

CODS CORNER

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Tag Bourne, President

Naomi Liggett, Editor

Dear Fellow CODS Members:

We are again in the midst of the busiest time of the year for daffodil folks. Some of us have spent a great deal of time at the Hess' recently sorting and cleaning daffodil bulbs for our sale at Franklin Park Conservatory and those we are planting back at Whetstone Park.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Phyllis for the tremendous amount of work she has done handling and storing all our bulbs at her house as well as the bulb sale. You know the saying "Somebody's got to do it", well, thank the Lord we have Phyllis who volunteered to do this for CODS. It's a messy, dirty job and Phyllis, we thank you.

On October 1, starting at 4:00 p.m., we will replant Bed 10 at Whetstone Park. Bring the necessary tools for this job and I hope to see enough members so we can finish the job before nightfall. Those who work will be welcomed at a later time. Rain date for this project is October 8.

Our work with Habitat for Humanity will continue, however I will not be doing a workshop this year. Four garden clubs are going the landscaping at four different Habitat houses and CODS is providing them with daffodil bulbs, which some of our members donated as well as what came out of Whetstone Garden.

The Executive Board met on July 25 and we have some exciting programs for you this coming year. The first meeting will be on November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin Park Conservatory. Our speaker will be Mary Lou Gripshover, one of the founding members of CODS and First Vice-President of the American Daffodil Society. She will show slides on her trips to Spain and talk about the daffodil species they encountered in the wild.

Our ADS Regional Meeting will be held on October 19, 2002 at 1680 Orange Road in the Orange Township Hall.

We were saddened to receive word of the death of Sir Frank Harrison of Ballydorn Bulb Farm in Northern Ireland. In 1993 Sir Frank received the ADS Gold Medal for accomplishments of a pre-eminent nature in the advancement of daffodil cultivars. I was fortunate to be in Northern Ireland in 1998 when Brian Duncan presented the Peter Barr Memorial Cup to Sir Frank. It was the first time I had seen him speechless. He was so friendly and pleasant to be around. We will certainly miss him.

We also received notice of the death of Kate Reade's husband, Robin. A number of years ago, Robin was attacked by robbers as he left his office to go to his car. He was severely injured and has been confined to a wheelchair since that time. I am sure Kate would appreciate your condolences.

It is with deep sorrow that I advise CODS members of the death of Phyllis' mother, Louise, yesterday morning (Tuesday). Louise was a member of CODS at one time and often joined us for our scheduled meetings. We will miss her and send our deepest sympathy and prayers to Phyllis and the Hess Family.

I look forward to seeing all of you, especially our new members, at our November 12 meeting.

Cordially

TAG

BULB SALE

Phyllis Hess, Chairman

The annual bulb sale was held at Franklin Park Conservatory on Sunday, September 15, 2002. It was very successful in that we gained a new member: Dorothy Hicks, 262 Charles Road, Pataskala OH 43062. Phone number: 740-927-3969. Dorothy is a chemistry teacher at Northland High School and came to us through the urging of our young member, Sarah Scribner. Welcome aboard Dorothy and way to go Sarah.

We sold \$350.00 worth of bulbs at Franklin Park Conservatory. The Park will receive \$70.10 of that amount. There was a \$4.00 expense for felt tip markers. \$46.00 worth of bulbs was sold after the sale.

\$280.40 Franklin Park Conservatory
46.00 Hess House
326.40 Total sold
- 4.00 pens
\$322.40 Total from bulb sale

(CODS will need to reimburse Phyllis for bags used for packaging.)

At the members bulb sale held at Hess house September 10 \$29.25 was the total Sales

Grand Total of bulb sales: \$351.65

(Editors note: The bulbs remaining after the sale were sold to Adena Daffodil Society for \$128.57. \$5.00 worth of bulbs were sold at the planting at Whetstone.)

I want to thank Bess Haddad (Bess brought her delicious chocolates and some wonderful cookies), Donna Dietsch, Jodi Scribner, Naomi Liggett, Betty Kealiher, Shawna Fancher and especially Helen Meeker and Sarah Scribner. They came at 9:00 am and stayed all day helping with the sale. Thanks also to Tag Bourne who helped bag on Saturday along with Donna, Naomi, Helen and Irene Moseley. (Was great to be able to spend time with her)

The turnout was not great at Franklin Park Conservatory but we could not complain as we so need the rain that kept folks from coming out to the park.

A LOVER OF POETS

Tag Bourne

A number of years ago, I became a member of the American Daffodil Society's Poet Round Robin. At that time, Meg Yerger was chair of this robin and knew more about Division 9 than any other person I had known.

I began at that time to collect every poet I could find. I helped to write the ADS Poet Slide Program, which is still being shown today. They are still a favorite of mine, but I do not grow as many as I formerly did.

Originally, I collected many of the Rev. George Engleheart's cultivars. He was the "dean" of poeticus hybridizers and it is indeed good luck that we still have some of his cultivars today. I still grow 'Horace' 9W-YOR, 'Sonata' 9W-GYR, 'Dactyl' 9 W-GYR, and 'Red Rim' 9W-GYR. Guy Wilson hybridized another of my favorites 'Cantabile' 9W-GGR in 1932 and it is still being shown in our shows today. It has a beautiful green eye, has excellent form, good show qualities and can be found at a decent price. Tom Bloomer of Northern Ireland (founder of Rathowen Daffodils) gave us 'Poet's Way' 9 W-GYR that is excellent.

Grant Mitsch crossed 'Quetzal' x 'Smyrna' and came up with a number of outstanding poets with excellent show form and they are readily available from the Havens' catalogue. I still grow 'Angel Eyes' 9W-GYO and 'Bright Angel' 9 W-GOR. From this cross, I also had 'Emerald' 9W-GOR, but for some reason I cannot keep this one. Another of my favorites and one I certainly would not be without is 'Vienna Woods' 9W-R, which the Havens introduced in 1992. It has broad, rounded perianth

segments, is pure-white, and a wonderful orange-red coloring.

This October I will be planting back into my garden a number of Division 9 cultivars, some of which are my favorites hybridized by Sir Frank Harrison. 'Fanad Head' 9 W-GGR is excellent with a cup of sage green and very bright red rim. 'Torr Head' 9 W-GYR, 'Murlough' 9 W-GYR and 'Malin Head' 9 W-GWO are excellent examples of what a poet should look like. I also grow 'Moyle' 9 W-GYO, but from it, I get very small bulbs and one of my criteria for a good poet is how well it reproduces.

Even though there is great discussion as to whether it is a Division 9 or should be in Division 3, I still grow as much 'Killearnan' 9 W-GYR as I can. It has won Best in Show for me more than once. If John Lea thinks it's a poet, I certainly would not argue with his knowledge of daffodils. If you peruse ADS show reports you will see it's very popular across the country.

Helen Link's 'Phebe' 9 W-GYO has a nice rounded perianth, vivid color, plus usually uniform blooms that make it easy to get together a vase of 3 and it reproduces well. Another of Helen's introductions is 'Lucy Jane' 9 W-GYR, which I would not be without in my garden.

In the past, I corresponded a great deal with Murray Evans and he loved to write long, interesting letters and we discussed Division 9 poets a great deal. I finally talked him into registering a couple, one of which was 'Starlet' 9 W-GYR, one of my very, very favorites in this division. I also would not be without 'Proxy' 9 W-GYR and I also like 'Array' 9 W-GYR, however I cannot keep it for too long.

I mentioned Meg Yerger earlier and she did a great deal of hybridizing with poeticus. I am planting back this year 'Pert' 9 W-GYR, which reproduces well for me and 'Secret Circle' 9 W-GYR. Meg used 'Lights Out' 9 W-OOR a great deal in her hybridizing, which is a very small poet. She was working toward poet miniatures.

My motive in writing this article for *CODS CORNER* is to assist some of our new members in selecting poets that are showable, poets that have a tendency toward good increase and poets that will provide a late showing in your garden.

NEW MEMBERS

Dorothy Hicks, 262 Charles Road, Pataskala, OH
43062 Phone: 740-927-3969 Welcome!!!!

WHETSTONE GARDEN

Helen Meeker, Chairman

Tuesday, October 1 Tag Bourne, Hubert Bourne, Sandra Lepard, Irene Moseley, Bessie Haddad and Naomi Liggett met at 4:00 PM and planted Bed 10.

Work is needed to remove the dead treated weeds from the beds. The Park does not -- but later add mulch over whatever is there. This underlying mess adds to the chore of weeding.

As previously reported the Park will be widening the road through the daffodil garden. This summer members and friends spent many hours removing bulbs from Beds 1, 7, 14, the miniatures and the historic cultivars from bed 15. The two entrance beds were dug as well as 10.

The road work should begin soon, as the tree surgeons were busy cutting lower limbs from nearby trees this week. (Editors Note: The roads have been bulldozed even the road going east and west through the garden. No one knows why this was done and the edges of the planted beds are in danger of being disturbed.)

The construction crew will move the rock that has the bronze plaque with CODS engraved on it over onto the south end of Bed 2. The cultivator, 'Whetstone' 1W-W, will be planted around that rock. It has been mentioned that the wood structure at the end of Bed 14 will be rebuilt. We will wait to see that change and where it is moved.

Garden visitors ask why labels are not in all beds. Next spring we want to have labels in all the beds.

Summer 2003, Beds 2, 3, 11 and 12 will be dug. Bed 3 is not full because there were not enough bulbs when it was planted. Now Bed 2 is not full as recently someone removed the bulbs from the south end. Until spring we will not know what cultivars were taken.

What was he thinking? While discussing the road widening, a man pointed to the hedge on the west side and asked "Are they going to move the hedge over too?" Was he being sarcastic about the project?

Time spent in any garden in the fall is noticeable in the spring. Try to find time to "do some time" at Whetstone.

DUES

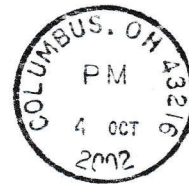
CODS dues are now past due. Please send your check for \$5.00 single, \$6.00 family made out to CODS Elsie Hack, Treasurer, P O Box 276. Powell OH 43065. This will be your last issue of *CODS Corner*.

_____ Dues not paid

Next meeting: November 12, 2002 at Franklin Park Conservatory at 7:30 PM. Mary Lou Gripshover will do a slide presentation on her recent trip to Spain.

Deadline for January newsletter: December 15, 2002.

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