

CODS CORNER

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Cindy Hyde, President

Tag Bourne, Editor

Dear Fellow CODS Members:

It's Here! 1992! Perhaps the largest chapter in CODS history will be written this year. Naomi and her committee have worked around the clock to create the structure for this year's National Convention to be held at the Hyatt on Capital Square. Those late night phone calls and relentless changes are now taking shape. I applaud their efforts!

Would you like to be part of this exciting event? Please come to our February 11 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Whetstone Park meeting room. You'll find out how your expertise can make a difference, and you'll enjoy Tag's slide program on Division 4 daffodils.

Another area we need to think about is the Whetstone Display Garden. Set time aside on your calendar now as your help will make a tremendous difference on the impression the garden will have on our visitors -- an impression of CODS pride in this project.

You may also want to think about sending in your Convention registration early. I believe this would help Tag's workload. Check Naomi's inticing article "Celebrate Columbus" on page 95 of December's Daffodil Journal. If you have an Ameriflora season pass you may deduct \$15 from your registration fee (and be sure to note this on your form).

For those members unable to attend our November meeting -- Mary Lou gave a very interesting slide program on Divisions 5-8. Many thanks to Mary Lou for an enjoyable and informative program!

As I close my letter I wanted to mention that I really enjoyed my basket of 20 paperwhites which I set under our Christmas tree -- How were yours?

Until next time --

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Columbus Zoo, c/o Stephen Belcher, Horticulture Supervisor, 9990 Riverside
Drive, Box 400, Powell, OH 43065-0400
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1992 AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY CONVENTION

The convention is less than four months away and most of the plans have been finalized. Dr. Peter Ramsay of New Zealand and Don Barnes of England will be the featured speakers. The National Show will start on Thursday and continue until after the Friday Banquet. Nancy Gill and Handy Hatfield, Show Chairmen, will need your help with all phases of the show, please contact one of them and volunteer your service.

Friday will be a tour to AmeriFlora '92 and anyone holding a season pass may deduct fifteen dollars from the convention registration fee. Since AmeriFlora '92 will have been opened for only four days at the time of the tour, everyone will want to attend this exciting event.

The registration table will be open for registrants on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning and afternoon. Tag Bourne, Chairman, will need help with this demanding job. The ADS has a new policy on registration fees since our last convention. The price increases ten percent 45 days prior to the convention and twenty-five percent 21 days prior. If you are not a member of ADS and wish to attend the convention, contact me for a registration form.

Naomi Liggett, 1992 ADS Convention Chairman

When CODS holds our fabulous Convention next Spring we will hold a raffle - the proceeds of which go to CODS.

Cindy Hyde is going to most generously donate a quilted daffodil wall hanging, Dick Kolson is donating a painting of pink daffodils, and if you have taken a close look at the cover of your roster you know of his talent!! Naomi is donating a couple daffodil related items, one of which I hope will be a lovely item which she cross-stitched. Donna Dietsch has donated her daughters talents to paint daffodils on a skirt, sweatshirt, canvas tote etc. Margaret Vance has consented to purchase an item for her to paint. Handy Hatfield and myself will each donate a collection of bulbs. Handy's will be a collection of Australian and New Zealand bulbs, already acclimated!! Mine to be announced later. If anyone wants to donate another good collection we will be glad to accept.

I need a few other daffodil related items to be donated for this raffle. I also need someone to purchase another item or two for Donna's daughter to paint. Keep your eyes peeled and see what unusual item YOU can find that will help sell those raffle tickets!!

When you find it --- please call (or write) Phyllis Hess 614-882-5720 -- 3670 E Powell Rd -- Westerville OH 43081

WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL CODS MEMBERS TO HELP MAKE THIS CONVENTION A HUGE SUCCESS. DON'T FORGET TO CONTACT NAOMI LIGGETT AND OFFER YOUR SERVICES IN SOME CAPACITY.

I am very sorry to report that Bob Somma was injured on December 14th when his pickup truck was struck by a car driven by a man fleeing from police officers. Bob has head, chest and abdominal injuries and is in Grant Medical Center.

I hope Bob is recovering well and I know he would appreciate your cards.

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MORE BEST IN THE GARDEN

For the sake of argument, or should we say "spirited discussion", I will add to the list of the best flowers in my garden last Spring. Coupled with Tag's list of her best ones, it should give our newer members a good-sized wish list for ordering next year.

It was a wonderful year for many flowers and exceptional for trumpets for some unknown reason.

Trumpet Warrior 1 YW-WWY ... a new one from Mitsch, I went bananas over it at the 1990 convention when I saw it a bit tired from its travels. Easily the best reverse trumpet yet. It is silky smooth, reverses quickly and was the best trumpet in my garden. I recall Ruth Pardue saying it was the best flower in hers.

Bega 1 Y-Y ... from David Jackson, it has settled down quickly here and gave me large, smooth blooms of golden yellow. It appears to be increasing rapidly, as well.

River Queen ... Every year I seem to like this better. Here's something for argument ... I think it is the best American bred daffodil. It is simply superb. It's from Bill Pannill.

Gull 2 W-GWW ... Mitsch. Gull is capable of giving you the most perfect blooms. So many times when it looks less than its best, it is because it is cut too soon. It has to grow on the plant for a few days.

Pink Division 2's were so great this year. The colors were intense and everyone had great substance. The best were:

Pink Ice, 2 W-P ... bred by Elise Havens, it has wide, very white petals and a pink cup which is strongly colored toward the rim. With Precedent as its mother, the cup spreads out as the bloom matures so I think it's prettier picked early.

China Doll, 2 W-WWP ... the first I've had from Clive Postles, the John Lea flowers in its background are pretty obvious. The petals are immense and recurve a little, showing off the cup with its ruffled baby pink edge. Large and magnificent.

Prism 2 Y-Y ... this is Mitsch/Havens. In its 2nd year in my garden it gave me five perfect blooms without a nick or a flaw. It's not expensive, either.

Lemon Cremes 2 YW-W ... Mitsch. Perfect name on this, it's petals are lemon/yellow and a white halo at their base makes the creamy buff cup show up nicely. New, but in-expensive.

Jetsetter 2 Y-R ... Brogden. I love Y-R's, and one that is deeply colored and sunproof as well I like even more. Deep gold round petals set off a goblet-shaped, half length cup with a ruffled edge. The cup only started to fade when the petals died and was still red when the flower dried up.

Cedar Hills 3 W-GYY ... Mitsch/Hayens. First seen at our last convention here, it is hard to imagine that a flower could have a greener eye than this flower has. Living up to its promise, it was Best in Show in Cleveland for me.

Tag mentioned Cairn Toul 3 W-ORR and Rivendell 3 W-GYY and they were both great in my garden, too.

Doctor Hugh 3 W-GOO ... Brian Duncan. The only standard size daffodil I allow to have two clumps in my rather small garden. A huge bloom 4 1/2 inches across and smooth as silk. It has to grow on the plant for several days so it needs shaded and it absolutely requires an acid soil to perform at its best.

Molten Lava 3 Y-YYR. Another Mitsch/Havens. In its second year down it produced three perfect blooms. It was good for Tag, too. It may be one of the few that doesn't know how to grow badly.

Eriskay 4 W-Y ... and Delnashaugh 4 W-P, both from John Lea and both planted in early blooming beds made it to the Adena show. After that, no doubles looked good and most blasted.

Inca 6Y-WWY ... Mitsch. Very early blooms, too early to even take them to Nash-ville. Inca blooms right after Jetfire. They were really lovely until my cats decided to fight next to the clump. The cats learn to stay in the paths as the season progresses. That's why they're still alive.

Lisette 7 Y-GYR Ahrens from New Zealand. Late in the season, this always enchants me. It has vivid yellow pointed petals and a scalloped cup rimmed red/orange. I got it at a club sale in 1982 but only had five blooms this year. I wish it would multiply.

I have to conclude this by saying that my seedlings, giving me my first blooms this year were very exciting and two stood out from the rest.

Drumtullagh x Rainbow was lovely with silky white petals and a pink rimmed cup. It was in my Quinn in Nashville and was up for Best in Show. It had even multiplied to two bulbs before it bloomed.

Como x Glory of Lisse was in my second place entry in the Link Class at the convention. It was my best poet and had a flat disc cup with a broad orange band.

Writing about these makes me eager for Spring. Some of my paperwhites are showing buds now, so that will help to get me through the best of the Winter.

Donna Dietsch

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The next deadline for CODS CORNER is March 15th, 1992.



