

# CODS CORNER

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Tag Bourne, President

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear Fellow CODS Members:

The most wonderful time of the year for daffodil growers is arriving....it's show time in our region. Although, I promised not to talk about the weather, how can you ignore the ice and snow we have this morning. I just returned from ten days in South Carolina where it was eighty degrees most days with azalea and camellias in bloom.

Set up for our show is Friday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see a number of you there to make this job go much faster. We have a two-day show and I expect you to let Phyllis know when and where you will work to make it a success.

Another problem in the garden has presented itself. Whetstone has received funding to replace the blacktop all around the Shelter House. The work will be done in the fall. It presents a number of problems for CODS Daffodil Garden. In order not to destroy mature trees, they want to make a one-way circular drive, which would involve coming up the Service Road, going along the road on the West side of the Taxus to the Shelter House and exiting by the road that goes along the front two beds of our garden.

At our last meeting we decided to dig Beds 1, 7, and 10. This means we will need a lot of helping hands at digging time. We should also be able to have a large bulb sale in the fall.

I have received a letter from Garry Clarke at Franklin Park Conservatory thanking us for our past support and they are taking active steps to broaden and increase their membership base. He has asked me to inform our society members of the importance of support on an individual level by becoming Conservatory members.

We are sorry to lose Christopher Maslon to Korea for one year. He will be teaching English at the Daejeon Tech School in Daejeon and we wish him well.

We will be putting out the daffodil labels on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m. Please come and help get this job done and we'll see you at show time.

Cordially,

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## BROGDEN BULBS

### Betty Kealiher

It's not easy writing about Brodgen Bulbs since I am neither an expert on daffodils nor am I an expert on Brodgen bulbs. But I do know that some of the best flowers in my garden are from the Brodgen daffodil fields of New Zealand.

I first met Spud at the 1992 ADS Convention which was held in Columbus and then later met his wonderful wife of many years, Joy. We were fortunate to have Spud and Joy as our guests before Spud spoke at the Convention in Pittsburgh.

Spud's father, the late G.W.E. Brodgen, was Spud's mentor and inspiration in hybridizing bulbs. Therefore, Brodgen Bulbs is not just Spud but also the guiding hand of his father.

If pure white flowers are your favorite, consider 'Florence Joy' 2W-W and 'Stoney River' 2W-W. Ruth Pardue once mentioned that if she could have only ten cultivars that one of them would be 'Florence Joy' (Mrs. Brodgen). This pristine white flower with excellent substance and poise is often found on the front table even after having been on the market for a number of years. Stoney River will bloom a little later. It's a smaller delicate flower and good for show.

Brodgen Bulbs has hybridized some memorable yellow-reds: 'Some Day' 2Y-R, 'Stardom' 3Y-R, 'Sabre' 2Y-R, 'Dynasty' 2Y-R, 'Focus' 2Y-R are but a few. Of this group, 'Dynasty' heads my list. The yellow is almost a golden yellow, very bright and clean. The red is very, very deep. Most every flower on strong straight stems is of show quality. 'Dynasty' was the Gold Ribbon winner at the World Convention in Portland in 2000. 'Focus' is a close runner-up to 'Dynasty'. It blooms rather early and stands tall and proud on a strong stem. The yellow and red are deep and vibrant.

If anything pink is your thing, 'Capree Elizabeth' 2Y-P, named for his granddaughter may be the one you are looking for. This is a real eyecatcher. The rather large smooth flower has a pointed perianth and a deep pink corona. Sure to catch your eye. 'Aimee Joy' 2W-P, is an early pink with a round, flat perianth and a deep pink cup. This is also of show quality.

Sometimes daffodils are grown simply because one likes the name. Mount Egmont, with its snow-covered top, is part of the logo of Brodgen Bulbs. There is a 'Mount Egmont' 2W-W, 'Egmont Charm' 2W-YYO, 'Egmont Dawn' 2Y-WWY, 'Egmont Gold' 2Y-Y, 'Egmont King' 2Y-YOR and 'Egmont Princess' 2W-Y. And if you like

the word Kiwi because it reminds you of New Zealand or you like the fruit of the same name, there is 'Kiwi' 2Y-YOR, 'Kiwi Carnival' 2W-OYO, 'Kiwi Dream' 2W-WWO, 'Kiwi Gossip' 2Y-R, 'Kiwi Invader' 3Y-R, 'Kiwi Moon' 2Y-Y, 'Kiwi Ruler' 3W-O or 'Kiwi Spark' 2Y-YYR.

There are flowers which I like "just because". One of these is 'Tanzey' 2W-OOY. This is not a large flower but can be a winner any place. This flower has done very well for me. It retains its color as it ages and the narrow band of yellow sets off the deep orange. The only problem which I've noticed is that its head does hang a little. However, 90 percent of the flowers can be shown. It also multiplies very well.

Three bulbs which I bought from Spud at the 1992 Convention were 'Flying High' 3W-YYR, 'Moondancer' 2Y-W and 'Twilight Zone' 2YYW-WWY. These three are still growing in my beds. 'Moondancer' is also one of those flowers which will catch your eye because of its size and color.

'Twilight Zone' and 'Turning Point' 2YYW-WWY are reverse bicolors which are second to none. They are both excellent show flowers which have been and continue to be award winners both here and abroad. The plants are strong and healthy.

One thing which I've noticed about the Brodgen bulbs is that once they set down roots, they are here to stay. They multiply well. In the last ten years of growing well over forty Brodgen cultivars, there is only one cultivar that I can remember losing.

Because of the variety I grow and the length of the growing season, about twenty cultivars line our front walk where we can enjoy them from the kitchen windows. They are certainly a "Joy" to behold.

## Enchanting Spring

### Phyllis Hess, Chairman

Enchanting Spring the 2002 edition of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society Daffodil Show will be held at Franklin Park Conservatory on April 13 and 14. We will be setting up for the Show starting at 2 PM on Friday, April 12.

Tear down will be at 5 PM on Sunday, April 14. No flowers or designs may be removed before that time.

Entries for the show will open on Saturday at 7:30 AM and close promptly at 11 AM. There will be no

exceptions, the public gets restless and we need to open the show right at 2 PM.

We need lots of willing hands to set up and tear down in a short amount of time. If you have not signed up to clerk, or otherwise help with the show, no problem, we will always find a job for willing workers.

I want to thank Tag Bourne for getting our Judges, Naomi Liggett for doing the Show Schedule, and Elsie Hack for taking care of the lunch. If you need a schedule ahead of time, please contact me. Bring lots of blooms, See you there!

#### Choices for Box Lunches:

- Selection 1 Beef on Cheese Croissant
- Selection 2 Chicken Salad on Croissant
- Selection 3 Ham & Swiss Cheese on Rye Bread

Each comes with chips, salad, brownie and ice tea.  
Cost: \$8.95

Please send your check to Elise Hack P O Box 276,  
Powell OH 43065. 1-740-881-5077 **Deadline April 3.**

### WHETSTONE GARDEN

#### Helen Meeker, Chairman

Present plans by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Commission are to build the road that is through the daffodil garden into a one-way service road. Bulbs in beds one and seven and in the east entrance bed ('Whetstone') are to be removed and not replanted in those areas. We can expect that the equipment and construction will encroach upon beds 14 and 15.

Our 2002 plans were to dig Beds 10, 11, 12. If our "backs" and time allow we may dig and replant Bed 10.

April 14 the Daffodil Garden will be on the City Garden Tour.

Weeds continue to be a problem in the beds. Work sessions will be scheduled, however, feel free to weed at any time.

#### ODDS & ENDS

It is too bad Christopher left for Korea before the opening of his exhibit of botanical illustrations. It is called Silent Beauties and will be held April 1 - 30 at Civilization Gallery, 3520 North High Street, Columbus OH. I hope it is a great success for Christopher!

We hope Sue Redmond is back on her feet for good after suffering a broken foot last year and being in a cast for about six months.

Ohio is not the only state experiencing unfavorable weather. If you are on Daffnet, you have been reading show reports from the South where entries were way down from a "normal season". I went to Knoxville TN this past weekend to judge the East Tennessee Daffodil Show and entries were down there also plus the quality of flowers not the best. Ruth Pardue always has loads of beautiful flowers to enter in collections and wins many ADS ribbons. This year she did not do one collection! When I looked out at her daffodil garden it was practically all green. What flowers were still there were bending over or lying on the ground.

It is usually a beautiful time of year to visit Tennessee with all the spring flowering trees, shrubs and flowers. Not this year. The magnolias and camellias blooms had turned brown. If you like Bradford pears Oak Ridge is the city to visit in the spring. It is the tree of Oak Ridge but most all had been damaged by the cold. Hardly any deciduous trees were leafing out.

One wonders what havoc Monday's weather will do to our daffodils. Hopefully most of them were not far enough along to sustain much damage. I am sure the miniatures that were in bloom will not do well covered with freezing rain. It is now only about two and half weeks before our show and one hopes it warms up soon! Bring all your blooms we will need them.

### Nominating Committee

Cindy Hyde, Chairman; Bessie Haddad, Irene Moseley

The slate of officers for 2002-2003 are:

President: Tag Bourne  
Vice-President: Jody Scribner  
Secretary: Betty Kealiher  
Treasurer: Elsie Hack

**NEXT MEETING:** May 14, 2002 *Election of Officers & Slides of Show Winners*

**Deadline for June newsletter: July 15, 2002.**