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The Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

Isn't that an exciting name?! You don't like it? All right, let's have a contest. Everybody send your suggestions for a name to the editor, and we'll vote on them at the February meeting, and the winner gets her choice of a bulb from the Mitsch catalog! OK? (Now here's the catch--price limit \$1.00.)

Now that we are about to begin our third year of existence as a Society, isn't it about time we tried to spread some of our enthusiasm for daffodils to those who are not yet "hooked"? I'm sure you've all read about the Rose Society or the Mum Society or the African Violet Society in the Dispatch garden pages, but who has read of the Daffodil Society? Not many, I'll bet! Maybe we need a good P.R. man, but then again, maybe we need to do something. For starters, how about presenting a copy of Jefferson-Brown's book to Tremont Library (with appropriate publicity.) Or maybe the Daffodil & Tulip Yearbook which the RHS publishes. If you like the idea of a newsletter, it could be sent to all libraries in Columbus, Grandview, and Upper Arlington. Also to the editor of Garden Greetings with permission to reprint articles of interest. Hopefully future issues of a newsletter will include at least one worthwhile article related to growing, showing, and/or enjoying daffodils. Public plantings of daffodils is another way to bring daffodils to the attention of more people. This need not be formal beds, but could be naturalized plantings--for instance along the freeways. Or how about the park along the Scioto River. Many embankments are too steep for grass cutting, and would look great with daffodils blooming in Spring. Large pots could be planted for display on city streets. Surely there are parks that have space for daffodils. Cardiff Park comes to mind--light woodland. Perhaps the OSU horticulture dept. or the Park of Roses would be willing to establish a test garden. (I believe that the ravine in Whetstone Park was to be planted with daffodils last fall.) We could supply the bulbs for the test gardens. An appeal in the ADS Journal might bring bulbs. Too ambitious? Too expensive? Too much work? Maybe. But wouldn't the result be worth it? How would YOU promote daffodils??

Now, I have a project for you. I would like each of you to send me a list of the varieties that you grow (or grew--if you no longer grow it, please tell why) and if you care to comment on them--good or bad--so much the better. (Please compile the list by divisions.) This list can serve many purposes. For one, if someone plans to order a variety, they could go see it before they buy. That way they'll know if the "Fiery, orange-red" of the catalog is really that, or just another pale orange cup; or if the "pure, apple-blossom pink" is pink in our climate or only in a dense fog on a rainy day. For another, if you comment, we can make recommendations to beginners to what varieties do well here. Not Oregon, or Ireland, or where ever. Also the photographers among us could build up a good set

of slides which we could hopefully use for talks to various garden clubs. (And besides, I'm curious!)

I mentioned a meeting in February. Specifically Feb. 4, at 10:00a.m. at my house--2917 North Star Rd. As some of you know, we are hosting Judging School I on April 22, and Cynthia will tell us all about the plans. Also, I will have information about the show in Chillicothe on April 17. Since the NorWest show will not offer ADS awards, we might want to think about some type of Junior Award for this show. Think about it--should it be a rotating trophy, a fancy ribbon, or a collection of bulbs? Dues for the coming year will be payable (\$2.00) and you may also pay for the judging school (\$5.00) at this time. And if any of you bought your bulbs on credit last September, do get those paid for soon. There will be lunch for those who can stay.

Hopefully this has given you some food for thought. I'll be waiting for your comments. Meanwhile, please make note of the important dates listed below.

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Editor

- February 4, 1971 - 10:00a.m. CODS Meeting - 2917 North Star Rd.
- April 13-15, 1971 - Garden Club of Ohio Convention, Sheraton Hotel
We have volunteered to do an educational display of some sort if convention committee desires it.
- April 17, 1971 - Daffodil Show, Chillicothe
Co-sponsored by Adena Daffodil Society and Central Ohio Daffodil Society
- April 20, 1971 - Midwest Region Daffodil Show, Dayton
Details later
- April 22, 1971 - Judging School I, Northwest Gardens, 9:00a.m.
- April 24, 1971 - *Daffodil Show, Cleveland*
- April ?? - Garden Walk
Cynthia Bell and Ruth Pardue have invited us to see their daffodil gardens. They will set dates to coincide with peak bloom.
- May 1-2, 1971 - NorWest Flower Show, Upper Arlington High School
- September 9, 1971 - CODS Meeting, 9:30a.m. - 2917 North Star Rd.
Bulb sale and program on Miniature Daffodils (If you're digging this year, save those extras for this sale.) Pot luck luncheon????
- October ?? - Public Planting of Daffodils????????