

CODS CORNER

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Dear Fellow CODS Members,

I am writing this before leaving for the Fall ADS Board meeting. The recent blast of cool air reminds that fall is indeed on the way.

The word from "down-under" is that they are experiencing a strange Spring, much as we did. Talk of flowers blasting and very poor blooms. We can certainly sympathize with them. There have been too many springs like that these last few years.

I want to thank everyone who came to the bulb sorting party. There were lots of willing hands and the work went quickly. The bulbs are all ready for planting at Whetstone on October 17th at 9 a.m. Remember to bring all tools necessary, a lunch, a friend, a new member and once again it will be finished in no time. If anyone has any bulbs they are donating to the park, please let me know by the Regional meeting on the 10th. That way they can be entered in the computer and planted in the proper place. The list of all the bulbs in the Park is on my computer and a quick call will tell you if we have a certain cultivar. The list is really too long to send to everyone.

We have also had requests for bulbs for several different community projects. If you have any extras and no home for them, please let me know. Any moneys made from excess bulbs will go to benefit Whetstone Park. I was unable to do any digging this year so the surplus from my garden is nil.

Remember that there have been classification changes made by the RHS and we will have to make some new labels for the park to reflect the changes. The materials used for the labels is not inexpensive!

CODS has purchased the 1998 International Daffodil Register. It was decided at the Executive meeting that since the records are kept in my computer the Register would be kept here as well. Anyone wanting to know if a certain cultivar has changed color code or division is welcome to contact me. The new IDB should also be available this fall and I will be purchasing one of those.

We also voted to donate the properties that were given to us by Wells Kneriem to the Pittsburgh Society. They are in need of properties for their 1999 Convention. Dave and I took them to Barrie Kridler and Barry Nichols where Dianne Mrak was to pick them up.

One thing that did get done this summer, was the cleaning of the Hess barn. No small task by any means!! It was done, foolishly, in 90+ degree weather. But, we now have a lovely set of 4' x 8' x 4' deep shelves that can more than hold all the bulbs, properties, etc., that belong to CODS. AND, there is actually plenty of room to move around! The latest addition is a large ceiling fan and several more lights, so we will have a great work area. Flood lights were added to the outside so I can see the daff beds at night.

I can now dig when it is cooler, or plant in the evening after work. NOW - to get rid of that pesky resident ground hog.

I'll see all of you at the Fall Regional Meeting, bring lots of goodies to eat and bulbs to exchange.

Phyllis

FALL BOARD MEETING

The following daffodils were added to the ADS Approved List of Miniatures and will appear on the list published in the December *The Daffodil Journal*. The color code for 'Minnow' has been changed to 8W-Y.

'Bird Flight' 6Y-GYY, 'Bird Music' 6Y-Y, 'Golden Quince' 12Y-Y, 'Northam' 2W-W, 'Star Song' 6Y-Y, 'Sunny Maiden' 6Y-GYY, 'Tiffany 10Y-Y'.

The Wister/Pannill Committee submitted 'Tripartite' 11a Y-Y for the 1999 Wister Award. This was accepted by the Board.

The recent Fall ADS Board Meeting was held in Portland, Oregon. We were fortunate to be invited to dinner at Gene and Nancy Cameron's relatively new home on Saturday evening. In the guest bedrooms were quilts purchased by Nancy while visiting Amish country in the Millersburg, OH area. Displayed on a wrought iron rod in the open stairway was a lace hanging that she said she would find a use for someday. This was purchased in an antique shop in Granville after the 1987 convention. Nancy and I spent a good portion of a day there and she fell in love with this quaint college town. A small portion of her collection of original bears was attractively displayed in various areas of the house. Besides a beautiful home the food catered by their son, Keith, was delicious. It ended with a berry cobbler of blackberries and huckleberries topped with home-made vanilla ice cream.

The weather in Oregon had been perfect until members of the ADS arrived. Jim's trips to the

Columbia Gorge and Mt Hood were marred by rain. It did clear up in time on Saturday for the trip to the Japanese Gardens and Camerons. On Sunday Jim and I went to the coast and stayed overnight in Cannon Beach. I was enthralled with all the beautiful hanging baskets, pots of annuals and plantings of annuals and perennials. The blue hydrangeas just blew me away. This has always been a plant that I wish I could grow.

The trip was not without daffodils. Richard Ezell brought a bloom of 'Scallop' 2Y-Y hybridized by David Adams, Christchurch New Zealand. Richard purchased this bulb at the ADS auction at the Richmond, VA Convention. For the first bloom in the northern hemisphere it was very smooth and had good substance and form. Richard is the only one in the US that has this cultivar.

FUMIGANTS

After January 2001 the sale and use of methyl bromide will be illegal because of the danger it poses to health and environment. Many farmers (ex: tobacco and strawberry growers) are users of this product. I was told by Steve Vinisky that it is also used to fumigate ships of lumber and wheat. According to him they are the main abusers of this product by allowing the gas to escape into the air. Farmers cover the beds before fumigating and therefore do not pose much of a threat to the environment.

A new product is being field-tested by the US Department of Agriculture. It is called Champs and was developed by Champs All Natural Products of Pompano Beach, FL. Tests so far show that it killed 99.9% of *Fusarium oxysporum* (organism causing basal rot in daffodils) and was better or equal to methyl bromide for control of nematodes. The product is a non-toxic combination of spicy food ingredients.

Let's hope this product passes all the tests and is available very soon for daffodil growers.

Here and There

The RHS changed the classification of daffodils effective June 1998. Since not all CODS members are members of ADS I am including a page on classification.

Look at the new entrance to the display garden as Helen, Nancy and Christopher redesigned and planted the entrance beds on Saturday, October 25.

CLASSIFICATION OF DAFFODILS ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



DIVISION 1 TRUMPET DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

One flower to a stem; trumpet (corona) as long as, or longer than the perianth segments



DIVISION 2 LONG-CUPPED DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

One flower to a stem; cup (corona) more than one-third, but less than equal to the length of the perianth segments



DIVISION 3 SHORT-CUPPED DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

One flower to a stem; cup (corona) not more than one-third the length of the perianth segments



DIVISION 4 DOUBLE DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

One or more flowers to a stem, with doubling of the perianth segments or the cup or both



DIVISION 5 TRIANDRUS DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

Characteristics of *Narcissus triandrus* clearly evident: usually two or more pendent flowers to a stem; perianth segments reflexed



DIVISION 6 CYCLAMINEUS DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

Characteristics of *Narcissus cyclamineus* clearly evident: one flower to a stem; perianth segments significantly reflexed; flower at an acute angle to the stem, with a very short pedicel (neck)



DIVISION 7 JONQUILLA AND APODANTHUS DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

Characteristics of Sections Jonquilla or Apodanthi group clearly evident: one to five (rarely eight) flowers to a stem; perianth segments spreading or reflexed; corona cup-shaped, funnel-shaped or flared, usually wider than long; flowers fragrant



DIVISION 8 TAZETTA DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

Characteristics of the Section Tazettae clearly evident: usually three to twenty flowers to a stout stem; perianth segments spreading not reflexed; flowers usually fragrant



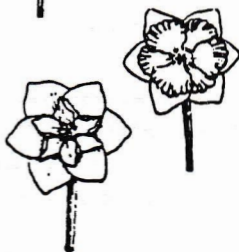
DIVISION 9 POETICUS DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

Characteristics of the *Narcissus poeticus* group; usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments pure white; cup very short or disc-shaped, usually with a green and/or yellow center and a red rim, but sometimes of a single color; flowers fragrant



DIVISION 10 BULBOCODIUM DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

Characteristics of Section Bulbocodium clearly evident: usually one flower to a stem; perianth segments insignificant compared with the dominant cup; anthers dorsifixed (ie attached more or less centrally to the filament); filament and style usually curved.



DIVISION 11 SPLIT CORONA DAFFODILS CULTIVARS

Corona split - usually for more than half its length

a COLLAR DAFFODILS

Split corona daffodils with the corona segments opposite the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in two whorls of three

b. PAPILLON DAFFODILS

Split corona daffodils with the corona segments alternate to the perianth segments; the corona segments usually in a single whorl of six

DIVISION 12 OTHER DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

Daffodils which do not fit the definition of any other division

DIVISION 13 DAFFODILS DISTINGUISHED SOLELY BY BOTANICAL NAME

AFFAIR OF THE HORT

Phyllis Hess

CODS again participated in the *Affair of the Hort* sponsored by Inniswood Gardens on September 25 - 27. Since the miniatures did not sell well last year it was decided to purchase paperwhites for sale. 300 bulbs of 'Ziva' 8W-W were ordered and bagged six per bag. Nancy Kolson had offsets for sale, \$2.00 a bag, with the money earmarked for the Whetstone Daffodil Garden. Blooming size bulbs were donated by Naomi Liggett and sold 3 for \$2.00.

Standard bulbs donated by members appear to sell best. In future years maybe more members should concentrate on donating more bulbs for this sale.

Thanks so much for the people who helped. Bessie Haddad, Naomi Liggett, Nancy Kolson, Betty Keahiler, Irene Moseley and Helen Meeker.

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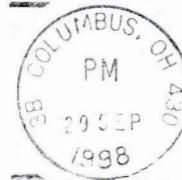
Mary Lou Gripshover recently had surgery and has started chemotherapy. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this time.

Fred Rucker is having problems with his back and is at present wearing a back brace. Let's hope his condition is improving.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Potluck & Bulb Sale	October 4, 1998
Midwest Regional Meeting	October 10, 1998
Plant Whetstone Park	October 17, 1988
CODS Meeting	November 10, 1998

DEADLINE January Newsletter: December 15, 1998



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