

CODS CORNER

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Dear Daffodil Friends:

The first order of bulbs has just arrived from Oregon. It's always exciting to examine them and to see just how generous the growers have been. And when they have all arrived, the work begins. A new bed which has been under plastic for two years is now ready. It would be great if the baking has killed all the weed seed also.

Congratulations to Phyllis Hess who has finally retired from her school bus driving job. It will probably be difficult to reach her now that she and Dave will be traveling and playing golf.

Cyndy Hyde had a stay in the Cleveland Clinic but is now at home recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Because of the wet spring and summer, we did not dig bulbs at Whetstone this year; therefore, we will not be having our usual bulb sale. We hope for better weather next year. With all the moisture, there should be some large bulbs.

With this issue of CODS Corner, I'm happy to introduce Narcissus who will be writing a question and answer column for all your daffodil issues. Narcissus is the brother of Hyacinth Bucket and her sisters Daisy, Rose, and Violet. He lives at Lands End, England where he is president of his local horticultural society and writes a column for the local paper. His wife grows water lilies in a pond which is home to a koi named Oscar. He can be reached by addressing your questions to Tag Bourne who will forward them to Narcissus.

If you haven't done so, mark your calendar for November 1 to attend the Midwest Regional Meeting in Cincinnati. It isn't necessary for you to be a member of ADS to attend.

Happy Autumn.

Betty

CENTRAL OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY TROPHIES

Way back when (January 1971) Mary Lou Gripshover was Editor of CODS Corner, Vol. I, No. 1. Mary Lou wrote "Hopefully future issues of a newsletter will include at least one worthwhile article related to growing, showing and/or enjoying daffodils." In that newsletter, an award or trophy for Norwest Flower Show by CODS was first mentioned. Hence, this brings me to a request that Phyllis Hess made that I write an article on CODS Show Trophies.

In conjunction with Adena Daffodil Society on April 17th, 1971, CODS members participated in their first daffodil show. Most of us were familiar with showing since we were long time members of garden clubs that participated in the Norwest Flower Shows. At the Adena Show, Mary Elizabeth Blue won all of the ADS ribbons.

The first CODS sponsored show was held on April 28th, 1972 at the Mountview Baptist Church, corner of Mountview and Fishinger Roads, in Upper Arlington with Naomi Liggett and Ruth Pardue as co-chairpersons. Grace Baird gave the Walter T. Poppenger Award in honor of her father for the best collection of five daffodils. Grace had requested that her father build the blocks for our show so from scrap wood that he had on hand he built our first set of properties. Grace died this past April, but we still have Mr. Poppenger's granddaughter, Margaret, as a member of our group.

The Mary Elizabeth Blue Founders Cup is given for the best Standard Daffodil in the show. Mary Elizabeth was a charter member of CODS and its first President. The Mary Elizabeth Blue Founders Cup was first presented in April of 1973. Mary Elizabeth requested that it be given for Best in Show. Mary Elizabeth Blue was the first Honorary Member of CODS along with Wells Knierim. Mary Ellen Sheridan, who is presently one of our ADS directors, is the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Blue.

The Central Ohio Daffodil Society Trophy was first given for 3 stems each of 12 cultivars from three different divisions (this is the ADS Bronze Ribbon in Regional Shows). However, it is now given for the best collection of 5 white daffodils.

Mary Lou Gripshover is a charter member of CODS and was made an Honorary Member at the November 7th, 1978 meeting of CODS. At the February 6th, 1979 meeting, a motion passed giving a trophy honoring Mary Lou for her services to the Society. The group voted to give the trophy for the Best American Bred Standard or Miniature in the Show. Mary Lou has served the American Daffodil Society in many capacities; viz. Past Executive Director, Editor of the Journal, Regional Vice President, First and Second Vice President and will become its President at the annual meeting this April in Washington, D. C.

The Wells and Mary Knierim Trophy is given for the Best vase of 3 Standard Daffodils. Wells gave our first daffodil clinic in 1969 and demonstrated grooming techniques and orally judged our specimens, which were brought for display. Bulbs from Wells and Mary always found their way to Columbus from Cleveland every fall for members personally, for our bulb sales and for our garden at Whetstone Park. His photographic skills were always shared with us at meetings. Wells was Past President of ADS and served many years as its Treasurer. They were made Honorary Members in appreciation for their generosity to our Society. They would always heed our cries for help and come through willingly. Mary died October 4th, 1983 and Wells died December 8th, 1992, both with cancer. They are buried in Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland where thousands of daffodils are naturalized in their memory.

The Leonora C. Wilkie Award was established for the Best Miniature in the show and given for the first time in 1974. Leonora lived in Bellbrook, Ohio and was the first judge

accredited by the American Daffodil Society. She was a great teacher and taught most of us in Judges School and was always willing to do meetings and help in any way she could. She was a beautiful lady.

The Jean Wright Award is now given for the Best Standard Daffodil in the Small Growers Section of our show. Jean joined CODS in 1974 and served as Treasurer from 1978-1980. Jean was a valuable member of our Society and a true lady in all respects. She was an avid exhibitor in the Small Growers Section. But more than a great member of CODS, she was a special person. Her husband, Ed, participated in CODS' events after her death from cancer.

The Novice Trophy was first awarded at our April 1975 show to Charlyne Segmiller for her bloom of "Rashee". This class was then open to anyone growing less than 50 cultivars. It is now given to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Small Growers Section of an ADS Show.

The Christopher David Lang Trophy is given for the best standard daffodil in the Junior Section. Cynthia Bell gave this trophy in honor of her first grandson.

Cynthia Bell Memorial Trophy is given for the best collection of 12 cultivars and/or species from not less than 4 RHS Divisions. Cynthia Bell was a charter member and president of CODS from 1972-1974. Cynthia, together with Mary Elizabeth Blue was an inspiration to many of us in growing exhibition daffodils. On a cold January day in 1969 Cynthia invited us to meet at her home and discuss forming a daffodil society. The Cynthia Bell Memorial Trophy was approved by the Society in 1974 after Cynthia's death from cancer. This was Cynthia's favorite class. The trophy is a sterling silver bud vase. Also, friends of Cynthia presented for the first time at the ADS Midwest Regional Show in Indianapolis on April 22, 1975 a pewter trophy for a collection of 12.

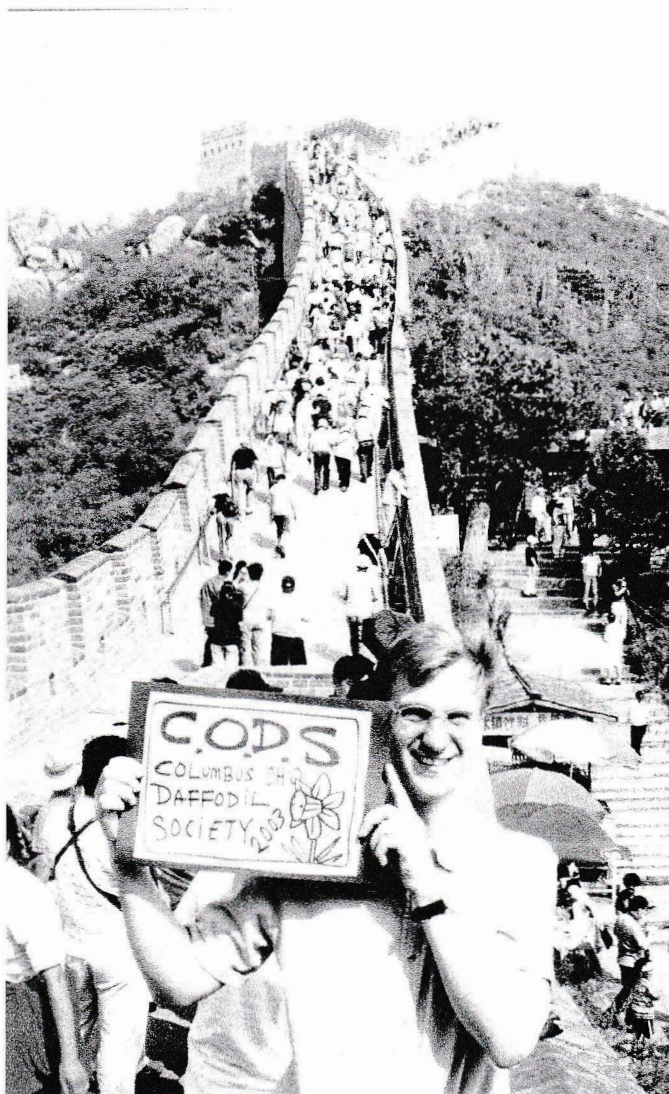
The Norwest Flower Show Trophy was returned to us after Norwest decided they

would no longer be presenting flower shows. This is a beautiful small silver tray, which is given in the class for the best collection of 5 miniature daffodils.

Before Wells Knierim's death he gave to CODS a number of small trophies that we have been placing in different classes. There are very few of these remaining. We have a few small items that members have donated for trophies. Where these are placed in the show is at the discretion of the Show Chair.

The Brogden Award is not a trophy as such, but bulbs of New Zealand cultivars, which is given for the best New Zealand Daffodil.

Tag Bourne



Christopher Maslon, world traveler, sends his regards from the Great Wall of China to all CODS members everywhere.

CODS first meeting of the year will be a Christmas potluck dinner at Tag & Hubert Bourne's at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 10th. Details later. Be sure to put this on your calendar now.

CODS DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE:

Please send your check for \$5.00 single, \$6.00 family dues made out to CODS, to Phyllis Hess, 3670 E. Powell Rd., Lewis Center, OH 43035-9530.

An "X" in this space _____ indicates that this is your last copy of the newsletter because dues have not been paid.

Deadline for Jan. Newsletter: Dec. 15, 2003.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like to see some copy from some new people. How about it! One day when it's too cold to be outside, sit before the fire and write me a few words. CODS members in the past wrote many interesting articles for CODS CORNER. Who could forget Grace Baird's article on "Galway Goes To the Show"?

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