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Phyllis Hess, President

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear Fellow CODS Members, (or suffers of yellow fever, whichever you prefer)

Here we go again, another stint as President. I will never forget the first time I was President of CODS and met my now good friends from down under, Peter and Max. They about had a stitch when I told them I was president of CODS, seems down under that is a load of cow dung! So, one does get the proper perspective quickly!

We had a great planning meeting. I think you will find the programs exciting. We are going to try something new and different and have our March meeting at Ruth Pardue's in Oak Ridge, Tennessee! A few of us got the idea to do so at Convention this year. Ruth kindly invited us so -- we will car pool, for those who so desire, and go down on Friday afternoon. Saturday morning is the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Show in Knoxville (we can show early blooms). Saturday night Ruth has most graciously offered to host a party for us. Sunday morning we will view Frank Gaylon's garden before coming home. I am told that to see Ruth's garden is worth the trip! Mark your calendar, the dates are March 27-29. Ruth also agreed to find us a "sleep cheep".

Our annual Members Bulb Sale and Cocktail Party will be on September 21 at my house. Bulb sale at 4:00 PM, Cocktail Party at 5:00 PM. As usual, please have bulbs in paper bags, labeled and priced. If possible, bring them to my house or contact me to see if I could pick them up ahead of time. I will be digging very little this year so we will need everyone to furnish bulbs.

The Whetstone Park Advisory Committee met at the park on June 9 and recommended some guidelines to the membership. They were adopted by the Executive Committee and appear in this issue. As time goes by, more guidelines will probably be adopted.

For many years we have been fortunate to have the Executive Director of ADS as a member. Mary Lou is a charter member as well as an honorary member of CODS. We want to thank her for her many years of service to ADS and wish her well in her "retirement". (Knowing Mary Lou she will probably do more in retirement than when she worked.) On July 1 we welcome another CODS member as the new Executive Director of ADS. Naomi, we wish you the best in your new endeavor! I know you will be a worthy successor! Please help make her new job easier by getting your articles for *CODS Corner* in on time. We do not want to lose a great Editor!

Congratulations to our member Abby Butt for her special recognition at graduation ceremonies from Fifth Grade.

Happy digging, see you all in September!

Phyllis



WINNING MY FIRST BLUE

Christopher Mason

I fell in love with daffodils about two years ago. I belong to CODS (Central Ohio Daffodil Society) and love the group. We have fun and always have a great time talking about new cultivars. I had waited a full year to grow out the bulbs given to me by our CODS president, Phyllis Hess. Our show was scheduled at the Franklin Park Conservatory, in Columbus. The excitement of finally entering my first daffodil show was excruciating - I could hardly wait.

Then came THE CALL! The call was to notify me that because of local conditions, there were not enough blooms to have a show and the CODS show was cancelled. I was in shock. I had waited a whole year. I had cut my best blooms early, refrigerated them, and made out my entry cards. I was set to win! But Columbus had been hit hard with sleet and snow and we had freezing temperatures many nights in April, so the April 19 show was not to be. I heard, though, that Cincinnati had a show scheduled for the same day and I called for details. I was not going to wait 365 days to just sit and look at a refrigerator full of blooms if there was a chance to enter them somewhere.

I called a friend from college, James Vogel, and asked if he wanted to go to Cincy. We packed the blooms carefully (confidentially I have been trying to get all my friends to join the daffodil society), and we arrived in Cincy about noon on Friday, with the show set for Saturday morning. My ride dropped me off at the entrance of the Cincinnati Zoo and I stood there holding some boxes and 25 daffodil blooms as I was informed that the daffodil show was on the other side of the Zoo. A lady by the name of Debbie Zurich, bless her heart, took me in the Zoomobile to the show (I hope Debbie joins the society). I shared a worktable with Pat Garrett, also a new exhibitor. Pat was so good to talk to and we were both learning the ropes so I didn't feel I was making too many mistakes. I picked all the wrong size tubes to begin with, and the wrong entry cards too. But I finally got my flowers entered, and it was show time. They were short a clerk and Linda Wallpe asked me if I'd help. Linda took a lot of time to show me how to clerk and carefully collect each label. My hand felt like it was going to fall off, writing down class a, section 2, name, date, who doing what, where, their social security number, well, not quite that far but you get the picture. With the who, what, and

where I recorded, the CIA would have no problem in ferreting out illegal daffodils. I met Liz Ragouzis after clerking, and several people shared parts of their lunches with me. Tom Stettner and I looked at my photographs of daffodils, trying to identify those I couldn't. Then Tom and I took photographs of the show. I met many wonderful people. Bill Lee was wearing his custom-made daffodil shirt (I'm determined to get one of those). And Mary Lou Gripshover gave me a catalog and I thank you Mary Lou.

The people I met were very friendly and so open to sharing information and lunch. I had a first place ribbon with 'Ruth Haller' 5Y-Y (introduced in 1968), 3 second place ribbons, and 2 third place ribbons. I had learned a great deal about what makes a great daffodil even greater. Someone told me that Steve Vinisky said everyone should start hybridizing now, this season. So when I got back home to Columbus, with so much buzzing in my head, I crossed two daffodils that were late bloomers in my garden.

ENGLEHEART RESULTS

Tag Bourne

Just received the following information from Sandra and Mike Baxter regarding the Engleheart competition: They asked that the information be published in *CODS CORNER*.

Winner: Clive Postles with 'Ombersley' 1Y-Y #1-12-83 1Y-Y, 3-148-89 3W-YOO, 'Crowndale' 4Y-O, 'Nightflight' 1W-W, 'Hanbury' 2W-W, 1-48-87 2Y-YOO, #6-19-88 2 W-P, , 1-56-90 2 Y-YOO, #1-4-83 2W-WPP, #2-27-89 2Y-O and #10-19-88 2W-P. Best in Show came from this collection: 'Nightflight'.

2nd Place: John Pearson with 'Altun Ha' 2Y-W, 'Sheelagh Rowan' 2W-W, 'Doctor Jazz', 'Fine Romance' 2W-WPP, 'Sugar and Spice' 3W-YYO, 'Celestial Fire' 2Y-O, 'Quiet Waters' 1W-W, 'Lighthouse Reef' 1YYW-WWY, 'Clouded Yellow' 2YYW-Y, #91-42-45 2W-WWP, #98-32-43 2Y-Y and #97-21-TR2 2W-O.

According to the Baxter's, John was showing flowers that he had had in the refrigerator for ten days.

Third: Brian Duncan showing 'Gold Bond' 2Y-Y, 'Ita' 2W-P, 'Border Beauty' 2Y-R, 'Doctor Hugh'

3 W-GOO, 'Cape Point' 2W-P, 'Surrey' 2Y-R, 'Dorchester' 4W-P, 'Goldfinger' 1Y-Y, 'Ethos' 1 Y-Y, 'Youngblood' 2W-R, 'Lennymore' 2Y-R and 'Magna Carta' 2W-O.

Fourth: Noel Burr with 'Saxonbury' 2Y-Y (Reserve best bloom), 'Southeast' 2W-GYY, 'Finchcocks' 2Y-R, 'Bayham Abbey' 1 W-W, 'Five Ashes' 2 W-W, #1-37-90 1 Y-Y, 1-14-87 2W-P, 4-27-85 1Y-Y, a 4Y-O, a 2W-YOO, 'Hadlow Down' 1Y-Y and 'Cinder Hill' 2W-O.

Fifth: John Blanchard showing 'Casterbridge' 2Y-O, #76/16C 1W-W, 'Temple Cloud' 4W-P, #86/22A 2 W-Y, 'Applins' 2W-P, 'Badbury Rings' 3Y-YYR, #67/15B 2W-W, #84/17B 4Y-Y, #74/17A 2Y-Y, #84/17B 1W-W, 'Halstock' 2Y-W and #83/5B.

Best Division 1 - 'Nightflight' (Postles)
Best Division 2 - 'Saxonbury' (Burr)
Best Division 3 - 'Badbury Rings' (Blanchard)
Best Division 4 'Temple Cloud' 4 W-P (Blanchard)
Best Division 5-9 - 'Ladies Choice' 7 W-W (Duncan).

It seems as if the weather was about the same on both sides of the "pond" this year.

WHETSTONE GARDEN

CODS Whetstone Park Advisory Committee Report

The Committee met at Whetstone park on June 9, 1997 at 2:00 PM. The following recommendations are made to the Executive Board of the Society.

1. No digging to occur in 1997 as per previous plans.
2. Beds 1 and 2 need to be kept clean in 1998 to prepare for digging.
3. These same beds must have cultivars identified correctly during bloom time in 1998.
4. The beds are to be kept at 7 feet wide as per directive handed down by the Park Board.
5. No one is to walk on the beds.
6. When going to Park to weed take along a plastic bag for weeds. Shake soil from roots of weeds, not from onions. Dead head daffodils as blooms fade.

7. Contour of the beds is not to be altered by your weeding. (We fought long and hard to get enough dirt and compost to have raised beds.) The best way to weed is to pull the mulch back and then replace, saves more weeding later in the season. After bloom time it is more important to deadhead any weeds going to seed than to get all the roots. The Park will spray round-up later when the foliage is gone.

8. Do not move soil from one bed to another. Could spread disease. I.E.: nematodes and viruses

9. Remember to keep track of all time spent volunteering at the Park. This must be recorded and turned in each month.

10. Each issue of *CODS Corner* to have an article about status of Park to keep membership informed.

Donna Dietsch, Nancy Kolson, Chris Maslon, Helen Meeker, Irene Moseley, Cecile Spitz, Phyllis Hess ex-officio

INTERMEDIATE DAFFODILS

Beginning in 1988 an ADS ribbon for the best intermediate daffodil in the show will be given at the National Show and to any approved local daffodil show that so desires. An intermediate daffodil is defined as a single-floreted cultivar from RHS divisions (before the expected RHS reclassification of divisions) 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 or 12 whose perianth diameter is typically between 1 1/2 and 3 inches. CODS' member Helen Trueblood, IN is the Intermediate Chairman. A list of some of the daffodils that are considered intermediates is listed in the March 1997 *The Daffodil Journal* page 167-69.

DUES

CODS dues are now due. Please send your check for \$5.00 single, \$6.00 family made out to CODS to Elsie Hack, Treasurer, P.O. Box 276, Powell, OH 43065. If your dues are not received by August 15 your name will not appear in the roster and this will be your last issue of *CODS Corner*.

_____ Dues not paid

LATE LONDON AND OMAGH SHOW

Mary Lou Gripshover

Since there's no show report to fill up the pages of *CODS Corner*, Naomi asked me to write something about my trip to Britain. As my trip was a combination of business for ADS and pleasure for Paul and me, I didn't make any notes on the daffodil shows I saw. So this will be a short recollection of the late daffodils in Britain in 1997.

Our trip began with an hour and a half delay at the London airport. We sat in the plane on the tarmac until the terminal was deemed safe. It seems there had been a bomb scare, and the terminal had been evacuated. So we got into our hotel around noon, and after changing, I went to the RHS hall where the Late Daffodil Show was being held. It had been an early season in England, and none of the big British raisers had flowers. Brian Duncan was the only grower who had flowers, and he was told by more than one person that it was nice of the RHS to hold a daffodil show for him. It's too bad he didn't have more competition, because he had very nice flowers. His seedling 1401 was Best Bloom. This was a 2/3 white and red bred from 'Dr. Hugh'. Reserve Best Bloom was 'Asila' 2W-YYO. I'd been invited to have lunch with the judges, and then had to get to the first of my meetings with RHS personnel. I think there were tulips and maybe camellias at the show also, though I didn't get a chance to see them.

Meetings with the RHS took up the next day, and following the close of the show, Paul and I went to Northern Ireland with Brian.

While Paul and Brian played golf, I was assigned to cut blooms for the Omagh show. Betty was checking the main stocks for rogues. As in London, the Omagh show was very sparse, with most exhibitors being out of flowers. Brian staged his winning collection of 12, while I staged a number of vases of three. Unfortunately, my staging cost him some points, because they want the three flowers to be all in the same plane. I had several of the lower flowers angled slightly to each side, and that cost him a few points. But at least there were some flowers for the visitors to see.

There were four entries in the class for the collection of 12. I judged with two newer Northern Ireland judges. We point scored each bloom, but not in the way we do here. They start with the first

bloom (any one will do) and point it on a scale of 10, then compare the next bloom to that one—is it better or worse than the first one—and on down the line. When I judge in a foreign country, I tend to go along with my hosts, as I know their scale is different than ours, but in most cases I think the results would have been the same. Brian won the collection of 12; Richard McCaw had Best Bloom with 'Garden News' 3Y-ORR. Brian had best seedling. Richard McCaw's young son (about 11 or 12 years old) won the cup for the most points in the Intermediate Section, which was great to see.

The first two days in Northern Ireland were quite warm; we were all in short sleeves, and the flowers were going over quickly. The day after the show, I helped Brian while he made notes about his seedlings. He made the comments, and I wrote them down. It was interesting to hear what he had to say about his seedlings. The flowers I made notes on were all under number, so I won't list them here.

Betty and Brian took us up around the Antrim Coast, and by this time the weather had turned more typical: rain, snow, sleet, etc. We visited the Giant's Causeway, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. We stayed overnight at Port Ballintrae, and Sandy and Mary McCabe came over to join us for dinner.

We had a great week with Betty and Brian, and then left for a week-long tour of the Republic of Ireland.

Sunshine Thanks

Cindy Hyde

Thanks so much for all your well wishes and cards relating to my recent emergency surgery! It's rather depressing "resting up" when there is so much to do and your cards and phone calls were truly bright and cheerful!

This was the first year that I did not have a bloom to take to a show and I was actually a bit glad. Car rides really made me sore and if I had blooms I would have been tempted to take them to the shows.

Thanks also to Phyllis Hess for stepping in and chairing our April meeting! Sorry I missed all the fun!

NEW MEMBERS

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Welcome to the Central Ohio Daffodil Society.
Our year runs from June 1 to June 1 and a new
roster will be ready this fall.

One of our junior members, Abby Butt, recently received the Barbara Gage Award at the Granville Elementary School. It is presented annually to the 5th grade student who goes the extra mile and must work extra hard to overcome challenges that are in their path. She received a \$200 saving's bond and a plaque. Her name will be permanently engraved on a plaque at school.

She also received the R.A. Horn "Yes I can" Award that is sponsored by the Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center and is funded by the Shell Oil Foundation. The award is to acknowledge achievements of children and youth with disabilities.

Abby is a member of the Junior Garden Club of Granville that is sponsored by a Granville garden club.

One of our new members Keith Kridler, brother of Barrie, was unfortunate to be in the path of a tornado recently. His farm suffered a great deal of damage according to information posted on the Daffnet. Our thoughts are with you.

ADS Approved List of Miniatures

At the March ADS Convention the following daffodils were added to the miniature list:

'Angel's Breath' 5Y-Y (Glenbrook)
'Arrival' 1W-Y (Evans)
'Drop o' Gold' 5Y-Y (Wells)
'Ferdie' 6Y-Y (Glenbrook)
'Kholmes' 12Y-Y (Glenbrook)
'Orclus' 12W-W (Glenbrook)
'Totten Tot' 6Y-Y (Wells)
'Yimkin' 2Y-Y (Teschner)

All named selections from the species division will be placed in their proper cultivar divisions when the RHS reclassification takes effect in 1998.

'Atlas Gold' 10Y-Y
'Cedric Morris' 1Y-Y
'Douglasbank' 1Y-Y
'Joy Bishop' 10Y-Y
'Julia Jane' 10Y-Y
'Midget' 1Y-Y
'Treble Chance' 10Y-Y
'Yellow Pet' 10Y-Y
'Stocken' 7Y-Y

ROSE FESTIVAL

CODS had a booth at the Rose Festival held at Whetstone Park this past weekend. Many interested people stopped and got information about daffodils. Several took membership applications, so hopefully we may soon have more new members. About 75 people signed up that they were interested in the miniature bulbs CODS will be selling this fall.

Rick and Jody Scribner were in charge of the booth and Christopher Maslon, Phyllis Hess, Irene Moseley and Bessie Haddad helped.

If you are digging bulbs and have extras, save three each for the Whetstone Daffodil Garden. There is still one empty bed which can hold 100 cultivars.

BULB SALE

**DEADLINE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:
September 15, 1997**

CODS is planning to have a booth at *An Affair of the Hort* to be held at Inniswood Gardens September 26-28. Tag Bourne, CODS Education Chairman is in charge of coordinating this. The Executive Board approved the sale of miniature bulbs at this function. The bulbs will be available to members if orders are placed prior to September 2. Postage required for those needing to be mailed. Send your order to Tag Bourne, 1052 Shady Hill Drive, Columbus, OH 43221. 614-457-4526

'Baby Moon' 7Y-Y	3 - \$1.25
'Minnow' 8Y-Y	3 - \$1.25
'Little Gem' 1Y-Y	3 - \$1.25
<i>jonquilla</i> 10Y-Y	3 - \$1.25
'Tete a Tete' 12Y-Y	3 - \$1.50
'Hawera' 5Y-Y	3 - \$1.50
'Jumble' 12Y-O	3 - \$2.00
'Little Beauty' 1W-Y	3 - \$2.00
'Quince' 12 Y-Y	3 - \$2.00
Sundial 7Y-Y	3 - \$2.00
Sun Disc 7Y-Y	3 - \$2.00

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