



CODS CORNER

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Dear Fellow CODS Members,

Ever ask a friend, "What're your busiest times of the year?" Chances are they will respond summer and Christmas time. Ask one of us and our response is Spring, Fall and the above. I believe that qualifies us as the busiest people on earth. To prove it, just take a look at the following:

1. October 5th at 9:00 a.m. you will be planting bulbs at Whetstone. We'll enjoy our traditional light lunch and daffodil gossip. (Rain date will be the following Saturday.)
2. On October 19th at 9:30 a.m. you'll be participating in perhaps what will be a once-in-a-lifetime event: Planting daffodils at Ameriflora. Just imagine how many people will enjoy these daffodils in 1992!
3. On October 26th you'll be traveling (enjoying the beautiful Fall colors) to Cox Arboretum in Dayton for our Regional meeting. You'll get to visit your daffodil friends that, perhaps, you haven't seen since the Spring shows. We'll enjoy the programs, covered dish luncheon and bulb exchange. (Call me for more information: 474-7488)

I hope everyone was able to take advantage of the bargains through our purchased bulb sale and the members' bulb sale. Phyllis and Nancy Kolson have done a wonderful job with Ways & Means!

A big thanks to Handy for hosting the Cocktail Party! Wasn't his new water garden breathtaking? The hors d'oeuvres were scrumptious --- we're such good cooks!

As we gear up for an exciting and busy year I want to commend the Convention Steering Committee for their tireless efforts! As other members join them in their efforts I'm sure we'll make our convention truly memorable!

Until October 5th my friends --

Cindy

Special Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Phyllis prepared our CODS yearbook for printing. I truly appreciate the excellent job she did on such short notice!

HI-LOW BOURNE GARDEN 1991

When the daffodil season has come and gone, I like to look back and contemplate the highs and lows in my daffodil garden. I will take the daffodils by division as I rethink the past season.

PARNELL'S KNOB 1 Y-Y ... introduced in 1990 by Bill Bender. This is an improved Arctic Gold, however it blooms late for a Division 1. This cultivar was sent to me by Richard Ezell to try and it's a real asset for those collections that require a number of divisions, such as the Throckmorton, Quinn, Green Ribbon, etc., because of it's lateness.

TRISTRAM 2 Y-Y ... this year had excellent show form. For the first time it really had the buff/yellow cup described in catalogues. This is one cultivar that can be purchased for less than \$2 and should be in every garden.

DEMAND 2 Y-Y ... this is a Phil Phillips introduction and is a deep golden yellow. It can be purchased locally from Handy Hatfield.

GOLD CONVENTION 2 Y-Y ... was just excellent this year. Gold Convention was hybridized by John Lea. It was originally registered as a Division 1. A rich gold color of large bloom, but the stem is certainly so strong that it holds its pose well.

FIRESTORM 2 Y-R ... a Ballydorn introduction. This cultivar blooms quite early, in fact, early enough to take to Scottsburg the first Saturday of April and won a blue ribbon. Really bold color.

FLY HALF 2 Y-R ... I think this is my favorite 2 Y-R. It has a really golden perianth. It blooms without nicks and mittens. It has a small cup, but it's really a deep, deep red. It also reproduced well, which is the mark of a good daffodil in my garden.

The 1991 season was the best year in a long time for reverse bi-colors.

CHELAN 2 Y-W ... Daydream x Bethany cross by Murray Evans. We came back from the convention in Indianapolis and they were just perfect, but no place to show them since CODS cancelled their show.

PURE JOY 2 W-Y ... probably my best 2 W-Y. Grant Mitsch introduced this flower 20 years ago. It can be purchased from Elise Havens at \$3. This cultivar has sort of a bowl-shaped lemon cup with a deeper yellow frill. You very seldom have to work with this flower for show has good strong stem holding the flower upright.

GRACIOUS LADY 2 W-P I will probably forever and forever say this is my best 2 W-P. It's a bright pink with a green-eyed cup. Good substance and texture and it's best quality ... it reproduces well in our climate. Still relatively expensive, but worth the price.

My worst disappointment in White/Pinks in 1991 was Mentor 2 W-GPP. Every single bloom came with cups split upon opening.

CONESTOGA 2 W-GYO ... another Bill Bender introduction. I won a blue in Indianapolis on a Vase of 3.

RAINDANCE 2 W-W ... was my very best 2 W-W. So very, very white. CRYSTAL BLANC 2 W-GWW had the best substance I've seen in it over the years. Both of these cultivars are available from Oregon Trail Daffodils. MOON VALLEY 2 W-GWW ... Cross of Easter Moon

x Silent Valley by Brian Duncan. A really excellent flower.

When I look to the best Division 3, I have to think early and late.

CAIRN TOUL 3 W-ORR is always good and it's early for a Division 3. At convention time, I had

PRAIRIE FIRE 3 O-R ... as close to all/red as I have seen here. The substance was excellent this year.

SPINDLETOP 3 W-Y ... has a small yellow cup, really fluted, with a deeper yellow edge. This flower was introduced by Bill Pannill and is available from Oregon Trail.

RIVENDELL 3 W-GYY ... had great substance and texture. I don't know how many times I saw this cultivar in collections around the area this year. It is available from Brian Duncan at \$6.

Of the very late Division 3's:

DALLAS 3 W-GWW ... probably the whitest daffodil in existence.

PEWEE 3 W-GPP ... this is one of Helen Link's introductions. It's such a delightful daffodil. The coloring of delicate pink with very green eye is breath-taking. This cultivar was still blooming in my garden the second week of May.

This was not a good year for Division 4. The weather was just too unstable, however GAY KYBO 4 W-0 was very good and SWEET MUSIC 4 W-GWW was excellent for the first time in a very long time.

Division 5 I usually do not purchase too many in this division. Triandrus just does not like our weather. However,

SUNDAY CHIMES 5 W-W ... is a real winner. I won Best in Show with this flower at Mansfield. For the first year it had four show blooms. Each time I showed it, I came away with a blue ribbon. To me, this is the epitome in the triandrus division ... beautifully formed with broad perianth segments, reflexes nicely and has a goblet-shaped cup with a pretty green eye. It has heavy waxy substance. Another good characteristic of this cultivar is it's lateness.

HONEY GUIDE 5 Y-Y ... soft lemon yellow. Very, very late for a triandrus. It was in bloom for the Cleveland show the first week in May.

JINGLE BELLS 5 W-Y ... another Bill Pannill introduction that can be purchased from Oregon Trail Daffodils.

BACKCHAT 6 Y-Y ... a very long lasting bloom. I think I saw this Div. 6 shown more than any other this year.

As to Division 7, who can be without SWEETNESS 7 Y-Y. It was bigger and better this year than I have ever seen it. CIRCUIT 7 Y-Y is late and an excellent show flower. I won best Division 7 with Circuit in Mansfield at the Midwest Regional Show.

HOOPOE 8 Y-0 ... I wouldn't trade this one for any other Division 8. If you are looking for a big splash in the garden, you can't beat this cultivar. Unlike some other tazettas, it stands up to the cold Ohio weather and its changeability.

Most of you know me and my poeticus ... how many times have I argued "they are not all alike".

STARLET 9 W-GYR ... a Murray Evans introduction ... it's snowy white and is "starry". For a poet, it has nice wide perianth segments and even though it has p. recurvus in its parentage, it does not reflex. It's exceptionally late in the garden.

PEART 9 W-GYO ... this cultivar was given to me by Peggy MacNeale. It was also hybridized by Murray Evans. It is much more rounded in the perianth and a nice show flower. I won blue ribbons on it at both Mansfield and Cleveland. Its form makes it an excellent flower for collections.

BEST DIV. 11: In my garden probably was Mondragon 11 Y-O in 1991. It had the smoothest perianth I have seen in this cultivar since I purchased it. On the show bench in Cincinnati I saw Colorama 11 Y-O with a really flat perianth and very good form. I intend purchasing this one. In a trade exhibit in Knoxville, I saw Cool Evening 11 W-P of Grant Mitsch's for the first time. It was really a refined flower with delicate pink laying flat to the perianth. This one I got to have!

BEST DOWN UNDER: Jackson's BANDIT 2 W-YYO

BEST NEW DAFFODIL IN MY GARDEN: MOLTEN LAVA 3 Y-YYR. It had two nice blooms for first year down. A soft yellow with yellow scalloped cup with the deepest fiery red rim. Very late blooming.

BEST EARLY MINIATURE: SNIPE 6 W-W

BEST LATE MINIATURE: STAFFORD 7 Y-O ... color very intense this year.

I am positive the many, many inches of rain enhanced the daffodil in Central Ohio in 1991 what will 1992 bring? Especially with the drought we now have.

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Tag Bourne

It is with deep regret that I report the death of one of COD's founding members Jennie Belle Adler. Jennie Belle died in Ithaca, New York on August 21st. She was one of the most generous individuals I have ever known she helped me when I first came to Columbus and joined a garden club. I never heard her turn down an individual who asked for her help. She was a kind, dear sweet lady! If you care to do so you make wish to make contributions to Garden Club of Ohio, Life Member Scholarship Fund, c/o Mrs. Alf Walle, 408 W. Liberty, Ashland, OH 44805, in her memory.

I am also sorry to report that Wells Knierim has had a recurrence of liver cancer. I have talked to him by phone and he has a good attitude. Wells has been our mentor since the beginning and I hope all of you will keep in touch with him and keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Ruth Pardue has finally moved and finds herself now in the Southern Region of ADS. Those who wish to keep in touch, her address is as follows: 222 Conners Circle, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

PLANTING AT AMERIFLORA: As stated in Cindy's president's letter, we will be planting at 9:30 a.m. on October 19th. We will meet at Wolfe Park, which is across from St. Charles School, on the S. E. corner of Nelson and Broad. They will take us by van to the Ameriflora planting site. Bring shovels, etc. needed for necessary work.

Mary Lou Gripshover

On Sunday, May 5th Bill and Flossie Schrader again got a real "spread" in their local newspaper on their daffodils at 1008 Sycamore Line in Sandusky. A marvelous picture of Bill in his garden, Hawaii, Indian Maid and Quiet Day, all pictures in color. The article was titled "Beauty Springs Forth" and starts out "Bill Schrader, 78, is a man mad about daffodils." I regret I do not have room to insert the whole article.... marvelous publicity for the American Daffodil Society.

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Remember to set aside a bulb or two for the bulb exchange at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Daffodil Society at Cox Arboretum in Dayton on Saturday, October 26th. Bag each item individually with the name on the outside of the bag (also color code). The one you receive at the Fall Regional Meeting could win Best in Show next Spring!!!!

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REMINDER: CODS DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE ... This will be your last newsletter unless you send a check for \$4.00 made to CODS and mailed to Mrs. William C. Baird, 1874 Collingswood Road, Columbus, OH 43221.

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When the trees begin to take on those glorious Fall hues, and the strains of "Carmen Ohio" begin to emanate from Ohio Stadium, we of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society know that once again it's Autumn and daffodil planting time. The bulbs have been arriving from various hybridizers and it's been complete frenzy around my house trying to get the front yard re-landscaped and the bulbs in the ground before we get rain (what is rain?). Even if you have tired muscles and poor aching backs, there's real satisfaction to be gained from tucking away those nice, firm, round bulbs, but come Spring and ADS Convention time in Columbus when all those precious bulbs bloom, you'll know it was well worth the effort.

The Convention Steering Committee is meeting tonight. I hope you will all be willing to do your part when someone calls and asks you to participate on their committee.

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*Tell me and I'll forget
Show me and I may remember
Involve me and I'll understand*

Deadline for the next CODS CORNER: December 15, 1991.