

CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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If you've wondered what happened to your October newsletter, and think perhaps it got lost in the mail, let me assure you your postman is totally innocent, and your editor is the guilty culprit. So, my apologies for failing to produce the October newsletter, and I hope it doesn't happen again.

With all the snow on the ground, it's a time to sit back and relax and visualize what the garden will look like come April. Will the blooms live up to the catalog descriptions--or will they have nicked petals and mitten thumbs? Which new bulb will turn out to be the favorite--the most expensive, or an "oldie but goodie" which you added to the order at the last minute? I guess we'll have to wait until April to find the answer.

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Our garden at Whetstone Park now has a total of 796 cultivars, of which 226 were added this year. This year bulbs were contributed by Matthew Zandbergen, Wells Knierim, Helen Link, George Morrill, John Reed, Venice Brink, Ruth Pardue, Naomi Liggett, Grace Baird, Cecile Spitz, and Mary Lou Gripshover. Thanks are due Lura Emig, Tag Bourne, Naomi Liggett, Cecile Spitz, Grace Baird, Ruth Pardue and her son, Todd who did the planting, as well as to Bill Pardue who helped lay out the bed. Thanks also to all the "weeders" who kept the beds weed free throughout the year. This year Bed #1 will be dug, and hopefully four additional beds added, so check the planting list which you'll get later on, and when you're digging (you are digging, aren't you--so you can replant late and deep to have blooms for our convention show in 1978?) make a note to share some of the things not yet in the garden.

We also naturalized some bulbs given us by Mrs. Armstrong along the hillside just west of the garden.

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The Rose Commission is again planning their "open gardens" program for 1977 and would like to include some daffodil gardens in April. The date would be set at our convenience. Anyone who would like to volunteer their garden, please contact me at 488-0826, as soon as possible.

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A hearty welcome to the following new members. We hope to see you at all our activities and hope you enjoy your association with CCDS.

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It is rumored that this will be the last year Grant Mitsch issues a catalog. After this year, the rumor goes, his business will be divided up with some bulbs going to each of his two daughters. I have not heard anything about their plans. A friend of mine has offered to put up as much as \$20 toward a bulb of Cotinga, 6ap (retail \$75.) He doesn't care who grows it initially, as long as he gets a bulb when it increases after several years. I have a list of Mitsch introductions for 1977 if anyone is interested. His complete list will come later.

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Andrew Marvell - 17th Century Poet and 20th Century Poeticus

Andrew Marvell is a poeticus hybrid raised by Mr. J. M. deNavarro of Worcestershire, England, and registered in 1962. Its parentage is Cantabile x Shanach, both flowers bred by Guy Wilson.

The perianth reflexes gently, and the flat corona has a green eye, yellow mid-zone, and a red rim. As the flower matures, a thin white line becomes noticeable between the red rim and the yellow zone. It blooms in Ohio at the same time as Cantabile. It was acquired in 1972 and in 1976 gave 7 blooms from the original single bulb and so appears to be a good grower. It has been exhibited successfully in shows.

Mr. deNavarro tells me that Andrew Marvell was an English poet of the 17th century; and that he was inspired to name it after him while thinking of his

"Annihilating all that's made
To a green thought in a green shade."

Mr. Marvell was known in his lifetime chiefly as a Cromwellian, as a friend and colleague of Milton, as a member of Parliament, a pamphleteer, and a satirist. His fame as a poet came later. His poems, especially those on gardens and country life, display an exquisite feeling for nature and language.

Mr. deNavarro's flower seems fitting tribute.

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Those of you who missed our January meeting missed an interesting slide presentation of species daffodils. My favorite was cantabricus petunioides--one I've never seen listed in the trade.

At our meeting, Naomi Liggett and Tag Bourne reported on our upcoming show. Schedules were distributed to those in attendance. Dates of the show are April 23-24 with set up on April 22. Naomi asked for volunteers for the various jobs. If you have a preference, please call her at 451-4742. Naomi thanked Jennette Smith for the cover design of the schedule.

It was reported that notepaper is still available for \$1.25 per package.

Tag Bourne reported on the clinic for April 3 to be held at the Upper Arlington Municipal Building at 2:00p.m. Naomi Liggett will discuss refrigeration and staging; Grace Baird will speak on grooming; Ruth Pardue will discuss the ADS scale of points and judging; and Mary Lou Gripshover will discuss garden planning and classification.

Marty Schmidt volunteered to chair the 1977 Bulb Sale provided she had help in selecting the bulbs. Mary Lou will help.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at the Municipal Building. (Currently, the Municipal Building is not available after business hours because of the energy crisis. This will extend through February, and may be further extended through March. If the Building is unavailable, the meeting will be at Gripshover's, 2917 North Star. The phone committee will let you know.) Following a discussion of show preparations, Grace Baird will share her slides and experiences in New Zealand with us.

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The Dispatch Home and Garden Show has been cancelled due to the energy crisis.

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