

CODS CORNER

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Dear Daffodil Friends:

My daffodils are planted, but the mulch has not been spread and, frankly, it will have to wait till spring. It's now time to sit at the kitchen table and watch the birds fighting at the bird feeder. If you feed them, they will come.

Those of you who were unable to attend the Fall Regional Meeting in Cincinnati missed a good meeting. The company and the lunch was great as was the talk by the ladies of the Granville Garden Club who told us how they are able to raise \$7,000 in bulbs sales in just a few days. The amazing part is how they manage to sort, pack and distribute them in about three days.

An e-mail from CODS member, Christopher Maslon, related that he has been asked to spend a third year teaching English in South Korea. Please come home, Christopher, we miss you.

During this new year, let us pause to give thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us and especially for our freedom. With the events in the world today, let us not forget that our freedom was granted at a great cost, and we need to repay this freedom whether it's with a prayer of thanks, a smile, or the planting of a flower for all to enjoy. Let's all do our best to make 2004 a more peaceful and beautiful year.

Think Spring.

Betty

BEST IN SHOW/GOLD RIBBON

When P. T. Barnum of Barnum and Bailey Circus fame closed one show, he immediately began planning production of the next one. Cold Winter days are a good time to review what daffodils in your garden are of show quality and have potential to be an ADS Gold Ribbon winner or Best Standard Daffodil in the Show. To do this, you need to review the past CODS shows.

| YEAR | COLOR CODE | CULTIVAR | WINNER | HYBRIDIZER |
|------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 2003 | 2 Y-P | Capree Elizabeth | Donna Dietsch | Brogden |
| 2002 | 3W-GYR | LaPaloma | Donna Dietsch | Roese |
| 2001 | 2YYW-Y | Clouded Yellow | Dan Bellinger | Pearson |
| 2000 | 3W-YYO | Carole Lombard | Naomi Liggett | Postles |
| 1999 | 2 W-GPP | Fragrant Rose | Cindy Hyde | Duncan |
| 1998 | | Show cancelled | | |
| 1997 | | Show cancelled | | |
| 1996 | 3W-GYR | LaPaloma | Linda Wallpe | Postles |
| 1995 | 3W-GYR | LaPaloma | Nancy Gill | Postles |
| 1994 | 2 Y-Y | Scipio | Cindy Hyde | Jackson |
| 1993 | 2W-GPP | Fragrant Rose | Cindy Hyde | Duncan |
| 1992 | 2 W-P | Chelsea Girl | Tag Bourne | Postles |
| | | (National Convention) | | |
| 1991 | | Show Cancelled | | |
| 1990 | 2 W-Y | Pure Joy | Donna Dietsch | Mitsch |
| 1989 | 2Y-YRR | Loch Rimsdale | Phyllis Hess | Lea |
| 1988 | 1W-GWW | Silent Valley | Handy Hatfield | Bloomer |
| 1987 | 2W-GPP | Fragrant Rose | Handy Hatfield | Duncan |
| | | (National Convention) | | |
| 1986 | 2 W-W | Fastidious | Kathy Andersen | Mitsch |
| 1985 | 2 W-W | Inverpolly | Handy Hatfield | Lea |
| 1984 | 6 W-Y | Joybell | Kathy Andersen | Richardson |
| 1983 | 2Y-ORR | Shining Light | Handy Hatfield | F. E. Board |
| 1982 | 2 W-W | Starmount | Handy Hatfield | Pannill |
| 1981 | 2 W-W | Inverpolly | Handy Hatfield | Lea |
| 1980 | 2 W-W | Broomhill | Handy Hatfield | Board |
| 1979 | 2 W-W | Inverpolly | Handy Hatfield | Lea |
| 1978 | 3 W-Y | Aircastle | Marie Bozievich | Mitsch |
| | | (National Convention) | | |
| 1977 | 2 W-GWO | Foxfire | Naomi Liggett | Evans |
| 1976 | 1 W-Y | Downpatrick | Mary Lou Gripshover | Duncan Dunlop |
| 1975 | 2 Y-O | Court Martial | Naomi Liggett | Richardson |
| 1974 | 3W-YYR | Corofin | Ruth Pardue | Richardson |
| 1973 | 3W-GWW | Angel | Wells Knierim | Guy Wilson |
| 1972 | 2 W-GWW | Easter Moon | (Unknown) | Guy Wilson |

The first couple of years, 1972-73, were Guy Wilson years and both cultivars were white, viz., Easter Moon 2 W-GWW and Angel 3 W-GWW. The next two years, the winners came from the Lionel Richardson stable: Corofin 3 W-YYR and Court Martial 2 Y-R. The next three shows saw Willie Dunlop, Murray Evans and Grant Mitsch flowers each winning one time: 1976 Downpatrick 1 W-Y, 1977 Foxfire 2 W-GWO and 1978 Air Castle 3 W-Y (our first national convention show). I never see the name "Foxfire" that I don't think of Cecile Spitz – it was one of her favorites.

The following were winners from 1979-2003: Division 2 was the leader with 15 Best in Shows, Division 3 with 7 and Divisions 1 and 6 having one each. The hybridizers represented were from New Zealand, Tasmania, England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and the United States.

So, in summary, if this survey tells you anything your best bet would be a Division 2 from England with a white perianth.

I hope this research brings you an ADS Gold Ribbon.

Tag Bourne

DEATH OF HAROLD McCONNELL

On October 17, 2003 Naomi notified me that a next door neighbor of Harold's contacted her with the news that Harold had died suddenly in his home on the 14th. He had not been seen and not answering the phone, so police came and spotted him lying on the floor in his entry hall. What a shock to all of us in CODS and SWODS!

Harold was born in 1943 in County Down, Northern Ireland. His mother, Doris McConnell of Kikeel, County Down, two brothers, Noel of Portugal and Norman of Denver, Colorado and a sister, Elizabeth of Kerrville, Texas, survive him. Harold came to the United States at the age of 9 and lived in the Dayton area. He received his BS Degree in Engineering from Kettering University and a MBA from Wright State. He had retired from an engineering position at Delphi Automotive Systems (GM).

Harold was heavily involved in bridge associations where he won many regional and sectional tournaments. He, too, was an avid grower of daffodils and a member of the American Daffodil Society and the Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society. He introduced many of us to Down Under cultivars. Harold was a talented exhibitor, which made him a wonderful accredited judge and such a pleasure to judge with and a delight to be around. We will certainly miss him.

Naomi and I attended the Memorial Service in Dayton on November 7th.

MICHAEL JEFFERSON BROWN

Naomi also informed me on October 22nd of the death of Michael Jefferson Brown. He was a member of the RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee for many years and editor of the yearbook, which is now known as Daffodils with Snowdrops and Tulips. He was a well-known author on several genres including, of course, Narcissus. He had a bulb business and I ordered my first overseas cultivars from him. He also visited us here in Columbus during daffodil season.

SYNOPSIS OF MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

For those of you who missed the Midwest Regional Meeting in Cincinnati on November 1st thought you might like the highlights.

There were a couple of very interesting programs, one of which was provided by the ladies of the Granville Garden Club of Granville, Ohio. A very interesting description of their organization and operating procedures were presented. They also explained the current programs ongoing today. We certainly could learn a few things about selling and distributing daffodil bulbs by the thousand since they have them all packed and shipped in a five-day period.

The other program, which was approved as an ADS Judges Refresher, was enhanced by the attendance of Dr. John Reed, who also brought a number of bulbs to share with us.

The program consisted of judging seedlings as well as a question and answer period directed towards a panel of some of our local hybridizers including John. It was well received and the program planners should be commended for their efforts.

Leone Low brought to the meeting a container of Open Pollinated Serotinus. The flower opens with a deep green cup, but most stems seemed to display a flower where the cup became yellow upon maturity. It was good to see Leone doing so well after her back surgery this year.

It was an enjoyable meeting with excellent food and great to see our daffodil friends again.

ADDITIONS TO ADS APPROVED MINIATURE LIST

At the most recent ADS Board Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, the following miniatures were added to the ADS Approved List of Miniatures:

Gadget 10 Y-Y Glenbrook Bulb Farm
Oakwood Sprite 1 Y-Y Dr. John Reed
Zeals 8 W-Y J. W. Blanchard
Towai 12 Y-Y Robin Brown
Shebeen 6 Y-Y Glenbrook Bulb Farm
Little Flik 12 Y-Y Bill Dijk

Bird Music 6 Y-Y has been reclassified to 1 Y-Y.

The Miniature Committee is made up of fifteen members from various parts of the United States. New cultivars are suggested for the list and then voted on by the Committee. The current list is printed every year in the December Daffodil Journal.

In recent years some cultivars deemed too large for a miniature have been removed from the list, plus a few that are no longer available. The majority of the committee is of the opinion that once a daffodil has been removed from the list it should not be shown or judged in the Miniature Section. The same goes for those candidates that have been turned down by the committee three times. Once a daffodil has been delisted it could be relisted by a vote of the committee.

Naomi Liggett
ADS Miniature Committee

LAST CODS MEETING:

The December meeting of CODS at Tag Bourne's home was very poorly attended.

FUTURE CODS MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be March 13, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at Inniswood Metro Gardens, 940 Hempstead Road, Westerville, OH, with Joe Hamm speaking on "Historics."

DEADLINE: April Cods Corner March 15, 2004

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