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Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear CODS Members:

Where has the summer gone? The trees have already started to take on their beautiful fall colors and dropping leaves. I'm really not ready for this.

Once again it's daffodil planting time. Think how beautiful the new cultivars will be at spring blooming time. Are you planning for the spring shows?

By the time you receive this *CODS CORNER* we should be well on the way of replanting Whetstone Garden. Much work has been done this past summer changing the beds and four will be replanted. We need help in caring for the garden.

A BIG, BIG thanks goes to Handy for hosting the Annual Cocktail Party. It always a pleasure strolling through his garden and visiting with everyone. Oh! the hors d'oeuvres were delicious and no calories. Thanks to all who came, donated or bought daffodil bulbs.

Its not too early to think of Christmas. Some gift ideas are: membership in the American Daffodil Society; forcing pots with maybe 'Jack Snipe', 'Tete a Tete' or paper whites; gardening equipment or gift certificate for new bulbs. Introduce a friend to daffodils. They can enjoy their beauty and give an uplift in the spring.

Dues are now past due. Please send them to Elsie Hack, Treasurer at P. O. Box 276, Powell, OH 43065

Mary Lou will be the speaker for our next meeting November 1 at the Whetstone Library at 7:30 p.m. See you then.

Irene



MY "DOWN UNDER" FRIENDS

Phyllis Hess

When Naomi asked that I include an article in this month's issue of *CODS CORNER*, I really did not have a clue on how to approach the subject. While looking at my list of daffodils, I discovered that not only are they my friends but daffodil names bring to mind the friends I have made.

When Handy Hatfield and I arrived at the Convention in Washington DC the CODS group was eating dinner with two very charming gentlemen from New Zealand and a lovely couple from Tasmania. We were invited to join the group and so met Max Hamilton, Peter Ramsay and the Jackson's. During the Convention we were able to spend a great deal of time together and were fortunate to be able to give our foreign visitors a tour of Washington. (A rather wild ride but they did get to see the sights!)

Cecile Spitz had written in *CODS CORNER* about how she grew her down-under bulbs. Of course, I quizzed Handy as well so decided it was time I grew a few of my own. I ordered a few bulbs from the Jackson's and received a few from Peter and Max so was on my way. The first year I planted the bulbs immediately when they came. I did keep them isolated and in a protected spot. Over the years this collection has grown and today I have a great many cultivars from "down under".

A couple of the first are still my favorites, when they blossom I think of my friends and count myself lucky once again. 'Eiko' 1W-P and 'Obsession' 2W-P are delicate pinks that can delight your soul.

Anyone who knows me at all, knows that I have a special yen for whites and yellow/reds. So when Brogden's 'Some Day' 2Y-R appeared on the cover of *The Daffodil Journal* I immediately coveted that flower. Much as I now covet a certain white pink seedling

Before the famous Callaway Gardens Convention Dave and I went to Florida. He later took me to Callaway and returned to Columbus leaving me to return home with Handy. Well, Spud Brogden was at the Convention and had a few bulbs with him to sell. Guess what, I was able to get a small round of 'Some Day!' Spud also decided he would like to come to Columbus. Handy offered to bring him and the three of us set off in a van with only two

seats! I will never forget his enthusiasm and his talking into his tape recorder so he could remember details of the trip to take home to his family.

One of the most unusual experiences I have had with daffodils is as a result of that meeting. The bulbs I got from Spud were planted in the fall after being held in cold storage over summer. Spring came and nothing. I had also gotten 'Twilight Zone' 2YW-WWY which was best in show at Callaway. Needless to say I was most upset and thought I had lost my treasures. Finally, I summoned the courage to dig down to see what was going on. Lo and behold, there was the bulb, I uncovered the top of it to find it was very firm and solidly in the ground. Well, the next spring they not only grew but had multiplied. 'Some Day', so named because Eve Robertson saw it in the seedling bed in New Zealand and said she had to have it "some day". It and 'Twilight Zone' remain two of my very favorites. Another that has to be a favorite because of its tenacity if nothing else is 'Trudy May' 3Y-OOR. When I planted the Brogden bulbs that fall I was missing 'Trudy May', (couldn't find it anywhere, until I cleaned the refrigerator in March). Now this is the fridge in the garage, so on 3-11 I planted the two small bulbs I had found and hoped they were the missing ones. Yes, they grew and are 'Trudy May'. So my advice is, never give up!

Some of my other favorites are: from Max Hamilton, 'Kiwi Magic' 4W-W and a couple of his seedlings which were fantastic this year. From Jackson's, 'Colorful' 2Y-R, 'Immaculate' 2W-GWW, 'Loophole' 2W-W, 'Mate' 2Y-O, 'Scipio' 2Y-Y, 'Tearaway' 2W-P, 'Twicer' 2Y-YOO and 'Verran' 2W-P. Since it takes several years for the bulbs to turn around it will be a couple of years before I know about some of the other cultivars I grow.

Of course, 'Trena' and 'Tracey' from Miss Verry, 'Abracadabra' from Mike Temple-Smith, all 6's, and Broadfield's 'Lady Diana' 2W-W must be on the favorites list along with Harold Cross's 'Sarn' 2W-P 'Tasrose' 4W-P, and 'Kalimna' 1W-P.

Then there are those from the Brogdens, father and son: 'Aimee Joy' 2W-P, 'Florence Joy' 2W-W, 'Fairy Charm' 2W-WWP, 'Capree Elizabeth' 2Y-P 'Gold Shah' 2Y-Y, 'Sarita' 2Y-W, 'Dynasty' 2Y-R, 'Ice House' 2W-W, 'Salute' 2Y-R to name a few.

These are a few of the friends I have made and grown to appreciate. I hope all you have the same wonderful opportunity to make lots of new daffodil friends !!

WHETSTONE GARDEN REPORT

Nancy Kolson, Chairman

This is the year for consolidation at the daffodil garden. All summer, emphasis has been placed on lining up the beds and consolidating 4, 5, 6 and 7 into three new beds. Bed 16 has been eliminated and grass seed has been planted in it to allow room for the park's extra wide-lawn mowers. Linda and her crew at Whetstone have been extremely helpful with getting the work done. Roundup was applied to the entire area beyond Bed 3 and then the area was deeply plowed before tilling. The new beds have been laid out, the soil has been raked into raised beds, diversion ditches have been dug and gypsum was tilled into the new beds on September 8. On September 10 we had a hard rain--just perfect for activating the gypsum. In the next few weeks, a load of sand and a load of mushroom compost will be added to the beds and tilled in, readying them for planting in October.

Here are some very important dates to put on your calendar:

- ◆ October 2: All donated cultivars should be given to Nancy Kolson. Alphabetizing and cleaning bulbs will be done early this year. I plan to go to the Regional Meeting, so I can get them then.
- ◆ Friday, October 7: WORK DAY at the park 9:00 a.m. I am taking that day off work so we can rake the beds and line them up for planting. Please bring your garden rakes, a sandwich and lots of liquids.
- ◆ October 15: PLANTING DAY at the park. Come as early as you can. Some of us will start at 7:00 a.m. We have only three beds to plant, so it should be easier than in the past. Also, digging should be very easy as the soil will be beautiful! Bring your own lunch.

Thank you in advance for all the work you have done in helping to move the beds this year. It is a really big job that couldn't have been accomplished without a lot of cooperation. Next April we should see some spectacular results!



HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER

Cecile Spitz, Whetstone Garden Committee

We dug up all the miniatures in July, our hottest month after a heavy rainfall sent the water gushing into beds 14, 15 and the miniatures. I worked from 6:45 a.m. until 12 noon for a few days. The baskets were brought home to my shady back yard where the bulbs were cleaned, soaked and put into bags to dry.

While the bulbs were drying Helen Meeker and I redid the miniature bed, where rolling off the huge rocks was our first big step. To catch the run off rain water we dug a 12 x 12 foot trench filled it with mulch we brought over from beds 4, 5, 6 and 7. We proceeded with the digging, thoroughly incorporating Gypsum into the soil. I cleaned and sorted all the miniatures while waiting for a heavy rainfall to get the Gypsum properly worked into the soil. We then added eight cubic feet of Canadian Peat into the 31 foot bed turning the soil completely. It was much easier incorporating the peat than the Gypsum with the clay soil.

The heat and digging proved too much for Helen and she had to be carried to the shade by two park employees. No more digging for her! I finished digging and raking and now the bed was ready for planting. It was raised six inches and should provide good drainage helping to prevent bulb rot.

I called a few members and three of us worked from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for quite a few days filling 243 large baskets. When the weather cooled in August I asked Don Piper and Irene Moseley to help me again and we planted all the baskets in two mornings. We began at 7:00 a.m. and stopped at noon each day.

There are 33 unidentified baskets with a question mark on the white venetian blind tag. I am counting on all members familiar with miniatures to write the correct cultivar name on the tag. Please use a No 2 soft pencil.

A few large rocks and some stepping stones remain among the plantings allowing more room for additional cultivars. If you have any extra miniatures, please bring them to the Regional Meeting October 2 or the Cocktail Party at Handy Hatfield's on the 25th. We have space for more than 100 large baskets.



THE LABEL PROBLEM

Peggy MacNeale

The bulbs are beginning to arrive and each has a few wonderful surprises. Even though I made tags on a hot day in July, I'll have to make quite a few more to take care of these bonus bulbs, and some from the fall Regional bulb exchange on October 2. A new permanent (?) marker is being tried out. I used it last fall on the two or three late-planted bulbs, and the labels are as legible now as the day I made them. My only complaint so far is that the marker makes a very wide or heavy line, so although I know what the name of the bulb is, maybe someone else might have trouble deciphering the writing. This marking pen is a GP-X Diagraph, a sort of a pen-size canister that operates by valve action, i.e. you give it a good shake before using it, like a spray can. that puts the pigmented opaque ink down into the felt tip. It is manufactured in St. Louis for industrial use.

My tags are home-made: aluminum clothes line cut in 12" pieces, threaded onto 1½" x 2½" chips of Lucite. Neil gets this scrap plastic, saws it to size, and drills a hole in each chip for the wire stake, I've has some for 20-odd years. For a long time I used Dymo tape for the labeling, but that really is a chore, and sometimes it peeled off or faded. I think this new marker may be the answer for a tag that is fairly indestructible and not too conspicuous in the beds. The Lucite is pretty tough unless you step on a tag and the wire stakes are flexible, so can be bent back into shape.

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL!

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Congratulations to Mike Baxter one of CODS' Alien Members. His 2W-P seedling ('Coral Fair' x 'Rainbow') was selected Best Bloom at the RHS Westminster Show. As reported in the July issue of *CODS CORNER* this same seedling was the Reserve Best Bloom, Best Seedling and Best Division 2 Bloom at the South East England Daffodil Group Show in Tonbridge. A beautiful color photo of it was featured in the Daffodil Society's Summer Newsletter. Mike has since named it 'Lakeland Fair'. We can all look forward to hearing more about this new cultivar and hopefully someday being able to acquire it.

HIGHLIGHTS ADS FALL BOARD MEETING

Tag Bourne, Director at Large

The American Daffodil Society 1994 Fall Board meeting was held September 16 and 17 at the Warwick Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Attending from CODS were Phyllis Hess, Naomi Liggett, Tag Bourne, ADS board members and Mary Lou Gripshover, Executive Director. All eight regions were represented by their Regional Vice President with the exception of the Central, Dave Karnstedt was absent. Many interesting projects to promote daffodils were reported by the Regional Vice Presidents.

Little progress has taken place on the Miniature Committee since the new chairman has been unable to review the backlog of materials, however, she anticipates getting an approved list, with additions, into the December *Daffodil Journal*.

An extensive discussion was held on species conservation. An endangered species list is to be supplied and it looks as if in the future we will be unable to show some species in our shows. At present, *calpicola* and *cyclamineus* are considered endangered.

Julius Wadekamper announced that 'Ceylon' 2Y-O won the Wister Award for 1994 and that 'Salome' 2W-PPY was approved as next year's winner.

The Governance Task Force chaired by Dr. Stan Baird presented a number of proposed amendments to the ADS By-Laws. These will be studied and voted on at the Spring Board Meeting. I trust these will be brought up at our Regional Meeting since it affects the Nominating Committee and the way we elect our representatives to the board.

The Membership Task Force of which Tag Bourne is a member has held extensive discussions. Any ideas for getting and keeping new members???

Steve Vinisky heads the Marketing Task Force and has some innovative ideas: Beginners Primer for new members, ADS sponsored travel for 1996 World Convention, also England and Holland, upgrade ADS pins and possibly a patch, Computer On Line chats about daffodils, awards to local societies, etc.

MOTIONS PASSED:

Criteria for subdividing classes in shows be as follows: Classes may be subdivided by cultivar and by color code when there are three or more worthy exhibits of the same cultivar or color code and if the class has sufficient number of worthy exhibits left in the class. Species daffodils may be subdivided by their classification.

That the class for a collection of five intermediates be added permanently to the National Show Schedule.

That a committee be appointed to set policy on new awards for the National Show. President, Marilyn Howe appointed Tag Bourne to chair this committee.

Westchester County of New York was moved from the New England Region to the Northeast Region. This reunites the state into one region

Eliminate the charge for registration of daffodil names.

A number of recommendations for classification changes will be sent to the RHS for their consideration.

ADS will make information in The Data Bank available on disk in ASCII format.

The Colorado weather was superb for our late afternoon visit to the Denver Botanic Garden. Following a tour of the gardens, a lovely catered dinner was held on the patio of the Botanic Garden's Waring House. (Editors Note: Last year at this time Denver had SNOW on the ground.)

FALL AND DAFFODILS

Naomi Liggett

Fall is not my favorite time of the year partially because of the weather, cool mornings and nights. My preference is warm weather. Another reason I dislike it is because it is bulb cleaning time. While sorting bulbs it is interesting to note the great difference in bulbs. The jonquilla hybrids and tazetta hybrids usually make such beautiful, brown, round bulbs versus double-noses. Other bulbs have whitish scales and others ugly dark brown ones with very rough surfaces.

It is so time consuming to clean and sort bulbs especially if you have a great number out of the ground. You must decide how many to replant and what to do with the remainder. This year some will go to CODS Bulb Sale, Whetstone Display Garden, Riverside Methodist Church, NorWest Flower Show Raffle winner and the Midwest Regional Bulb Exchange. Also, twenty-three cultivars, approximately 300 bulbs, were given to The Chadwick Arboretum at The Ohio State University. Tag Bourne also donated a few cultivars to the Arboretum.

On the plus side, daffodil orders arrive in the fall. One anticipates the great blooms they will have next spring on their new acquisitions. Maybe one will win an ADS Award.

DAFFODIL PLANTINGS IN THE CITY

The OSU Project, funded by ODOT, to plant daffodil bulbs along 315 between Lane Avenue and Ackerman will not take place this year, hopefully next. It is my understanding that the plans were not ready in time to order the bulbs.

200,000 daffodil bulbs will be planted at the intersections of I-270 with I-75 and I-70 by ODOT and Colour Columbus. 50,000 others will be given to various locations, i.e., schools. Anyone wishing to help plant these bulbs along the freeways, contact Colour Columbus, 221-0652 for planting dates. No digging is required just placement of the bulbs. Digging and covering will be done by ODOT workers. Someday maybe Columbus will be the Daffodil Capital of the United States or at least Ohio!

Betty Harper Beery

Betty, 82, died July 30 at home. Although she has been in poor health in recent years she did not lose her interest in daffodils. Her sons, Michael and Dwight, usually brought her flowers to our annual show. In earlier years she did some hybridizing and won a few Rose Ribbons in the Adena Show. She introduced 'Jack Schlitt' 1Y-Y in 1987 and 'Mt Logan' 2W-GWO in 1988. In 1979 Lindsay Dettman named a 3Y-YYO daffodil 'Betty Beery' in her honor.

**Deadline for January Newsletter
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