

CODS CORNER

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Dear Fellow CODS Members,

The good news is that beds 4, 5, and 6, thanks to many volunteers are PLANTED! A big thank you to those who were there on Saturday and did such a good job.

The bad news is that I messed up and you nearly got a newsletter with no front page. I really apologize to Naomi, she works so hard at doing a good job and then people like me mess her up.

We are going to have a bulb sale at Franklin Park Conservatory on October 30th; 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM or while supplies last. It will be in the Atrium, north side, 2nd floor. The Conservatory will set up tables, trash cans and chairs. They will receive 20% of the net profit. They are holding a "Used Plant Sale" the same day so the two events should complement each other. I will be contacting some of you to help in bagging and pricing before the 30th. Tag has some bulbs to donate and anyone else who has "leftovers" we WILL need them. Call and tell me how we can get your bulbs. I know we had thought maybe to wait until next year but we already have a list of folks who want to be notified and who were told they would get a postcard about the sale. We NEED to go forward with this. Please call and offer to help and tell me what times you will be available. Next year we will dig the bulbs that have been donated to us and have a larger sale.

Our Fall Get-together was held on a lovely day, if you missed it, you missed lots of delicious food. I hesitate to call it a cocktail party as we mostly eat and talk!

Don't forget to register and attend the World Daffodil Convention being held in Portland! Some of us will be staying on for a few days, on the coast, in the same house my family rented this summer. It was heaven!

Long time CODS member, Cecile Spitz, died this summer and will be greatly missed. She served as Membership and Sunshine Chairman for years. Cecile was our number one "Mentor" of new members. She also spent many hours working in the Daffodil Garden at Whetstone Park.

Nancy has the programs and times set at Franklin Park Conservatory for our meetings. Please attempt to bring a guest with you. You can refer to your roster for times and dates. We will be able to park in the area outside where we have our shows. There will be security people present. I think we will enjoy this venue. Gary Clarke is being most cooperative and wants us there. Isn't it nice to be WANTED!

Again my apologies to Naomi.

See you at the Bulb Sale.

Phyllis

SPRING IN SEPTEMBER

Naomi Liggett

It's always a good year when one can experience Spring twice in the same year. After a hot, very dry summer it was off to Australia where rhododendrons, magnolias, tulips, flowering quince and many other spring-flowering plants were in full bloom. Of course, one cannot leave out our favorite flower, daffodils!

We arrived in Hobart on a day with cold southerly winds and temperatures in the low 50's. This was quite an adjustment after leaving the 80's and 90's behind in Ohio. The trip this time took over thirty-one hours and needless to say the first thing we did was go to bed.

The Daffodil and Camellia Show sponsored by the Hobart Horticultural Society was the following day. There were lots of good flowers in the show, but overall I did not think it was up to the standard of past shows I have seen in Tasmania. They had had a warm winter resulting in an earlier season and a dry spring.

Ian Norman won his first Grand Championship with 'Impeccable' 2Y-Y and Reserve Champion with 'Lady Diana' 2W-W. These two daffodils were also Division 2Y-Y and 2W-W winners. Kevin & Mary Crowe won the best miniature with an elegant 6Y-Y seedling, 13/98 'Nanty' x *cyclamineus*. It came from an entry of three stems all from the same cross and all were of good quality.

David & Robin Jackson won Class 1 (twelve stems to include at least four trumpets and four large cupped daffodils) with all seedlings. Class 2 (12 x 1 raised in Tasmania) went to the Jackson's and included all seedlings except 'Kyalami' 2Y-Y, 'Padre' 4Y-R, 'Entente' 2Y-YOO, 'Clubman' 1W-Y, 'Verran' 2W-P, 'Graffiti' 2W-YYO, 'Whiz Bang' 4Y-Y, 'Piraeus' 4Y-R, 'Fortescue' 4W-R, 'Tycoon' 3W-WWY, 'High Hand' 2Y-Y and two seedlings won the class for 12 x 3 any division/s. Their winning Class 99 (twelve any division/s) included 'Truculent' 3W-WWY, 'Entente', 'Verran', 'Accommodate' 2Y-Y, 'Punter' 2W-Y, 'Goforit' 2Y-R, 'Misquote' 1Y-Y, 'DiHard' 1W-P, 'Wysiwyg' 1W-W plus three seedlings.

Glenbrook Daffodils won the classes for twelve large cupped daffodils and six any division/s. Included in these collections were: 'Sarn' 2W-P, 'Debate' 2Y-R, 'Gold Kiwi' 2Y-Y, 'Homestead' 2W-W, 'Rheban Red' 2Y-O, 'Carmand' 2Y-Y, 'Goforit', plus several seedlings.

The show also had a Red, White and Blue collection (three stems) for the first time and it was won by

Glenbrook Bulb Farm. I am sorry I neglected to note what was in this collection.

Named cultivars winning divisional championships were 'Kurrewa' 1W-W, 'Graffiti', 'Evesham' 3W-GYY, 'Fussy' 2Y-O, 'Figi' 4Y-Y, 'Abracadabra' 6Y-Y, 'Brentswood' 8W-Y, 'Nodding Acquaintance' 7Y-Y and *bulbocodium nivalis* 13Y-Y. The remaining ten winners were all seedlings. Mary & Keith Crowe won the best seedling and Best Division 5 with 'Silver Bells' x *triandrus* that was a lovely 5W-Y with two florets.

Friday evening Rod Barwick had a farewell party for Richard Ezell and Bob Spotts. It was great fun although I was very tired and a little cold even sitting by the fire. I did have the opportunity to talk with Julie Ann, one of the daughters of the late Harold Cross. The Tasvention Tour had tea at her home in 1988. She is a delightful lady.

Saturday was misting and in the afternoon we drove to Surges Bay, home of Jackson Daffodils. A little distance from the house, about fifteen acres of daffodils are grown for cut flowers and to sell as bulbs to the general public. Since this was one of two Open Garden Days Robin and David were very busy.

A new endeavor soon be undertaken by David is about a five acre vineyard. Do not look for the Jackson label as it will be a few years before the grapes will be ready to make wine. Then he plans to but keep it for personal usage only

Sunday, Ian Norman picked Jim and I up and drove us to Harold Cross' old home. It is now owned by a nephew of Harold's who is a doctor and uses the house as a halfway house for some of his patients. The daffodils had been neglected for a couple of years but now one of the residents has taken an interest in them. The gentleman showed a few of them in the Hobart Show winning the best Division 11 with a Cross seedling. He planned to enter the Launceston Show the next weekend. Since they have not been dug since Harold died they are in great need of dividing. At least they have not been lost to future generations.

Ian then drove us to his brother's home (old family home) where he grows his daffodils. It is a developers dream, a large picturesque lot situated on the Derwent River. Many of his bulbs are grown in containers and some in raised beds. Ian has not been growing daffodils long, recently being retired, but will be someone to reckon with on the show bench. He also has a quarantine house as does Rod. After viewing his daffodils, he dropped us off at Rods.

At Rods we sat and talked sipping wine and then a walk around the daffodil plantings sipping wine. Then it was back inside sipping more wine and a bite to eat. I now see why Rod wanted Ian to take us to his house as my designated driver may have sipped too much wine. An interesting cross of Rod's is *N. fernandesii* x *N. bulbocodium*. The result is a smaller bulbocodium type cup and somewhat wider segments. A bloom of this cross was best Division 12 in the Hobart Show. He also had miniature double seedlings that were just starting to open.

On Monday we flew to Melbourne, picked up a car and started to drive to Adelaide via the Great Coast Road. South of Geelong we came upon a field of approximately thirty or more kangaroos - Kodak Moment #1. Unfortunately this was not to be as Jim discovered the camera no longer worked. I vaguely remembered that he had dropped it at Rod's the previous day. He did not remember this after a little too much wine and beer. The next few towns we passed through were too small for a camera shop. At Warranamwool, a fairly large city, there were two camera shops. Diagnosis: The camera had been dropped but was easily fixed. Of course Kodak Moment #2 and #3, interesting rock formations in the ocean, were long past.

On the second day we took a loop road through the Coorong National Park and met an emu walking down the road. It immediately ran off into the bush and joined its mate. Too late for a photo! However it was exciting to see one in the wild.

Later we were driving along and saw a sign, Daffodils 1km. It turned out to be a lady who grew about thirty Dutch-type cultivars to sell for cut flowers and bulbs. Also for sale were containers of daffodils that could be purchased and planted in your garden immediately.

After Adelaide we flew to Sydney for two nights to do some shopping. Olympic Fever was everywhere with almost every type of item with the logo was available. It was also prominently displayed on many office buildings. Darling Harbor and the Circle Quay have a Silver Gull problem. People feed them and they eat at garbage dumps therefore they have become a big pest. Along with them I did spot an ibis.

Early Tuesday afternoon we headed to Bowral about one and one half hours south of Sydney for the Australian Daffodil Championships. *Daffodils 99* was the biannual meeting of The National Daffodil Association of Australia held every other year. It rotates through the four societies and this year's host was The Daffodil Association of NSW/ACT. Bowral is located in the Southern Highlands of Australia and is a favorite destination for Sydrites. When we arrived it was very

windy and cold. The town is known for their annual Tulip Festival and this year it was set ahead a week to coincide with the Daffodil/Camellia Show. This year they planted earlier flowering cultivars and I think there were more tulips blooming than daffodils.

The Kiwis who brought flowers to the show had a slight edge since many Australians had an early season. The Australian Daffodil Championship - open (12 stems any division/s) was won by Koanga Daffodils. There were several entries and Jackson Daffodils placed second and Brogden Bulbs third. The Champion Division 1 came from this winning collection and went on to win the Grand Champion Daffodil Award. It was 'Nynja' registered as a 2Y-Y but measured a Division 1. In Australia daffodils are not entered according to their assigned division but in the division they measure that day. It would be possible for one cultivar to win two divisional championships in the same show. Strange rule! Other flowers in this collection were 'Procyon' 1Y-Y, 'Centerfold' 3W-YYR, 'Gold Bond' 2Y-Y, 'Sheelagh Rowan' 2W-W, 'Truculent', 'Cameo Rebel' 3Y-YRR, 'Egmont Charm' 2W-YYO and four seedlings. Andrew Jenkins, whom many of you met on the trip to England last year, won the Australian Championship - Amateur Class (six stems any division/s). It was a very good collection and included 'Impeccable', 'New Life' 3W-Y, 'Kiwi Solstice' 4Y-R, 'Kasia' 2Y-OOR, 'POPS Legacy' 1W-Y and a 2W-W seedling. Jackson's won the Australian Seedling Championship, six seedlings Division 1-4 and best seedling with 190/81 2W-P.

Lawrence Trevanion took the miniature championship with six different miniatures. He had a beautiful bloom of *N. calcicola* with three florets which was runner-up for the best miniature. 'Baby Moon' O.P. 7Y-Y, *N. rupicola* 13Y-Y, *N. b. tenuifolius* 13Y-Y, *N. triandrus* 13W-W and a 10Y-Y seedling made up the rest of the collection.

The best miniature was *N. b. tenuifolius* (collected form) that was about the size of my little finger nail. It was outstanding. An exquisite bloom of Tracey 6W-W was Reserve Grand Champion and Best Division 6 shown by Meeting Chairman, Tony Davis.

Other division champions were: 'Guiding Light' 2W-W, 'Polar Morn' 3W-W, 'Arapawa Icon' 4Y- , 'Tuesday's Child' 5W-Y, 7Y-O seedling, 'White Pearl' 8W-W, Ornatus 9W-YYR, 'Mitimoto' 10W-Y and 'Mondragon' 11aY-O

The *Daffodils 99* dinner was held that evening and was a gala affair. Awards were presented and a speech was given by American Daffodil Society President, Robert Spotts.

Sunday it warmed up and lunch was served at Tony Davis and Maureen Purtell's home. It is a beautifully landscaped home set on one and one-half acres of sloping land. They have only lived there about four years but you would think it was much longer. Tony's daffodil patch is at the bottom of the slope and includes many of his own seedlings. Unfortunately he has developed some type of "allergy" to daffodils and wore a special helmet when working with them. It is a shame that he must give up his work with daffodils as he did quite well in the show winning the amateur seedling class, Reserve Champion/Division 6, Division 7 with a seedling and Grand Champion camellia with 'Harold Page'. The show had a great number of miniature species and a large number of Division 6 miniature seedlings. Most of the seedlings were hybridized by Keira's Graham Fleming. He had a few 6W-W that show a lot of promise. It seems there are now a lot of hybridizers developing Division 6 miniatures. It could someday become very difficult to identify them. It was great meeting so many people I had only read about and to see old daffodil friends.

Early Monday morning we left for Sydney for a flight to ChristChurch. It took almost one and one half hours to check our luggage! I hope conditions improve before the 2000 Olympics.

To be continued in January *CODS Corner*.

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WHETSTONE GARDEN

Irene Moseley, Chairman

Nine members helped replant three beds Saturday, October 2 at Whetstone Park. John Klein and Mike Chrisman dug the holes and Barbara Rose, Barbara Altenburg, Helen Meeker, Nancy Kolson, Betty Kealiher, Donna Dietsch and myself placed and covered the bulbs. The job was completed by 11:30 AM. Thanks to all who helped especially the new members and hope to see you all at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at
7:30

DEADLINE January Newsletter: December 15, 1999

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