



CODS CORNER

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Naomi Liggett, President

"Tag" Bourne, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: June 18, 1983

"You've come a long way baby!" Fifteen years ago today a small group of daffodil growers met at the home of Mary Lou Gripshover and the Central Ohio Daffodil Society was born. Mary Elizabeth Blue of Chillicothe was its founder and first president. Some of the highlights of the past fifteen years are:

- 1971 CODS CORNER started by Mary Lou who served as Editor until she moved to Tennessee in 1978.
- 1971-73 Sponsored ADS Judging School I, II, and III with five persons becoming ADS Accredited Judges.
- 1972 First daffodil show with 456 entries and 897 blooms. Not bad the first time!
- 1974 Whetstone Display Garden started with approximately 125 cultivars.
- 1978 Hosted ADS Convention and daffodil show which is our largest to date (889 entries, 2263 blooms). This was the largest national show until Williamsburg this year which topped it by about 300 blooms.
- 1979 Received citation from Garden Club of Ohio, Incorporated for Whetstone Display Garden.
- 1982 Became an affiliate member of the Garden Club of Ohio, Incorporated.
- 1983 GCO and National Council of State Garden Clubs awards for 1982 Regional Daffodil Show and Whetstone Display Garden. In April we received awards for Flower Show Achievement for an Affiliate Member and Horticulture with emphasis on education. These two briefs were sent on to National Council. In May we learned we had won Award #34, The Award of Merit to a Plant Society, for Excellence in Horticulture and for Flower Show Achievement. Now all those hot, muggy days spent weeding, digging, and planting seem worth the time and effort.

As you can see, we have come a long way! Our membership is over sixty, a very healthy treasury, and our shows are bigger and better every year. Five active and four honorary members are now serving on the ADS Board of Directors. I am most happy to be your new president as we start year sixteen. Let's hope we accomplish as much in the next fifteen years.

Naomi Liggett
President

The Central Ohio Daffodil Society's Ohio State Show was held on April 23-24, 1983, in the lower level of the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Building, the title being "Nature and Narcissus." The Ohio Branch of Sogetsu participated with us and placed 25 designs in the Upper Concourse. There were 37 adult exhibitors, and I am sorry to say no junior exhibitors. We had 1,192 blooms and/or 654 exhibits. A total of 142 blue ribbons were awarded with Naomi Liggett winning the ADS Silver Ribbon with 16 blues.

I see no reason to go into the weather here, because we all know how "lousy" it was entries were down compared to other years (1981 - 1,576 blooms and 1982 - 1,557 blooms), however we had a quality show.

Handy Hatfield won the Carey E. Quinn Award Ribbon. Handy's collections usually give show goers an opportunity to see many newer varieties, however this year, he used some that have been around for a while. His collection of 24 standards from at least 5 divisions included: Jovial 5 Y-O, Fettle 1 Y-Y, Lemon Sherbet 2 W-GYY, Yellowtail 2 W-Y, Ashmore 2 W-W, Knightwick 2 W-P, Dalhuaine 3 W-R, Nutmeg 2 W-Y, Volare 2 W-GWP, Saberwing 5 W-W, Fire Rocket 2 W-O, Ferndown 3 Y-Y, Bunclody 2 Y-R, Highland Wedding 2 W-WWP, Peace Pipe 1 W-Y, Croila 2 W-GWW, Shining Light 2 Y-ORR, Zeus 2 Y-R, Green Linnet 3 W-GGO, Panache 1 W-W, Clumber 3 W-Y, Regal Bliss 2 W-GWW, Bell Song 7 W-P and Ariel 3 W-OOY. Handy also won the ADS Gold Ribbon with Shining Light 2 Y-ORR for the best standard daffodil in the show.

The ADS Purple Ribbon for the best collection of standard daffodils and the ADS Red-White-Blue Ribbon for 5 cultivars of standard daffodils of American breeding was also awarded to Handy. Eye-catching and new in these collections were John Lea's "Croila 2 W-GWW", Brian Duncan's "Green Ice 2 W-GWW" and Elise Havens' "Pink Ice 2 W-P".

Naomi Liggett won the ADS White Ribbon for a vase of 3 Foundling 6 W-P. Cecile Spitz won the ADS Maroon Ribbon with a collection of reverse bi-colors, which consisted of Avalon 2 Y-W, Scholar 2 Y-W, Handcross 2 Y-W, Impressario 2 Y-W and Bethany 2 Y-W.

Ruth Pardue staged a unique, all white/pink collection to win the ADS Green Ribbon for a collection of 12 cultivars representing not less than 4 divisions. Seen here were a combination of the old and the new: Lavender Lass 6 W-GPP, Foundling 6 W-P, Cotinga 6 W-P, Snoopie 6 W-GPP, Judea 2 W-P, Sydling 5 W-GWW, Rashee 1 W-W, Pink Panther 2 W-P, Glensides 2 W-GWW, Knightwick 2 W-P, Highland Wedding 2 W-WWP and Mary Ann 2 W-W.

Naomi Liggett practically dominated the ADS miniature awards by taking the honors for best vase of 3 miniatures with Bulbocodium 10 Y-Y, best collection of five with Segovia 3 W-Y, bulbocodium 10 Y-Y, Hawera 5 Y-Y, Clare 7 Y-Y and Tr. albus 10 W-W, and the coveted Roberta C. Watrous Award for a collection of 12 cultivars and/or species of miniature daffodils from at least 3 divisions. The "seldom to bloom" species Canaliculatus 10 W-Y was included in her collection. Nancy Gill won the ADS Gold Ribbon for Segovia 3 W-Y.

Mary Lou Gripshover made her way North again bringing along some of her seedlings and won both the ADS Rose and Miniature Rose Ribbons.

CODS again offered the American Horticultural Society Gold Medal for 15 standard cultivars from Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. The medal was won by Mary Lou Gripshover incorporating a number of her own seedlings.

Lura Emig won the CODS Challenge Class Award with Shining Light 2 Y-ORR, Dr. John Wilson won both the Jean Wright Award and Novice Award for his blooms of Foundling 6 W-P.

The Best American Bred cultivar in the show was judged to be Yellowtail 2 W-Y

(Evans) and was exhibited by Handy Hatfield.

The Dr. Tom D. Throckmorton Ribbon is the newest American Daffodil Society Ribbon and was presented in CODS show for the first time in 1983. The Throckmorton Ribbon is for a collection of 15 standard cultivars and/or species, one stem each from 15 different RHS classifications, each labeled with name and complete classification. Donald Sauvain of Bloomington, Indiana won this award. He combined the old with the new, the tried and true..... Hesla 7 Y-GYY (oldest 1908), Newport 2 W-YOY (newest 1980), Ormeau 2 Y-Y, Olathe 3 W-GYO, Rose Royale 2 W-P and Sweetness 7 Y-Y.

I was very pleased with the turn out of members to work on the show, especially the hard work put in by our new members. I want to thank each and every member of CODS for their magnificent effort on the show, thanks to the exhibitors for their wise choices so we would have quality and thanks to the luncheon committee for another winner food-wise. We again enjoyed the hospitality of Ruth and Bill Pardue at our dinner and cocktail party.

On Sunday, Phillip Feldmeier, the Director of Inniswood, our newest metro park, spoke on "Wildflowers of Ohio" and this added attraction was well attended. We had the most people coming through our show that we have had in a number of years.

"Tag" Bourne
Show Chairman

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NOTES AND COMMENTS FROM CODS 1983 SHOW:--

Sun Disc 7 Y-Y is a miniature. It should not be shown in the standard classes.

CODS schedule states "All collections of 5 or more stems must be exhibited with each cultivar in a separate container. Each cultivar must be correctly labeled with name, division and color code." Collections must be individually labeled, i. e. a card placed on each individual bloom stating name, color code, even though they may all be white/pinks, white/yellows, etc.

Unlike Caesar's wife, who was supposed to be above suspicion, ADS judges are not. They are suspect in particular among exhibitors. In choosing the ADS Gold Ribbon this year, remarks like "A white cultivar wins ALL the time anymore. I'm going to vote for the one with color." ADS judges are not supposed to vote for their color preference they are supposed to vote for the cultivar that scores the most points NO MATTER WHAT COLOR.

Best Seedling may come from regular classes as well as seedling classes. If it scores 90 or above, even though it won less than blue in a standard class, it may still be awarded the ADS Rose Ribbon. Our show schedule states "ADS Rose Ribbon and ADS Miniature Rose Ribbon exhibited by its originator".... judges cannot pick their candidates for these ribbons from seedlings that are not shown by the hybridizer. A Duncan seedling not placed in the show by Brian Duncan himself, a Ballydorn seedling not placed by Sir Frank Harrison, etc. cannot be eligible for these ribbons. A Gripshover seedling placed by Mary Lou Gripshover herself with identifying number (no hybridizer name shown) is eligible.

It is not the job of show clerks to assist judges in looking for best of show candidates. Judges should make mental notes or keep a list as they are judging of candidates so they will be prepared to make their selections quickly.

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As Awards Chairman of the American Daffodil Society, I receive all show reports from every region in the United States as well as a few from overseas shows that give the ADS Red-White-Blue Ribbon. To elaborate on the statement, "A white cultivar wins all the time anymore", I decided to break down the ADS ribbon winners in 1983 as to color. I broke them down into those having some pink, yellow, all white, and those with white/red coloring. To my surprise, the white cultivars did not come out on top. Yellow cultivars still win more ADS ribbons than any other with 31 in 1983. Daydream, Festivity, Ormeau, Pure Joy, Shining Light won more than once. Shining Light seemed to be the champion in this category in 1983. Shining Light was also the champion at the Sheffield Show in England, plus it was CODS Gold Ribbon winner and CODS Challenge Class winner (it seems to revel in very damp conditions). Those with white won 19 times and Homestead was the champion. Pinks won 14 different times and Salome the most popular. White/reds won only four times.

In the Miniature Section, Xit was the leader with nine victories. Segovia ran a very close second with eight, bulbocodium and Hawera tied with 5 and it would be interesting to know whether they were really Hawera or possibly April Tears.

Another item gleaned from these reports: the older registrations still win more than the new introductions.

I made note of the ADS Shows with over 1,000 blooms and, of course, the National Convention at Williamsburg topped the list with 2,548. I am very proud to say, CODS was second with 1,192. Washington, D.C., Dayton, Baltimore and Gloucester also went over the 1,000 mark.

"Tag" Bourne

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NEW MEMBER:

Ms. Bessie Haddad, 2721 Edgevale Road, Columbus, OH 43221

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Ruth Tantes zip code should read "43216"

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HIGHLIGHTS CODS MAY 17, 1983 MEETING:

Life memberships to ADS were voted to Franklin Park Conservatory and to Inniswood. Book to be presented to Inniswood in memory of Mrs. Loretta C. Gnau, Marilyn Fitch's mother, who passed away in May. Our sympathies are extended to Marilyn in her loss. Voted to hold CODS Show on April 21-22, 1984, at the Upper Arlington Municipal Center.

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REMINDER: CODS DUES ARE NOW DUE ... Check for \$4.00 made to CODS and mailed to Vanessa Quinones, Treasurer, 5192 Badley Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43227. If not received by August 31st, your name will not appear in roster.

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I trust most of you have started digging your daffodils always begin early digging daffodils before the foliage disappears and try and give yourself time to do it leisurely.

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BULB SALE:

The bulbs that were sold in September and October 1982 as "April Tears" from our Holland supplier were "Hawera." Please change your markers. There is a price difference and I have written to Holland about an adjustment.

Ways & Means Chairman
Cecile Spitz

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MEMBERSHIP:

Mr. R. A. Culbertson has joined his wife, Kathryn, as a member of our society. They now have a family membership. Welcome to our group!

Cecile Spitz

WHETSTONE GARDEN:

Digging: June Wednesday (22nd), Friday (24th), Saturday (25th), Monday (27th) and Wednesday (29th) 9:00 a.m.

July Display Garden Bulb Sale (WORKERS ONLY) Thursday (14th) 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Pardue's, 2591 Henthorne Road

CODS Public Bulb Sale, Franklin Park Conservatory (Date to be announced)

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From Columbus Dispatch, Sunday, June 19, 1983:

Jerry Stites is the new director of Kingwood Center at Mansfield. Stites, who had been assistant director of the Center since April of 1979, will replace Fred Roberts, who has held the post since August 1974. Roberts will become executive director of the Worcester County (Mass.) Horticultural Society.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 1983-84 CALENDAR:

September 11th - Cods Cocktail Party (Place to be announced)

April 5-7, 1984 - ADS National Convention, Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center, Portland, ORE

April 16-17, 1984 - ADS Midwest Regional Show sponsored by the Adena Daffodil Society at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, 17273 State Route 104, Chillicothe, OH.

For information, contact Mary Rutledge, Show Chairman, 704 Ashley Drive, Chillicothe 45601.

April 21-22, 1984 - CODS STATE SHOW, Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center

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Deadline for the next issue is the first week of September. Grace Baird will have an informative article trying to help us decipher the miniatures purchased from Holland. Any and all daffodil news will be greatly appreciated. I trust most of you have started digging your daffodils ... always begin early digging daffodils before the foliage disappears and try and give yourself time to do it leisurely.

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