

CODS CORNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY

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Phyllis Hess, President

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Dear Fellow CODS Members,

"The best laid plans of mice and men, etc." Once again we have been shot down. Our trip to Oak Ridge and Ruth Pardue's has been canceled due to the terrible weather. Ruth says her garden is a disaster! We have rescheduled for '99, the last weekend in March. So, cross your fingers and hope we will not have awful freezes two years in a row. Make your plans now to attend next year.

Our spring was starting out so well. After the very mild winter, I had *cyclamineus* blooming on February 28! I do not think I have had snowdrops that early. I brought thirteen blooms in the house the day before the cold hit so was able to enjoy them for a time. I noticed a considerable difference between them as well. Since there was not much else going on, I had plenty of time to examine them closely. Some had much longer, slimmer cups than others.

There has been much conversation on the Daffnet about the unusual weather all over the country. Just goes to show we are not the only ones affected. This El Nino guy has not been very nice to any of us.

We had a good turn out at Claproods to help with bundling and arranging daffodils for the Cancer Society Daffodil Days. This is a very worthwhile cause. Our Society is happy to be able to help.

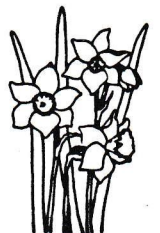
Those of you who consented to clerk, record, set-up and all the other things needed to put on our show, please remember we will set up at 1PM on Friday, April 24. Entries will be accepted from 7:30 AM until 11AM Saturday, April 25. We will be going across the street for an after show dinner, as usual. On Sunday the show will close at 5PM and we will need plenty of help to tear down at that time. REMEMBER, many members will be in England. We need all those who are going to be here to help.

It was decided at the last meeting that even if the weather is such that we do not have enough blooms for a show, WE WILL attempt to have some sort of display at the Conservatory.

Hope springs eternal, one of these years we WILL have a great daffodil season. I just know it.

Hoping for lots of flower, so we can have a show!

Phyllis



CARNAIRN ORDER

Nancy Kolson

Once again, I will be coordinating the club order for Carnairn Daffodils. Our next regular meeting is May 19th and that is too late in the season to send in an order--Kate may be out of what you want. Therefore, I am closing the order as of May 2nd. Be sure to look your Carnairn catalog over thoroughly--there are some goodies in there. If you are interested in ordering, please contact me and I will send you the necessary information. Prices are: 2/3 cost of bulb + \$1.75 shipping for each bulb ordered.

WHETSTONE GARDEN

At the last CODS meeting we decided that we would put out labels at the garden on April 4th. We will be unable to set a rain date as many of us will be heading to Richmond and some on to England the following week. As usual we will meet at 9 AM. If there is a good turnout it should not take long.

I will be contacting the Ceramic Drive Civic Association who has offered to help us as well. If the weather on April 4 does not allow us to put out the labels, then perhaps those not going to convention could help the civic group on April 11.

This year we will be digging beds 1, 2 and 3. The beds need to be dug either before or after the Rose Festival on June 14. Our tentative date is June 6 as it appears the season will be early. We decided we would watch the season and send a post card about digging if the season is earlier than that. We would like to be able to see some foliage at dig time. If we find the season is late, we will change the date to June 20, that will be the rain date as well.

Sorry all times and dates have to be so tentative, but that is the kind of season we are having.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee presents the following slate of officers for 1998 -1999:

President - Phyllis Hess
Vice-President - Betty Kealiher
Secretary - Jody Scribner
Treasurer - Elise Hack

Irene Moseley, Chairman, Nancy Kolson, Bessie Haddad

SHOW LUNCHEON

Elsie Hack, Chairman

The luncheon will again be a catered box lunch by The Upper Crust. Please make your selections and mail to Elsie Hack, P. O. Box 276, Powell, OH 43065-0276 with check made out to CODS by April 10. 614-881-5077

Choice of Sandwich:

Oven Roasted Turkey Breast _____
Honey Baked Ham _____
Tuna Fish Salad _____
Roasted Top Round of Beef _____

Served on sour dough bread with pasta salad.

Dessert: Brownie _____
Cookie _____
Beverage: Coffee _____
Iced Tea _____

Price: \$7.65

ADS 1999 National Convention



April 22 - 24, 1999

Pittsburgh, PA

Plans are well under way for our 1999 ADS Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during April 22-24, 1999. With many new and exciting activities being organized, we are planning on having the biggest and the best convention ever! Because of the timing, it should be a great opportunity for the growers in the Midwest Region to bring their flowers and participate in our National Show. In addition, we will be featuring four different beautiful tour gardens and a fun-filled evening aboard one of Pittsburgh's famous riverboats which will take us on an awe-inspiring journey of Pittsburgh at night and our Three Rivers.

It is not too early to plan and to mark your calendars for this unforgettable event. Come and let us show you why we believe

Pittsburgh is Someplace Special!

DAFFODIL DAYS

The Central Daffodil Society helped for four hours yesterday (Sunday, March 16) with our local American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days putting flowers in vases and arranging them in baskets they sell as well. The flowers were from British Columbia, which I found interesting. Many areas in the Midwest do this, sell daffodils, the flower of hope, as a major fund raiser for the local Cancer Society.

As President of CODS, I am very pleased that thirteen of our members took time on a Sunday afternoon to help!! One gal that was helping out said she had sold \$2500 worth at her office alone!! They sell the baskets for \$50, they are quite large (30 blooms), very lovely and the vases of ten blooms for \$10. The vases consist of a glass vase, leatherleaf fern, daffodils, babies breath, and a bow. The flowers are in tight bud. They are then put in a paper cone florist container for easy transport. We had quite a production line going.

Wilbert Schrader 1912-1998

Bill died January 6 after a short illness. He was retired from Westvaco in 1975 as a purchasing agent and was very active in several organizations. Bill was an active member in his church, Calvary Episcopal, serving in various offices. He participated in "Feed the Hungry" program, Boy Scouts of America, the Audubon society and was on the board of McBride Arboretum of Firelands Campus of Bowling Green State University.

Bill was involved with EHOVE with their Horticulture Department for twenty-three years. While there test beds of daffodils were established and many daffodil bulbs given to the students to plant at home. This is a school for high school students where he worked with the students every Thursday on whatever gardening subject they were studying.

At the Ohio Veterans Home Bill took gardening projects to the residents twice a month. They planted flowers, seeds, etc. with everyone who joined in taking something to grow back to their rooms.

He also was directing the development and planting of a new four seasons perennial garden at the Milan Historical Museum supplying daffodil bulbs, tulips, etc.

He was very proud of his work with the American Cancer Society's *Daffodil Days*. There he chaired the *Daffodil Days* and was treasurer for several years.

Bill gave many lectures on daffodils as well as other horticulture related subjects. The daffodil world has lost a fine gentleman and great ambassador for daffodils. Our sympathies go to his daughter and two granddaughters. It was a pleasure to have known Bill.

Cecile Spitz

I met Flossie and Bill Schrader in 1974 during our Whetstone Park planting. Ruth Pardue had one more bed to plant when the Schrader's arrived. Ruth, Flossie, Bill and I agreed to plant bed 14 while the earlier workers went home. It was at this time I became very well acquainted with Bill and Flossie as we stretched out for two or three hours under the huge maple, ate our sandwiches and talked. They helped plant and dig for five or six years until the trips became too tiring for Flossie. Bill kept an eye on Flossie as she dug with a child's size shovel. "Take it easy honey", he kept telling her. By now we were aware of her weak heart.

The Shcraders and I have kept in touch throughout the years including the shocking call when Flossie died and we both cried over the phone. I received my last Christmas card from bill on December 18.

Here and There

There has been some interest in purchasing garden markers. In the past, CODS keep an inventory of markers which sold for slightly above cost to our members. Is there any interest in continuing this service to our members? Let us have a discussion on the subject at our May meeting.

Congratulations to Michael and Sandra Baxter on the birth of their first grandchild, Jonathan.

El Rollercoaster

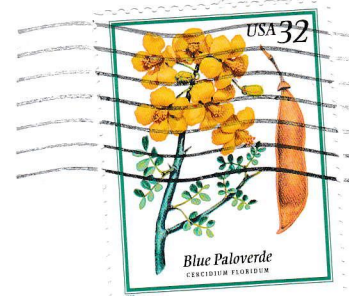
Blame in on El Nino! I think most of us are getting tired of hearing about El Nino. Central Ohio had three seasons in the month of March: spring, winter and summer. Needless to say this did nothing for the daffodils and other spring blooming plants. This could become known as the "compressed season", everything blooming at the same time. One day this week one could see forsythia, Bradford pears, crabapples, star magnolias, serviceberry, pieris japonica, redbud, and PJM rhododendrons blooming.

DEADLINE JULY NEWSLETTER: June 15, 1998

Temperatures in the teens in the middle of the month did great damage to many daffodils. One of the hardest hit in my garden was Rapture 6Y-Y, foliage damaged and all flowers on the ground. I did cover a few clumps of miniatures in bloom or about to bloom. Shredded newspaper was tucked around them and then small plastic buckets placed over the clump. A brick was placed on top to keep the wind from blowing the buckets off. In one area a plastic "sweater box" was used which acted like a mini greenhouse. After several days they were removed and the daffodils looked great with no damage.

People on the daffnet have been making comments on the small size and lack of color on many cultivars. I have found some very large cultivars and some that were undersized. The oranges and reds have been less intense but again some pinks were normal color. What would daffodil growers have to talk about if it weren't for the crazy weather. Keeps one guessing. One wonders what we will have in bloom for a show in twenty-two days.

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