



CODS CORNER

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Cindy Hyde, President

Tag Bourne, Editor

Dear CODS Members,

Narcissus was an ordinary man of extraordinary beauty. Some say, the beauty of a God. He discovered his beauty reflected in a crystal clear pool of water in Greece. Totally captivated, he never looked up again.

Perfect name for a perfectly enchanting flower. A rather powerful flower that has the ability to cause us to drive for miles, even across many states just to admire their beauty each Spring. Or, perhaps, it is the combination of friends and daffodils.

As I write my last president's letter I'm more apt to believe the latter. Over the past two years I've come to realize that dedicated friends are extremely important to CODS. For many years Tag has successfully edited "CODS Corner." Her efforts have brought us enjoyment, information and pride. "CODS Corner" is a reflection of us and we enjoy the esteem which it creates.

---A sincere Thank You from all of us Tag!!!---

I also want to thank office holders and committee chairpersons. Many have been asked to perform beyond expectations and I truly appreciate your reliability!

A couple items of business:

1. April 22 (Wednesday) - Set up for convention begins at 1:00 p.m. You won't want to miss out on the fun!
2. May 3 (Sunday) - Contact Betty Kealiher concerning car pool scheduling to Barry Nichols/Barrie Kridlers' garden. Lunch will be provided.

Just remember, when you are completely dazzled by thousands of sparkling daffodils in the showroom at Convention, it came to you compliments of Naomi and crew-Tag, Handy, Nancy and Phyllis, and you!

It has been a privilege-

Cindy

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

President: Phyllis Hess
Vice President: Betty Kealiher
Secretary: Pat Crooks
Treasurer: Grace Baird

Nancy Kolson, Chairman; Handy Hatfield and Nancy Gill, Nominating Committee

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PETER BARR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Jim O'More of New Zealand was awarded the Peter Barr Memorial Trophy this year by the RHS. Mr. O'More is considered one of the most significant of daffodil growers and hybridizers in New Zealand. He was one of the first to register a Y-P. He has produced many well-colored large cup yellow and reds, plus many bicolors and yellow and pink daffodils. Seadream is one grown by most of us in Central Ohio. Red Ember, Gold Plate and Golden Dale is often seen in local shows. Red Ember, a 3 Y-R does exceptionally well in shows here and abroad.

He is certainly deserving of this award and we send our congratulations to him through our "Down Under" members.

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Some weeks ago there appeared in the Columbus Dispatch an article entitled "Return of El Nino Could Signal Unusual Weather Ahead!" How about that! El Nino has returned. The oddity of nature that disrupted weather around the world nearly a decade ago is under way again.

The 1982-83 El Nino, the strongest in a century, was blamed for worsening drought in Africa, causing a series of severe winter storms to come ashore in California, deluging other parts of the country with torrential rains, etc. From the weather reports in the past few weeks, it looks like we are in for the same this year. I remember having extensive correspondence with the late Murray Evans on this subject.

The past two weeks in Central Ohio has given us extremes ... from very warm to very, very cold this past week. I have many miniatures in bloom, including large clumps of Mite and Snipe, which the weather has destroyed.

Let's hope the cold holds because we certainly don't want warm weather this far in advance of our convention show.

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As Nancy Gill stated at our last meeting, CODS has a new slide program for making daffodil presentations in our area. It is available to anyone to use if they want to do a daffodil program. We still need landscape slides. I would like for all members to take slides of their gardens when the daffodils are in full bloom or if you do not have camera equipment, please call and give me permission to come to your yard and take slides of the daffodils. It also might not be a bad idea to take the same areas at the height of the summer season so people can see what can be done after the daffodil season is over.

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HALF AND HALF

I guess I should begin my 8th California diary by explaining my selection of the title. It has no relation to what I use in my coffee, but to the weather this year. It rained the first two days I was at Sid's and the last two. But, about half the days were bright, sunny, and warm for once. In fact, I wore shorts 4 days. The season was more like ours in the midwest. When it warmed up (70's) everything popped at once. When I arrived only season 1 and 2 were in full bloom. As many of you know, these are not my favorites since so often like this year they are ruined by our late freezes. But by the end of my visit to Melrose Gardens everything was mostly in full bloom.

On Friday, March 6th, we went over to see Bob Spotts, the premier West Coast exhibitor. His garden was full of bloom. He grows the daffodils in sand without mulch and so they bloom earlier. His bloom was much more variable this year than last. He is going to fertilize more next year and water more. He had some 2nd generation *N. viridiflorus* seedlings that were gorgeous. Good form and color with deep green eyes. Some opened greenish white all over. On our second visit the following Wednesday he had two perfect orange trumpets in bloom. Both were from Lea breeding, Gold Convention and Capital Hill.

On Friday, the 13th, Sid and I took off for the Fortuna show. It was a bright, warm, partly cloudy day. We had a leisurely drive north. It was wonderful to see the beautiful scenery along the way, driving through the Napa Valley then up through the redwoods to Fortuna. We arrived late afternoon and Sid got busy staging his seedlings. Bob Spotts arrived later with hordes of flowers. I think he was up most of the night staging his flowers. Steve Vinisky arrived late with his family and flowers. Steve brought down an exhibit from Elise Havens in Oregon. Their season is early due to a very mild winter. From the flowers she sent, they were into mid-season by mid-March. I got to see their new catalog. The new white trumpets on the cover look absolutely gorgeous. Of course, I may be a little biased when it comes to the whites.

The Fortuna show was a delight in all respects. Lots of bloom and great artistic designs, plus it was nice to see old friends again. I got to judge all my favorite classes with two other excellent judges, Kathy Leonardi and Stan Baird. We had a ball. We judged all the collections and miniatures. The miniatures were a little trying for me. It seems they are getting more ambiguous with all the miniature candidates. But we all got through them with some sore knees. The winners were Nancy Wilson and Bob Spotts. Nancy won the Watrous. Some of her best flowers were Pequinita, Stella Turk, Elka and rupicola. She also won the Miniature Gold with rupicola and Miniature White with Xit. Bob won the Lavender Ribbon out of which came the Miniature Rose Ribbon with a delightful 6 Y-Y from Snipe x cyclamineus.

The winners in the standards were Bob Spotts, Steve Vinisky and Sid DuBose with close runners up from Stan Baird. He had lots of very large, smooth flowers on very long, tall stems. I think they were a little out of proportion. Steve brought some excellent quality flowers down from Oregon... great color. His ADS Gold Ribbon, Loch Hope, were the brightest and best I have ever seen in that cultivar. It came out of his winning Throckmorton collection. Others that looked good were Bradbury Rings and Homestead. He also won the Purple Ribbon for a collection of great Division 6's.... Warbler, Backchat, Jenny, Rapture and Phalarope. It just barely beat out Sid Dubose, who had a collection of Division 2 seedlings.

Sid as usual won the Red-White-Blue Ribbon with five seedlings. He also won the Rose Ribbon with M85-9, a 2 Y-P. Bob Spotts won the rest ... Maroon Ribbon, Green Ribbon and the Quinn. The two best flowers in his Green Ribbon were a lovely Ice Chimes and Scipio 2 Y-Y. His Quinn was a rare occurrence. It was composed of all seedlings of his raising. I must say it was only marginal though. If Steve had had

one more division he would have given Bob a hard run.

There were at least 45 different seedlings exhibited in this show. I even got a blue ribbon on one of mine, a Misty Glen x Tr. albus, 5 W-W. It was one of ten brought up for the Rose Ribbon. So I was pleased in such stiff competition.

Well, the drive back to Stockton was exactly opposite of the first half of the trip. It rained on us almost all the way back. My last day on Monday was also wet, but I was busy evaluating seedlings and taking measurements for next year's introductions in between showers.

I must say I was not pleased when I got home and saw the horrible freeze damage on the daffodils. It is the worst I have ever seen. I estimate I have lost a third of my bloom. I just hope the bulbs don't suffer too much with most of their foliage ruined. What a way to start off our season !!!

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Handy Hatfield

Nancy Kolson is again compiling the Carncairn order. Catalogues have not arrived as yet, however, I am sure many of you receive catalogues directly from Kate Reade. Kate's husband was seriously injured in an auto accident recently and that is probably why her catalogues have not arrived. Prices are 2/3 of the catalogue price, plus 65¢ for each bulb ordered. The deadline for getting your orders to Nancy is May 3rd. You might contact Nancy to see if catalogues have arrived and then let her know what you wish to order.

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SHOW TIME

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

We would like everybody at the Hyatt in the Ballroom between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m., April 22nd for set up. We suggest you park in the City Center for \$1.00 and use the walk-thru to the hotel. Pass the Valet Parking at the Hyatt and take the first right into the garage. Set up should take approximately 2 hours. --- all tables should be set up and draped prior to set up.

We need taxus badly please, someone call Nancy to donate taxus.

We are still in need of arrangements for every class. Please call Nancy at work (861-6230) or home and leave message (488-8592) to make reservations.

Entries will be received from 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd and until 10:00 a.m. on the 23rd of April.

Tear down will be Friday after the banquet. We will expect everyone attending to help tear down.

Please help make this a great convention show!

Nancy Gill
Handy Hatfield

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