



CODS CORNER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The paperwhites in the south window give the bleak winter days a lift. Each year I buy two dozen bulbs and start a bowl each week from December until spring. They make nice friendship gifts.

Our February 8th meeting will be a great one, especially for the beginning daffodil grower. Be sure to come out to hear about "Keeping Records, How and Why" at 7:30 p.m.

The Plant Society Fair scheduled for February 5th has been postponed. Watch for the new date.

The weather during November and December was extremely warm. This was the first year I ever had Helleborus (Christmas Rose) blooming at Christmas time!

We surely could use a little snow cover to protect all those green tips that were showing in December. I used lots of the Christmas boughs for protection.

See you at the next meeting.

Ruth Pardue, President

POTLUCK CANCELLED

Because of a change in policy at the Upper Arlington Municipal Center, the lounge is no longer available for meetings. Therefore, the potluck dinner tentatively scheduled for February 8th cannot be held. We will meet as usual in the Training Room for a program primarily (but not exclusively) aimed at our newer members.

CODS members will present a program on "Keeping Records, How and Why," telling about their systems for keeping records and what they use them for. Plan now to attend this interesting and informative program.

PRESERVING BLOOMS FOR SHOWING

I have a frost-free refrigerator, and at daffodil time have tried various methods of prolonging the freshness of some "blue ribbon" blooms for our show, but have not succeeded until the end of our blooming season was upon us. Thoroughly groom the flower, put it in a plastic bag, blow the bag full of air, and seal tightly with a "twist 'em." Beverly Campbell, one of our CODS members, has been using this method for several years. She doesn't have much garden space and must preserve every good daffodil that she has.

I experimented with the above method and the flower kept very well for over a week. In another bag I put a wet cotton pad near the ovary. I made sure the cotton didn't touch the bloom and the flower kept surprisingly well for over a week. When preparing for the show, cut the stem a quarter of an inch and put in tepid water and they revive beautifully. Before the 1983 shows begin, I will experiment with my minis to see how well they hold up. Thanks, Beverly!

Cecile A. Spitz

DAFFODIL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

Having heard that the Franklin Park Conservatory library had recently received a collection of books about daffodils from Mrs. Reginald Blue, Vanessa and I decided to visit the library to look at them. We found that prior to Mrs. Blue's generous gift only one book on daffodils was available. Most of the volumes use the old color coding system but are good for cultural information. Titles are listed below:

- (1) ADS Daffodil Yearbook, 1959 through 1963.
- (2) Daffodil Handbook (American Horticultural Society, 1966). (2 copies hardbound)
(EDITOR'S Note: A few copies are available from ADS for \$8.00 each.)
- (3) AHS Magazine, January 1966 paperback of Daffodil Handbook.
- (4) Daffodil and Tulip Yearbook (R.H.S.) (hardbound) 1959, 1965-69, 1971
- (5) Classified List and International Register of Daffodil Names (R.H.S.)
Years: 1958, 1961, 1965, 1969
- (6) Daffodils (R.H.S.) Years: 1977, 1978, 1980/81
- (7) The Daffodil, by J. M. Jefferson-Brown. Hardbound, 1949.
- (8) Daffodils, Outdoors and In, by Carey E. Quinn. Hardbound, 1959
- (9) Daffodil Journal (ADS) (Most issues from September 1964 to March 1982.)

Donna Dietsch

SPRINGWORLD 84

Plan now to attend the 3rd World Daffodil Convention in New Zealand September 1984. Tour plans are underway, and you may choose from three modules. The convention will be held in conjunction with Springworld 84. This will be the largest horticultural exhibition ever held in the Southern Hemisphere and will also feature a wide range of fine arts.

Module One - The Oz Tour of Victoria and Tasmania. Plans being made by the Australian Daffodil Society. Magnificent scenery and daffodil shows will be the highlights of this portion.

Module Two - Convention and Springworld Show followed by private homes and gardens, fishing, golf, etc.

Module Three - South Island Section with marvelous lakes, mountains, rivers, glaciers, culminating at the South Island National Daffodil Show in Christchurch.

Doesn't this sound exciting! Daffodils in September.

SOURCE OF BRITISH MINIATURE BULBS

As reported in the ADS Daffodil Journal, Mr. James Wells who has just returned from a bulb gathering expedition to Britain with a substantial collection of Blanchard bulbs will serve as liaison to make Blanchard bulbs available on a limited basis in the U.S. Mr. Wells may be contacted at 470 Nut Swamp Rd., Red Bank, New Jersey 07701. More details will be reported in the March issue of the ADS Journal.

PREVENT POISON IVY PROBLEMS---PERMANENTLY

Until about four years ago, poison ivy was the bane of my existence. Over the years I had had several severe cases and seemed to become more sensitive all the time. I have been relatively untroubled since following the advice of a woman who said her children literally "sat in poison ivy."

She said to purchase a liquid soap, tincture of green soap at a pharmacy, wash immediately after gardening with it, and then use alcohol. I located the soap at the Wyandotte Pharmacy which stocked it in bulk, so I could purchase a small bottle at a reasonable price from the pharmacist.

Now immediately upon coming into the house after gardening, I change clothes and put them in the hamper handling as little as possible. Then I shower with tincture of green soap, followed by alcohol. I also avoid the use of hand cream on susceptible areas for a few days until sure that no itching occurs. Special care should be taken in spring or in autumn after frost, as infection can occur when leaves are absent. One of my worst cases occurred in early spring after ripping out a lot of roots around our apartment house foundation.

Ruth Gonser

CODS IN PRINT

"Daffodils at Franklin Park Conservatory" is the title of an article by Ruth Pardue in the December 1982 issue of the ADS Journal. It not only contains pictures of the 1982 daffodil display at the Conservatory along with varieties used, it advertises the 1983 display coming up in February and March. Nice work, Ruth.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thomas and Louise Dunn, 1813 Westgate Drive, Heber Springs, AK 72543 have renewed their membership. We wish them well in their retirement home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5, 1983 - Plant Society Fair - POSTPONED

* February 8, 1983 - CODS Meeting, "Keeping Records, How and Why"
Upper Arlington Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m.

* March 8, 1983 - CODS Dinner Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Red Bull Inn, Old Henderson Road
7:30 p.m. - Meeting at UA Municipal Building, "Hybridizing Daffodils"

April 7-9, 1983 - American Daffodil Society Convention, Williamsburg, Va.
(See ADS December 1982 Journal for details and registration form)

April 14, 1983 - Adena Daffodil Society Show, Chillicothe, OH.

April 16-17, 1983 - Midwest Regional Show, sponsored by Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society, Dayton, Ohio.

April 21, 1983 - Indiana Daffodil Society Show, Indianapolis, IN.

* April 23, 1983 - CODS Show Setup, 1 p.m., U.A. Municipal Building

* April 24-25, 1983 - Central Ohio Daffodil Show, U.A. Municipal Bldg., Columbus, OH

* April 24, 1983 - CODS After-Show Party
7:00 p.m., at Ruth and Bill Pardue's, 2591 Henthorne Road, Columbus, OH

April 26-27, 1983 - Western Reserve Daffodil Society Show, Cleveland, OH

April 30, 1983 - Northeastern Ohio Daffodil Society Show, Akron, OH

April 30, 1983 - Kingswood Daffodil Society Show, Mansfield, OH

* May 17, 1983 - CODS Annual Meeting, U.A. Municipal Building

October 1, 1983 - ADS Fall Board Meeting, Paducah, KY