I have two doubles which have some single flowers as well as the double forms; and one or two which should have only one bloom on a stem are coming with two blooms on a stem. Wonder what causes these abnormalities?

Murray Evans sent me some mixed pink double seedlings last year, and they are beginning to open. Thus far, they have a nice pink color and show no signs of blasting. One has quite good form. (He sent me 6 bulbs--so far two have bloomed.)

See you at the show!