



CODS CORNER

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Phyllis Hess, President

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Dear Fellow CODS Members:

On June 18, 1988 CODS commemorates its 20th Anniversary! I think it only fitting that to celebrate we also become an international organization, at our May meeting we voted to make David and Robin Jackson of Tasmania honorary members and also accepted Max Hamilton and Peter Ramsey of New Zealand as members!!!! So Happy Birthday to us and many more!!!

As we celebrate our birthday this year we will also be looking forward to 1992 when our Nation will be celebrating and once again we will host Convention. The Jackson's, Max and Peter have consented to return to the Northern Hemisphere to attend, if you did not meet the Jackson's while they were here or attend Convention in Washington DC plan now to meet our Southern Hemisphere guests in 1992.

Our CODS Show was unique this year in that it was held at Franklin Park Conservatory and Garden Center for the first time. I want to thank everyone for their wonderful help in setting up and tearing down and for the beautiful blooms which made this yet another great CODS Show. A special thanks to those who suffered through setting up, with the wedding going on it seemed we would never finish!! It was very gratifying to see the large crowds of people who viewed the show. The Conservatory did a great job with publicity, for which we thank them.

As usual, we have had no spring and very little rain so get out the sprinklers and keep the beds moist so digging will be possible later. Our members bulb sale will be held at Cecile Spitz' house on Sept. 12th at 7 PM, please try to get your bulbs to her house ahead of time, in paper bags, please. We will be having our Installation Reception and Cocktail Party at Pat Zwilling's on Sept. 11th at 5:30 PM, Pat says to bring your bathing suits.

Happy digging!!

One of the greatest advantages of attending an ADS National Convention is the marvelous speakers for the different symposiums. In 1988, we were fortunate to hear Dr. Peter Ramsey and Max Hamilton of New Zealand and David Jackson of Tasmania. Peter and Max introduced us to "Down Under" hybridizers and their newer cultivars.

To begin, they showed maps locating the hybridizers in the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Spud Brogden was highlighted at the beginning and we saw slides of Egmont Snow, Reward, Bandit, Guiding Light, Salute, Countdown, Pure Magic, Carat, and Dynasty. Immediately I grabbed a second sheet of paper to start my "Wish List" of Down Under daffodils. Bandit, Dynasty 2 Y-R (marvelous) was added.

Phil Phillips, who was a good friend to CODS, came to many of our shows and was an honorary member until his recent death. Of the slides shown Bogside, Modulux, Eiko, Samantha and Dingle Dell (cyclamineus miniature). Of these, I added Samantha, 1 W-W to my list. Many of Phil's introductions are now available from Dr. William Bender. Handy also has some listed.

Jim O'More lives on a rocky hillside near the sea in Wellington and is working on color mainly. Peter stated Red Ember, he thought, was O'More's best to date. I noted Red Haze, Love Child 2 W-Y. Mr. O'More has done a tremendous amount of work with yellows, such as Gold Quest 2 Y-Y. Sea Dream 3 W-GWW has been around since 1968 and I would not like to be without it. It is rated highly in Division 3. In the pinks, Pink Era, which is late flowering was notable. Mount Faber 1 W-W was also good. He has a number of good Y-R seedlings and #84/71, a 2 W-P, had a marvelous round perianth and is to be named in 1989.

David S. Bell's recent death leaves a gap in the Daffodil world, but he left a legacy of many, many fine cultivars. Temple Gold, an early yellow trumpet is first class. Green Meadows 3 W-GGR caught my eye. His flowers were left to his doctor in his will and, unfortunately, we do not know what will happen to Bell's daffodils.

Miss Mavis Verry of Te Kuit, New Zealand is known for her marvelous cyclamineus introductions - don't be without Trena 6 W-Y and Tracey 6 W-W. Handy, I know, has Trena available. Miss Verry is 77 years old - don't ever say you're too old to hybridize!

Two Empress of Ireland x Easter Moon creations by L. J. Chambers are Springston Charm and Springston Gem, 2 W-W's, were good. Kate Reade of Carncairn has Springston Charm in her catalogue.

John Hunter on the North Island of New Zealand is a retired watchmaker and works very hard to eliminate virus. His Moon River seedlings were excellent, Excalibur 2 Y-R and Starfire 2 Y-YYR were good.

Don Bramley is working on cultivars below Division 4, Colin Crotty is working with American cultivars and had a Division 2 with a deep rim of pink, which is a cross of Cherry Rim x Accent. Noel McIsaac is raising many nice things. Marilyn Ann, 2 Y-R which he named after his wife is very good.

Max Hamilton has been growing daffodils for many, many years. He is a retired farmer living just outside of Hamilton. He is an excellent breeder and is raising some excellent varieties. I saw quality in Red Cameo 2 Y-R, such good form and immediately placed it on my "want list." He showed a Landmark cross, which I felt was excellent, he has good cyclamineus coming along, a Daydream cross I really fell in love with and #4386 was a good double seedling. Max is a very quiet-spoken man and will be happy to discuss his granddaughter with you at any time.

Peter Ramsay comes from a family of daffodil growers and exhibitors and teaches on the college level. He will be forever known to CODS members who attended the convention in Washington as Clerk No. 2. He and Graham Phillips are the younger members of the New Zealand group. He has many doubles, one 4 W-Y which is very good. He is using Immaculate x Cool Crystal to get some good all-whites. There are no 5, 7, 8 or beyond being hybridized, which Peter thinks is very sad. The major trophies are for Divisions 1 through 3. Peter thinks the "cats and mice" are being let in and is trying to catch up.

Our next speaker was David Jackson. Of course, when David got up to speak it was like he was "one of our own" after being here with us. David is carrying on the work of his grandfather and father and is very generous and helpful to other growers. He is a "stickler" for virus-free bulbs and if they are not "up to par" into the river they go. David began by showing slides of classes at the Hobart and Launceston shows this past year.

First, Ross Glover's introductions ... Ida Mae 2 W-YRW which Bill Bender has on his recent list, My Dream (all yellow) and Pink Special, a 2 W-P, I thought was excellent. Another winner, Vahu 2 W-P introduced in 1979 by David is one of my very favorites. There were many good 2 W-W's. Melissa was the champion in 1987. He showed a slide of Dream Prince, an excellent 1 Y-Y.

Jim Radcliffe is accomplishing great things ... Redland's Too 2 Y-R, a deep pink trumpet was marvelous and has the first 1 W-O possibly in the world. Mike Temple-Smith has some nice 6's; a good Foundling x Fiddle-dee-dee, Abracadabra 6 Y-Y registered in 1985 and Voodoo 6 Y-Y a sibling of Abracadabra. Robbin Best has hybridized some good whites and David showed two good yellows of Don Bowman's. A First Frost x N. cyclamineus, a white Division 6 was absolutely marvelous (Temple-Smith's).

Harold Cross is famous for his doubles and has some excellent ones. David also showed slides of his smooth 2 W-P and a 3 Y-R that was champion at Hobart. Of David and Robin's introductions, a Prado seedling 1 Y-Y caught my eye and Predator 1 W-Y is to be released in 1989. I liked Melancholy 1 W-P, which was introduced in 1981. David had a Immaculate x Rhapsody cross, which he felt was magnificent, but hit it with Round-up. Run-a-Way 2 Y-R which was introduced in 1986 is also very good. Others shown were Graffiti 2 W-YYO, Overdraft 3 Y-O had such good form, Yum Yum 3 W-YWY had broad beautiful segments.

David then showed classes from their shows which gave us a better overall view of the classes. Many flowers were top notch. We saw slides of cultivars that Handy showed at our show. These presentations at convention certainly gave us a good idea of true colors in Down-Under cultivars.

Lady Diana 2 W-W I liked very much. Also Noway, an early 3 Y-R, and Mattara. A pink class for cyclamineus had excellent seedlings and another class with double seedlings gave us a good example of what good cultivars will be introduced from Down-under in the future. My Dream and Wendy 2 W-W I certainly would like to have in my garden.

Members should think about purchasing and planting some of these Down-under cultivars. If you are impatient and do not like to wait for them to acclimatize you can buy from suppliers in our hemisphere where they are already acclimatized. Handy has a lot of good ones.

Tag Bourne

JOHN REED'S "OAKWOOD DAFFODILS" 1988

I visited Oakwood Daffodils on Saturday, May 7th. The conditions were extremely dry. Approximately two weeks without rain. The temperature was 85°F while I was there. Definitely not ideal for daffodils.

I was too late in the season to see many of John's mid-season or even many of the late-mid-season seedlings. All the deeply colored orange-perianth flowers seen in past years were long gone as were the self yellows. Indeed, only the latest season things were still in sufficient condition to look at.

At that, there were still some seedlings of interest. This included a most exhibition worthy 2 Y-W from SPUN HONEY (4 Y-Y) x TEAL (1 Y-W). Of note was a 2 W-P of superb show quality. (I failed to record the parentage). It had opened with deep clear pink color in the cup and retained the color throughout the warm weather while most all of the other pink cupped named varieties lacked color in this season. The seedling had a broad smooth perianth and excellent stem and pose. By far it was the best pink cup at Oakwood this year and perhaps John's highest quality seedling to date. This will be one to watch closely as stocks are increased to see if it maintains those qualities observed in 1988.

There were still many very good all white large cup seedlings in bloom. It will take several years of growing and evaluation to determine if any of these has that "something extra" that puts it above the named varieties in this division, which has an abundance of high quality types. Also still in bloom was an interesting deeply colored 3 Y-Y from a CITRONITA cross. This one looks useful for further breeding toward improvements in the class. Also seen were several 3 W-P seedlings. This is currently a "scarce" division. However, several hybridizers have promising seedlings and it is likely that we will see many high quality new introductions in upcoming years.

A most exciting batch of seedlings were from ROSEWORTHY x TRIANDRUS CONCOLOR. About 15 (of the 25 or so) seedlings from this cross were in bloom. Colors included all white and white petals with clear pink cups. The bell shaped blooms and other triandrus characteristics were clearly evident in every one of the seedlings and all were of show bench quality. Size varied from "Miniature Candidate" size up to about the same size as Akepa. I'll be particularly interested to see if the small 5 W-P's retain their tiny size in future years and how well they increase since a 5 W-P addition to the miniatures would be most worthwhile. The mid-sized group of these seedlings were extra smooth and well formed and should do very well on the show bench.

I would have seen a greater quantity of seedlings if I could have gotten to Oakwood a week or so earlier this year, about the last week of April. However it was certainly worthwhile to see the late season bloomers this year. Looks like I'm going to have to plan a couple of trips to Oakwood each year if I want to see both early and late types.

Visiting Oakwood and seeing John's vast planting of named varieties from all over the world plus new seedlings giving their first bloom is a great way to top off a spring daffodil season. It is recommended that you mark the last week in April on your 1989 calendar and plan your own trip to Oakwood. John sows a large number of seeds and lines out a large number of seedlings every year. Each year now there is a new wave of "first bloom" seedlings. Most of the seedlings viewed this year were from crosses made in 1981 or 1982. Each wave of "first bloom" brings new seedlings of great interest.

John's climate doesn't provide conditions that makes for rapid increase in stocks. It is likely to still be a number of years until any of his seedlings are named and listed for sale. Visiting Oakwood to view the seedlings is going to have to suffice for the time being.

Harold McConnell

The hit of the 1988 Central Ohio Daffodil Society annual show was not a 2 W-W from Empress of Ireland, or a 1 W-W from Green Valley but rather a gentleman and his wife who would be more apt to be found spreading pollen from these two varieties. All of us who met them were completely captivated by their charm, 2 most delightful Jackson's from Tasmania, David and Robin. So even though our show was not quite as large as usual, their presence more than made up for any disappointment we may have felt at not having more blooms. As usual however, the quality was excellent and we congratulate the winners on their fine showing, special praise to Ray and Kathryn on winning their first Quinn!!!

CODS SHOW WINNERS -1988

GOLD RIBBON	Handy Hatfield	JEAN WRIGHT AWARD	Cindy Hyde
MARY E. BLUE FOUNDER'S CUP	Silent Valley 1W-GWW		Rainbow 2W-WWP
WILLIAM G. PANNILL AWARD			
SILVER RIBBON	Tag Bourne	NOVICE AWARD	Irene Mosely
	14 Blue Ribbons		Golden Sovereign 1Y-Y
MINIATURE GOLD	Donna Dietsch	GREEN RIBBON	Nancy Gill
LEONORA C. WILKIE AWARD	Stafford 7 Y-O	CYNTHIA BELL MEMORIAL TROPHY	Homestead 2W-W
			Dove Wings 6W-Y
WHITE RIBBON	Handy Hatfield		Rainbow 2W-WWP
MARY & WELLS KNIERIM AWARD	Gull 2W-GWW		Seafarer 1W-W
			Revelation 2W-Y
MINIATURE WHITE RIBBON	Naomi Liggett		Misty Glen 2W-GWW
	Rikki 7W-Y		Dailmanach 2W-P
			Broomhill 2W-W
JUNIOR AWARD	Jennifer Rarey		Duncan D545 6W-P
CHRISTOPHER DAVID LANG	Tahiti 4Y-R		Foundling 6W-P
GOLDIE VERNIA AWARD			Purbeck 3W-YYO
			Dr. Hugh 3W-GOO
PURPLE RIBBON	Phyllis Hess	BRONZE RIBBON	Handy Hatfield
WALTER T. POPPENGER AWARD	Blue Bird 2W-W Starmount 2W-W		Safari 2Y-O
	Crystal Blanc 2W-GWW		Gull 2W-GWW
	Calcite 2W-GWW		Rio Dell YW-WWY
	Ashmore 2W-W		Gracious Lady 2W-P
RED-WHITE-BLUE RIBBON	Naomi Liggett Pipit 7Y-W Mitsch		Rhapsody 2W-W
	Bee Habley 2W-YYO Fitzwater		Pure Joy 2W-Y
	Newport 2W-YYO Pannill		Chiloquin 1Y-W
	Whetstone 1W-W Havens		Abiqua Y-Y
	Abiqua 2Y-Y Evans		Rival 6YG-Y
LAVENDER RIBBON	Naomi Liggett Rikki 7W-Y		Yellowtail 2W-Y
	Xit 3W-W		Seafoam 2W-W
	bulbocodium 10Y-Y	ROSE RIBBON	Top Notch 2Y-Y
	wilkommi 10Y-Y		
	macyleali 10W-Y		Helen Link
MARY LOU GRIPSHOVER	Handy Hatfield	ENGLISH AWARD MEDAL	Glenside X Tangent 2W-GPP
	Homestead 2W-W		1679B
HELEN K. LINK AWARD	Nancy Gill		Naomi Liggett
			Purbeck 3W-YYO
			Foundling 6W-P
			Tudor Minstrel 2W-Y
			Diane 6W-GPP
			Blarney's Daughter 2W-OOY

CAREY E. QUINN AWARD

Foundling 6W-P
Loch Hope 2Y-R
Lilac Charm 6W-GPP
Torridon 2Y-R
Cha Cha 6W-GPP
Ruth Haller 5Y-Y
Broadway Village 2Y-YRR
Copperfield 2Y-Y
Culbeag 3W-R
Banbridge 1Y-Y
Creag Dubh 20-R
Gold Convention 1Y-Y

Ray & Kathryn Culbertson

Ballydorn Sdlg 2Y-Y
Glen Rothes 2W-P
Constancy 2Y-Y
Pink Silk 2W-P
Falstaff 2Y-R
Purbeck 3W-YYO
Brierglass 2W-GWW
Starmount 2W-W
Bryanstan 2Y-Y
Yamhill 2W-YYW
Portfolio 1W-W
Quasar 2W-PPR

MARY KNIERIM AWARD

Handy Hatfield
Shadow 2W-GWW
Starmount 2W-W
Gull 2W-GWW
Broomhill 2W-W
Silent Valley 1W-GWW
Ashmore 2W-W

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NEW OFFICERS: 1988-89 year

President: Phyllis Hess
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kathryn Culbertson is ordering paperwhites for forcing for the Holidays at 64¢ each. Call 882-3121 to place your order.

To those selling collections, if you know of anyone wanting collections of daffodils, let the Ways and Means Chairman know how many, colors preferred and how much they are willing to spend.

REMINDER: CODS DUES ARE NOW DUE ... Check for \$4.00 (individual) or \$5.00 (family) made to CODS and mailed to Mrs. Lura Emig, 1878 Demorest Road, Columbus, OH 43228 (CODS Treasurer). If not received by August 30th your name will not appear in the roster.

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Naomi and I traveled far and wide in 1988 and judged seven shows ... there were times I was thankful she had the car well placed and pointing in the right direction to make a fast get-away out of town.

Tag Bourne, Editor