

CODS CORNER

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Phyllis Hess, President

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear Friends,

This Holiday season Dave and I will be entertaining my brother, his wife and son. It has been a few years since they have joined us for Christmas, so I am excited.

The planting at Whetstone was once again done in record time. Thanks to all who helped! The three beds were all planted on Saturday morning. The park looks great; best it has in some years.

Our bulb sale at Franklin Park was very successful; we gained four new members! Some of you were able to meet three of them at the November meeting. It was fun. We potted up some bulbs and now are waiting for their cold period to be over to see if we can force them.

We hope lots of you are making plans to attend the convention in Portland March 31, April 1, 2, 2000. Some of us are renting a house on the coast the following week. Some of our down-under members, Peter, Leslie and their granddaughter, Amelia Grace will be joining us for a couple days before going on to San Diego and Los Angeles. Amelia has already sent a lovely picture she drew of her and me on the beach. Please continue to keep Max and Kath Hamilton in your thought and prayers. Their grandson is still gravely ill. At present their plans for coming to Portland are on hold.

The weather we have been having has been more like spring than late fall. There are reports of things popping up all over. There should be no excuse this year for not being able to get everything planted. Those of us in this drought area need to remember to give the daffs a good drink of water before freezing weather finally comes. If you have any newly planted shrubs and trees they need a drink as well.

Since we can not water at Whetstone this will be a good time to see just how the lack of water in the fall does effect the daffodils. I am sure Irene will report back to us on that one.

The ADS is holding the 2003 Convention in Chicago. We are fortunate that the three conventions after Portland are within easy driving distance for us. If you are not now a member of ADS this would be a good time to join and see what we all mean about having fun at Conventions.

I wish you all the greatest of Holiday Seasons and hope the New Century brings a spring with lots of rain all the blue ribbons you can carry home.

Happy Holidays, Happy 2000!

Phyllis

PS I hope the daffodils are Y2K compliant!

CODS JOINS HABITAT

Tag Bourne, Education Chairman

One day I received a phone call from a member of Dublin Garden Club. Their club had volunteered to landscape a Habitat House and they asked the lady what her favorite flower might be and she stated "daffodils". Another person involved said call Tag Bourne. I donated a considerable number of bulbs for this project and the landscape for this project and the house was completed.

Hube and I have been involved with the Northwest Partnership of Habitat for Humanity through our church for a number of years. I thought CODS might be interested in supplying bulbs for the houses that our partnership was building. I contacted Mr. Martin Languis, Chairman of the Youth Task Force, who handles landscaping for the Columbus Habitat for Humanity and he was ecstatic and approved of the idea.

When I brought this idea to CODS it was received with much enthusiasm. Mr. Languis made arrangements for planting seminars to held at the Greater Columbus Habitat Humanity offices on perennials, daffodils, landscaping, etc. A letter was sent out to fifty families who were in new homes or their houses were in the process of being built. On September 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM I conducted workshops on planting daffodils and gave out CODS education materials. I came armed with thousands of daffodil bulbs donated by CODS members from their own gardens and the surplus from the Whetstone Park Educational Garden. The families who came to the workshops were thrilled to receive the bulbs.

Habitat's goal is to give low-income families the opportunity to have a decent, safe, affordable home they can call their own. However, a Habitat House is not a give-away. Every Habitat family is required to: (1) Qualify for a no-profit, interest-free loan from Habitat for Humanity that they'll pay back and their mortgage payments go into revolving fund to build even more houses for other needy families; (2) Make a modest down payment; and, (3) Put in several hundred hours of "sweat quality" work on their own house and the houses of other families in need.

I think this is a wonderful project for CODS to continue. CODS' commitment to Habitat for Humanity not only helps Habitat meet their commitment of ridding the world of poverty housing, but we enlisted a new member, Barbara Altenburg,

for CODS. Barbara was the original garden club member who called me.

Editors Note: This could be a project undertaken by other American Daffodil Society groups.

SPRING IN SEPTEMBER

Naomi Liggett

It was a warm spring day upon landing in Christchurch which is situated in the Canterbury Plains on the South Island. Most of mountains surrounding the city were snow-capped that day. ChCh is a beautiful "English" type city. Places that stood out in 1984 were the Avon River that threads its way through the city, Christs College and the Cathedral Square. The spire of the cathedral used to dominate the city but with the addition of some large buildings it did not seem to stand out as much.

Tuesday was cold and rainy so we decided to just drive around. Since we had not been to the coast on our previous trip to ChCh we headed to New Brighton. The coastal suburbs around it have become popular with local residents. From there we continued via tunnel to Lyttleton, ChCh's major seaport. Lyttleton Harbour is a deep crater formed by a volcanic eruption and enlarged by erosion. Over and around the hills we found the charming seaside resort of Sumner a good place for lunch.

Wednesday Reverend Tim Klein, Jim Davidson from Scotland, David Adams and I took a trip to Geraldine to visit Pleasant Valley Daffodils. Before leaving ChCh we drove through David Bell's old home place. It has been donated to the Canterbury Horticultural Society and a few daffodils are still growing there. Tim took the long and scenic trip and along the way it was decided we would stop for tea and enjoy the view and the great company. We arrived at Pleasant Valley in time for a light lunch with Colin Crotty and his stepson, Gordon Coombes and wife Cindy Coombes. Colin now resides in the town of Geraldine and Graham and Cindy live on the farm.

It was a thrill to see the beautiful cyclamineus miniature seedlings of Colin's that I had heard about some much. The white ones were of special interest. In the same greenhouse with the above seedlings were the largest *Fritallaria meleagris*, Guinea Hen Flowers, it made my little ones look like miniatures! It is a shame that Colin does not export as I saw several cultivars I would like to grow. For those who

like split-coronas, he has hybridized quite a few good ones. He also had a couple intermediate daffodils that have a lot of potential.

On the way home we stopped at the home of a rock garden enthusiast to see what miniature daffodils were still in bloom. Not many, but it was well worth the stop to see the beautiful rock garden plants.

The next day Leitha Adams drove Jim Davidson and Jim and I to the Banks Peninsula. The Peninsula is a steep piece of land that was once two offshore volcanoes that erupted leaving two large craters. Lyttelton Harbor, as mentioned earlier, occupies the north side and Akaroa Harbour the south. On the map it does not look far away but you have to go round and round for miles to reach it. The town of Akaroa, a tourist destination, is a charming French Settlement. The French settlers arrived in 1840 just after the British sovereignty had been declared over the South Island. Many tourists take a boat whale watching.

In New Zealand stock has the right away and on the way we encountered a herd of cows coming down the road. It seemed as though they would run into the car. David stayed home to pick flowers and prepare for the show that weekend. However, he did have time to put the finishing touches on a delicious dinner that was waiting for us after a long day of sightseeing. We were pleased to see Lance, their son, that we had met on the Tasvention trip.

On Friday afternoon Jim and I picked up Spud Brogden and drove the three hours south to historical Oamaru. This was the site of the South Island Show. Originally Oamaru was a busy Pacific Ocean port but now the harbor is noted for its Blue Penguin Colony. They are the smallest of the world's penguins. The area is renowned for its Whitestone architecture. Since limestone is easily carved and molded the architects and stonemasons created many classic forms of architecture which have endured over one hundred years.

I observed the judging of the miniature and intermediate classes the next morning. It was interesting to see the same incorrectly named miniatures that we encounter in our shows, Ex: 'Hawera' for 'April Tears' and 'Tweeny' for 'Yellow Xit'.

The champion bloom in the show was an exquisite 'Polar Sky' 2W-P shown by John Hunter. This cultivar also gained a First Class Certificate, eighteen blooms for exhibition, from the New Zealand Floral

Committee. Other premiers were: 'Midas Touch' 1Y-Y, 'Corbierie' 1Y-YOO, 'Silent Valley' 1W-W, 'Trumpet Warrior' 1YYW-WWY, 'Pink Topaz' 1W-P, 'Occasionally' 1W-Y, 'Charlbury' 2W-Y, 'Gold Charm' 2Y-Y, 'Silver Monarch' 2W-W, Seedling CC20-94 2Y-O/R, Seedling 2/87 2Y-P, Seedling A11 2W-O/R, 'Altun Ha' 2Y-W, 'Kawhatau' 3Y-Y, 'Crystal River' 3W-W, 'Badbury Rings' 3Y-R, 'Moon Shadow' 3W-Y, 'Red Era' 3Y-YRR, 'Flying High' 3W-YYR, 'Helen O'More' 4Y-O, 'Kiwi Magic' 4W-Y, 'Ice Chimes' 5W-W, 'Rapture' 6Y-Y, 'Oregon Gold' 7Y-Y and 'Highfield Beauty' 8Y-YYO, Seedling A41 9W-P, Seedling CC15/91 best Division 11.

Miniature Championship for a collection of nine miniatures was, 'Yimikin' 2Y-Y, 'Snipe' 6W-W, 'Minnow' 8W-Y, 'Xit' 3W-W, 'Sundial' 7Y-Y, 'Chit Chat' 7Y-Y, 'Quince' 12Y-Y, 'Atom' 6Y-Y, 'Pixie's Sister' 7Y-Y. Miniature Champion was: *N. cyclamineus*, *N. rupicola*, and a *cyclamineus* seedling.

Class 1 (12 x 3 New Zealand raised) was won by Koanga Daffodils and included 'Jamore' 2Y-R, 'Mistress Mine' 2W-P, 'Otaihape' 2Y-Y, 'Waipon', 'Kiwi Magic', 'Flying High', 'Omatane' 3W-Y, 'Cameo Rebel' 3Y-YRR, plus three Ramsay seedlings and one Hamilton seedling. The winner of Class 2 (Twelve raised by the exhibitor) was John Hunter and included 'White Sapphire' 2W-W (Best White Daffodil), 'Polar Mist' 1W-W, 'Polar Glow' 2W-PPW, 'Polar Sky', 'Placid Sea' 3W-YWY plus six seedlings. (The 12th flower was on the Awards table and I could not find out which one it was). The second place in this class was also won by John using twelve triandrus hybrids!

Koanga Daffodils took Class 5 with 'Cameo Rebel', 'Centrefold' 3W-YYR, 'Nynja' 2Y-Y, 'Lady Diana', 2W-W, 'Sheelagh Rowan' 2W-W, 'Procyon' 1Y-Y, 'Flying High', 'Gold Convention' 2Y-Y plus four seedlings. Best Seedling in the show was 98-15 shown by Koanga.

This was a large show and just missed surpassing the number of blooms shown in the ChristChurch World Convention Show in 1997. There were lots of quality blooms and it took awhile to choose all the Premiers.

That evening a delicious buffet dinner was held at a local hotel and awards were presented. It was a fun evening but also sad as we were leaving the next day and had to say good-bye to all the great Kiwis. Hopefully, I will see many of them in Portland this March.

NEW MEMBERS

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WHETSTONE GARDEN

Nancy Kolson

Following is a list of daffodils donated to Whetstone this fall: 'Amboseli' 3Y-YYR, 'Biograph' 1Y-Y, 'Crimpelene' 3W-O, 'First Born' 6YYW-GYP, 'Fool's Gold' 4Y-WWY, 'Freedom Rings' 2Y-P, 'Hunting Caye' 2Y-GYY, 'Juel' 2Y-ORR, 'Muster' 4W-O, 'Phoenician' 2W-W, 'Port Noo' 3W-Y, 'Potential' 1W-P, 'Rio Dell' 2YYW-WWY, 'Soft Rain' 2YYW-Y, 'Trefusis' 1Y-Y, 'Truculent' 3W-WWY, 'Ultima' 2W-R, 'Upshot' 3W-PPR, 'Wadavers' 2W-GWW, 'Xunantunich' 2YYW-WWY 'Junne Johnsrud' 2Y-WWY, 'Engagement Ring' 3W-WWY - by Kirby Fong

'Chateau Impney' 2Y-O - by Martha Griner

'Abiqua' 2Y-Y, 'Amber Castle' 2YYW-WYY, 'Arctic Bay' 2W-GWW, 'Baldock' 4Y-P - by Phyllis Hess

'Areley Kings' 2W-GWW, 'Bald Eagle' 2W-W, 'Capistrano' 2W-P, 'Firestorm' 2Y-R, 'Hawk Eye' 3W-YYR, 'Red Mission' 2Y-R - by Nancy Kolson

ADS APPROVED LIST OF MINIATURES

The following cultivars have been added to the approved list: 'Little Becky' 12Y-Y, 'Little Emma' 12Y-Y, 'Mitimoto' 10W-Y, 'Shillingstone' 8W-W and 'Yellow Fever' 7Y-Y.

Removed from the list were: 'Frosty Morn' 5W-W, 'Kennellis' 10W-Y, 'Marionette' 2Y-YYO.

A MEMORIAL GARDEN FOR CECILE SPITZ

Nancy Kolson

On July 10, I heard of the death of Cecile Spitz. She was more than a special friend to me; she was my gardening mentor. Through her I became acquainted with the Central Ohio Daffodil Society, became a member of that group and also the ADS. Later, she got me involved in the Central Ohio Hosta Society: I joined that group and the American Horticulture Society. Therefore, it seemed fitting to me that I should make a Memorial Garden in her memory.

I started with an area around some maple trees that I wanted to "spruce up". The area is very irregular because I had to work around existing, above-ground roots. (They are very aesthetic and also can serve as stepping stones.) Basically it is a hosta garden with other plants added to furnish color. The color I have added consists not only of floral color, but also leaf color, as well as berries.

These are the plants I have in the garden:

Hosta: 'Krossa Regal', 'Frances Williams', 'Fried Bananas', 'Sagae', 'Paul's Glory', 'Striptease', 'Patriot', 'Island Charm', 'Royal Standard', 'Blue Shadows', 'Great Expectations', *plantaginea*

Heuchera: 'Purple Palace', 'Chocolate Ruffles', 'Silver Scrolls'

Pulmonaria: 'Roy Davidson'

Arum italicum

Astilbe: 'Fanal', 'Bressingham Beauty'

Dianthus: 'Zing Rose'

Viola *odorata*: 'White Czar'

Narcissus: 'Bell Song' 7W-P, 'Foundling' 6W-P, 'Golden Dawn' 8Y-O, 'Mite' 6Y-Y, 'Whetstone Tribute' 7W-P.

Since I cannot dig very deeply because of the roots, I am using mostly miniatures or small bulbs. I also included 'Golden Dawn' because Cecile loved it for its wonderful fragrance.

I have several other objects in my garden that are non-plants. Hanging high overhead are some very large windchimes called Church Bells that produce a deep ringing sound whenever the wind blows. A lovely statue called Guardian Angel was generously provided by Ray Sholz. In the future, I hope to have a sign dedicating the garden to Cecile.

The entire area will have white violets as a ground cover. I think she would have liked this garden.

WHY I JOINED CODS

DEADLINE April Newsletter: March 15, 2000

Bessie Haddad

About twenty years ago I had my garden in such good shape that I wanted to show it off. There were Sunday walks through gardens, why not me? I had terraced an area with wooden logs and outlined the flower beds with the same wooden logs. But I had no way of identifying labels.

I had heard that the Central Ohio Daffodil Society had labels but only sold them to members. I had to have some. So I joined CODS and got my labels and soon I had many new friends. They taught me all I know about these lovely flowers.

I'm still a member of CODS; I learn more about daffodils at every meeting. These meetings are great. You will too if you join hands with us.



The family of Cecile Spitz has donated two books to sell to CODS members. The proceeds are to be donated to the American Daffodil Society Brochure Fund. The books are: *Daffodils For Home, Garden and Show* by Don Barnes \$27.00 and *Modern Miniature Daffodils* \$35.00 by James S. Wells. Both of these publications are out-of-print.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of these books please contact me by phone, E-mail, or US mail. If several people want the same book we will have a drawing at the next CODS meeting.

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The Introductory Judging School is tentatively set for March 12th at Franklin Park Conservatory; 10 AM to 2 PM. Contact Betty Kealiher for more information.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at
7:30 PM at Franklin Park Conservatory.