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# CODS CORNER

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Mrs. William J. Miller, President

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last year our president's message consisted of two words; "Let's Communicate". My message for the 1979-1980 year is one word: "EVERYONE". CODS is a group not just a few and if it is to be a success "EVERYONE" must be willing to get involved. To make CODS an involved group, I will need and invite all the help I can get. My fondest hope is to hear an unqualified "YES" response to project assignments. Please help make this a year to remember. "HAPPY DAFFODIL SEASON, FROM PLANTING TO SHOWING".

Next year's agenda follows and we hope it is enjoyed by all CODS members.

September 11, 1979	CODS Bulb Sale Members Only	Nancy Gill
September 16, 1979	CODS Cocktail Party 5:30 P.M.	Mr. & Mrs. David Gill
October 20, 1979	Planting of Bulbs 9:00 A.M.	Whetstone Park Ruth Pardue
November 6, 1979	"Her Trip Abroad"	Marilyn Fitch
February 6, 1979	Arrangements of Daffodils ADS Slides	Marty Schmidt
March 4, 1980	Trumpets	Grace Baird
April 8, 1980	Workshop: Preparing for Show-Conditioning, Staging and Judging	Naomi Liggett
April 25, 1980	Set-Up for CODS Show	Ruth Pardue, Chr. Handy Hatfield, Co.
April 26-27, 1980	CODS Annual Show	
May 15, 1980	Show Report	

NOTE: All CODS meetings will be held at the UAMSC-Tremont Road, 7:30 p.m. Training Room.

I have just received my ADS Journal and read the lovely article by Jennie Belle Adler on arranging daffodils ..... and although the CODS schedule is complete, maybe we could prevail on Jennie Belle to come and comment on the ADS slides.

Jean Youger, Franklin Park Educational Department, called September 6, and asked if CODS would be interested in their "Plant Society Fair"

being held January 13, 1980 at Franklin Park Conservatory & Garden Center from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.. It is open to the public and I thought it was a great opportunity and said yes and suggested that since our first meeting was November 6, 1979, we would need all information. We need to up-date our props, literature and this will be a good time to start. It will also keep our name in the public eye. Since CODS as a group did not have time to vote, I hope I have your approval in saying yes.

Note: Mrs. Link will have Judges School III, April 20, 1980 at Goeth Link Observatory, Brooklyn, Indiana ..... Mrs. Link's address is P.O. Box 84, Brooklyn Indiana 45111.

As before "HAPPY DAFFODIL SEASON"

Pat Miller, President

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For the past three years the evaluating committee of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society's Display Garden has given Awards of Merit to worthy cultivars. The bulbs must have been down three years before they are eligible for consideration. In 1977 Kinglet 7Y-O, Chat 7Y-W, Ceylon 2Y-O, and Tete a Tete 6Y-O were chosen; in 1978 Panache 1W-W, Ardour 3Y-R, Clare 7Y-Y, Wahkeena 2W-Y, Paricutin 2Y-R and Pretty Miss 7W-Y made the list. This year the committee named Nampa 1Y-W, Prologue 1W-Y, Shining Light 2Y-OOR, Romance 2W-P, Cave 3W-GYR, Tahiti 4Y-YRR, Little Witch 6Y-Y, Canarybird 8Y-GYY, and Marionette 2Y-YRR. This award means that these cultivars do extremely well in the garden in this area, but does not mean that they are good for the show bench. Many of the above mentioned flowers however are very good exhibition flowers.

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There has been many requests for the recipes of the punch served at our annual Cocktail Party and for the Dilled Green Beans. Thanks to Cecile here they are.

#### CHAMPAGNE PUNCH

Equal parts champagne and cranberry juice cocktail. Make the ice cubes from the cranberry juice.

#### DILLED GREEN BEANS

2 lbs beans	4 large heads of dill
1 t. red pepper	2 cups of water
4 clove garlic	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt

1 pint vinegar

Stem beans, pack in jars, add  $\frac{1}{4}$  t. red pepper, 1 garlic clove, and 1 head of dill. Heat together salt, vinegar, and water; boil; then pour over the beans. Seal. Process in hot water bath 5 minutes. Makes 4 pints.

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The Midwest Regional Meeting will be held Saturday October 13, 1979 at the Valley House Restaurant in Chillicothe, 666 Central Center. Ruth Pardue will talk on Reverse Bicolors in the A.M. and after lunch Wells Knierim, Grace Baird, and Peggy MacNeale will show slides of their recent World Convention trip. Slides of Well's trip to Austria to see the "Narzissenfest" will follow. Contact Mrs. Wyman Rutledge 704 Ashley Dr. Chillicothe 45601. Cost \$5.00. Bring something for the bulb drawing.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF DAFFODILS IN MAINLAND AUSTRALIA

### Before 1900

It would appear that in the early days Mr.H.H. B.Bradley Hon/Sec. of the R.H.S. of New South Wales was the leading Daffodil authority in Australia. He raised quite a lot of new cultivars; in many cases they had Poeticus blood in them. Other keen Daffodil people of the era included Messrs. A. Burbridge, L. Buckland and Alister Clark from Victoria, W.H.Hawes from New South Wales, R.M.Pitt, H. Selkirk, G.S. Titheradge from ~~North~~ <sup>new</sup> South Wales and R.M.Pitt.

Three other points of interest are: <sup>New</sup>

- (a) 18 Daffodils were shown in ~~North~~ South Wales in 1886 by Mr. R. Arnold and Messrs. Bradley Senior and Junior.
- (b) At least Messrs. H. Bradley, W. Hawes, H. Selkirk, A.Yates, Alister Clark and L. Buckland were hybridizing before the turn of the Century. Mr. Bradley's ambition was to raise a red Daffodil.
- (c) And Messrs. Alister Clark, G.S. Titheradge and A. Yates had begun to import bulbs of the latest varieties in the 1800's.

### 1901 - 1949

The 1914 Daffodil Year Book contains three articles originated in Australia. They were prepared by Messrs. H.H. B. Bradley, H. Selkirk, and G.S. Titheradge. Articles from Australia continued until the last issue of the Daffodil & Tulip Year Book in 1971.

In this period under review, possibly the greatest advancement in Australia was made with Daffodils.

Nobody today is quite sure who produced the first pink cupped Daffodil. It could have been R.P. Backhouse of England, C.E. Radcliffe of Tasmania or Alister Clark of "Glenara" Bulla, Victoria.

Reversed bi-colours appeared during this era. Guy Wilson flowered Spellbinder; Binkie was raised in Tasmania from seed sent out from the Motherland; and H. T. Dettmannof Kyneton, Victoria, produced Rus Holland.

I am in possession of Alister Clark's gift book. It was passed to me by Mr. Jack Sharp who was Alister's head gardener for many years. It clearly records that gifts of bulbs were sent to Guy Wilson in Ireland, hybridists in New Zealand, the U.S.A., Tasmania and a host of people in Victoria.

The Award of Merit and First Class Certificate <sup>systems</sup> were introduced in Australia in 1909 but unfortunately history does not record why they fell into disuse. In those far away days only three blooms were required by the evaluators.

The R.H.S. of Victoria had an Australian registration system in the 1930's; this too has faded away without trace.

Numerous hybridists were active in the period, some of them were: H. Alston, H. Boyce, H.A. Brown, L.P. Brumley, Alister Clark, H.T. Dettmann, C.O. & Mrs. Fairbairn, M. Gardiner, Mrs. J. N. Hancock, S.F. Mann, S. & T. Morrisons, C.A. Nethercote, A. Overton, Rev. E.W. Philpott, O. Ronalds, and D.V. West.

Of the seventeen R.H.S. of Victoria Perpetual Daffodil Trophies, sixteen were introduced in the period and nine of the hybridists mentioned above were honoured: L.P. Brumley, twice. In addition, one was named in honour of Dame Nelle Melba. The competition for this trophy I believe is very interesting viz; 50 distinct Daffodils, 1 stem of each shown separately all to be correctly named and at least 9 to be from Division 1.

The R.H.S. trophies are quite valuable; the majority are of sterling silver and date back to 1909.

#### 1950 TO PRESENT

The Australian Daffodil Society was formed in 1962. The late Travers Morrison being the first President.

To date the Society has:

- (a) Recommended the allocation of R.H.S. trophies to affiliated Societies each year.
- (b) Introduced five Australian Daffodil Society trophies.
- (c) Suggested to the R.H.S. that a Sterling Silver Cup, won by C.A. Nethercote for the champion bloom in the amateur section of the 1909 Daffodil Show, be redesignated to honour the work that his daughter, Gertrude Nethercote, did with Daffodils in the R.H.S. It is now known as the Gertrude Nethercote Perpetual Memorial Trophy (Amateur). The competition to be for 6 stems of Daffodils from Divisions 5 - 7, 9 - 10 and 12, in a container. They need not necessarily be distinct cultivars.

At least nine people began hybridizing during this period, <sup>W.M.</sup> W.M. Blanden, L.P. Dettman, A. Ladson, J.L. Martin, T. Martin, V.A. Molloy Mr. & Mrs. A. Murray and W. M. Spry.

Possibly we are recognized mostly for our pink Daffodils and early flowering cultivars than anything else. Little credit is given to hybridists of small Daffodils raised in large numbers by Alister Clark, S. & T. Morrison's and C.A. Nethercote. Many of these raisings are still grown and should anybody be interested, I am prepared to attempt to track these gems down for the enthusiast.

Lt. Col. L.P. Dettman

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This year the Society decided to stock a supply of permanent metal labels (Rose Style) as a service to it's members. These are available from Grace Baird (486-0981), 25 for \$2.50. She will have them available at our next meeting - November 6th.

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CODS Educational Garden

The wet summer season played havoc with the scheduled digging and re-planting of bulbs in the garden. As a result only the first half of Bed I was dug and replanted. As we looked at the whites that were next in the bed, we all shuddered thinking we might lose them. There are a few bulbs of each of the following varieties available to the CODS members who have worked in the garden. The other members may "purchase" after the workers have had an opportunity to buy (make a contribution to the garden fund).

ALRAY	GRAPEFRUIT	ULSTER PRINCE
ARK ROYAL	JOBI	IVY LEAGUE
ARRANMORE	KANDAHAR	ARABON
ARCTIC GOLD	KIWI GOLD	C.E.RADCLIFF
BANBRIDGE	LEMON MERINGUE	CONTENT
BLENHEIM	MOONMIST	PEACE PIPE
BURNISHED GOLD	MOONSTRUCK	INDISCREET
CAMBERWELLAN	ROYALIST	JET SET
GOLDCOURT	ROYAL OAK	PROLOGUE
GOLDEN CLOUD	SUNDANCE	ROWELLA
GOLDEN HORN	TOPOLINA	STRAIGHT
	FORESIGHT	TROUSSEAU

Bulbs will be "priced" at half the most current catalogue value. I can let you know the "price" if you will call. Please let me know what you want by October 15th.

Ruth Pardue, Garden Chairman

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Don't forget CODS next meeting November 6th at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Building at 7:30 p.m.

If you haven't paid your dues, time is running out. Contact Jean Wright.

If thou hast a loaf of bread, sell half and buy  
the flowers of the narcissus; for bread nourisheth the body,  
but the flowers of the narcissus the soul.

Oswald Crawford