

CODS CORNER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Daffodil Friends:

It's Official!!! Spring is here. Following what has to have been the longest winter on record, the daffodils are finally up and, in some places, the crocuses are in bloom. How nice to see them. I'm certain that we all share the same feelings that spring could not have come soon enough.

We will be setting up the annual show on Friday, April 22 about 4 PM. Many hands make light work. By the same token, we will be tearing down Sunday afternoon after 5 PM. Help is always needed and welcomed, but most of all, we want to have as many flowers as possible on the show tables. Clerks will be needed on Saturday and hostesses to meet our guests on Sunday.

As many of you know we will be hosting the ADS fall meeting in Columbus on October 1. With your assistance, we will show them a wonderful time. If you have any ideas of how to be the perfect host, Phyllis or I will be glad to hear from you.

Last but not least, weeding at Whetstone Park continues to be a great need. If you have some time to spare, drop by and spend a little time getting those wild onions tamed.

Happy Spring.
Betty

ST. LOUIS REFLECTIONS AND NO BLUES...although a couple of reds!

First of all I have to say that my convention experience began a little early. Peter and Leslie Ramsay arrived in Columbus on Monday and were able to attend our CODS meeting on Tuesday. What a treat to have them here, it has been too long. We had a lot of catching up to do so the drive out to St. Louis afforded us the time to do that. The weather was wonderful and that always helps as well.

We left here on Wednesday morning, only 'Swift Arrow', 'Rapture', 'Emperor's Waltz' and 'Ocean Breeze' were in bloom. Peter picked and took about 8 of my flowers to the National Show. As soon as we turned onto Westport

Plaza, the street the hotel is on, we knew a daffodil event must be near; golden daffodils were in evidence up and down the street. Turning up the hotel driveway we were greeted by masses of daffodils! Yes, finally a convention where things were in peak bloom! Redbuds, magnificent Magnolias, tulips, daffodils, trees blooming and budding, ahhhhhhh Spring was bursting forth in St. Louis! Later we were able to see many cultivars of daffodils all properly labeled just outside the hotel between it and the food court.

The first person we saw upon arrival was Bill Lee, rather ironic, a fellow Ohioan. Then upon entering the hotel, we

saw several familiar smiling faces. The registration desk was straight ahead and a lovely "goodie bag" was ours. It contained a very nice rain poncho, which I am glad to say we never needed. (I imagine they put it there for just that reason, if you are prepared you won't need the rain gear.)

After getting settled in, it was time to look around and check everything out, so off to the staging area, here I found lots of old friends, all busily readying flowers for the show. Now the first rule of daffodil is "don't bother a busy exhibitor when staging flowers" so a nod to friends, a quick hug, knowing we will have time later to chat. Since the Ramsay's and I were a bit hungry after our trip we headed outside the hotel where 20 or so eating establishments and pubs were to be found. As Dick Frank said "this a perfect place to have a convention, 8 restaurants, 12 pubs, and not a shop in sight!" Do you suppose he might be referring to wife Sandra's spending habits? We choose "Nino's" and had a nice Italian meal, after we visited with friends and had an early night. David Jackson had decided to attend only the week before, so it was a pleasant surprise to see him. (He is also an honorary CODS member)

On Thursday, we had a rather early breakfast, checked on the show room which was very rapidly filling up with beautiful blooms, visited some more, then there was judging, meetings, a Judges' refresher, we were able to view the lovely commercial displays, the design section, and the photography section of the show before the main show room opened. All were so wonderful! Our Donna Dietsch won a blue in the design section, and Sally Heckscher one of the ADS Regional Directors from our Midwest Region won Best in Show! President Mary Lou Gripshover took the top prize in the photography section so Ohio was well represented.

That evening there were lots of awards from the daffodil show to be given and the gold and silver medal were awarded. Rod Barwick from Tasmania won the gold, while Jaydee Ager, of Georgia fame, won the Silver. It was all quite exciting as Jaydee was sitting at the table with Tag, Naomi, David Jackson, the Ramsay's, Dr. John Beck, (who has come over and helped dig at the park), immediate past president Steve Vinisky, Nancy Ellis and I. The Annual meeting was held and new officers elected for 2005-2006.

Early Friday morning it was up and at 'em as the Hybridizer's breakfast was at 8:30 and Peter was on the panel. At 10 AM David Burdick's session on "Small Growers" was a not to be missed event, it was very well done with great slides. I was sorry Keith Kridler's presentation on "Historics" occurred at the same time; I was told it was great as well. Just can't do them all.

At 11 the boutique opened, the variety was wonderful, lovely jewelry, prints, many, many pots of forced daffodils, wonderful framed photos and prints, really too many things to mention.

Then, since it would have been a shame for our visitors from "down-under" to miss seeing the Arch up close and personal, we headed downtown to visit the arch. The movie about the making of the arch was as great as I had remembered and enjoyed by all. We arrived back just in time for me to make the Board meeting. After

dinner that evening I had the pleasure of introducing Peter and Leslie, as they were our keynote speakers that night. Their program "From Groveling in the dirt to dining with Royalty" was entertaining, informative and much enjoyed. We learned the

Royalty to which they referred was of course daffodil "royalty"; they had some wonderful photos of key daffodil people. After tearing down the show, and I was sorry to see those beautiful blooms go, we gathered upstairs to visit and reminisce with friends. I just have to mention how fantastic the gold medal winner, 'American Dream' and Bill Pannill's standard Rose ribbon winner, a white-white were. The white was to die for! I nearly cried after teardown when Peter and David made it into a division 11!

On Saturday, we had to be up bright and early and on the buses at 7:15 AM!! I made it; don't know how, after a late Friday night, don't think I was too bright though. We first visited the garden of Jim and Jean Morris; it was a great garden and contained many daffodils at peak bloom; also some tiny miniature iris. I was so busy looking down at the plants that all of a sudden when I happened to look up I spied their view. The garden is one of the highest points in the area and what a view it is! You look out all across a wonderful valley. They also grow lots of iris and next month this same garden will be on tour for the Iris Convention to be held at the same hotel. They also have an extensive hosta collection and they could be seen peeking through the ground. Jim has collected bricks from all over the US and everyone was searching for one from their part of the country. There is also a cobblestone path through the garden. It was all-together a very lovely, and enjoyable garden.

The next stop was the Buehrig Garden, now talk about knocking your socks off, this one had me taking photos before I got off the bus! Built completely on a hillside, with lots of water features, dry bed streams, this is one of the finest private gardens we have ever seen! You name it, it grows here, both sun and shade plants, many dwarf and slow growing conifers, primulas, rhodeas, 1000 daffodil cultivars dispersed throughout the garden, huge oak trees, Japanese maples, magnolias, hostas, hellebores, gingers, ferns, orchids, a huge rock garden, it is all here in this garden. Then there is the garden sculpture, both wonderful bronzes, one of three little girls, a boy riding a dolphin, a girl dancing, and the nonsensical ones, grasshoppers, turtles, and frogs. The wonderful pottery on the patio, frogs, chickens, jars all done in bright bold colors. The ponds and waterfalls, one pond guarded by statues of herons, benches to sit and contemplate the beauty of the garden, the Japanese garden, the natural stream bridged by 2 bridges. The view back up toward the house from here is just too beautiful to describe. And right in the middle of it all, a magnificent holly tree towers over the garden. The many photos I took just cannot do it justice.

Just when you thought it could get no better, we were taken to MOBOT, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and 79 acres of pure beauty! The convention has toured Longwood Gardens and many others, mostly when the daffodils had long gone, but to be at MOBOT at peak bloom, WOW! In the Samuel and Heckman Bulb

gardens, Jason Delaney, who not only was the convention chairman, but is also the horticulturist in charge of the bulb gardens, had things in perfect condition. The 90,000 bulbs growing there were really showing their stuff and Jason had the gardens looking so good for our tour! He is to be congratulated on doing such a first-rate job on the convention and in the gardens! One of the things we learned, they purchase 10,000 hyacinth bulbs each year! The only thing I did not like about the garden, the fountain had been dyed red for the Cardinals opening day! As we wandered around the rest of the gardens, beauty was all around, from yellow magnolias, to the tranquil beauty of the 14-acre Japanese garden. Needless to say on this day I shot over 150 photos! I imagine you will see some photos from the convention if you are at either the CODS show or the fall ADS meeting.

After leaving MOBOT the buses took us around downtown St. Louis and for a brief photo op at the arch, it was lovely with the sun reflecting on it. Downtown St. Louis is quite beautiful.

Oh yes, after a very long day, we arrived back at the hotel at 6 PM, but one in which we soaked up so much beauty I can't tell you, Elise Havens, another honorary CODS member, was our keynote speaker, her topic "Behind the scenes at Mitsch Daffodils". It is always pure pleasure to attend a talk by Elise who is one of the nicest people you will ever meet.

Sadly the convention was then over, we "dined with Royalty", experienced sights the likes of which we may never see again, visited with friends old and new, and folks it just doesn't get any better than that!

Of course when I arrived home there had been a heat wave so things had really "popped". We had 2 inches of snow on Saturday, April 2, and on Friday April 8 a record high occurred! Ohio!

Phyllis Hess

PS: See you April 19-23, 2006 at the ADS National Convention, at the Valley Forge Hilton Hotel. Be there or miss something really special!

SHOW REPORT – ST. LOUIS 2005 GATEWAY TO SPRING

- ✓ **Gold Ribbon:** American Dream 1 Y-P Larry Force
- ✓ **Miniature Gold:** Hummingbird 6 Y-Y Naomi Liggett
- ✓ **Rose Ribbon:** #92/8A Leesburg x Virginia Walker 2 W-W Bill Pannill
- ✓ **Miniature Rose:** V98-1995 Haiku x Doily 9W-GYR Steve Vinisky
- ✓ **Small Growers Award:** Avalanche 8 W-Y Cindy Haeffner
- ✓ **Best Historic:** Gibraltar 2 Y-O John Beck
- ✓ **Historic Vase of 3:** Empress 1 W-Y Beth Holbrooke
- ✓ **Historic Collection of 5:** Becky Fox Matthews
- ✓ **White Ribbon:** Dynasty 2 Y-R Bill Pannill
- ✓ **Miniature White:** Mite 6 Y-Y Kathy Welsh
- ✓ **Silver Ribbon:** Gerald Knehans
- ✓ **Purple Ribbon:** Dynasty 2 Y-R, Homestead 2 W-W, Andar 2 W-P, Impeccable 2 Y-Y, Sdlg. 92/8A Leesburg Virginia Walker 2 W-W Bill Pannill
- ✓ **Under Ribbon:** Woodstar 5 Y-YWW, Hawera 5 Y-Y,

- ✓ **April Tears** 5 Y-Y, Stafford 7 Y-YYO, Golden Bells 10 Y-Y, Larry Force
- ✓ **Miniature Red-White-Blue:** Spider 6 Y-Y, Aviva 1 W-W, Hummingbird 6 Y-Y, Bird Flight 6 Y-GYY, Bee Jay 6 Y-Y Naomi Liggett
- ✓ **Maroon Ribbon:** Lemon Brook 2 YYW-W, Intrigue 7 Y-W, Pastiche 2 Y-YWWW, Sdlg. #151-6YG-WWY, Sdlg. #071 2 Y-WWY Gerry Knehans
- ✓ **Red-White-Blue:** #95/21A 2 W-P, Pops Legacy 1 W-Y (Bender), Oregon Lights 2 W-O (Havens), Iroquois 2 YYW-O (Havens), #89/15A 2 WWY-P Bill Pannill
- ✓ **Miniature Bronze:** Not Given
- ✓ **Bozevich Ribbon:** Geometrics 2 W-Y, Delta Queen 2 W-P, Apro 2 W-Y, #96-21B 2W-YPP (Artful x Soprano), Three Oaks 1 W-Y, Raspberry Rose 2 W-P, Miss Primm 2 Y-Y, Golden Birthday 2 Y-Y, Semantha 1 W-W, Sweetness 7 Y-Y, Rapture 6 Y-Y, St. Louis Louie 6 W-Y, Mary Lou Gripshover
- ✓ **Havens Award:** Swift Current 5 W-P, Havens Y/99/6, Lemon Drops 5 Y-Y, Work of Art 7 W-P, Penstraze 7 Y-GRR, Trena 6 W-Y, Intrigue 7 Y-W, Rapture 6 Y-Y, Ice Wings 5 W-W, Ender 7 W-P, Riddle Diddle 5 W-W, Katrina Rae 6 W-WOO Gerry Knehans
- ✓ **Throckmorton Award:** Oregon Pioneer 2 Y-P, Xunantunich 2 YYW-WWY, Roberta Watrous 7 Y-GYP, Rapture 6 Y-Y, My Sweetheart 3W-YYR, Falconet 8 Y-R, Boutique 1 YYW-WWY, LaPaloma 3W-GYR, Big Mo 1 Y-Y, Polly's Pearl 8 W-W, Lavender Mist 2 W-WPP, Scarlet Chord 2 Y-R, Royal Princess 3W-WWR, Whisky Mac 2 YYW-Y, Denali 1 W-W Beth Holbrooke
- ✓ **Gary E. Quinn Award:** Loch More 2 Y-R, Vineand 6 Y-Y, Toltec 2 Y-R, Rapture 6 Y-Y, Stylish 2 O-O, Backchat 6 Y-Y, Aintree 3 W-O, Ombersley 1 Y-Y, Oregon Lights 2 W-O, Pops Legacy 1 W-Y, Pink Glacier 11AW-P, Shockwave 2 Y-O, Jantje 11AY-O, Miss Primm 2 Y-Y, Jack Wood 11AY-YYO, Carngorm 2 YYW-WYY, Prosperity 1 Y-Y, Pacific Rim 2 Y-YYR, DuBose #E6/2 2 W-P, Sideling Hill 1 Y-Y, Williamsburg 2 W-W, Golden Sovereign 1 Y-Y, Wyong 2 W-Y, Great Gatsby 2 Y-R Kathy Welsh
- ✓ **Roberta C. Watrous Award:** Minicycla 6 Y-Y, N. alpestris 13 W-W, Cyclamineus 13 Y-Y, Small Talk 1 Y-Y, N. wilkommii 13 Y-Y, Bird Flight 6 Y-GYY, Gipsy Queen 1 YYW-WWY, Snipe 6 W-W, Spirot 10 W-W, Little Darling 1 Y-Y, Baby Star 7 Y-Y, Mite 6 Y-Y Kathy Welsh
- ✓ **Youth Best Bloom:** Fragrant Rose 2W-GPP Topher Geigle
- ✓ **Youth Best Set of 3:** Segovia 3 W-Y Abigail Winters
- ✓ **Intermediate Award:** Emerald Light 3 W-GYO Larry Force
- ✓ **Matthew Fowlds Award** (Best named cyclamineus) St. Louis Louie 6 W-Y Mary Lou Gripshover
- ✓ **Olive W. Lee Trophy** (Best standard from Div. 5, 6, 7 or 8) Avalanche 8 W-Y Cindy Haeffner
- ✓ **John & Betty Larus Trophy** (Best 3 stems miniatures) Leone Low 3-5-15, 24-10
- ✓ **Grant & Amy Mitsch Trophy** (Best 3 stems standards) #151 6 YYG-WWY (Parentage unknown) Gerry Knehans

- ✓ **Carncairn Trophy:** Tristram 2 Y-Y (Richardson), Lennymore 2 Y-R (Duncan), Duncan #606 2 W-W, Arthurian 1 Y-Y (Duncan), Dispatch Box 1 Y-Y (Duncan) Mary Lou Gripshover
- ✓ **English Award:** Aintree 3 W-O (John T. Williams), Norma Jean 2 Y-Y (Lea), Goldhanger 2 Y-Y (Pearson), York Minster 1 Y-YOO (Lea), Dr. Jazz 2 Y-ORR (Pearson) Kathy Welsh
- ✓ **Northern Ireland Trophy:** Chanson 1 W-P (Duncan), Gold Bond 2 Y-Y (Duncan), Dispatch Box 1 Y-Y (Duncan), Chobe River 1 Y-Y (Duncan), Queen's Guard 1 W-Y (Duncan) Bill Pannill
- ✓ **Australian Trophy:** Banker 2 Y-O (Jackson), Entente 2 Y-O (Jackson), Goforit 2 Y-O (Jackson), Terminator 2 Y-R (Jackson), Elusive 3 W-R (Jackson) Bill Pannill
- ✓ **New Zealand Trophy:** Dancer 2 Y-R (Brogden), Capree Elizabeth 2 Y-P (Brogden), Centerfold 3 W-YYR (Brogden), Trena 6 W-Y (Verry), Kabonova 2 Y-P (Bell) Gerry Knehans
- ✓ **Dutch Trophy:** (Five standards registered from 5 different decades beginning with 0 and ending with a 9) Vineland 6 Y-Y (Mitsch 2001), Shockwave 2 Y-O (Jackson 1995), Charity May 6 Y-Y (Coleman 1948), Golden Aura 2 Y-Y (Richardson 1964), Golden Sovereign 1 Y-Y (Ballydorn 1975) Kathy Welsh
- ✓ **ADS CHALLENGE CUP:** Steve Vinisky
- ✓ **MURRAY EVANS TROPHY:** Bill Gould
- ✓ **GOETHE LINK AWARD:** Nial Watson
- ✓ **W. A. BENDER RIBBON:** Nial Watson
- ✓ **Innovator Award:** St. Louis Louie 6 W-Y Gerry Knehans

Editors Note: In the Challenge Classes, Bob Spotts entered a terrific miniature 2 W-P, #SS-093-2, which did not receive a ribbon, but in the opinion of many could have been considered for the Innovator award.

WHETSTONE DAFFODIL GARDEN

We have received notice from Jack Low that they are not pleased with the condition of our daffodil beds in Whetstone Park. The garden committee will meet with him as soon as Irene Moseley can set up a date.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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Kit entered CODS show and won the Small Growers Award.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE has been named and will be announcing a slate of officers at the May meeting.

NEXT MEETING is May 10, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin Park Conservatory. Program: Election of Officers and slides of 2005 show winners.

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