

CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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Autumn! The falling leaves and cooler days remind us that soon we'll be sitting by a crackling fire watching snow flakes drift by the window. But for now, we've been busy planting bulbs and enjoying these last sunny days.

I've decided that daffodil season is never over. It's either blooming time, digging time, seed planting time, bulb planting time, or waiting until blooming time. Right now I have *N. viridiflorus* in bloom. I'm so pleased that they have survived an Ohio winter and are blooming again. The pot was kept in a coldframe for protection over winter, and placed in the garage over the summer, so it would receive no water after the foliage died down. In September, the pot was watered well, growth began shortly thereafter, and the blooms opened about Oct. 28 or 29. A bud is coming on another bulb.

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A note has been received from Christine Hanenkrat in Dayton thanking CODS members for bulbs which were sent for their project at the Wegerzyn Garden Center. Tommy Dunn took charge of the project as Christine was still incapacitated.

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At the Fall Board meeting of the American Daffodil Society, the following cultivars were added to the approved miniature list:

1c Candlepower, 6a Opening Bid, and 1a Petit Beurre.

An up to date Classified List, listing all cultivars registered after 1960, will be sent to all ADS members as soon as they are received from England. The ADS is also looking into the possibility of printing a list in the event the English do not publish a list in the future. The ADS book, tentatively titled, "Daffodils to Know and Grow," would be for sale by the ADS.

The ADS convention will be held April 23-24, 1976, in Philadelphia, Pa. A tour of historic Philadelphia is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 24.

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We welcome the following new members and look forward to seeing them at our meetings and shows.

Mrs. Leonard Davidek (Martha)

Mrs. Thomas Pinkerton (Mary)

Mrs. R. P. Edwards (Mary)

Mrs. Albert Whatman (Opal)

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As most of you know, one box of bulbs has not been received from Michael Jefferson-Brown for our bulb collection. Cecile Spitz has written Mr. Jefferson-Brown and as yet has had no reply. CODS will make an adjustment to purchasers of the collection in the event the bulbs are not received.

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Our show date has been set for May 1-2, 1976, with Tag Bourne as chairman. We'll have more from Tag in the next issue.

With Christmas coming, no doubt some of you will be looking for gifts for music teachers, etc. Our stationery would make a nice gift, and it's only \$1.25 to members.

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REMINDER - CODS will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30p.m., at the home of Tag Bourne, 1052 Shadyhill Dr. There's quite a bit of business to discuss, so do try to be there.

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The Society's planting at Whetstone Park has grown five-fold! During October, five new beds were planted by six of the Society members. Those who donated a full day were Cecile Spitz, Margaret Loudenslager, Naomi Liggett, Grace Baird, Mary Lou Gripshover, and Ruth Pardue.

Over 400 cultivars and varieties, three bulbs each, were planted in a checkerboard fashion. These additions bring the total number of cultivars and varieties at the planting to well over 575.

During the planting, a large rock was found in bed number two. Bob Johnson, grounds supervisor, with his fork lift excavated a boulder which was placed at the end of bed one. Your chairman is now trying to get a plaque placed on, or at, this boulder. This plaque will state that this planting has been done by your Central Ohio Daffodil Society.

We wish to thank the many people who contributed bulbs to our planting. Those in the Society are Grace Baird, Naomi Liggett, Cecile Spitz, Wells Knierim, Mary Elizabeth Blue, Ray Scholz, Mary Lou Gripshover, and Ruth Pardue. Other contributions came from ADS members Mrs. Charles Anthony, Connecticut; Murray Evans, Oregon; Mrs. Henry Hobson, Cincinnati; Mrs. Eugene Kleiner, Cincinnati; George Morrill, Oregon; Bill Pannill, Virginia; Jack Romine, California; Mrs. Verne Trueblood, Indiana; and Mrs. George Watrous, Jr., Washington, D.C.

I would also like to thank Tag Bourne for helping organize the listings and the many pages she has typed for us.

Next spring we hope all of you will go to see this outstanding garden. We are also counting on you to help with some maintenance.

Again, thanks to all who have worked so well together to make this project a success.

--Ruth Pardue

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CODS - A BRIEF HISTORY

June 18, 1968. Do you know what's special about that date? That's the day that CODS was born! A small group of daffodil lovers met at Mary Lou Gripshover's home and decided to form a daffodil society. Mary Elizabeth Blue was our Founder and first president. Our first project was a clinic which was held on April 11, 1969, at Independence Hall. Wells Knierim demonstrated grooming techniques and orally judged the specimens which we had brought for display. Wells enticed us to exhibit at his show in Cleveland by offering a \$5.00 bulb from his garden for each blue ribbon we won. Several bulbs found their way to Columbus that fall, and Wells has been sending bulbs down ever since-- first for our CODS sale, and lately for our garden at Whetstone Park. Our sale of bulbs from members' gardens has been held annually, and provides goodies for members at low prices, and needed funds for the treasury.

In April of 1970, a clinic was held at Tremont Library in preparation for the NorWest Show. Educational displays have been placed in the NorWest Show from 1970-1974; and in the Worthington Hills Show in 1970; Four Seasons Show, 1970; Garden Club of Ohio Convention, 1971; Adena Daffodil Show, 1971; and the CODS shows 1972-1975. Also in 1970, the CODS Trophy for the best collection of 5 daffodils was presented to the NorWest Show.

In 1971, CODS CORNER began coming to you quarterly. We co-operated in sponsoring a daffodil show with the Adena Daffodil Society which was held in Chillicothe, and hosted ADS Judging School I in Columbus on April 22. The CODS Junior Award, a yellow and white rosette, was offered to the NorWest Show for the first time, to be given for the best daffodil in the Junior Section. Ballots were sent to all members to select the best all-purpose daffodils for Central Ohio. The results of this symposium were printed in the July, 1971, issue of CODS CORNER. This year marked the first year of our sale of bulbs to garden club members.

In 1972, we hosted ADS Judging School II, and sponsored our very own first daffodil show at Mountview Baptist Church. This was a one-day show, and included an exhibit of blooms from Murray Evans, an Oregon grower. Again we had a successful bulb sale. This was the year we began our September social meeting which included spouses. A pot luck buffet was followed by Wells Knierim's program on photographing flowers.

1973 brought Judging School III, and 6 newly accredited ADS judges who passed all 3 courses. Our second show was held in the new Upper Arlington Municipal Services Building. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Zandbergen, growers from Sassenheim, Holland, attended the show, which again included an exhibit of Evans' flowers. Our bulb sale and pot luck buffet were continued.

1974 was the year we approved a set of By-Laws. Our show was designated the Midwest Regional Show of the ADS, and we were privileged to have Mrs. Helen Richardson, world-famous grower from Waterford, Ireland, as our guest at the show. Our annual pot luck buffet turned into a pot luck cocktail party. This was also the year we began our planting of daffodils at Whetstone Park. The Rose Commission and park personnel are very co-operative. About 125 cultivars, three of each,

were planted by members of the society. Members also contributed bulbs for a garden planted in Cynthia Bell's memory at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, and a Blue Bird group led by two of our members planted daffodils at First Community Village.

In 1975, we extended an invitation to the ADS to hold its 1978 convention in Columbus. The invitation was accepted. Our Society had a booth at the Dispatch Home and Garden Show in March, had a show, and the annual bulb sale. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Phillips of New Zealand were guests at the show. The fall social continues to be enjoyed by all. Many more bulbs were planted at Whetstone Park--over 400 new cultivars! Mr. Foster Franks, park horticulturist, and Bob Johnson, grounds supervisor, continue to offer aid and support of this project, for which the Society is extremely grateful. Daffodil stationery was printed and sold as a fund raising project.

Over the years, several of our members have served on the Board of the ADS. Wells Knierim is a past president and serves currently as Treasurer. Mary Elizabeth Blue has served as a Regional Director; Mary Lou Gripshover has been a Regional Director, Midwest Regional Vice-President, and currently serves as ADS Show Reporter; Ruth Pardue currently serves as Midwest Regional Vice-President; and Grace Baird currently serves as Symposium Chairman for the Midwest Region.

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