



# CODS CORNER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Fall is now upon us and most of us are thinking about getting all those \_\_\_\_\_ daffodils back in the ground. It has been extremely dry this month with only a trace of rain recorded by the 20th. Be sure to water thoroughly newly planted beds as well as those already established.

Planting at Whetstone Park is scheduled for the 19th of October at 9:00 a.m. Plan to come and help on this club project, the more people, the faster the job can be completed. The seven beds dug this year were fumigated last week by a firm from Frankfort, Kentucky. This is the first time they have fumigated beds for flowers; golf courses and agricultural fields are their usual fare. I had the opportunity to observe part of the procedure. The beds had been tilled to a depth of 9 inches the previous day. Two plastic tubes were placed down the length of each bed, then the area was covered with a heavy gauge plastic and tightly secured. The Methyl Bromide was heated in order to create a vapor and then pumped through the plastic tubes. After each section of bed had received the required amount of Methyl Bromide the tubes were pulled forward and the next section treated. The beds can be planted one week after treatment. The fumigation will kill many weeds and weed seeds, but not the hard coated ones as morning glory vine and wild onion. Too bad! This is not an inexpensive procedure as this company's fee was 15 cents per square foot.

The member bulb sale was held the 16th at Phyllis Hess' home. Besides the committee only seven members attended. There were many good cultivars to choose from. I would like to thank Phyllis and the Culbertson's for chairing this committee. There are still daffodil collections for sale; some such as the No. 3 are in short supply.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center. "Tag" Bourne will be giving a program on American Hybridizers. Let's have a good turn-out and learn more about our American hybridizers and their cultivars.

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NOTICE: If there is a check beside your name on the label of this newsletter, you have NOT paid your dues. Please send your dues to the Treasurer, Bessie Haddad, 2721 Edgevale Road, Columbus, OH 43221, otherwise, this will be your last issue of CODS CORNER.



ANALYSIS OF CODS MEMBERSHIP

The rosters for CODS 1985-86 year have now been distributed. In going over the membership list I find that we have thirty-one members in the city of Columbus and vicinity. We have eighteen members outside of Columbus, but still in the State of Ohio. We have nine members that are outside of the State of Ohio. In making this analysis, I find approximately twenty people attend our meetings regularly. Locally, we have about a dozen individuals who do not attend most meetings. With convention in the future, I wonder how we might get some additional people involved. Prior to our November 12th meeting, why not call some of these absentees and see if you can't get them back and active again.

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I received the following letter from John Deeth, City Horticulturist at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Garden Center:

Dear Mrs. Bourne:

I have just read the CODS CORNER and was reminded of the efforts the CODS members are putting into preparing the daffodil display garden at the Park of Roses. I just wanted to express appreciation and thanks on behalf of the staff of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and the Horticulture Subcommittee, for all the hard work and many hours your members have devoted to the Display Garden.

We will continue to work with Ruth Pardue and CODS members to help get everything in shape for the National Convention in 1987. Please feel free to call on me or other staff members at any time if we can assist you.

Thanks again for your interest and help.

Sincerely,

John Deeth  
City Horticulturist

I thought it was very nice of Mr. Deeth to take the time to write this letter and I know it will be appreciated by those CODS members who put so much time in at Whetstone Park.

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The Summer of 1985 has been a hectic one. I got three beds dug without too much problem and hung the bulbs to dry. For the first time, I did not spray the bulbs to clean them nor did I get them moved into the garage for hanging. I hung them under the overhang to dry and just never got back to moving them into the garage. The little bit of loss I had was from digging the last few cultivars when the ground was quite wet. I saw no bulb fly larvae and very little basal rot.

I know we've had an unusually nice summer ... not as much heat and humidity .... but in the future, I do not intend to get out the hose and spray all these bulbs, hang them to dry and then later on move them into the garage. I'm just going to leave them under the overhang for the summer. I do not soak my bulbs unless I see a problem. Hube will have more space in the garage to work and I am eliminating two steps in digging.



IMPORTANT DATES:

October 5, 1985	ADS Midwest Regional Fall Meeting	Richmond, Indiana
October 12, 1985	ADS Board Meeting	Chicago Marriott O'Hare Chicago, Illinois
October 19, 1985	Planting-Display Garden	Whetstone Park
November 12, 1985	CODS Meeting	Upper Arlington Municipal Services Building
April 3,4 & 5, 1986	ADS Convention	Memphis, Tennessee

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Fall, that delightful time of planting bulbs, will soon be with us. What fun it is to sort and replant the ones we plan to keep, along with those exciting new ones we ordered in the glow of last spring's bloom. A good lazy way to fertilize is to fill a flower pot (one center bottom hole) with dry fertilizer and dribble the stuff between the rows of daffodils, controlling the flow with your fingertip.

Fall, a good time to turn on the oven and bake the cake that Kathryn Culbertson brought to our Spring Show Luncheon .... the one everyone raved about. The recipe follows:

ORANGE BUTTERMILK CAKE

This moist cake is delicious served while it is still hot. However, because it is soaked with an orange syrup, it keeps well and is excellent several days later. Top a square of this cake with a dollop of whipped cream and a slice of fresh orange.

2 Large Oranges  
2 Cups Sugar  
1 Cup (1/2#) Butter or Margarine, at room temperature  
2 Eggs  
1 tsp. Baking Soda  
1 tsp. Baking Powder  
2 1/2 Cups All - Purpose Flour  
1 Cup Buttermilk  
1 Cup Chopped Dates  
1 Cup Chopped Walnuts  
Whipped cream, fresh orange slices or wedges for garnish

Grate the orange rind. Halve oranges, squeeze juice into saucepan. Add 1 Cup Sugar. Add the grated rind to the butter. Add remaining sugar. Cream until soft and light using medium speed on mixer. Add eggs, one at a time, beat until light.

Beat in the soda, baking powder and flour alternately with the buttermilk. Mix until smooth.

Fold in dates and nuts.

Turn into a lightly buttered 13x9 inch baking pan. Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Meanwhile, bring orange juice and sugar to a boil. Pour boiling syrup over the hot cake as it comes out of the oven. Set cake aside to cool completely before cutting into squares.

Note: With this kind of cooking, how does Ray Culbertson stay so thin .... he just finished digging Kathryn four new daffodil beds.



## WHAT IS THE "IDEAL" WATROUS COLLECTION

No two people would probably agree on the twelve best miniatures to use in the Roberta C. Watrous Collection. Many prefer the smaller flowering ones, some like multi-flowered, and still others use a large number of species. Unfortunately, one has to use what is available to them on the day of the show. If you can grow as many miniatures as possible and several of each kind, it is naturally easier to come up with twelve blooms from the required three divisions. Also, planting the same cultivar in more than one location could extend the blooming season of that cultivar.

Half of the miniatures that have been used the most in winning Watrous collections are jonquils. This is because most of my entries have been made in mid to late season shows. It also helps that most of the jonquils are very prolific.

Following is a list of the ten most frequently used by me:

- CLARE 7 Y-Y            I have probably won more ribbons with this cultivar than any other I grow. Do remember that the perianth segments reflex naturally and no amount of work will flatten them.
- XIT 3 W-W
- DEMURE 7 W-Y            Sometimes there is a problem with the segments curling under near the junction of the cup.
- RIKKI 7 W-Y
- SUNDIAL 7 Y-Y
- BULBOCODIUM 10 Y-Y    Some years this species has not bloomed well or not at all, but when it does it is a welcome addition.
- SEGOVIA 3 W-Y
- RUPICOLA 10 Y-Y        It is not a good grower for me and therefore it must be purchased frequently and also what you receive is not always rupicola.
- TR. PULCHELLUS  
10 Y-W                  Difficult to distinguish that this is a reverse bicolor and it does not last many years in my garden. What we purchased last year may be Tr. concolor.
- BEBOP 7 W-Y            I think there is more than one clone of this cultivar. Some of us locally have one that the perianth segments are triangular and cups badly and others have one that lies flat and the segments are more rounded.

After selecting twelve blooms for a Watrous Collection, attention should be given to the staging. Even though staging is not one of the elements used in judging daffodils, one wants to present their candidate to the best of their ability. I personally like to see collections staged as a unit, not in rows like soldiers. A wood block with three tiers, four tubes per tier makes an ideal way to stage a Watrous. It is easier for the exhibitor as well as for the show committee. The exhibitor can carry it to the show intact and with a few minor adjustments, place it directly on the show table saving much time. The show committee can easily move the exhibit as space dictates. When staging, I try to balance color and size ... multi-flowered blooms can balance large single blooms. Try not to use large pieces of wedging material that will distract from the bloom.



I have skirted the issue on what the "ideal" Watrous Collection is, because I do not believe there is such a thing. There are too many good miniatures that it is impossible to choose only twelve. The ten that I have listed are not necessarily the better ones for show, but happened to be what I had at the time. There are many others I would rather use if they had been available.

Naomi Liggett

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It is with regret that I tell you of the death of Mr. George E. Morrill. Those of you who attended the Portland Convention were fortunate to have met and talked with him.

His main interest in hybridizing was in Division 7. His Buffawn, Oregon Gold, Pretty Miss, and probably his best, Fruit Cup, will be found in many of our gardens.

He has left us with a legacy of beautiful daffodils and will long be remembered.

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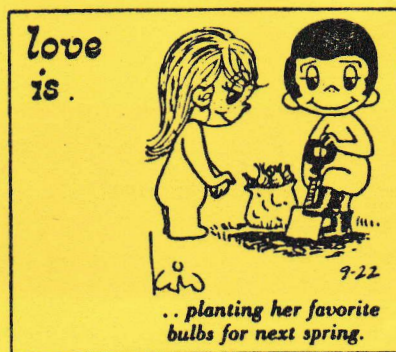
The American Daffodil Society lost a Past President and devoted member in Chuck Anthony on July 7th. Chuck gave me my first job on the Board of Directors when he was President. He was knowledgeable and so easy to work with. His wife, Amy, also served on the Board of Directors of ADS. We extend our sympathy to her and the family.

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Frank Harrison of Ballydorn informed me that his cultivar "Goose Green" which he introduced and sold originally as a Division 9, has been reclassified as a 3 W-GYR.

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I hope Columbus will get a good group together for the Fall Regional Meeting in Richmond, Indiana. It will be held in St. John's Lutheran Church (same place as last year). Don't forget to bring a covered dish for the luncheon, your own table service, PLUS daffodil bulbs for the exchange. REMINDER: Indiana is on Eastern Standard Time .... 9:30 in Richmond is 10:30 in Ohio



Deadline for the next CODS CORNER is December 15th. Articles are welcome.

"Tag" Bourne, Editor