

# CODS CORNER

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Daffodil Friends:

Since it's the President's Message page, I'll take the opportunity to write about what's going on in my life at the moment.

Bill and I are hunkered down in his "den". Bill is on the daybed covered by two blankets and three laprobes; necessary because of Cumadin and cold and I have two blankets, three shirts topped off by a red ball cap, which says "American Daffodil Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary."

The view from our windows is fantastic. The trees are beautiful except for all the limbs on the ground. My favorite dogwood has lost branches and has many more leaning on the tool shed. Spring will bring a major cleanup job.

It's been a most interesting Christmas. Christmas Eve services were cancelled as well as regular Sunday services. But, we had company for dinner today. As many of you know, I live on a hill with a long drive and it's now covered by a thick layer of ice and snow, but my brother, Neil, mounted his trusty tractor and broke a trail across the connecting field to join us for dinner of fried ham, potatoes and other assorted things put together with the help of two cast iron skillet on our wood-burning stove in the basement. We sat around the stove eating from paper plates on old TV trays, the basement lighted through glass blocks in the foundation.

We learned very quickly how to make the most of our trips up and down the steps. Buckets which are carried upstairs with water from the tank for flushing, are carried back down with supplies for meals. I've also learned that my knees aren't as young as they once were.

We have plenty of batteries and two radios on which we have been able to tune in Channel 6 – WSYX to hear the "Sound of Music". The temperature in the house is about sixty degrees and our evenings are long but we are fortunate that we have a wood stove in the basement, plenty of fire wood, food and each other.

Our house and my brother's are the last two houses on the circuit so it's hard to determine when we might be restored to service. If he can get a tree removed from his driveway, he'll be able to drive his truck to the road and maybe mail this to Tag, who has probably sent me an E-mail saying it was due, but sorry, no computer.

My thoughts just aren't about daffodils now except to mention that I put the last two in the ground about the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. One was Minnow and the other Smooth Trumpet hybridized by Charles Wheatley and received from Tom Stettner.

I might mention that following dinner today, Neil left with not only extra ham, but with an extra fifty-pound bag of bird seed, which we had. Remember to keep the birds happy.

Have a Happy New Year. In only three months we'll be seeing daffodils in bloom.

*Betty*



Editor's Note:

Tag wasn't thinking of getting a President's letter out that week either. On December 17<sup>th</sup> we rushed Hubert to the hospital with a heart problem. They performed a procedure, which is supposed to help the problem that is in the electrical portion of the heart. We came home on Wednesday before Christmas, our son, Jeff, cleared the driveway and took me to the store to get in supplies for Christmas. Then on Thursday, the ice began to fall. We were in for the duration, however we did not lose power, had plenty of wood for the fireplace and lots to eat. Thankfully, Hubert seems to be doing well.

### **NANCY BEARDSWORTH CAMERON**

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Nancy on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at her home following a brave battle with cancer. Even though, she and Gene resided on the West Coast they had visited with us and were members of CODS for a number of years.

In an E-Mail to us from Gene, he expressed his appreciation for our love to Nancy all these years and wanted us to know how much Nancy appreciated our kindnesses and love for her when she made several visits back here. He said not too many people understood Nancy, but we of CODS really made her eyes light up.

He also offered to donate bulbs to use if we ever felt there was a need for more bulbs here.

We will miss her and contributions may be made in Nancy's Honor to the American Daffodil Society-Youth Education Fund.

### **DATES FOR 2005:**

April 5, 2005 CODS Meeting. Record keeping and preparing for the Show - Franklin Park Conservatory 7:30 p.m.

April 7-9, 2005, ADS 2005 Convention, Sheraton Westport Hotel, Lakeside Chalet, St. Louis, MO 63146 (Get your reservations in prior to March 6<sup>th</sup> to get the best rate).

April 22, 2005 Set-Up for CODS Show, Franklin Park Conservatory 4:00 p.m.

April 23-24, 2005 Daffodil Show, Franklin Park Conservatory. Tear down 4:00 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup>  
May 10, 2005 CODS Meeting. Franklin Park Conservatory. Election of officers and Slides of 2005 Show Winners 7:30 p.m.

Editors Note: We are looking forward to having Peter and Lesley Ramsay from Hamilton, New Zealand with us prior to the St. Louis Convention.

### **WAYS & MEANS – PHYLLIS HESS**

We had another successful bulb sale in the Fall. Franklin Park purchased over 600 bulbs, for which we earned \$200.00. Thanks to Naomi and Phyllis who got this order together for the Conservatory.

We supplied St. Charles Preparatory School, where Dave and Brad Hess work, with bulbs for some extensive plantings they are doing. We supplied them with bulbs in years past and they have done a good job taking care of them.

I offered for sale some 29 cultivars on Daffnet and sent an E-mail to CODS members offering the same to them. Those offered on Daffnet went very fast.

One thing Naomi and I found when we went through the bulbs, there were quite a few, way too many actually, bad bulbs, and some bags had way too few bulbs in them. We will have to watch that next year. We don't want to get a bad reputation for our bulb sale.

Editor's Note: Phyllis selling the leftover bulbs on the internet was a fantastic idea!

### **ADS MINIATURE LIST**

The following miniatures have been added to the American Daffodil Society Approved List of Miniatures:

Dandubar 7 Y-Y  
Galligaskins 10 Y-Y  
Oakwood Tyke 1 W-W



## OFF THE BEATEN PATH

The State of Ohio offers a wealth of opportunities for recreation, museums for appreciating history that shaped it and pleasurable excursions to suit any tastes or interests such as daffodils. I would like to start a column in CODS CORNER where members could suggest places located away from interstate highways --- Off The Beaten Path--- to enjoy plantings of daffodils.

One suggestion would be Landoll's Mohican Castle, 561 Twp. Road 3352, Loudonville, OH 44842, Tele. #1-800-291-5001, Ext. 6353. It's situated in the hills of Mohican Forest and offers lunch, high tea, entertainment and a tour of the kingdom. The royal grounds are cascading with fragrant flowers and greenery, plus they have planted over 5,000 daffodils. They are also set up for groups like members of plant societies for guided tours.

Kingwood Center is a place that is always changing, keeping pace with the seasons, one being the daffodil season. Thousands of daffodils naturalized and well identified.

It is Richland County's top tourist attraction. A 47-acre estate built in 1926 by Charles Kelly King, Chairman of Ohio Brass. The King home is used today to house a horticulture library and offices. The address is 900 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44906, telephone 419-522-0211. I truly enjoy going there and viewing the magnificent gardens.

This is a great facility to visit in combination with a stop at one of my all-time favorite nurseries, Wade & Gatton, between Bellville and Butler, OH, just off Route 97 at 1288 Gatton Rocks Road, Bellville, OH 44813, telephone 419,883-3191. Van Wade's grandfather, on the land that their home was on, started Wade & Gatton Nursery. Wade & Gatton is famous today for their Hosta collection (2,000 varieties and cultivars) and each plant is labeled. Naomi and I usually visit during Day Lily blooming time. Whenever you have a chance to visit Wade & Gatton Nursery, you should. You always come away with a little

something, pictures, new ideas for landscaping or a new plant.

Lakeview Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave Cleveland, OH 44106-4313, telephone 216 421 2665. The 135 year-old cemetery observes annually a Daffodil Sunday. Over 100,000 blossoms cover a large hill --- yellow daffodils, forsythia and pink weeping cherry trees among the gray monuments. Wells Knierim donated many of these daffodils and he and Mary are buried at the top of this hill.

Last, but not least, don't forget CODS Daffodil Garden in Whetstone Park.

In your travels you will need an Ohio highway map and the Ohio Division of Travel and Tourism will mail you a map at no charge if you call 1-800-BUCKEYE.

### **SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS FOR DAFFODIL FOLK:**

1. Buy a few of the best daffodils each year from reputable dealers.
2. When preparing your daffodil plots, dig good and deep beneath the bulb... make it 18 inches if possible.
3. Make a resolution to enter our show. Remember don't get all "hot and bothered" by it. Use a little common sense by cleaning up your entries.
4. Instead of spending so much time showing, live with your flowers a little more.
5. Enjoy them!
6. Last but not least, write an article of your choice for CODS CORNER.

Deadline for April CODS CORNER is March 15, 2005.