

CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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As I write this, several inches of snow covers the ground, protecting even the foliage of those early growers whose shoots have grown several inches. Jessamy, in the coldframe, has long, slender foliage, and with each warm spell, I check to see if the bloom has also come. This is the first year I have grown Jessamy, as well as gaditanus, wilkommii, fernandesii, Taffeta, and bulbocodium obesus; they all share my small coldframe, as I am afraid the severe cold will damage them. Winter is a time of anticipation and hope--hope that all those bulbs we planted will be as beautiful as the catalog said--and hope that the beautiful blooms will bring beautiful awards!

Christmas has brought greetings from friends far and near, and along with them the letter from Gerald Waltz, who has supplied many of the bulbs for our bulb sales, stating that he has sold his business, "having reached the age of 'three score years and ten' some time ago." The buyer is Brent Heath, Daffodil Mart, Gloucester, Va., 23061. Mrs. Richardson said that Mr. Heath was also purchasing some of her bulbs, so it would seem that Mr. Heath is expanding his business.

A letter from Murray Evans in November said that he "will be 61 Christmas Day, with retirement age on the horizon. We expect to carry on in a small way long as health permits, even after retirement. Grant (Mitsch) is past official retirement age now, and said he would sell out at any time a buyer can be found." So, you're forewarned--don't put off too long ordering things you really want!

Those of you who are ADS members probably were amused at Col. Harrison's remarks in the December Journal on naming daffodils, so I'd like to share the following from Murray Evans with you:

" . . . H-8, which is being introduced this year. It is a 2b with long, yellow cup that is fluted and shirred at the margin, and all this embellishment being white..very contrasty. The first time it bloomed we dubbed it Bearded Lady, and fully intended to register it by that name, then at the last minute I chickened out and called it Chorine. That white frill could be likened to some of the feathers and fuzz on a chorus girl's costume. Ten others are on their way to the registrar and . . . will be included" (in the 1974 list). We shall look forward to having the Bearded Lady - I mean Chorine - perform in our gardens in the future.

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At the meeting on January 8, 1974, Cynthia Bell reported on the bulb sale. She stated that although the miniatures arrived quite late--the middle of November--all bulbs were sold through the efforts of Naomi Liggett, Grace Baird, and Mary Lou Gripshover; thanks are also due Naomi, Grace, and Mary Lou for bagging the bulbs. Cynthia will write Mr. Zandbergen to get a refund for the missing bulbs and those completely dehydrated from their long journey. Naomi and Mary Lou were appointed Bulb Sale Chairmen for this year.

Grace and Mary Lou stated that they would be calling people to serve on various show committees, and that schedules would be available for distribution at the March meeting.

As time was running out, the following proposed By-Laws are printed here. They will be voted on at the March meeting, so plan now to attend. Mark your calendar for 9:30a.m., March 12, 2917 North Star Road.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Central Ohio Daffodil Society.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society shall be to promote the growth of daffodils and to stimulate the interest in daffodil culture through education.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Membership shall be open to any person whose objectives are in accordance with Article II.

Sec. 2. Membership shall consist of Regular and Honorary Members.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of this Society shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and appoint all committee chairmen. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 3. The Vice-Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, shall perform all the duties of the Chairman; and shall be program chairman.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings and be responsible for notifying members of the meetings.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies collected and have custody of the Society's funds.

ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. A nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Chairman at the first meeting of the calendar year. The Nominating Committee shall select and present a slate of candidates in the April issue of CODS CORNER.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected and installed at the post-season meeting.

Sec. 3. The term of office shall be for one year, and no officer shall serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 4. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the Chairman with the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of all the elected officers.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

The Society shall hold a minimum of four meetings per year; the time and place to be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

- Sec. 1. The fiscal year runs from June to June.
- Sec. 2. The dues shall be determined each year by a vote of Society members.
- Sec. 3. Honorary Members shall be exempted from payment of dues and given all privileges of a Regular Member, with the exception of voting and holding elective office.
- Sec. 4. Dues must be paid by the Fall Meeting or membership will automatically be terminated.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

- Sec. 1. The Standing Committees shall consist of Ways and Means, Publicity, Daffodil Show, and Publications. The Standing Committees shall operate throughout the year.
 - a. The Ways and Means Chairman shall be responsible for all money raising projects in the name of the Society.
 - b. The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for notification of meetings and Daffodil Shows through the media of newspapers.
 - c. The Daffodil Show Chairman shall be responsible for the annual Daffodil Show and appoint all committees necessary for its execution with the exception of Publicity Chairman.
 - d. The Publications Chairman will be the Editor of CODS CORNER, and will be responsible for any other publications the Society may from time to time provide.

ARTICLE X

PUBLICATION

The official publication of this Society shall be CODS CORNER published quarterly: January, April, July, October.

ARTICLE XI

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present provided the proposed amendments have been published in the most recent issue of CODS CORNER.

Naomi Liggett, Chairman
By-Laws Committee

In accordance with the above procedures, Cynthia appointed Jennie Belle Adler, Grace Baird, and Mary Lou Gripshover to the Nominating Committee.

Since it is the prerogative of the editor to editorialize - or ramble on - I take advantage of this space to offer some random thoughts. I think we're all agreed that we need more members. Perhaps one way to get more people interested would be to have half of our meetings either at night or Saturday or Sunday afternoon, so that people who work would be able to attend at least some of the meetings. At least one member dropped out because she works--perhaps there are others who might join if they could come. Another thing we need to do, I think, is have a vigorous publicity campaign. We get great publicity for our show, and then the Society is never heard from--at least in the newspapers--until the next show. All meetings should be publicized, and include an invitation for the public to attend. And the meetings should have a program that make them worth attending. Committees could all report through CODS CORNER, so that business time at the meetings is kept to a minimum. People came to our clinics when we had them four and five years ago. Perhaps they would come again if we had something to offer them.

And now, if anyone wants equal time for their opinions, I'd be glad to print them in the April issue.

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Dues are payable in January, since it was five years ago in January that we first collected dues. It's \$2.00 currently; if the new By-Laws are adopted, it will cost you another \$1.00 to go until June, 1975. Dues should be sent to Mrs. William Baird, 1874 Collingswood, Columbus 43221.

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We have an opportunity to plant a daffodil display garden at Whetstone Park (Park of Roses). Ruth Pardue works with Mr. Hollenbeck, of the City of Columbus, and she asked him if we would be able to plant bulbs at one of the city parks, and he was most enthusiastic in his response. Seems they want to diversify the Park of Roses, and would be pleased to have us plant bulbs. (The Dahlia Society already has such a garden there.) We would have to supply the bulbs, and of course they should be labeled. In talking to several members of the Society, I found that they were in favor, so I will put a notice in the ADS Journal requesting bulbs. Naturally, we will have to vote on this at our next meeting, but then the notice wouldn't appear until June, and I think it should go in the March and June Journals.

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Anyone looking for a good strong label for your garden plants? Naomi Liggett has some made of galvanized steel, 12" long, with white zinc labels. She's getting ready to order more, and the more she orders, the lower the price. So, if anyone is interested, contact Naomi, 451-4742.

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And now, since every newsletter ought to have something of value, we reprint here an article from the Washington Daffodil Society Newsletter.

NEWLY REGISTERED DAFFODILS

How many different daffodil names are there? 10,000 at a guess! Take a look at The Classified List and add the names that have been dropped from previous lists and the unregistered names from Australia and New Zealand. Yet there are always more, and we look forward to them as being more beautiful and desirable daffodils. In the period from June 27, 1972, to June 4, 1973, 99 new daffodil names were registered with The Royal Horticultural Society.

Maybe some simple statistics will tell what the hybridizers think that we like or, at least what they like. 82 of these new daffodils are cups or trumpets. The remaining 17 are doubles (4), cyclamineus(2) jonquils (3), a poet (1), split coronas (4), and one "any other." Of the 82, the bicolor large cups accounted for 29 but this included yellow, red and pink cups. The 2as, both all yellow and those with

red cups, accounted for 21 of the new daffodils. There were 10 yellow trumpets registered but not a single all white. There was only one reverse bicolor. Perhaps today's white trumpets are too difficult to improve on and Grant Mitsch is too far ahead of any competition with his reverse bicolors. The statistics seem to tell us that the money and the interest is in the large cups and the yellow trumpets.

Twenty-four people bred these 99 newly registered daffodils. Who are they? Mrs. J. L. Richardson, who is just going out of business, raised 17 of the 99: 14 trumpets and cups and three doubles. Tom Bloomer, of Northern Ireland, who is just going into business, bred 15 of them, all trumpets and cups.

Murray Evans bred seven of the 99. He registered six of these and one, 2b Shriner, was interestingly enough, registered by our Dutch friend of collar fame, Jack Gerritsen. Murray has a talent for producing quality daffodils with a pleasing iridescent "cheesy-buff" color and apparently his 2a Buckskin is of this type. Two of the new daffodils were bred by another Oregon gentleman, George Morrill, and the two are no strangers to our area. His 7a Pretty Miss, a striking and strong growing white and yellow jonquil has done well in our shows as a numbered seedling and his 7b Oregon Gold is aptly named.

Grant Mitsch registered only six daffodils; four cups, a double and a 6a. The double, Alabaster, sounds most intriguing. Carncairn, a name that produces an image of a sweet and lovely lady, Kate Reade, registered six large cups.

Our Australian friend, Lindsay Dettman, registered only three daffodils; a 2a, the only 2d and one of the two 7bs. Lindsay is a man of sentiment and strong loyalties. If he decides a seedling is worthy of registration, he will quite likely name it for a friend. For instance 2a Jimmy Chandler, 2d Freddie Silcock and 7b Marjorie Muir. I wonder if Lindsay matches the personality of the flower to that of the person? Let's hope that Jimmy, Freddie and Marjorie all cross the Equator.

Jack Gerritsen, pioneer and forthright advocate of quality collar daffodils has registered four more of his specialty. One of these, Rungus, is an 11a2, if you will--yellow perianth and a split red cup. With luck it might be at our show next April.

Mr. Frank Waley of daffodil exploration and Oregon Convention fame registered a 12, a daffodil that by definition is not a trumpet, a cup, a double, triandrus, cyclamineus, jonquil, a tazetta, a poet or a collar. It is named Sevenoaks after his home where bulbocodiums and cyclamineus are naturalized. Do you suppose he crossed them?

Some years back, Mrs. C.E. Fitzwater of Huntington, West Virginia, gave a talk on hybridizing to a regional ADS meeting in Roslyn, Va. Apparently she knew whereof she spoke. Pursuing an independent line of breeding, she produced some winners at the Williamsburg Convention and three of these, all bicolor small cups, are registered with the interesting names of Fitzwater's Green, Green Mountaineer, and Bee Mably.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. G. Link, a leading daffodil authority in our country, registered 2a Sara. Bill Roese of California, up and coming First Vice-President of ADS and brother-in-law of our new member, Bob Pyatt, registered a 2b Top Secret. Maybe Bob Pyatt can expose a Top Secret to the Washington public. Call in the Washington Post!!

Noticeable by their absence are such outstanding hybridizers as Roberta Watrous, Bill Pannill, J.S. B. Lea, Mrs. Abel Smith and the genial squire of Ballydorn, Col. Frank Harrison. Perhaps next year they will show up.