



# CODS CORNER

Newsletter of The Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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Mrs. Hubert Bourne, President

Mrs. James Liggett, Editor

By now your planting should be completed, Holidays almost over, and you're dreaming of gorgeous blooms you hope to see in the Spring. Now's the time to plan for Spring. Do some studying, research and make plans for our 1979 show. Join a round robin!!! Abraham Lincoln once said: "I will study and get ready, and perhaps my chance will come."

This may be your year to win the Quinn, your first ADS ribbon, a Bronze Ribbon since we're hosts for the Midwest Regional show, or for our small growers, the Small Growers Trophy (also 1 year paid membership in the American Daffodil Society).

The series of workshops held at the convention, viz., Poeticus, Miniatures, Photography, Hybridizing, Tazettas, Pests and Diseases, Cyclamineus and Split Coronas, were taped and CODS received a copy of each tape. Should anyone who missed the workshops have a desire to hear and study them on their tape recorder, let me know and I'll see that you get them.

All of my bulbs are in with the exception of three *italicus* (10 W-Y). This is a wild and crazy daffodil!!! It is a tazetta species sometimes with 10 flowers on a stem, straw-colored petals and lemon cup. This species starts up very, very early and can be damaged by the winter weather, therefore, I dig the holes in the Fall leaving them open for planting after January 1st. I cover the holes with a small piece of plywood to keep out the snow. I'll place the bulbs in place this month and use soil placed in the garage to cover them. The bloom time is early April. It is recommended that you dig it each year and replant in order to keep it. This is my second try with *italicus*, however the first time I've used this method.

Handy Hatfield shared an excellent article with me on Narcissus Bulb Fly (Leaflet # 444). It's a very informative circular on this pest. Handy received it through his Congressman, however, you can order it from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 20402, Stock No. 001-000-03657-2, price 35¢ each. (There is a minimum charge of \$1.00 for each mail order.)

Our next meeting is February 6th, 1979, with Ruth Pardue doing a Cyclamineus Workshop. I am becoming concerned about lack of attendance. We need input from each individual.... we need everyone's participation ..... make a special effort to join us on February 6th at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center at 7:30 p.m.

Again congratulations to Cecile, Nancy and Jean for an outstanding job on the bulb sale (profit \$322.62).

Happy New Year to all and don't forget to feed the birds.

"Tag" Bourne, President

CODS Corner, starting with this issue, will carry highlights of all CODS Meetings. This is a service to those members who are unable to attend the meetings.

November 7th Meeting - 14 members present

Treasurer reported \$399.08 received from ADS to cover 1978 Show expenses. Cecile Spitz reported a profit of \$322.62 from the bulb sales. (\$88.60 of this was from bulbs sold at the NorWest Flower Show) Cecile prepared a list of recommendations for the future handling of bulb sales. Motions were passed to hold a bulb sale again next year and to accept the recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee. Regional Shows will rotate alphabetically between the societies in the Midwest Region starting in 1980. (CODS 1981) Mary Lou Gripshover was made an honorary member of the Society. Two beds were planted in the Whetstone Display Garden adding 140 varieties, three each. Motion was passed that the Display Garden Committee present a policy for operation of the Garden at the next meeting. Grace Baird is investigating the possibility of purchasing markers to carry in inventory for resale to CODS members. The purpose of this is not to make money, but to be a service to members. After the business meeting the ADS Miniature slides were shown and proved disappointing. The written commentary accompanying the slides and a portion of the slides were poor, plus at least one of them was incorrectly classified. It seems that these slides should be reviewed periodically and an effort made to improve the quality and make the commentary more informative. Slides of the newer cultivars should be added to keep it current.

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Much help is still needed to put on the Midwest Regional Daffodil Show April 28 and 29. If you can possibly help let me know. I still need someone to take charge of the hospitality and need workers to stage the show. The schedule has been approved by the ADS Show Chairman and will be ready for the February meeting. Remember there will be a design division this year and the Helen Link Trophy (rotating) will be presented to the Best of Show. You must be a member of ADS to receive this trophy. Pat Miller is in charge of the arrangements for our annual dinner the night of the show. There will also be two new trophies, one honoring Mary Lou and a Handy Hatfield Trophy; both donated by Handy.

Naomi Liggett, Show Chairman

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CODS would like to welcome three new members: Connie Gallagher (Mrs. A.J.), 1630 Zollinger Road, Columbus 43221; Bev Campbell (Mrs. Sherman), 6097 Sandgate, Columbus 43229; and Sue (Mrs. Donald) Harsh, 4759 Arthur Court, Columbus 43220. Hope you all enjoy your association with CODS and if you have any questions regarding daffodils don't hesitate to ask any of the members.

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Being a member of the ADS Poet Round Robin, naturally, my interest and love of poets has grown in the last few years. For instance look at the word cantabile .... worthy to be sung ... in a singing manner. Cantabile 9W-GGR is just that. Hybridized by Guy L. Wilson it is a fine little poet with such a sparkling white perianth and flat cup with deep green eye rimmed with red. When it first blooms the coloring is fantastic. I planted 5 to 6 bulbs under my apple tree where it gets semi-shade to keep the coloring and not burn. In fact, I have many poets planted there and the scent from the poets is just lovely. Cantabile has merits worthy to be sung.

Tag Bourne

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The Saturday, May 13th, 1978, edition of the Sandusky Register, had a glowing article entitled "Schrader's Daffodils: A Garden of Smiles, plus a large color picture of Bill in his garden. The article states "Wilbert Schrader's back yard has been a land of smiles this spring. Hundreds of daffodil took advantage of the crisp, damp April and bloomed like they had never bloomed before. "The Daffodil Man", as the friendly Schrader is affectionately known, was in seventh heaven. And he loves to talk about and show off his daffodils." According to the article, daffodils have fascinated man for ages. Pliny the elder was so entranced by the spring flowers that he wrote about them in what was to become the first garden book. Actually, it was a book on herbs for medicinal purposes and he mentioned a narcotic from the narcissus root. The plants were grown in the British Isles and when the Romans conquered the country, the soldiers returned with daffodil bulbs among their spoils. Daffodils had originally been grown in the Mediterranean basin and were a warm weather plant. Growers now breed for strength in both the flower and stalk and the plant thrives in cool weather. April of 1978 was one of the coldest on record, something people didn't like but the daffodils loved. For Bill Schrader, it was one of the best growing years ever. Nice going Bill.....great Public Relations for the Central Ohio Daffodil Society and the American Daffodil Society. I am placing the article in our CODS Scrapbook, plus I got an extra copy to send to the ADS Public Relations committee.

Tag Bourne

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In viewing our members gardens Mr. Dettman found a strawberry border in a beautiful garden of daffodils. The strawberry is considered a host for daffodil fly in Australia. Mr. Phillips, our guest from New Zealand, was also with us at this time and he said the plant is also considered a host for the daffodil eelworm in New Zealand. So it seems if you grow daffodils you shouldn't grow strawberries in proximity. When Tag Bourne heard this, she asked Clarke Campbell and Sandy McCabe of Rathowen to look at her beds (She also grows strawberries) as she had some strange flies flying above her beds. After thoroughly checking her beds, they discovered she had "Surface Fly" and of no apparent danger to her daffodils. The "Surface Fly", a strange looking insect, keeps flying above the foliage while the daffodil fly stays on the foliage close to the ground ready to burrow in. As a precautionary measure Tag dusted all the foliage and soil with Chlordane. This strange looking fly was far removed from her strawberry-daffodil bed. Tag uses Chlordane in her daffodil plantings. Does anyone have any knowledge about the daffodil-strawberry incompatibility?

Cecile Spitz

Tag wrote Brian Duncan about the above question and the following is his answer.

He is probably quite right, strawberries, together with snowdrops, scillas, bluebells, onions and phlox and sometimes tulips can be attacked by the Narcissus stem and bulb eelworm. (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*) But then it has also been found that the little worm can attack upwards of 370 different species of plants inc. clover, oats, chickweed, plantains, hawk-weed, cat's-ear, rumex, bindweed and even the scarlet pimpernell. So what do you do? Unless you can maintain sterile weed free conditions, I would advise buying clean bulbs, clean strawberry plants and continue to enjoy both. This is incautious but I hope reasonably practical advice for an amateur gardener. If you are really concerned you might send some samples of roots or runners from your strawberries to your nearest Dept of Agric Plant Pathology Dept or Nematology Laboratory for check up and advice.

Editors Note:

The Daffodil Handbook published by the American Horticultural Society and Daffodil and Narcissi by Michael Jefferson Brown both cover this pest. Strawberries are mentioned on pages 116 and 166 respectively. The Narcissus Bulb Fly, U. S. Dept of Agriculture leaflet #444, gives the following information: They feed on pollen and nectar from the blossoms of numerous fruits and flowers including strawberry, apple, morning glory, buttercup and dandelion.

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How would you like to have planted over 4,000 daffodils this fall? Well, Gene Bauer (Mrs. Dale) of Running Springs, California did. Gene is an extremely talented and very nice lady I met in June at the National Council of State Garden Clubs Detroit Convention. There she had an outstanding exhibit displaying her booklets entitled "Golden Botanical Gardens". These covered the botanical gardens and arboreta in California and numbered 29 in all. They were stunning! Gene had selected one prominent plant from each garden or arboretum for her covers - each a numbered work of art, signed and dated. One that still stands out in my mind was of the tulip or yellow popular tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera*. The envelopes for the booklets also had a smaller design of the plant and the addresses were beautifully printed by hand. The fifty people who received this series of booklets were indeed fortunate not only for the art work but for the wealth of information contained within. Number 28 was entitled Gene's Golden Mountain-side and was literally covered with Hawera. What makes Gene's mountainside golden? Daffodils, of course!

Who is Gene Bauer? When the booklets were prepared she was Chairman of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta for the California Garden Clubs, Inc. At present she is serving on the Board of National Council of State Garden Clubs as Naturalist. If you receive its publication, National Gardener, the September-October and November-December issues each have an article written and illustrated by Gene. One is entitled the Seed and the other Sprout. I am sure this is only a small fraction of what she does, but its all I know.

She is an ADS member who has been growing daffodils for 20 years. Her collection now totals over 300 different cultivars and more than 25,000 bulbs. Many of these are planted in drifts of 50 to 1500 of one cultivar. It must be breathtaking to see her mountainside covered with daffodils. The mountain is the San Bernardino and she is located at approximately 5,500 feet with a southern exposure. The season there may start as early as late February and continue into May.

In 1975 Gene compiled a booklet to give visitors of her garden. Its cover is of a yellow and white trumpet. Origin, cost, why she grows daffodils and much more is contained in this booklet. I was fortunate to receive copies of both of her booklets on daffodils and will treasure them. After much thought, I had the one of Hawera framed and it now has a prominent spot in my entry where I can enjoy it everyday.

Naomi Liggett

Mary Lou, Gene could certainly add a lot to the ADS Journal with her artistic and writing ability.

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Now that CODS Daffodil Show has 7 trophies, with 3 new ones to be added this year, are we reaching the saturation point? Perhaps a committee should be appointed and guidelines for future donations be formulated. In the future the Society or group of individuals may wish to honor someone who has given great service to the Society and would be unable to find a place for the trophy. This committee might make recommendations where future trophies could be added.

The Dispatch Charities Home and Garden Show will be held Saturday February 24 through March 4. The Society voted to have a booth at the show again this year. I will need approximately 16 people to help man the booth. If you have any preferential time, please call me. 451-8592

Nancy Gill, Chairman

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#### SWAPS

Looking for a certain daffodil? If so, send the name or names to CODS Corner and it will be printed in the April issue. If any of our members plan to dig this variety, maybe a trade can be worked out.... other cultivars, ground cover, iris, lilies, whatever.

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Dues were due in June and are past due by the fall meeting. This will be your last copy of CODS Corner. A check here will mean your dues have not been paid. \_\_\_\_\_

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While judging shows this spring, I saw a few daffodils, that were new to me, that caught my eye. In Huntington the flower that stood out above the rest was a Fitzwater seedling (#7/2) (Armada x n. cyclamineus). A vase of 3 exhibited by Mrs. W.E. Richardson won the ADS White Ribbon and National's Council Award of Horticultural Excellence. It was a beautiful large and very smooth Y-YYO and all 3 blooms were as uniform as I have ever seen. Hope this will be named and available sometime in the future. Personality, 2W-Y Wilson 1955, had a pale yellow corona and greenish yellow eye and was another one I particularly liked. Rubythroat, Eclat and Surfside were exhibited. Surfside, 6W-Y Mitsch, is a little too large for my tastes although it does reflex nicely.

At the Adena Show Opalescent, 2W-P Mitsch, was a well-named flower with a liliac pink corona shading into tones of apricot. I would like to have ordered it this year, but it has been withdrawn for increase.

Park Royal, 2Y-YYR Gibson, was a "down under" flower that greatly impressed me at the SWODS Show. It is available from Evans and was added to my garden this fall. Just So 2W-P and Bell Song 7W-P, both Mitsch's, were both very good. This was the best year for pink coloring since I started growing daffodils. Maybe in a less desirable season these pinks may not have taken my eye. Speaking of pinks, Recital a new one in my garden this year was a very beautiful shade of pink with a good white perianth. This was a replacement for Tangent when my bulbs were lost in transit last fall. What a substitute!

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The next meeting of CODS will be February 6, 1979 in the training room of the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Bldg. at 7:30 p.m. The program will be a cyclamineus workshop conducted by Ruth Pardue. Hope to see all of you there, weather permitting!

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Would those members who have not returned the survey sent with the last copy of CODS Corner, please do so. Thank You.

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Are covered with the dust  
Of the End of the year.

*Happy New Year!!!*