

CODS CORNER

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Cindy Hyde, President

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear CODS Members,

Now that the freezer boxes and canning jars are filled it's time to concentrate on where to plant daffodil bulbs!

Planting at Whetstone will be in October (See Nancy Kolson's article). Your help, as always, will be greatly appreciated! Planting is always faster than digging and this summer we were finished digging before noon.

Didn't we have a great Cocktail Party at Betty Kealiher's new home! She won't have a problem deciding where to plant--all that "new soil". Thanks, Betty for a fun time!

Our Member Bulb Sale and T-shirt Sale were a big success thanks to Irene Moseley. We have a few T-shirts left. At only \$11.00 they will make an excellent Christmas gift.

The Midwest Regional Meeting will be at the Cox Arboretum on October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Dayton, Ohio. Mary Lou Gripshover will give a program on her daffodil trip with Marilyn Howe and Kathy Andersen to Spain. Tom Stettner will also talk on his use of Cygon to prevent bulb fly.

Just as a note of interest, the October issue of *Country Life* magazine has a nice article on daffodils.

See you there!

Cindy



WHETSTONE GARDEN

Nancy Kolson, Chairman

This has been the most unusual summer I can remember--if it wasn't raining, the temperature was over 90 degrees. What a record! Consequently, not much work got done at the park during the months of July and August. On July 5th, Bill Schrader and two volunteers came down and dug the extra bulbs from Bed 9 for planting in McBride Arboretum. He reports getting over 300 blooming size bulbs and many smaller ones.

Now that it is October and the temperature is cooling off, it's time to become active again. Irene Moseley and I measured the new beds 7, 8 and 9 and they have had Roundup applied. A truckload of coarse, natural sand and a truckload of topsoil/compost mix have been delivered and are ready to spread. This has been a major concern because the City of Columbus has cut the number of full-time maintenance workers at Whetstone to just two and Linda can only do the basic things that need to be done for the park. Fortunately, Jack Low has agreed to help us and is sending out the city's landscaping unit one day to spread the sand and topsoil. Cecile Spitz had kindly agreed to oversee them.

Hopefully, if it doesn't rain, the beds will be laid out for planting on Friday, October 13th. The planting date has been set for October 21st at 9:00 a.m. Please try to come!

We still need many bulbs. All are welcome, but we especially need the smaller ones (5's, 6's and 7's) for Bed 14. If you have any to share, please give them to me no later than the ADS Regional Meeting on the 14th at Cox Arboretum.

Hope to see you on the 21st, with gloves and a rake. Bring a sandwich and something to drink, too--it is very congenial to sit and talk under the big oak when we are finished.

Editors Note: Cecile worked at the park Wednesday, October 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. overseeing the Parks & Recreation's landscaping crew without a drink or lunch! It was fortunate that the rain from Hurricane Opal did not reach Ohio until Thursday. After the downpours, the soil should be well settled.

Daffodils For American Gardens by Brent and Becky Heath

Mary Lou Gripshover

Daffodils for American Gardens is the first comprehensive book about daffodils written for the American Gardener since Carey Quinn's *Daffodils Outdoors and In* in 1959. In a friendly, "talking to you" style, Brent and Becky Heath have written a book which should appeal to gardeners and exhibitors alike. Using 'Unsurpassable' and 'Arctic Gold' as examples, they explain the difference between "showy" and "show" flowers. A quick reading of the Table of Contents shows chapters on Anatomy, Culture, Naturalized Daffodils, Companion Planting, Forcing, Hybridizing, Flower Arranging, Shows and Exhibitions

The book includes Sources for Bulbs and a list of Daffodil Societies, including local societies and dates and places of American shows. The book ends with 27 pages of recommended daffodils in commercial culture, with the emphasis on "showy" rather than "show" daffodils.

My only criticism--and it is certainly a minor one--is that I wish they had used the most recent RHS classification system. Division 6 is still listed as "usually one bloom to the stem" and that was changed several years ago. Division 11 was subdivided into 11a and 11b for Collar and Papillon type split coronas at the same time.

Not only does this book provide useful information, it is a visually delightful book. The color photos throughout make this a book you'll want to keep out on your coffee table after you've read it.

The book is available now from the ADS office for \$28.00, postpaid. (Ohio residents, don't forget the Governor wants his 6%.)

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ADS APPROVED LIST of MINIATURES:

'Mickey' 6Y-Y 'Minnie' 6Y-Y, 'Mortie' 6Y-Y, 'Glenbrook Mini-Cycla' 6Y-Y, 'Fyno' 12W-W, 'Odile' 7Y-O, 'Norwester' 6Y-Y, 'Nanty' 6Y-Y, 'Smarple' 12W-W and 'Three of Diamonds' 3W-GWO (Effective 1996) 'Norwester' and 'Three of Diamonds' are CODS' own Mary Lou Gripshover's originations!

WAYS & MEANS

Irene Moseley, Ways & Means Chairman

Do you need something to give as a gift? We have cream colored T-shirts with a daffodil design on the left pocket area. Sizes large, extra large and 2extra large for \$11.00. Please add \$3.00 if you need it shipped.

The paper whites, 'Galilee', are on order and will be arriving soon. Price 60¢ each. They are great for forcing and can be a bit of spring all winter.

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SURSHINE

Cecile Spitz, Chairman

James Kelley died of heart congestion on July 5th. Virginia called a few days earlier to inform us that Jim was well enough to come home on July 7th.

When health permitted Jim and Virginia helped with the after show tear down. Jim was an avid gardener and was very fond of miniature daffodils. We shall miss Jim.

CODS' members wish to extend our most sincere sympathy to Virginia for the loss of her husband.

I have potted ten baskets of 'Hawera' for Virginia. That was Jim's favorite miniature. I hope she enjoys them in April.

1996 ADS Convention & Show

Kathy Welsh, ADS Membership Chairman

The 1996 American Daffodil Society Convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland on April 18-20. The convention promises to offer a lot for seasoned veterans and first time attendees alike. Planned events include the hybridizer's breakfast and judges' refresher, both open to all attendees, garden tours, excellent banquet speakers and a series of "focus groups" covering a wide variety of interests. If you are interested in broadening your depth of knowledge in daffodils, plan on attending

the convention. Topics to choose from include the following:

Antique Daffodils for Gardens Old and New - Scott Kunst will discuss some excellent reasons for including 'antiques' in your garden, cultivars to choose for superior fragrance and sources for those not readily available.

From Garden to Table - Richard Ezell, past ADS President, will share a wealth of experience in growing award winners, grooming, staging tips and everything else you might want to know about daffodil culture. Ruth Crocker, daffodil judge and flower arranger, will dispel the daffodil's reputation of being an uncooperative arranging flower and show her technique for 'decorating a table for spring dining.

Ikebana - The Art of Japanese Flower Arranging - Anne Christ, president of the Baltimore Chapter of Ikebana International, will join with fellow members to demonstrate the spirit of the organization whose motto is "friendship through flowers".

Grant Mitsch, Hybridizer - A Pictorial History - Elise Havens, daughter of the renowned hybridizer, will present a pictorial retrospect of her father's flowers and trace the heritage of some of the famous Mitsch cultivars.

Miniature Culture.....A to Z - Delia Bankhead, well known for her miniature collection will provide valuable tips on how to plant, fertilize and care for miniatures.

High Altitude Treasures - Kathy Andersen, past president of ADS and back by popular demand will present slides illustrating her adventures and discoveries of daffodil species in the mountain ranges of Spain and France.

Have Daffodils, Will Travel: Exhibiting Here and There - A panel of people who have exhibited in several parts of the US and on two continents will discuss the intricacies of exhibiting in different areas.

Besides the sessions and activities listed above, the 1996 Convention and Show provides an opportunity to exhibit and meet other growers from around the country and even the world. If you haven't done so already, be sure to mark your calendar for **April 18-20 1996!** For more information on registration, contact an ADS member. Registration forms will be printed in both the September and December issues of *The Daffodil Journal*.

**LIMITED TIME OFFER FOR NEW ADS
MEMBERS**

Kathy Welsh, ADS Membership Chairman

The American Daffodil Society is running an exciting membership campaign. New members will receive a coupon that can be used for \$10.00 worth of free bulbs from participating growers. These coupons may be used like cash with any order of \$25.00 or more. Members also receive the quarterly magazine *The Daffodil Journal*. This 64-page magazine features articles from around the world on all aspects of daffodil growing and showing. Don't delay, join today! For more information please call Kathy Welsh at 703-242-9783.

Editors Note: I am sorry that *CODS Corner* is late this time but Jim and I just returned from Australia. I also waited a few days hoping to receive a promised article. Next issue I will report on the Australian National Championships held in Tasmania. At that time I will tell you about "The Little Detectives". You will never guess!

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NEW MEMBERS

Cecile Spitz, Chairman

Fred and Phyllis Rucker 878-8235
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The Ruckers joined at the appropriate time to meet CODS' members at our potluck and join us in the bulb exchange. They are interested in growing top quality show flowers as seen at our Conservatory Show. Phyllis Hess helped the new members with their selection.

Welcome to CODS.

**DEADLINE JANUARY NEWSLETTER:
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