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CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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How does your garden grow on this cold January day? The few warm days we had last week brought daffodils and crocus peeking through the ground. Let's hope it stays cold for awhile yet--so we have a "normal" Spring for a change.

In the last issue, I think I mentioned that I had buds on my bulbs of Jessamy. They were at ground level then, and a slug got one bud, but there are still 2 buds about 1½" tall. I check at each warm spell, and will keep you posted.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETING to you all and with a wish that 1975 brings to each one of you much happiness in all things both large and small....in your lives wherever you may be....in your gardens and those you happily visit....and in your travels even though only in your dreamsand last but not least in our favorite flower, the daffodil which grows for us all around the world and is already scheduled for numerous shows throughout the United States.

Personally, I am grateful for the cold and blustery winds which favored us this past weekend and brought normal Ohio January weather with them. On Sunday evening I took a short, brisk walk and found happiness in the clear, starry night, the sparkling snow flakes which were dusting everything with diamonds. I felt like a child again when I looked back at my own foot prints in the snow; and as I walked up to my own front door I was happy with the warmth of the lighted window and the thought of the warm fire inside.

I found happiness in the ADS Journal which arrived on Wednesday and I dreamed of charting my own path to follow the daffodil shows which are scheduled beginning in March in the Southwest and as the weather moderates one travels eastward through Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia; then through Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky; onward to Virginia, D.C., and Maryland; back to Indiana and Ohio and ending up in Connecticut in May....not to mention the ADS National Show in Oregon in April. Wouldn't it be fun? Two full months of daffodil shows!

Now let us look at our own calendar for February. Remember the 4th of February at 7:30p.m. we will hold an important CODS business meeting at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center. We hope to keep the business part brisk and follow with an all member participation program. We are asking each one of you to show or tell us about something of special significance relating to the daffodil. It may be a bit of poetry, a magazine article, a bit of handiwork. So please come, join in the fun, and we will be planning our own daffodil show and season.

With happiness in daffodils,
your PRÉZ, Grace

MORE DAFFODILIA

Christmas shopping turned up more daffodilia. The China Cat had Royal Windsor bone china mugs with lovely daffodils for \$5.00; and a small china tray depicting two different species daffodils. (Both items are presently out of stock, but maybe if we bug them enough, they'll get more in!) Lazarus bath shops have French soap with a daffodil design (design is said to last as long as the soap does)--2 bars for \$2.25. The Union has Nature's Garden bone china by Mikasa which features a different flower pattern for each month. December features Narcissus and March features Jonquil. A three-piece place setting is \$24.95. Hallmark postales (15/\$2.00) were noted in several stores.

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A "Cynthia Bell Memorial Trophy" is being established to be awarded at the Midwest Regional Show for the best collection of 12 daffodils. This is being established by friends of Cynthia's who shared her love of daffodils. Anyone who wishes to participate, may send a contribution to Naomi Liggett, 4126 Winfield Rd., Columbus 43220. The trophy will be offered for the first time at the Regional Show in

Indianapolis on April 22. (Our CODS show will also have a trophy honoring Cynthia--this one established by CODS.)

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The Procedure for Obtaining Awards from the American Daffodil Society, Inc. have been revised in September, 1974. Firstly, there no longer is an ADS award for best seedling. We may offer a local award, however. Miniature seedlings may now be exhibited in the classes for miniature daffodils. Further, it includes the following:

NOTES ON SEEDLINGS

- "1. Show committees are reminded that a seedling without the originator's number may not be entered in any class of a show approved by ADS.
2. If a commercial or other grower assigns a number to a cross or to a batch of seedlings and then sells or gives away some of them after blooming without further identification, they have not been properly identified and may not be exhibited in shows approved by ADS. Show committees are further advised that it is not the Society's intention that an individual may obtain unnumbered seedlings that have been bloomed by someone else and assign a number himself for show purposes."

It seems to me that the above eliminates Evans N-20 and Evans H-44 from the show. Perhaps some others as well. If you enter a seedling be sure it is properly identified. USUALLY an identification number (from Evans or Mitsch) will have a letter, number, /, number; i.e. F21/4. The letter indicates the year; the first number, the number of the cross; and the last number would be a specific plant from that batch of seed. Other growers use all numbers. I have some of Mr. Morrill's seedlings--one, 56-1-1, was recently registered as Pretty Miss. His first number indicates the year. Other growers use various combinations. If a seedling is properly identified, all blooms bearing that number would be identical.

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In case you're wondering about our note paper, our resident artist got sick before Christmas, but promises to work on it soon.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 4 - 7:30p.m. - CODS meeting - Upper Arlington Municipal Bldg.
April 16 - Daffodil Show, Chillicothe
April 19-20- Daffodil Show, Dayton
April 22 - Midwest Regional Show, Indianapolis
April 26-27- CODS Show, Upper Arlington Municipal Building
April 29-30- Daffodil Show, Cleveland
May 3-4 - NorWest Show, Upper Arlington Municipal Building

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SHOW TIME

Perhaps you don't think about daffodil shows in January, but your show chairman does! The dates for the show are April 26-27 at the Upper Arlington Municipal Building, 3600 Tremont Road. Staging will be done on April 25. We hope to involve all CODS members in some way, so if you would like to work in a specific area--entries, clerks, luncheon, staging, classification, etc.--please call me (486-2775). Otherwise assignments will be made at the February meeting.

--Ruth Pardue, Chairman

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Do you ever wish you could buy the plastic mesh bags for bulb storage? The Washington Daffodil Society has some for sale at \$3.00 per 100. If you're interested, I'll order them for you. One of our members reports that her friendly Big Bear produce man sold her some.

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Last year our Society placed a club order with Mr. Mitsch. We received a 25% discount. Hopefully we will be able to do this again, so keep this in mind when your catalogs start arriving.

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What is the first daffodil that blooms in your garden each year? This year, I would like each of you to write a short paragraph on your first blooming daffodil, and we will print them in our July issue. Include the date it opened, give a description, tell what made you decide to buy it and if it grows well, and would you recommend it to someone else. That should make interesting reading.