

CODS CORNER

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Phyllis Hess, President

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear Fellow Daffnuts,

I was pleased to see all of you at the cocktail party and bulb sale. The bulb sale was very successful.

We also worked at Inniswood's An Affair of the Hort and had good success selling bulbs. Our booth was next to the Greater Columbus Dahlia Society that was quite a show stopper! I found an interesting that the gentleman staffing the booth, who also hybridizes, was named Luther Havens. No relation but the ability must run in the Havens family. The other thing that was wonderful about the weekend we got two new members for the booth on the other side of us and they are both Master Gardeners! Welcome. Welcome.

We are going to try to plant the empty bed at Whetstone on October 11 at 9:00 a.m. We do need help, if there is a couple of good shovel handlers it should not take long. Pray it does not rain as the following weekend is the ADS Board Meeting.

Cecile has been ill, a card would probably help. We missed you at the Cocktail party, Cecile.

I suppose everyone has their new "goodies" in hand and is looking forward to planting. For once I have my beds all prepared and when we return from the ADS Fall Board Meeting will get mine in the ground. Do not forget to add a touch of organic material so those bulbs grow really well. I am already looking forward to the blooms I will get from a couple extra special cultivars I got.

There has been a discussion on the daffnet about bulbs from Holland being small this year. This is supposed to be due to the bad weather and effects not only daffs but other small bulbs. Another has talked about the fact that the Dutch may start shipping rounds instead of hugh double noses because of the extra charges when shipping the larger bulbs. The ones I got from England certainly did not have this problem, they were wonderful!

By the time you read this we will have had a great time at Kridler Gardens and the Fall Regional. I am looking forward to seeing their place in the fall. This will be the latest I have been able to go up there. It is so nice we have such neat places to see in our Region and ones owned by members!



PLEASE think of an article you can write for *CODS CORNER*. Naomi has a great deal to do these days what with her Executive Director duties as well as all she does for us. I know she would appreciate anything you could write for her.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the planting and again in November at our regular meeting.

Happy planting,

Phyllis

What Happened to all the Miniatures at Whetstone Park?

Cecile Spitz

Did anyone look at the miniatures during bloom season at Whetstone Park in 1997? The bulbs and baskets have disappeared at a rapid rate. I planted 261 one-quart berry baskets plus many loose bulbs such as 'Tete A Tete' 12Y-Y, 'Little Beauty' 1W-Y, etc. Of the one hundred 'Little Beauty' planted by the big rock in 1996, this year there were only five left. I purchased 100 bulbs each of six cultivars and planted them in large groups. CODS donated twenty-seven 'Baby Moon' 7Y-Y, 48 'Sun Disc' 7Y-Y and 57 'Sundial' 7Y-Y. There is only a very few left. I remember Nancy Kolson's 'Mite' 6Y-Y. She donated 17 and there should have been at least fifty by now. Are there any left? They were the hit of the plantings.

I have a list of donors and the bulbs they donated. Can we dig up what are left after the 1998 blooming season and return them to the donor members or sell them to all members. I prefer the return of bulbs to donors. They will have to be removed shortly after blooming or everything will be stolen in 1998. The unusual bulbs were stolen first, 'Gipsy Queen' 1YYW-WWY, 'Clare' 7Y-Y, 'Kidling' 7Y-Y and 'Macleayii' 12W-Y were taken in 1994. Gaping holes were left. They were replaced in 1994 and gone shortly after blooming in 1995.

I remember the hot 1993 July when I decided to redo that horrible clay soil into a lovely bed of miniatures. Helen Meeker and I dug the soil 24 inches deep adding a lot of gypsum to help break up the clay. After a heavy rain activated the gypsum we added a lot of Canadian peat and mixed everything 24 inches deep again. We also put in mulch, 24 inches deep on the east and west of the miniature bed to catch the rainfall as it ran

downhill. July 1993 was very hot and Helen passed out one day while working. She was not allowed to do garden work after that.

Helen and Irene Moseley helped me plant the bulbs in the baskets when the orders arrived. There were kept in the garage until October when Don Piper and Irene helped me plant them at the park, 261 baskets plus a lot of loose bulbs.

When Donna Dietsch was in charge of the garden Helen, Donna and I were checking the beds for virus and remarked how beautiful the five clumps of yellow daffodils were in bed 7. They were stunning but when we arrived to finish our virus check the following day all the yellow clumps were gone. The bed was leveled smooth as if nothing had ever grown there before.

Can we have a meeting on what to do with miniatures either at the planting on October 11th or at our November meeting?

Someone has stolen all the hostas from the perennial beds in 1996 at about the time I was going to donate some unusual cultivars. Now I know why their benches are bolted to the concrete they stand on. Or will a thief find a way to confiscate some benches?

We began with 261 in 1993 -- how many are left? I will no longer donate anything to Whetstone Garden.

NEW MEMBERS

Cecile Spitz, Membership Chairman

Welcome to all the new members. Come to our meetings so we all can get to know you.

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AN AFFAIR OF THE HORT

Tag Bourne , Education Chairman

The Central Ohio Daffodil Society participated in the *Affair of the Hort* at Inniswood for three days. Naomi Liggett and I set the display up on Friday and worked the booth until dark. I want to thank Naomi, Phyllis Hess, Nancy Kolson, Donna Dietsch, Irene Moseley, Grace Baird, Jody Scribner and her girls and Betty Kealiher for putting in time at the booth.

I was very disappointed in the number of sales of miniatures at this affair. Naomi donated a number of beautiful large standard bulbs for this sale and they sold quickly. I returned home with many bags of bulbs. Nancy Gill agreed to take over \$200.00 worth to sell. I will be taking about \$55.00 in bulbs to the Regional Meeting in hopes of disposing of the remainder.

We did however sign up two new members of CODS and are very pleased about that.

A quick count at the moment shows:

Total Expenses	\$314.58
Advance Orders	63.75
Sold at Inniswood	430.50

with about \$300.00 to be sold.

CONDOLENCES

Louise Ream lost her spouse Russell this past summer after a long illness. He was also the father of Phyllis Hess. Our thoughts are with you both.

WHETSTONE GARDEN

Ruth Pardue has donated 82 cultivars to Whetstone Garden. There are many newer cultivars among themas: 'Shadow Mist' 2W-WWP, Dubose; 'Silken Wings' 2Y-P, Mitsch; 'Oxford' 3W-Y, Mitsch; 'Kebaya' 2W-YYP, Duncan; 'First Impression' 2Y-R, Mitsch; 'Pacific Rim' 2Y-YYR, Mitsch; 'Gold Sheen' 2Y-Y, Duncan; 'Freedom Rings' 2Y-P, Havens.

For the poet lovers, nine of the 37 cultivars Naomi donated are poets. Some others are: 'Gold Shah' 2Y-Y, Brodgen; 'Egmont King' 2Y-YOR, Brodgen; 'Lemon Brook' 2YYW-W, Mitsch and 'Crystal Star' 2Y-Y, Mitsch.

This adds up to 119 cultivars at Whetstone next spring. These exceed the capacity of the one empty bed by nineteen bulbs. Make sure you go to the garden next spring to enjoy all the new additions.

ADS TRIVIA

The American Daffodil Society held its first meeting on April 9, 1954 in Chevy Chase, MD. There were approximately 75 - 100 people who attended this meeting. Officers were appointed and committees formed. The first annual meeting was at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC on April 6-7, 1956 with Guy Wilson as the featured speaker. The second annual meeting was held in Ohio at Kingwood Center. The Society was incorporated on February 25, 1958 in the District of Columbia.

Who was awarded the first Gold Medal of the American Daffodil Society? It was awarded for the first time in 1960 and the recipient was Prof. Dr. E. van Slogerten of the Netherlands. The medal is can be given once a year in recognition of pre-eminent accomplishments in the advancement of daffodil culture.

The Professor was the former Director of the famed Laboratorium voor Bloembollenonderzoek at Lisse in the Netherlands. In the early part of this century the bulb and stem nematodes were a threat to daffodil growers. The professor met this challenge and today the hot water treatment of daffodil bulbs is a standard procedure.

He and his staff then undertook other disease problems. He demonstrated that some daffodil

diseases were caused by certain viruses and that they were transported by aphids.

The cost of the Quinn Medal in 1957 was \$3.50.

Annual membership due was \$3.00 in 1956.

First president of ADS was Judge Carey E. Quinn and in 1956 the society published its first year book. Some of the articles included were: Miniatures by Carey E. Quinn, Daffodil Culture and Health by R. C. Allen, Director of Kingwood Center, 1956 Daffodil Symposium, Scales of Points for Judging Show Flowers, Harry I. Tuggle, Standard Shows, Mrs. William A. Bridges.

These old yearbooks are in the ADS Library may be borrowed by any ADS member. Some may be purchased for \$6.00 each.

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SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to David and Robin Jackson on winning the Grand Champion at the Australian Championships in September with 'Jolly Good' 2Y-O. It was also awarded the Fairburn Perpetual Cup for the best Australian bred daffodil. Another Jackson bred daffodil, 'Stereo' 3W-W, was Reserve Champion. Other winners were: 'Anitra' 1W-W, 'Nakajima' 3Y-O, 'Impeccable' 2Y-Y, 'Ice Wings' 5W-W, 'Coleville' 9W- and a 6YYW-W miniature seedling. This was shown by Mary Crowe and was awarded the champion seedling as well as champion miniature. Is this the first reverse bicolor miniature cyclamineus?

At the New Zealand North Island National show the Ramseys probably had a first. Peter won the championship with a double seedling, MD 32-69 x 'Gaston', daughter Tracey won Best Amateur with 'Moiki' 2W-Y and granddaughter Amelia won Best Children's with 'Akala' 1Y-Y. Quite a feat. New Zealand has been experiencing a dry period and so flowers are not up to their usual standards according to Peter.

