



CODS CORNER

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Handy Hatfield, President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Well, another daffodil season is upon us. As I picked my first two daffodils of 1988 my spirits were uplifted as snow flakes fluttered in the air. All the hustle and bustle of the show season and the ADS Convention will be here in a month. But all the work seems like little toil for all the beautiful blooms we will shortly see and enjoy in our gardens and on the show bench. As I have already enjoyed the West Coast daffodil season, I guess I should be charged up and ready to go.

This is also my last president's message. I must say Tag has been very tolerant of my sometimes late messages. I have enjoyed the two years but will be more relaxed and carefree come May when I step down. I have been very pleased and honored to serve CODS. The participation of the members at all our functions the past two years has been outstanding, especially during the Columbus ADS Convention. I want to thank everyone who has helped me during the last two years. I am not the most organized person, so if I have had a lapse or two, please forgive me.

Our annual show will be at Franklin Park this year. To make it run smooth we again need the help of all our members. Phyllis will be calling each of you to help in some way. Due to the early date, we will need lots of blooms. Come to the show and to the after-show dinner party and meet the Jackson's who will be our guests for a few days. See you at the show.

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REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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Naomi Liggett, Chr.
Nancy Gill
Cecile Spitz

DAFFODILS IN ARIZONA

When we left for Arizona I thought I had left everything to do with daffodils behind. The first day in Phoenix what did I see but a few non-descript yellow small cupped daffodils at one of the resorts. The next day in Prescott there were some in bud probably tazettas. The only member of ADS listed in the roster is from Prescott. A few days later I was at the pool in Tuscon and happened to notice a large clump of a yellow Division 2 by a palm tree. The nine buds opened during our stay there.

I asked one of the clerks at a garden store if they sold daffodil bulbs. Didn't get a clear answer, but she did say they treated them as annuals or some people tried digging them every year to keep them out of the hot summers. However, the two clumps in Tuscon were too big to have been dug every year.

There are parts of the state that get cold weather with lots of snow, so wonder if they can't be grown there. Of course, they would not have been up when we were there.

Naomi Liggett

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Little did I know the consequences when my oldest son came home that day and announced, "Mom, there's some of those yellow flowers you like growing wild in the woods on the corner". Well, off we went to check it out and found someone had thrown some bulbs on top of some grass clippings and there they were growing and blooming not even being planted! We decided anything that wanted to grow that much had to have a better chance, so, out came the shovel and home they went with us.

I guess that's when it started, from that day on, I began to notice every yellow flower at every abandoned home site, in every ditch, and along every fence row. So, once again, out came the shovel and home they went with my son and I. One day while talking with a fellow bus driver, she mentioned she had seen lots of these yellow flowers at several old farm sites on her route and since she wanted to plant some in her woods, off we went once again.

Then an elderly neighbor who was getting ready to move to a retirement home invited me over to dig some of the yellow flowers she had, only she also had some white and pink ones, some all white ones and some white and yellow ones! WOW, now we were getting somewhere!

The next spring the UPS man commented how pretty all my flowers were and asked if I didn't think the ravine across the street wasn't one of the prettiest sights around. Well, I hadn't seen the ravine, didn't even know it existed, and I'd lived in the neighborhood several years. That afternoon by really stretching my neck, I could see a little of the ravine from the bus, enough to want to see more. Once again off I went in search of more yellow flowers.

I was greeted at the door by a very pleasant woman, who introduced herself as Kathryn and said she would be delighted to show me the ravine. We walked down the hillside surrounded by yellow and white daffodils while ahead of us on the up slope of the ravine were thousands more, their heads nodding in the sunshine, truly a most glorious sight! While we were walking, Kathryn pointed out Checkered Lilies, Virginia Bluebells, Giant Snowdrops, Winter Aconite and many more species she had added to the wild flowers growing in the ravine.

Needless to say, now I was really hooked and the patch across the road was started. Next along with discovering many mutual interests Kathryn and I also discovered that Breck's Nursery catalog carried more of the yellow flowers we both liked so much, such names as Walt Disney, Fortissimo, Ice Follies and, of course, we had to have Pistachio!!!

(I mean, we'd never seen a green daffodil!)

A year or so later we noticed in the Sunday paper that the local Daffodil Society had a garden at Whetstone Park, so off we went to see what they could possibly have that we would like any better than those we already had, so began the endless "Wish List" making. While at Whetstone we met Naomi Liggett, who told us she was President of the society and talked with us explaining some of the ways some daffodils were more desirable than others --- THAT DID IT -- now we had to have some of the other varieties. She told us there would be a bulb sale that Fall at Franklin Park Conservatory and we should watch the paper for the announcement.

At the bulb sale, where we didn't show much restraint, we met Cecile Spitz who encouraged us to join the society. The rest is history! Here we are, Kathryn who has won a Throckmorton and I, who as Show Chairman this year, all because, "Mom, there's some of those yellow flowers you like growing wild in the woods on the corner". The things our children get us into -- YELLOW FEVER -- isn't it great!!!

Phyllis Hess

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THE FIRST DAFFODIL SHOW OF 1988

The Fortuna, California Daffodil Show was held on March 5th, 1988. As I was getting ready to go to California, I kept watching the weather reports for the northern part of California and they were all on the cool side. Well, as usual, the hard-core daffodil enthusiasts from farther south came through and the show was very respectful. The group I speak of is composed of Jan Moyers, Bob Spotts, Steve Vinisky, Sid DuBose, and Nancy Wilson. We here are very fortunate to have so many shows so close together distance wise. So, with all the blooms the above group brought north, they just about swept the show.

The master showman was again Bob Spotts. He took the Quinn, Throckmorton, Maroon, Purple and Miniature Gold Ribbon. The miniature gold was won with a four bloom stem of *N. triandrus albus*. His Quinn was good but not a knockout. Division 6's were in abundance... Warbler, Back Chat, and Rapture being the best ones. Proska, a 2 Y-Y of Jackson's also looked good. His Throckmorton had good flowers of Pink Silk, Resplendent, Shining Light and Rapture in it. He won the Purple Ribbon with a collection of 5 Pinks, which were just marginal, not enough pink predominating to suit me. Sedate and Pink Ice were good though.

Nancy Wilson as usual dominated the miniature classes. Her winning Lavender Ribbon was all yellows and included Sundial, Tete-a-Tete, Little Gem, Mite, and Kibitzer. She grows the largest Mites I have ever seen.

The seedlings were dominated by Sid DuBose. He has been breeding for almost 20 years and is now coming up with some gorgeous seedlings. I only wish he had more yellows, for he has tons of pinks. He took the American Bred and Green Ribbons with all seedlings. From the Green Ribbon came J3-14 which won the Rose Ribbon and then the Gold Ribbon for best in show. It was a smooth and perfect bloom, a 2 W-Y from April Love x a seedling. Later the next week it was almost a 2 W-W near the end.

Next year all attending the 1988 ADS Convention in California will get to see the hundreds of Sid's seedlings when we tour his seedling fields.

Handy Hatfield

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our CODS After-Show Party will be held Saturday, April 16th, at DaVinci Ristorante at the corner of Reed and Henderson Roads, in Upper Arlington. There will be a cash bar cocktail hour starting at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:30 p.m.

Please choose from the following and send your reservations and checks to Phyllis Hess, 3670 E. Powell Road, Westerville, OH 43081 by April 1st.

DaVinci Combination - (includes) Gnocchi, Ravioli, Lasagna, Manicotti DiCarne and Meatball - Coffee - Tax and Tip \$11.65

Domenico Special - Fresh Veal Parmigiana & Lasagna - Coffee - Tax & Tip \$12.85

Lasagna - Wide strips of Homemade Pastas in layers with meatsauce, Parmigiano cheese and Mozzarella cheese - Coffee-Tax and Tip \$9.90

Chicken Picata - Boneless Chicken breast in a lemon wine sauce served over rice with vegetable of the day - Coffee - Tax and Tip \$11.65

All dinners include tossed salad, rolls and butter.

David Jackson and his wife, Robin, from Tasmania will be joining us for dinner along with Marilyn Howe, so let's have a terrific turnout at this rare opportunity to meet these folks "Up close and personal".

Phyllis Hess

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Our CODS Midwest Regional Show will be Saturday, April 16 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Franklin Park Conservatory. We will need everyone's help setting up for the show at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 15th.

Entries will be from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. sharp - as we must finish judging in order to open the show at 1:30 p.m.

Everyone should bring a covered dish for the luncheon, table service, drinks and dessert will be provided. We will have use of the kitchen (stove, etc.) We will once again need everyone's help tearing down the show at 4:00 p.m. - Sunday.

Again Sogetsu will be providing us with their beautiful arrangements.

All members should plan to help in some phase of the show. Call me as to where you would like to work.

Let's everyone participate and make our 1988 CODS Daffodil Show the best ever.

Phyllis Hess
Show Chairman

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WHETSTONE PARK

We will be digging Beds 1, 12 and 13. Digging dates are June 10 and 11 with

rain dates of June 17 and 18. Please mark your calendars.

Donna Dietsch

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SAVE YOUR CONVENTION NOTES

Brian Duncan described a leaf fungus at a convention I attended quite a few years ago.

"It looks like frost damage on the foliage tips. You begin to wonder why all the tips don't have frost damage or why the very late daffodils have frost damage when the weather is mild". Leaf scorch fungus looks like a burned leaf tip that turns dark brown and curls. Brian recommended picking off and disposing of the infected tips.

After finding my notes on Brian's talk, I persuaded Helen Meeker to help me remove the dry brown tips from our assigned (14 & 15) beds, to see if the removal would really make the foliage stronger. YES IT DID! Brian was right!. The foliage grew straight and very tall. The foliage was very healthy and stayed green through July.

Donna and I checked our Whetstone plantings two weeks after our two beds were "tipped". Our beds were truly amazing while the remaining 15 beds had limp brown foliage, going down much too fast. We were truly impressed with our tipping chore.

After a discussion on what steps to take, Donna suggested corresponding with a few hybridizers so we would be prepared for our 1988 season. The tipping was the same as Brian's, this is the second step. Remove brown curly tip, but if the leaf is beginning to yellow to the soil line, the whole leaf should be removed and a Benlate or Mancozed fungicide spray applied every 14 days till the foliage dies down is advisable to prevent fungus infection of the bulb neck. Removal of tips and an odd leaf or two will not harm the bulb growth very much and is a wise precaution (Signed: Sir Frank Harrison, May 24, 1987).

Donna and Handy will coordinate a spraying program this spring.

Cecile Spitz

To avoid disappointment in 1988, the Carncairn order will be mailed April 7th. Make sure I receive your order and check before that date.

Cecile Spitz

Please keep the Whetstone bulb given to you for taking a bed at Whetstone Park. Do not give it to anyone or trade it with anyone. If you find your bulbs are multiplying rapidly perhaps we can return some to Elise Havens, so she can build up her stock with this beauty.

Cecile Spitz

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Marilyn Fitch sent me the following from The Avant Gardener: Daffodils and Tulips don't mix well in the same vase because daffodils produce a chemical that poisons the water for tulips and several other flowers; this "daffodil slime" can be avoid-

ed, reports the International Flower Bulb Centre (Box 172, 2180AD, Hillegom, Holland), by keeping the daffodils in another container for 16 to 24 hours, then rinsing but not recutting the stems before putting them in the container with the tulips; activated charcoal, 1 tablespoon per quart of water, also helps, or you can add 5 to 7 drops of household bleach to each quart of water.

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Elsie Hack sent me the following from a magazine: Food for Thought - Great moments in Buckeye gastronomy.

PIES 'R US, 1978

For the first time, blue-ribbon food is auctioned at the State Fair, when Elsie Hack's apple pie brings \$2,000. Governor Rhodes predicts, "Next year you're gonna have pies from Eleventh to Seventeenth Avenues."

ELSIE HACK'S \$2,000 APPLE PIE RECIPE

Pastry for double crust 9 inch pie:

3 Cups Sifted flour
1 1/4 Cups Crisco
1 tsp. salt
1 Egg
2 tsp. Vinegar
5 Tbl. Ice Water

Blend flour, Crisco and salt with pastry blender. Beat together egg, vinegar and water. Mix with flour mixture with fork until mixture forms a ball. Roll out on lightly floured pastry cloth with cloth covered roller. Roll out to 1/8 inch thick. Makes double crust for 9 inch pie, or 3 single crusts.

Filling:

6 Cups sliced green apples (Granny Smith)
1 Cup Sugar
3/4 tsp. Cinnamon
1/8 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Lemon juice
1/4 tsp. Mace
1 Tbl. Butter

Line pie pan with crust. Mix sugar, cinnamon, salt, lemon juice and mace in large bowl with apples. Fill pie shell with apple mixture. Dot with butter. Top with crust. Brush top with milk and sprinkle with sugar before baking. Bake in oven at 425° for 30 minutes then reduce to 350 for 25 minutes or until brown and apples are done.

(I make the letter A in the top crust with a knife before putting on pie, that way I can stick a fork inside of slit of the letter to test for doneness.)

Elsie is CODS secretary and No. 1 dessert maker. AND, still has time for daffodils.

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Today "Little Gem" and "Candlepower" are blooming. It's showtime again while the weather is still cool put your name on your entry tags, do those jobs early for show that you can do, and then you'll have more time for picking and getting your blooms ready for show. See you on the 16th with lots of entries.