

# CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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Summertime--and the living is easy. Easy, that is, if all your bulbs are dug! Hopefully you all have lots of increase--so you can spare 3 bulbs of each for our garden, and possibly have some left over for our CODS bulb sale at our September meeting. (Those of you who are very observant will note that the July issue is a bit late this time! Sorry!)

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Our September meeting will be held on Sept. 14, at the home of Grace Baird, 1874 Collingswood, at 5:00p.m. This is our annual "Potluck cocktail party and bulb sale. Spouses are also invited. Bring your own bottle, your favorite hors d'oeuvre, and whatever bulbs (and small bags) you have for our sale.

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Spring was glorious in CODS Country. Flowering trees and shrubs were magnificent, and all the flowers were enjoyed to the fullest. The color in the daffodils was superb--pinks were never so pink!

Our show was beautiful, with more entries than ever before. Twenty-six exhibitors made 573 entries with a total of 1,103 blooms!

Naomi Liggett won the Quinn Medal, and her bloom of Court Martial won the Gold Ribbon and the Mary Elizabeth Blue Founder's Cup for her. She also won the Purple and Silver Ribbons. Ruth Pardue won the Watrous Medal and the Maroon Ribbon. Mary Lou Gripshover won the Green Ribbon and Cynthia Bell Trophy; the Red-White-Blue Ribbon and the Walter T. Poppenger Award; the White Ribbon and the Mary & Wells Knierim Award; and the Miniature White and Lavender Ribbons. Mary Rutledge won the Miniature Gold Ribbon and the Leonora C. Wilkie Award, while Sallie Bourne won the Junior Award and the Christopher David Lang Trophy with her bloom of Tudor Minstrel. The new Novice Trophy was awarded to Charlyne Segmiller for her bloom of Rashee, and Glenna Bowman won the CODS Rosette for the best arrangement.

Grace Baird's blue ribbon winners included a varied collection from Division II--Ludlow, Pinza, Irish Charm, Rameses, and Ballymoss--and a trio of the ancient cultivar, Alcida, 3a; and the newer 3a, Circlet. Tag Bourne exhibited Ringmaster, Daviot, Bethany and Mega and others in blue ribbon form. Among Cecile Spitz's blue ribbon winners were Canisp, Gossamer, and Olympic Gold. Jean Wright had nice blooms of Salome, Eminent, and Silken Sails, while Lura Emig had winning exhibits of Bastion and Cherie. Marty Schmidt had nice blooms of Trevithian and Laurens Koster, while Eva Montgomery exhibited Petit Four, one I've not seen before--a pink double, but double only in the cup.

Mary Elizabeth Blue's winners included pale Ginger, Blarney's Daughter, and Chat, while Wells Knierim exhibited Andalusia successfully. Not to be outdone, Mary Knierim exhibited White Caps with equal success. Included in Leonora Wilkie's winners were Merlin and Dreamcastle, while Fran Anewalt exhibited nice blooms of Honeybird and Wahkeena. Tommy and Louise Dunn brought winning blooms of Festivity, Easter Moon, Golden Perfection, and odorus campernelli; while Ruth Junk had nice blooms of Corofin and Hawera.

In the Novice Division, Charlyne Segmiller had winning exhibits of Court Martial, Beryl, Pipit, and Rashee; while Pat Miller had a blue ribbon bloom of Arctic Gold. Phyllis Brant won with Daviot, while Glenna Bowman's winners included Chapeau, Pristine, and Corofin. Virginia Whalen won with Binkie, Stoke, and Geranium. Mrs. T.W. Brown had nice blooms of King Alfred and Mt. Hood, while Mrs. Davidek exhibited a nice stem of Trevithian.

Juniors winning blue ribbons were Sallie Bourne with Tudor Minstrel Snow Gem, and Trevithian; while Sara Pardue won with Slieveboy. Mark Rutledge won a blue with Harmony Bells, and Bruce Beery won with Roger. Barb Gripshover's Dunkeld, Irish Charm, Hawera, and her collection of 5 all won blues, while Carol Gripshover exhibited nice blooms of Silver Wedding and Madrigal. Chris Beery exhibited nice blooms of Penool and Chiffon, while Janet Metton, Anthony Martin, and Kevin Evans all exhibited nice blooms of Fortune's Sun.

Thanks go to Jean Wright who arranged the lovely exhibitors' luncheon, and to all who participated to make the show a success. We were honored to have Mr. & Mrs. Phil Phillips from New Zealand as our guests at the show.

--Ruth Pardue, Chairman

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With such a glorious Spring and an abundance of blooms, CODS members took their blooms to other area shows. Naomi Liggett took her blooms the furthest. She took miniatures to the ADS convention in Oregon, where she won the Gold Watrous Medal and the Miniature White Ribbon. Then a week later she took blooms to Dayton and won the Gold, White and Purple Ribbons. After exhibiting successfully at our show, she took blooms to Cleveland, where she won the Silver Watrous Medal and the Miniature Gold Ribbon. To finish the season, she exhibited in the NorWest Show and won the Award of Horticultural Excellence and the Cynthia Bell Trophy for the 3 blooms of Glenwherry. Her Bebop was judged the best miniature exhibit.

Ruth Pardue exhibited at Dayton, where she won the Quinn Medal and Red-White-Blue and Maroon Ribbons. Then after our show, she took blooms to Cleveland where she won the Green Ribbon. At the NorWest Show, she won the CODS Trophy for her collection of 5 and the Kyper Trophy for her collection of 12.

Grace Baird also exhibited at Dayton, winning the Green Ribbon, and two weeks later took blooms to Cleveland, where she won the Purple Ribbon.

Mary Elizabeth Blue won the Green Ribbon in Chillicothe; and Leonora Wilkie won the Silver Ribbon in Dayton. Wells Knierim won the Miniature Gold and Miniature White in Dayton, and the Gold, White, Miniature White, Red-White-Blue, and Silver Ribbons in Cleveland. Cecile Spitz won the Mary Elizabeth Blue Trophy at the NorWest Show, while Sallie Bourne won the CODS Junior Award at the same show.

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Our bulb sale is going full speed ahead! Cecile Spitz has orders for over 100 standard collections, and over 65 miniature collections. The standard collection includes Glendermott, Arctic Doric, Ormeau, Craighwarren, Enniskillen, and Arbar, one of each, for \$3.00. Three bulbs of Tete-a-Tete are being offered for \$1.25. A limited number of collections are still available from Cecile, 4985 Charlbury, 451-5669.

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Our note paper is available from Mary Lou Gripshover. There are 4 designs, 3 of each, in the package, which sells for \$1.50 to non-members, \$1.25 to members. Ruth Pardue drew the lovely designs.

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We welcome the following new members to CODS, and look forward to seeing you at some of our activities.

Ray Scholz, 2499 Remsen Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

Mrs. Ben A. Bagby, 619 Amanda Drive, Ashland, Ky. 41101

At the May meeting, the following officers were re-elected for another year:

- Grace Baird, President
- Cecile Spitz, Vice-President
- Glenna Bowman, Secretary
- Tag Bourne, Treasurer

Tag Bourne was appointed Show Chairman for 1976. The show will be held on May 1-2. It was announced that the ADS Board of Directors had accepted our offer to hold the ADS convention in Columbus in 1978. Mary Lou Gripshover was appointed chairman, and Ruth Pardue will be Show Chairman. It was also decided that any extra funds donated for the Bell Regional Trophy would be put aside for a permanent Cynthia Bell Trophy to be awarded at the 1978 convention show.

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Dues were due on June 1. Your \$2.00 will make you paid up until June, 1976, and will assure that you continue to receive this marvelous publication, CODS CORNER. You certainly don't want to miss that, now do you??? A check mark here \_\_\_\_\_ indicates that you have not yet sent in your dues, so won't you mail your check to Mrs. Hubert Bourne, 1052 Shadyhill Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43221, today, before you forget?

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Our daffodil garden at Whetstone Park was lovely during daffodil season. The bulbs bloomed very well, and hopefully there will be even more bloom next year. After daffodil season, however, the weeds took over. They have been cleared and annuals planted. Weeding is CODS responsibility--so for the remainder of this year, we're depending on you to go do some weeding. Next year, we'll have to follow a different system--perhaps have a week assigned to each member--or perhaps use a weed killer on the beds before daffodils come up to prevent weed seeds from growing. But for now, won't you each go pull a few weeds?

Many more bulbs will be planted this Fall. Bulbs have been received

from ADS members in several states, and we are hoping some other ADS members will share with us so that we can have a lovely Spring display for the people of Columbus, as well as lovely gardens to show ADS members at convention time in 1978.

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Our thanks to our "Number 1 Indian," Jennie Belle Adler, for the following poem.

D is for the darlings, for that is what they are,  
 A is for awakening in Spring, which isn't far.  
 F is for the flowers that might come through the snow,  
 F is for the foliage they need to help them grow.  
 O is for the one that wins, "That darling little doll,"  
 D is for the digging you did so hard last Fall.  
 I is for the Indian, to stage them on that day,  
 L is for the love they give to all in every way.

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## FIRST BLOOM

We spent our Christmas holidays in sunny Mexico, and came back to Columbus on January 1st to our usual overcast skies. It stayed that way until March 21 when my bit of sunshine greeted me. My Jumble opened that morning. I sat on my patio most of the day enjoying the 8 blooms. I kept saying, "Thank you, you gorgeous bit of sunshine." On March 22, my Tete-a-Tete began to bloom, and for the first time some of them had 2 blooms on a stem. I think Tete-a-Tete was competing with Jumble for my attention. To me, my first blooms were pure joy and pleasure, and gave me a much needed lift until the sun finally came through our Columbus skies.

--Cecile Spitz

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Your Editor has been appointed ADS Show Reporter, and since the ADS rules prohibit one person from holding 2 board positions, has resigned as Regional Vice-President. Ruth Pardue has been appointed as the new RVP for the Midwest Region.

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The first daffodil to bloom in the open for me this year was--as always--asturiensis, a tiny species trumpet. This little wildling doesn't want to become a permanent resident of my garden, but as it is relatively inexpensive, I find myself buying new bulbs every year, or every other year. It seems that I read somewhere that growing it from seed would provide lots of bulbs, but I've not been successful in self-pollinating it. In fact I've not had much success with seed of asturiensis at all. While I have gotten some seed by various crosses, I have only 1 weak bulblet of asturiensis x scaberulus from 1972 seed. Perhaps it is a better pollen parent--I have 19 bulblets of Bagatelle x asturiensis from 1973 seed. But asturiensis is such a welcome sight in early Spring, that I will continue to add a few bulbs each year.

The first standard daffodil to bloom this year was 6a Cornet. This all yellow cyclamineus hybrid has a stem just a bit too short to be in good proportion to the good-sized bloom. It is a smooth flower, with the petals gracefully recurved. Cornet, out in the open, bloomed 6-7 days ahead of Foresight and Trousseau, which are planted up near the house; and Woodgreen, which is also in the open.

In these days when daffodil growers are going out of business, it's nice to be able to report a new grower. Sid DuBose, an ADS member in Stockton, Calif., who is one of the owners of Melrose Gardens which specialize in iris, is listing daffodils for the first time this year. He doesn't list a lot, but they are good cultivars. We wish Sid success with his daffodils. (Melrose Gardens, 309 Best Road South, Stockton, Calif. 95206)

Rumor also has it that Mr. Handy Hatfield of Circleville, is planning to grow daffodils commercially. He is a well-known hemerocallis grower, and we hope that he, too, will be successful.