



CODS CORNER

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Cindy Hyde, President

Tag Bourne, Editor

Dear Fellow CODS Members:

The most wonderful time of the year has arrived! The war is over and Spring is pushing out the stubborn winter. Although you cannot count on April weather, there are more good days than bad. We can still get a frost, and there may possibly be wet snow; but it's not going to put a damper on my optimism.

My first job of the new season is to gather remains of the previous season and check daffodil foliage. Some adolescent foliage may have been burned by ice storms, but most of us will be admiring our first blooms of the season by the time we read this newsletter. It's amazing how much adversity a daffodil can absorb.

So, don't allow the forecaster to make your nerves jumpy everytime they warn of frost overnight, causing you to shuffle around the yard in your pajamas at midnight picking blooms for tomorrow's show. With area shows being so close together we'll hardly have time to worry (right?). We'll be having too much fun conversing with old friends and enjoying rooms filled with daffodils to worry about blooms we left behind.

Special thanks to Handy for contacting "Down Under" hybridizers for slides for our March meeting. While Handy was enjoying himself in California, Tag prepared the script and presented the program. I'm sure you'll enjoy Handy's article in this issue, too. Several other members are traveling to Tennessee to enjoy a sneak preview of Spring at Cheekwood Gardens. I wish them safe travels.

REMEMBER ... Even though our show will be held on Thursday and Friday (April 25 & 26), entries can be submitted Wednesday evening. So, if we miss you Thursday you know we'll be enjoying your flowers!

See you there!

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It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of David Spitz to CODS members. David died on March 25th at Grant Hospital. He had been ill, as you all know, for some time, but had gone in for some treatment and expected to come home on Saturday. David always came to the shows and helped with tearing down, carrying tables and anything we asked him to do. He is survived by his wife, Cecile; daughter Janice; son Alan and two grandchildren. Friends may if they wish, contribute to the Franklin County Unit of the American Cancer Society, 900 Michigan Avenue, Columbus, OH 43216. May Cecile find true consolation in the memories she keeps.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

President: Cindy Hyde
Vice President: Betty Kealiher
Secretary: Pat Crooks
Treasurer: Grace Baird

Phyllis Hess, Chairman; Nancy Kolson and Nancy Gill, Nominating Committee

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SHOW TIME
1991 CODS Daffodil Show

I hope all members will plan to participate in some part of our Annual show. It is a fun time as well as a good learning time.

Set-up will be at 1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, April 23rd, 1991 at Innis House on the grounds of Inniswood Gardens, 940 Hempstead Road, Westerville.

Entries will be received from the completion of set-up on Wednesday until the house closes at dusk, and from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Thursday. We will close entries sharply at 11 since we must get judging over and open to the public promptly at 1:00 p.m.

We will be able to have our luncheon at Innis House, so everyone please bring a covered dish. Table service, drinks and dessert will be provided. We will have use of the kitchen, but it is quite small, only a small oven, so please keep that in mind.

Tear-down will be on Friday, April 25th, at 5:00 p.m. Remember many hands make for light work, and members are all expected to help. If there is a special part of the show you would like to help with, please call me.

All trophies should be returned to either Donna Dietsch or Cindy Hyde by April 15th. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE CLEANED!

Please help make this a great show!

Phyllis Hess,
Show Chairman

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Nancy Kolson is again compiling the Carncairn order. Catalogues have not arrived as yet prices are 2/3 of the catalog price, plus 45¢ for each bulb ordered. Contact Nancy after catalogues arrive and let her know what you wish to order.

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Mary Lou Gripshover, Nancy Gill, Naomi Liggett and Tag Bourne journeyed to Knoxville, TN this past weekend for the East Tennessee Daffodil Society Show on the College of Agriculture Campus, University of Tennessee. As most of you know, Ruth Pardue is living part time in Oak Ridge and part time in Columbus since her husband was transferred to Oak Ridge. It was a good show with a great educational display of new daffodils from Mitsch/Havens and we had a marvelous dinner at Ruth & Bill's home Saturday evening. A goodly number of miniatures went down with us from Columbus and a number of top ADS awards won. Mary Lou had some nice miniature candidates also. The 80° weather was marvelous and the wild flowers in the Smokey Mountains were much enjoyed.

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CODS has had two meetings since the last publication of CODS CORNER. On February 9th, we met at Inniswood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, following Kathy Andersen's slide program on "Wild Daffodils in Spain and Portugal".

Highlights from that meeting are as follows:

Tag Bourne would like for all members to take slides of our gardens when the daffodils are in full bloom for a new CODS slide program and an ADS slide program on "Landscaping".

Whetstone Display Garden - Donna Dietsch reported that a committee has been formed composed of Naomi Liggett, Mary Lou Gripshover, Cindy Hyde and herself. They will meet to plan for the garden for the 1992 convention. Bed #17 will be dug out to a 1-foot depth and replaced with good quality soil. The Rose Foundation will provide the labor. This year 3 beds will be dug. Seventy-five to eighty new varieties will need to be donated.

Steering Committee - Handy Hatfield announced the major committee heads for the 1992 ADS Convention in Columbus. The General Chairman for the convention is Naomi Liggett. Co-Show Chairmen are Handy Hatfield and Nancy Gill. Tag Bourne will be the Registrar and Phyllis Hess will be Treasurer. He also reported that Peter Ramsey would be the main speaker. Discussion was held about transportation and AmeriFlora.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phyllis Hess reported that mesh bulb bags were still available. They come in a variety of colors (red, purple and orange), and may be purchased in quantities of 100/\$4.00 or 250/\$10.00, by writing or calling her.

NEW BUSINESS:

The president appointed Phyllis Hess as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Again this year, Nancy Kolson will be coordinating the Carncairn Club Order. Club discount prices are 2/3 of the catalog price plus 45¢/ bulb for postage.

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MINUTES

CENTRAL OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY

March 14, 1991

Members of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society met March 14, 1991, at the Upper Arlington Municipal Building. Seventeen members were present.

The February minutes were approved as mailed.

Tag Bourne moved that the Secretary's minutes be mailed, either in the newsletter or through the mail, and that the President be reimbursed for the postage. The motion was seconded by Betty Kealiher. The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy then read the correspondence from Plantland and Garden Greetings.

Grace Baird read the Treasurer's report as of March 11. The balance on hand was \$ 3099.10 in the checking and savings accounts and \$ 562.24 in the Whetstone Display Garden account. There was discussion on whether or not to pay dues to the Columbus Council since we are a plant society and not a garden club. It was decided to make the decision at the next meeting after further research.

The president then called on the Committee Chairmen for reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education - Nancy Gill. Absent.

Membership - Helen Meeker. She reported sending a yearbook to Jane Meyer.

Publications - Tag Bourne. She mentioned that the deadline for the April issue of CODS Corner is March 15.

Publicity - Elsie Hack. She showed articles from suburban newspapers advertising the meeting.

Show Chairman - Phyllis Hess. She thanked Naomi Liggett for getting the show changes typeset. The show programs were then distributed to members in attendance. The show schedule includes set-up, which will be at 1:00 on Wednesday, April 23, and take-down, which will occur Friday, April 25, at 5:00 pm. She reported a need for hostesses for Friday afternoon. Flowers may be entered Wednesday evening since Inniswood is open until dark. All awards should be taken by the winners.

Whetstone Display Garden - Donna Dietsch. She asked for a volunteer from our group to talk to the Whetstone Volunteers Orientation about daffodils--Pat Crooks volunteered to be our representative since she will already be there to talk about daylilies. Donna reported she needs help in putting the labels on the stakes; then, between April 10-12, she would like volunteers to help put the labels out. Everyone was requested to check the beds for strays and mark them with yarn or string. She also reported that a list of current varieties would be available at the May meeting.

Convention Steering - Naomi Liggett. No report.

Sunshine - Pat Crooks. No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phyllis Hess reported on the choices of the Nominating Committee. They are: President--Cindy Hyde, Vice-President--Betty Keahiler, Secretary--Pat Crooks, and Treasurer--Grace Baird. Tag made the motion to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Naomi seconded it and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tag reported a phone call expressing interest in CODS because of the Cancer Society's 'Daffodil Days'.

Naomi suggested sending a slide of a "good" daffodil to Jym Ganahl to use as a background for his weather report.

Mary Lou Gripshover discussed an ADS sponsored bed for Ameriflora. She asked if CODS would help with the planting. Mary Lou made a motion that we help with the planting of an ADS bed and Phyllis seconded it. The vote carried.

There being no further discussion, Phyllis moved for adjournment and Elsie seconded it.

Tag Bourne then presented a slide show of 'Down Under' daffodils.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kolson

Nancy Kolson, Secretary

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CORRECTION:

Reference Carncairn order Nancy Kolson called last night and due to increase in postage rates, Kate Reade is now asking 50¢ per bulb for shipping. Please change your records accordingly.

Whetstone Park is in fine shape at the present time. However, we are going to have some work to do to make sure it looks great next spring for all the visitors we will have. By the time you read this, the committee will have met and made plans to organize our efforts for the next year. We will report on that at the May meeting.

We plan to have all the beds full of flowers and will need donations this year. A list of current varieties will be available in May. I would especially like some additional miniatures and duplicates are o.k. there. We will purchase some species miniatures this year for bloom in '92.

David and Robin Jackson are again sending bulbs for the park and those should be received soon. What wonderful members they've turned out to be! They will be here next spring and are eager to see how their flowers are doing here in their new home. The Jackson's varieties are in beds #11 and 16, so be sure to look for them when you are up at the park this year.

Weeding the beds will be critical this year and next. Some are already sprouting, so if you have a bed, plan some time for weeding among all the other things you have to do from now to May. The volunteers of Whetstone are going to give us a hand with that job, but we need to be there weeding along with them. It's our garden ... let's keep it looking good.

Beds #10, 11 and 16 will be dug and replanted this year. Tentative date for digging is June 8th, starting at 9:30 a.m. A free bulb of your choice is given to each digger. Unfortunately, the Jackson varieties are not included, but there are many excellent ones in those beds.

The soil in the North bed, #17, will be changed this year. The Park of Roses Foundation is providing the soil and Columbus Recreation and Parks Department will provide the labor. Now we can be rid of those coal cinders and won't tear our hands to shreds when digging and planting that bed.

Some assistance will be needed this year to identify and remove misnamed varieties and bulbs which were missed when digging. Take some yarn or string with you and tie loosely the one you see is possibly wrong. Let me know where it is. Those that can't be identified will be available for naturalizing to anyone who asks first.

The park staff will edge the beds this year and next. Weed and feed will be put on the grass paths. This will not control the wild onions, so dig them out as best you can. Surflan and Roundup will again be put on the beds to control weeds and Cygon will be used to control bulb fly.

Whetstone Park is the largest, publicly owned daffodil garden in the world. We can be justly proud of what we have accomplished there. The world will be here next spring to see it. Let's make sure it is in beautiful condition for them.

Donna Dietsch

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The Indiana Daffodil Society and the Midwest Region of the ADS (our region) is hosting the 36th Annual Convention of ADS April 18, 19 & 20 in Indianapolis at the Radisson Hotel located in Keystone-at-the-Crossing shopping center.

This is your opportunity to enter a national show, attend educational workshops, visit three of the best gardens in the Midwest (you shouldn't miss Helen Link's garden which is beyond description) and meet many individuals you read about in the Journal.

Get the registration form from the December Journal and make your plans now!

MIRACLE MARCH

Miracle March ... Miracle March, it seems I heard or read this every day while I was in California and Oregon. In fact, it rained on me 14 of the 17 days I was out West looking at daffodils. I know the West Coast desperately needs every drop of rain, but please, it sure made the daffodils dirty and tattered after a few days. Not only was it rainy, but cold and windy, also. But as always, it was exciting to see the Walnut Creek show, visit in Oregon with the Havens and the Fortuna show, plus renew old friendships with Sid DuBose, Ben Hager, Bob Spotts, and Steve Vinisky.

I arrived at Sid's a couple of days before the Walnut Creek show. Just in time to pick a few blooms for the show between showers. We made a quick visit to see Bob Spotts on Thursday before the show. He was busy picking his last few blooms for Walnut Creek. He is undoubtedly the premier exhibitor on the West Coast ... just about unbeatable in any class he enters. At his new place, his beds are narrow and long with a soaker hose woven through each bed. He had started watering in January and it really showed, such quality and smoothness in his flowers.

Early Saturday morning, it was off to the NCDS Show at Walnut Creek. It was very chilly in the showroom all day, just the natural cold, damp outside air. I did not even take my coat off while judging. Yellow perianthed flowers seemed to predominate in the show. Bob Spotts staged an all-yellow perianth Quinn Collection, which he won. The first I had seen. The most notable flowers were Salute 2 Y-R of Brogden's, which went on to win the ADS Gold Ribbon. It was on the small side, but just perfect otherwise ... Kellanie, 2 Y-P, a very smooth lemon yellow pink. Also two of his seedlings were exceptional ... #85-114-1 (Ormeau x Gold Convention) 1 Y-Y had very good form, and #87-33-1 (Backchat x Rufus) 6 Y-O, a cute Division 6 with nice reflexing.

Bob also won the Maroon Ribbon and the Miniature Gold with a 3-headed Triandrus albus.

Stan Baird won the Purple Ribbon with 5 all-yellows ... Golden Aura, Golden Joy, Comal, Lancelot, and Ballindalloch, which was runner-up to Salute for Best in Show. How could you miss with a collection like this ... all exceptional show flowers! Sid DuBose, as usual, entered a collection of his own raising in the American-bred class and won with Nob Hill 2 YW-Y, Geometrics 2 W-Y, Random Event 3W-YOY, Gilt Complex 2 Y-Y, and Bright Spangler 8 W-O. He also won the best seedling and best pink in the show with #E32-2, 2 W-P, being named Mistress Mine.

I believe, Nancy Wilson and Marilyn Howe dominated the miniature classes. Marilyn won the Watrous and Nancy the Lavender Ribbon with Yellow Xit 3 W-Y, Mite 6 Y-Y, Scaberulus 10 Y-Y, Willkommii 10 Y-Y and Rosaline Murphy 2 Y-Y (a cute one which I had never seen).

Then it was back to Stockton to look at daffodils again before the rain came again. In fact, it was so miserable the next week that we (Sid and I) decided to go to Oregon before the Fortuna Show instead of after as originally planned. The drive up I-5 to Portland was pleasant. The view of Mt. Shasta was absolutely spectacular. We left about noon on Wednesday and were looking at daffodils, acres of them, the next afternoon at the Havens in Hubbard, Oregon. I had not been there since the convention in 1984 and they have really expanded their plantings. They were only about a third in bloom, but blooms everywhere. As usual, it was rainy and cold, no change from California. I saw lots of great things coming along for the future. Some whites from Broomhill x Canisp that I would die for. Lots of pinks, good Div. 6's, and even good split-coronas. Of the new ones for this year, I especially liked Lemon Sails and Gold Velvet.

From the Havens we journeyed across country to visit Steve and Heather Vinisky, who had moved to Oregon from San Jose, California about 8 months ago. Steve is very enthusiastic, new West Coast grower, exhibitor, and hybridizer. His new place sits on a hill and has a wonderful view of Mt. Hood, but it was not visible on our visit. We looked at his new plantings in the twilight and wind. I immediately suggested he plant a windbreak as I shivered in the cold and wind.

On Friday we all headed South again to the Fortuna Show. We drive to Grants Pass and cut over to the coast. What unbelievably beautiful scenery through the mountains and down along the coast to Eureka!

Well, Saturday morning, another cool, rainy show day, judging in our coats again! The most exciting bloom in the Fortuna Show were the seedlings of Bob Spotts and Sid DuBose. Bob did a winning American-bred with five triandrus hybrid seedlings of his raising. The most distinctive was 8b-107-1 (Ambercastle x tr. pulchellus), a 5 YW-W, just gorgeous. He had seedlings in several of his collections. His winning Watrous had 3 seedlings, one 86-M-1 (Tr. albus x odoratus), 5 Y-Y, won the ADS Miniature Gold and Rose. He also won the Quinn again. It was not nearly as good as the one he did at Walnut Creek. He took the Maroon and White Ribbons also. Williamsburg 2 W-W won the ADS White Ribbon.

Dr. Lee Gross from Oregon won the Green Ribbon, out of which came a perfect Rapture 6 Y-Y which won the ADS Gold Ribbon. He almost lost the Green Ribbon by using Whisper 5 W-Y (it was marginal).

Steve Vinisky staged a good Throckmorton. His staging was very good. He used a rather large split-corona in the center of the back row... just where I could not get a close look at it when I judged it. His best flowers were Backchat, Best Regards, Rhapsody, and Geometrics.

Sid DuBose took the Purple Ribbon with a collection of five of his pink seedlings, which had traveled almost a thousand miles to the show, via Oregon. M85-2, a very pale pink, 2 W-P, also won the Rose Ribbon.

I was fortunate to be on the panel with Bob Jerrell and Elise Havens and we got to judge all the collections and the miniatures (a new experience for me). We were in a hurry to leave the show and head south again to Stockton. Well, in our haste, we almost ran out of gas, but I got to see the Avenue of the Giants (Redwoods) as we back-tracked to the nearest gas station.

When we got home Saturday night and it rained most of Sunday, we wondered why we had hurried home to see more, wet, muddy, tattered daffodils. In fact, my last day there, I got stuck in the mud and Sid had to pull me out.

Well, so much for Miracle March and another memorable visit to sunny California !!!

Handy Hatfield

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The next deadline for CODS CORNER is JUNE 15, 1991. I ask that one CODS member attending the convention write an article on the convention itself and one member write an article on the show and some of the cultivars they see on the show bench. Please call and volunteer your services.

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Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way!