



# CODS CORNER

Newsletter of The Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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Phyllis Hess, President

Tag Bourne, Editor

Dear Fellow CODS Members,

Another busy planting season is ahead of us, or behind if you are more organized than I seem to be this year. I hope by the time you read this we will have the bulbs at Whetstone replanted. Donna has done a good job of adding varieties to the park and the bloom next year should be spectacular as we anticipate all beds will be filled. All we need is a decent winter and spring, mulch and keep your fingers crossed!

After reading the new ADS Journal, it occurred to me that maybe some of you don't enjoy membership in the ADS, now would be an excellent time to remedy that. Lura would be happy to accept your dues and forward them, dues are \$15 per year and \$40 for three years, the Journal alone is reason enough to join.

The Cocktail party was well attended, special thanks to Pat for having us, she makes us feel so welcome, a good time was had by all. Our conversation centered on our "world travelers" who are "down under" enjoying the beautiful blooms, and hoping our members in the Southern Hemisphere sweep all the awards while having a perfect season. We anxiously await a report. Bill Baird won a darling daffodil teapot Pat furnished as a door prize. It was wonderful to visit with everyone and especially nice to have Paul and Mary Lou Gripshover with us once again!! Welcome Home!

Cecile did her usual excellent job with the Members Bulb Sale. Sales, despite the rain, were good. Thanks to all who came, donated or bought bulbs. Thanks also to Elsie for a fine job on the yearbook.

Our November meeting will be **MONDAY**, Nov. 7th at 7:30 PM at Whetstone Library, on High Street in front of the Park. Please be sure to mark your calendars and bring a guest. I'm sure they will enjoy Tag's program on Poeticus.

Happy planting,

## RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- 3/12/85 Sec. 2. Change she to she/he
- Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings, be responsible for preparation and distribution of the yearbooks.
- ADD , and notify all local members by mail of the regular meetings. Post cards will be sent to others upon request.
- Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies collected and have custody of the Society's funds; shall notify members of unpaid dues as of August 1 and provide the Secretary, the Membership Chairman, and the Editor of CODS Corner with a current membership list by September 1.
- ADD The Treasurer shall be custodian of all monies generated by or donated to Whetstone Display Garden and give a financial report on same at each meeting.
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- Approv. (7/22/87) Exec. Board
- 2/11/86 Any expenditures of over twenty dollars must be pre-approved by two elected officers.

### ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Sec. 3. The term of office shall be for one year, and no officer shall serve in same position for more than two consecutive terms, except Treasurer.
- ADD
- ADD Sec. 5. No two persons from the same family may serve as an elected officer in the same fiscal year.

### ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

- ADD The Executive Board shall consist of all the elected officers, the Standing Committee Chairman and the immediate Past President.

### ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

- DELETE Sec. c. of newspapers.
- ADD Sec. d. Additional members may be appointed to Whetstone Display Garden Committee at discretion of the President.
- Sec. e. Delete Telephone Membership Chairman shall be responsible for promoting new membership in the Society (Delete rest of sentence) ADD and be responsible for sending membership packets to all new members.
- Sec. g. ADD and be responsible for setting up Education Display at annual show.

Naomi Liggett, Chairman  
Handy Hatfield  
Nancy Gill

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. William N. Knopik, 4N738 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL 60175  
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord K. Mann, 494 Longfellow Avenue, Worthington, OH 43085  
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Mrs. Laura Hatfield, age 77, died on Saturday, July 16, 1988. She was survived by her husband and 3 children, Wayne, Virginia and Handy and 5 grandchildren. We extend our sincere sympathy to Handy on the death of his mother.

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As most daffodil enthusiasts know, Grant Mitsch uses varieties of birds as names for his daffodil cultivars. When I received my May-June issue of International Wildlife, what appears on the cover but a gorgeous picture of a Quetzal.

The Quetzal is a rare and resplendent bird that lives high in the cloud forests of Central America. Their iridescent feathers glitter with the colors green, gold, blue and red. But the quetzal is more than just a beautiful creature. It was so sacred to the ancient Mayans that killing one was a capital crime. The Quetzal figures prominently in Mayan and Aztec myths and artwork. Today the quetzal is the national bird of Guatemala and the main unit of currency is named after it.

The 19th century naturalist, Osbert Salvin, the first explorer to see the quetzal in its natural home, wrote that the bird possesses "a degree of elegance that defies description." I think the Division 9 W-GYR "Quetzal" introduced by Grant Mitsch also has a degree of elegance. A lovely poeticus with green eye, yellow band, and red rim; and a rounded white perianth. It is a vigorous grower and reproduces well.

Many of the forests in Central America are part of a network of national parks and reserves, therefore, the quetzal should continue to dazzle people for generations to come as will the daffodil, "Quetzal", introduced by Grant Mitsch.

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As Awards Chairman of ADS, I have not as yet received all of the show dates for the Midwest Region. The following have been received to date:

April 18 - Adena Daffodil Society at the Veterans Hospital, Chillicothe, OH  
April 22-23 - CODS Show at the Upper Arlington Municipal Center, Columbus, OH  
April 20 - Indiana Daffodil Society, Meridian Street United Methodist Church,  
5500 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN.

I will publish the other shows in the region, upon receipt of information from the show chairmen.

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To date, I have received two postcards from our world travelers to New Zealand; one from Wells Knierim and one from Naomi, but nothing from Margaret Vance or Harold McConnell.

Wells stated he saw a good daffodil show in Cambridge, N. Z. and was off to Tasmania for two more. Wells is traveling with Dr. Bender.

Naomi advised that she and Jim arrived in Hobart along with Peter, Max and wives. Very warm and hoped it would continue. Hobart show was the day they arrived. She got to judge in Cambridge with Ron Tyrrell, one judge per panel. They did miniatures and Division 5 and 11. They got on well, but stated he was as "picky" as CODS judges! Peter and Max won champion bloom with a seedling (Daviot in both parents). Quite nice according to Naomi.

Naomi and Jim enjoyed Auckland - beautiful city with lots of water and boats. Her only problem is waking up every night at 3 or 4 a.m. Can't get adjusted to Down Under time.

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It was another great year for the Whetstone Display Garden. We received some excellent publicity this spring. We were mentioned on Channel 4, PM Magazine did a show from the park and twice Joe Holbrook from Channel 10 did his weather report from there. An article in the Columbus Dispatch with a photograph brought over a thousand people to the garden to admire and photograph the daffodils. Thanks are due to Bessie Haddad, our Publicity Chairman, along with Karl Reiser, the rose expert of the Park of Roses and also the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department who helped us get noticed.

Special thanks are due to David and Robin Jackson of Tasmania, Australia for their generous gift. Three each of fifteen of their lovely introductions were planted in March in Bed #16. After they visited us for our show, they declined to accept any payment for the bulbs. We made them honorary members of CODS to say "Thanks". We also received donations of bulbs from Wells Knierim, Helen Link, Cecile Spitz, Naomi Liggett, Handy Hatfield, Tag Bourne, Brent Heath, Kathryn Culbertson and Leone Low. Thank you, all of you. Without the wonderful support you give the garden, we could not maintain our standing as the Number One public display garden in the country.

I could not forget to thank all the people in our club who came to help dig the bulbs this June. We dug three beds and the work went quickly with all the willing hands. On Saturday we enjoyed lunch, courtesy of Ray Scholz, with help from Cecile, Phyllis, Elsie and Cindy. Bulbs from the excess were sent to three other ADS test gardens, and some were planted at the Reynoldsburg Senior Citizen's Center. What was left, will be planted along the ravine at Whetstone and the cultivar "Columbus" will be planted in front of Columbus City Hall.

We are working with the Recreation and Parks Department on some interesting developments for our garden. I hope to let you know what is going to happen for us at our November meeting. We're ironing out the details now, but it's quite good.

Planting at the park will be Friday, October 7th, and Saturday, October 8th, with rain dates of October 14th and 15th. Bring your trowels and kneepads and help us get all these new things in the ground. We'll provide some lunch again

on Saturday. I want to encourage all our new members to come on one of the days. It's an easy way to learn how to plant your own bulbs and a good way to get to know other members.

Donna Dietsch

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On September 26th received another nice long letter from Naomi. They were in Strahan, N. W. part of Tasmania and had just returned from a river cruise on the Gordon River. Pretty trip, but too long and scenery not varied enough. Beautiful reflections in the water. Just 11 ADS people left on the tour. Graham Phillips and his wife were about. Col. Dettman is in a rest home according to David and had planned to come. Ross Glover and wife both died this year. ADS members visited there last time.

Spud Brogden won the championship in Hobart with a 2 Y-R. Jackson's took reserve with a 1 W-W (Ragamuffin x Kindee). Got to judge in Cambridge as well as Hobart. Did miniatures and 5-12 both places. David's flowers did not look as good in Hobart show or his fields this year. It had been windy, raining and sleeting off and on the day before and had torn flowers up. Loads of seedlings.

Harold McConnel suggested that the U. S. should sponsor a world daffodil conference in 1992. Guess Kathy will bring it up at ADS Board Meeting.

Stopped at a lake yesterday in the mountains and saw 25-30 wallabies - very tame and some had babies in pouch. Went another place and got to hold baby kangaroo, wambats and possums (different) and also saw Tasmanian Devil.

~~It is now~~ Sunday morning and we are free till 1:00 p.m. Then we are going to Craig Broadfield's (Ross Glover's grandson) and on to Jeff Templesmith's (Mike's father) gardens. Attended Ulverstone Show yesterday. It was a whirlwind viewing. Show open 1-4 p.m. only and it was after 3 before we checked into this motel. Jamie Radcliff won championship with Redlands Too, 2 Y-R and Rod Barwick the reserve with Sarn, 2 W-P. Both very good cultivars. Broadfield (Glover) has some very good things ... one Lady Diana 2 W-W, very choice but not for sale. Spud Brogden also has choice flowers - very well staged and groomed. Will judge in Launceston next Friday, Div. 5-12 and miniatures. Sure being typecasted down here. Would have been nice to judge Div. 1-4 for a change.

Naomi Liggett

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ADDITIONAL SHOW DATE: April 22-23 - Kingwood Daffodil Society, Meeting Hall of Kingwood Center, Mansfield, OH

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REMINDER: CODS DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE .... If you find a check mark here \_\_\_\_\_ this will be your last newsletter unless you send a check for \$4.00 made to CODS and mailed to Ms. Lura Emig, 1878 Demorest Road, Columbus, OH 43228 (CODS Treasurer).

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