

CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Who said "For if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" (I can't remember). I have a feeling in looking out that "it" has arrived and with our many activities Spring will arrive before we know it. It's no time to go out and see what's growing in your garden, believe me. So why not dream a little! Many have slides, numbers of daffodil catalogues, it's an excellent time to place your "Down Under" orders, "Daffodils to Show and Grow" may have arrived, use this time to your advantage and drop those little "a", "b", "c", and "d's" from your records and work on color coding, think about those new "beauties" in your garden recently planted and enjoy slides of your past seasons.

Last evening, I enjoyed viewing "Lollipop" 3 W-Y (Murray Evans), "Skookum" 3 Y-Y (Murray Evans) and then on to "Achnasheen" 3 W-W (John Lea), which brought me back to reality, because it glistens like the January snow.

If you're a brave soul, Mary Lou wrote a number of years ago on micro-climates, and they're best found when there's snow on the ground. Look for the places the snow melts first. If you want a very early season, plant some very early cultivars there, and vice versa, if you want a longer season, plant late varieties where the snow fails to melt.

Another thought, Jerry Razor on TV-4 shows slides along with his weather forecast. The other evening some gentleman sent in a daffodil, absolutely the worst. Why not copy one of your favorite slides and show him and his audience, what a "real" daffodil looks like? Good way to get a little free publicity.

Registrations for the ADS Convention are starting to arrive and things are looking up. Phil Phillips of New Zealand is among the registrants and a December letter from Sir Frank Harrison of Ballydorn in Northern Ireland states "We hope to be at Columbus for the ADS Convention and it would be nice to see your "N. Topkapi" 2 W-OOY there." Soon Spring will arrive and we have our work cut out for us, plus don't dream past next Monday evening and forget our CODS meeting. Mark your calendar now for the twice postponed January meeting: January 30th, 7:00 p.m., Small Council Chambers, UAMSC. We have been given permission to keep the ADS slides until we can see them.

See you then!

"Tag" Bourne, President

Mr. Lindsay Dettman will be our house guest from April 23 to May 1. He would like to play golf a few times on "American turf." If you would like to entertain him in any way at any time, please let me know.

I have received catalogues from David Bell, Mr. Dettman, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Jackson, and the Hancocks. Mr. Dettman gives a club discount on a bulk order. Mrs. Abel Smith will give our club a discount again in 1978 if ordered in bulk to one address.

Because of his beautiful bulbs, generosity and warm correspondence, Murray Evans gets most of my "daffodil money, bread money, etc." I will report on all of his bulbs after the 1978 blooming season. I am looking forward with great excitement and anticipation to every bulb ordered from our special hybridizer. How will "Shadow" perform, will "Ghost" survive in my soil? His "Lostine" has been my very favorite daffodil for years.

I had many beautiful daffodils in 1977. Mrs. Abel Smith was a new source for me, being introduced to her flowers at the Philadelphia convention. I was very pleased to find so many perfect blooms in my garden. "Emily," "Clumber," "Dulcie Joan," "Margaret Clare," and "Morning Cloud" were absolutely beautiful. "Chelsea Derby," considered a garden flower, was equal to "Aosta" and of exhibition quality--bright pink and very smooth. Needless to say, Mrs. Abel Smith received a larger order in 1977. I am looking forward to "Langford Grove," "April Love," "Tutankhamun," and "Park Springs" plus a lot of her older varieties.

The most beautiful pink in my garden was "Aosta," a Richardson cultivar and new to me. The cup is long and slender, the flower is very smooth and a nice pink. I'm sure Mrs. Richardson received a lot of 'Aosta' orders this year.

I moved my pink bed to a northeast location where there is no sun from 12 noon to 3:00p.m. and perhaps this has been beneficial, the pinks were truly beautiful. "Bridesmaid", "Tullycore," and "Carrickmannon" were outstanding. I will have a very pink garden in 1978, having ordered mainly pinks from all hybridizers.

--Cecile A. Spitz

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A hearty welcome to the following new members. We hope to see you at our various functions, and look forward to getting to know you better.

Mr. Wilbert Schrader, 1008 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, Ohio 44870
Mrs. F. Thomas Jones (Myra), 1608 Southway Ave., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
Dr. Howard J. Ward, 97 W. Pacemont Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43202

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CODS BULB SALE

The remaining four cultivars which had not been received from Rathowen Daffodils finally arrived on January 6, 1978. Apparently they had been held up in the dock strike. Since the ground is thoroughly frozen, you might try potting the bulbs, water well, and store them in a cool place. Then at the first opportunity, knock them out of the pot and plant them in the open ground--disturbing them as little as possible. Or let them grow in the pot for the first year, and plant them in the garden next fall. The late delivery is regrettable; perhaps next year we'll have to make other arrangements.

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CONVENTION UPDATE

Convention planning is well under way. (About all we need are some volunteers to make table arrangements!) In fact, Tag Bourne reports that there are 16 registrations as of this writing. The convention, being held at the downtown Sheraton, officially opens with a Board of Directors meeting of the ADS on Thursday afternoon, April 27. However, for us, the work begins on Wednesday noon when we will begin setting up for the show. Entries may be placed on Wednesday evening as well as on Thursday morning. The show will offer all ADS awards, plus lots of CODS awards ("keeper" trophies.) Also, Phil Phillips of New Zealand has offered an award for a collection of five New Zealand bred daffodils. There will also be an arrangement section. The judges will be entertained for lunch in the complimentary suite which the Sheraton provides.

The annual members' meeting of the ADS will take place Thursday night followed by an address by Libby Capen of New Jersey who will show us slides of showing and growing in Holland, England, Ireland and Northern Ireland.

On Friday, we will have a series of workshops as follows: (You choose one from each time frame.)

9:30 - 10:30	Poeticus	-	Miniatures
10:45 - 11:45	Photography	-	Hybridizing
--Lunch on your own--			
1:30 - 2:30	Tazettas	-	Pests and Diseases
2:45 - 3:45	Cyclamineus	-	Split Coronas

*Tag Bourne
has registration
forms.*

The Board of Directors will have their second meeting at 4:00p.m. Dinner speaker on Friday night will be Phil Phillips of New Zealand.

On Saturday morning, we will have the authors of the "Handbook for Exhibiting and Judging Daffodils" available to answer questions. Bill Ticknor will be available to answer any questions on color coding. Preference will be given to questions submitted in writing in advance.

At 11:00a.m. we leave for the gardens at Whetstone Park, Lura Emig's, and Handy Hatfield's. We will lunch at Handy's. The convention will close with dinner on Saturday night when the banquet speaker will be Lindsay Dettman of Australia.

ADS Judging School 1 will be held on Sunday at the Sheraton. Reservations should be made (send \$5.00 check) with Mrs. Alfred Hanenkrat, 266 Floyd Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45415.

It is quite possible that some of the international visitors might like to spend a few extra days in Columbus and then go on on May 2 to Cleveland for that show. If anyone would be willing to have them stay in their home, please let me know so that we can co-ordinate activities. I will probably have two representatives of Rathowen Daffodils here with me (Brian's partner and another friend--I'm still trying to talk Brian into coming.) I have also invited Mrs. Richardson to stay. I have been asked if anyone might be able to put up Clarrie Andrews of New Zealand who is hoping to come. I indicated that it would be likely after the convention, but gave no definite commitment. Other overseas growers who may attend are Matthew and Nel Zandbergen, Holland; John Lea and Mrs. Abel Smith, England; Kate Reade and Lord & Lady Harrison of Northern Ireland. Perhaps Phil Phillips would like to stay an extra day or two. So, if anyone would like to have any of the growers stay with them, please let me know. Having had Brian Duncan and Matthew Zandbergen here several years ago, I can say that it's a lot of fun.

--Mary Lou Gripshover