

# CODS CORNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow CODS Members:

I think all will agree that winter has now arrived. It looks as though we might have snow on the ground for sometime since the temperature is staying quite low. As I write this at this Holiday Season, I am sure CODS members are scurrying around, just like I am, trying to get the cookies made, the shopping done, etc. I did hear one weatherman say "White Thanksgiving, Green Christmas, White Easter" -- now when is our show?

At our November 12 meeting, Mary Lou Gripshover, First Vice President of the American Daffodil Society and a founding member of CODS, presented an excellent program on her trips to Spain searching for species. She showed many beautiful slides of the area as well as blooms. Those not attending missed a wonderful program. There were 10 members present and one guest, Dorothy Hicks.

We had a very enjoyable Christmas Potluck Dinner at my house on Tuesday, December 10. It was well attended and CODS great cooks provided marvelous food. Maybe if we provided dinner for each meeting, we might get more of you to come. Our attendance is down and it's disappointing to have good speakers and our members do not support their efforts. We were happy to have Sandra Lepard, one of our newest members, to drive down from Marion.

Please put the following dates on your calendar:

March 27-29, 2003 -- ADS Convention, Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, Asheville, NC Get your reservations in early as registration increases after February 15. According to MapQuest, it's 472 miles with total estimated driving time to be 7 hours, 55 minutes.

February 11, 2003 -- CODS Meeting - Phyllis Hess and Betty Kealiher will present a program on Down Under Daffodils.

April 19 & 20, 2003 -- CODS Show at Franklin Park Conservatory -- we will have a design section again this year.

Helen Meeker called me a few nights ago and said the road was finished through the garden. I have not had the time to go over, but Helen felt we might have a drainage problem with some of the beds. Since we are plagued with Narcissus Bulb Fly at the Park, I have been reading with interest letters on "Daffnet" pertaining to chemicals being used for bulb fly. A letter Kathy Welsh wrote about her success with DYLOX for this purpose especially impressed me. She states "it is actually meant for narcissus bulb fly," maybe we can convince the powers that be at Parks and Recreation to apply it for our plantings.

It is with deep sadness that I report the death of Helen Link. She died in her sleep on November 30. Helen was an Honorary Member of CODS, past President of the American Daffodil Society, a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs and did so much to teach all of us about daffodils. She had been a surgical nurse for Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and was a graduate of Indiana University. CODS will make a donation to the ADS History Fund in her memory.

I am writing this the week before Christmas, so instead of being caught up in the rush of buying things, we can stop to remind ourselves and others that Christmas is when God gave us the greatest gift: Jesus. Let us give thanks for the many blessings we have.

Happy New Year!

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### ADS MINIATURE APPROVED LIST

At the recent ADS Board Meeting the following miniatures were added/deleted to/from the official list.

Deleted: 'Lively Lady', 'Oz', 'Sennocke', 'Toto', 'Doublois'

Added: 'Dainty Monique' 5Y-Y, 'Edgedin Gold' 7Y/W-Y, 'Haiku' 9W-GYR (formerly Evans N25/6), 'Odoratus' 8W-Y, 'Pakotai' 12Y-Y, 'Pacific Coast' 8Y-Y, 'Smidgen' 1Y-Y

### DAFFODIL FOLIAGE TRIAL

Jason Delaney, Missouri Botanical Garden

The William T. Kemper Center for Home Gardening of the Missouri Botanical Garden has just planted a 3-year trial planting of daffodils to study exactly what you're wondering about.

A plot containing three separate clumps each of twenty-five different cultivars of daffodils was planted--three clumps across and twenty-five cultivars long--to compare the side-by-side effects, if any, of a) leaving foliage to ripen in situ, b) tying and braiding foliage, and c) cutting foliage off just above ground level within two weeks of the flowers withering. The varieties used reflect a balance of common to specialty, dwarf to standard, and steroidally-hardy to fairly tender. Each row of three across will be labeled with the cultivar name, and each row of twenty-five long will be labeled with its respective procedure. There will be quite a good deal of information regarding this experiment and why the braiding and tying, as

well as cutting, should be avoided, and inter-planting with annuals, perennials, and other bulbs strictly enforced.

Three years may not be long enough for the most accurate results, but that's all the time we've been given. It should, however, be ample time to give the local and visiting public something worth noting.

Will keep you posted on the results.

### Update - Christopher Maslon

The school is looking into purchasing him an apartment in Daejeon for 2003 and giving him a pay increase. The apartment Christopher is looking at is HUGE by Korean standards - two rooms with three sun porches, bath and kitchen. The cost is 30,000,000 Won which equals \$30,000 plus US dollars plus \$100.00 a month fee. The school is also paying for it and appliances.

"I will not need a RICE COOKER.- ahhhhhhh. If I eat any more rice I'll scream".

They are throwing in a round trip ticket back to USA for January and February. He says he has high doubts that he can get to Ohio.

"Ahhhhhhhhh LOOK rice!"

He is very sorry he will not be able to go to the convention in Ashville and see the Biltmore mansion.

"In a window in a flower store in Daejeon-Daffodils in POTS!!! I think 'Tete-a-Tete' - it was a sign to me.

It snowed here on Christmas day I awoke to a WHITE CHRISTMAS what a sight!!! Just a pile of snow. The temples and trees dripped with ice and snow.

My students and I had one day off on Christmas day and back to work on the 26th. It was a blessed day.

I miss you all".

## COD CORNER MUSINGS

### Naomi Liggett

Thirty three years ago this month the first issue of *CODS Corner* was issued! Mary Lou Gripshover was the first editor and came up with the title of the publication. At the time CODS had been in existence for about three years. The society co-sponsored a show with the Adena Daffodil Society and held Judging School I. We were certainly ambitious for such a green group although in all fairness to our members many of us had lots of experience working on an annual flower show. This was also the first year CODS sold daffodil collections to garden club members. The Society was trying to promote the growing of better cultivars plus make a little money for the treasury.

In 1972 CODS held their first ADS approved show co-chaired by Ruth Pardue and Naomi Liggett. It was held in a local church on April 28. Cynthia Bell donated a trophy for the best junior exhibit named after her first grandson, Christopher David Lang. (I believe this trophy has been misplaced for several years.) This first show had 456 entries and 897 blooms. Not bad for the first time! The Gold Ribbon was won by Mary Lou Gripshover with 'Easter Moon' 2W-GWW. She also won the Purple Ribbon and her first Watrous.

Wells Knierim took the White Ribbon with 'Golden Rapture' 1Y-Y and the Miniature Gold and White with 'Snipe' 6W-W. Ruth Pardue was awarded the Green Ribbon. A beautiful commercial display of daffodils was sent by Murray Evans.

The following year, 1973, the show was moved to the new Upper Arlington Municipal Building where it was held for many years. Best bloom was won by Wells Knierim with 'Angel' 3W-GWW. In the July *CODS Corner* there is an explanation of how Guy Wilson named this flower. It was in a group of seedlings that had flowered once but not considered worth naming but maybe next year it will improve. "The other beauty is a thing that was 'found in mixed' in season 1958. There is only one plant that this year gave four angelic flowers so lovely that I, there and then, named it 'Angel.' Mary Lou won her first Quinn at this show. Another exhibit of daffodils was sent by Murray

Evans. We were also honored to have Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Zandebergen visiting from Holland.

A new trophy was donated to CODS by Leonora Wilke, Bellbrook, OH and will be given for the best miniature in the show and named after the donor.

In 1974 CODS sponsored the Midwest Regional Show. Ruth Pardue receive the new trophy, William G. Pannill (donated by CODS for the best bloom), with 'Corofin' 3W-YYR. Mrs. Helen Richardson from Ireland was our honored guest.

This is the year that CODS approved their By-Laws and the Display Garden at Whetstone Park was started with 125 cultivars 3-6 bulbs each planted. Bulbs were also planted at First Community Village Convallarium and a memorial garden at Boulevard Presbyterian Church in memory of Cynthia Bell. Some of her favorite cultivars were planted: 'Tudor Minstrel' 2W-Y 'Kilworth' 2W-YOO, 'Charity May' 6Y-Y and 'Silver Chimes' 8W-W. In honor of Cynthia a trophy for the best collection of twelve daffodils was added to our annual show. This was her favorite class. CODS first meeting was held in January 1969 at Cynthia's home and a bottle of champagne was opened to celebrate the new society. \*\*

Five CODS members became newly Accredited Judges as the result of the Judging Schools held the past three years. They were Grace Baird, Cynthia Bell, Mary Lou Gripshover, Naomi Liggett and Ruth Pardue

In 1975 CODS issued an invitation to the American Daffodil Society to hold a convention in Columbus, OH. This was accepted and scheduled for 1978. This year our guests for the annual show were Mr. & Mrs. Phil Phillips, North Island New Zealand. Naomi won her first and only Quinn Award and the Gold ribbon with 'Court Martial' 2Y-O. Ruth Pardue received her first Watrous Award. An award for the best Novice entry was added and given to a bloom of 'Rashee' 1W-W.

Five new beds were put into the Whetstone Display Garden. Over 400 new cultivars were planted that fall making a total of about 525.

Plans were started for the 1978 convention and the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Columbus secured. Our show this year, 1976, had an exhibit of Japanese designs put on by the Ohio Branch of Sogetsu School. CODS was honored to have four overseas visitors for the annual show weekend: Brian Duncan, Northern Ireland; Jack Goldsmith, Ireland; Mrs. Abel-Smith, Great Britain and Matthew Zandbergen. The weather did not cooperate this year but there were just enough worthy entries to award some of the ADS ribbons. Whetstone had grown to 796 cultivars with 266 added this year. Mary Lou was made chairman of the 1978 Convention and Ruth Pardue Show Chairman.

In 1977 our show again had an exhibit by the Sogetsu School. It also was the largest show to date with 688 entries and 1385 blooms. 'Foxfire' 2W-GYO was awarded the Gold Ribbon and Nancy Gill, a new member, won the Small Grower's Award. Much time this year was spent on planning the convention.

In July 1978 Naomi took over as editor of *CODS Corner* continuing until July 1982. Ruth Gonsor edited it for one year and in July 1983 Tag Bourne was appointed editor and served for the next nine years. Naomi took over again in July 1992.

**Articles are needed for *CODS CORNER!*** The April issue will be my last newsletter as editor. After over ten years I am burned out. Time for new blood!

\*\* In reading some old *COD Corners* I came across an article Tag wrote in the July 1978 issue. In it she states CODS was formed June 18, 1968. At this time I am not sure when it was started.

**Next Meeting:** February 11, 2003, Franklin Park Conservatory 7:30 p.m. *Downunder Daffodils*  
Phyllis Hess & Betty Kealiher

Deadline April *CODS Corner*: March 15, 2003

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