



# CODS CORNER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

After a long, hot, dry summer, Fall has arrived and with it another daffodil planting season and a new year for CODS. It began this month with a highly successful members bulb sale. Thanks to the Culbertson's and Phyllis Hess for all their efforts. Also thanks to Ruth Pardue as our champion salesperson this year, but we still have some collections to sell.

This past weekend everyone had an enjoyable time at our annual cocktail party. Lots of great food as always from our members and we all sampled the California wines which we had received from Nancy and Gene Cameron of Anaheim, California. It was most enjoyable to visit with all our members from near and far who had not been together since convention. The party certainly indicates no lack of enthusiasm for another great year for CODS.

Hope to see everyone again at the Fall Regional in Cincinnati on Saturday, October 3rd, and also, at Whetstone Park to plant on October 9th and 10th.

Elsie Hack has the year books ready and will mail them to all members who were unable to attend the cocktail party. Thanks Elsie for all your hard work in assembling our yearbook.

Let's all pray for some rain for our daffodil bulbs so they become well rooted down before the snow flies. Then we can all dream about the beautiful blooms that will surely come in the Spring.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mrs. Harry Mercer Joann)  
2019 Clinton St.  
Rockford, Illinois 61103

Jennifer & Kristin Rarey  
8001 Worthington Road  
Galena, Ohio 43021

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Pat Zwilling upon the death of her father, Mr. Clyde E. Schumaker of West Lafayette, Ohio.

On Saturday, September 5th, we lost a long-time member of CODS, Howard J. Ward. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Ruth and their children.

## Nar-SIS-us Nomenclature

Ever wonder where the name of our favorite flower came from? Does it come from the poet Ovid's "narcissistic" Greek lad or from the Greek word "narke" meaning deep sleep or stupor? When a daffodil bulb is eaten it can produce this effect, because it contains a toxic alkaloid.

All plants have at least two names. The first is the generic name which is a noun and the second is the species usually an adjective. In the binomial system the names are written in Latin or Latinized form and the grammatical rules of agreement in gender is followed. Therefore a word meaning white in Latin can be spelled *al-bus*, male; *alba*, feminine; and *album*, neuter depending upon the gender of the genus. However, some species names are the same no matter what the gender. Ex. *bicolor*.

What is genus? It is a closely related and definable group of plants comprising one or more species. Species is the smallest population that's permanently distinct with characteristics that set them apart from other plants. They are capable of interbreeding and occur in nature.

Let's take a look at the meanings of the most familiar daffodil species.

- cyclamí-neus* - resembling cyclamen
- trián-drus* - with three stamens
- jonquil'la* - referring to rush-like leaves
- tazet'ta* - Italian vernacular name used for a narcissus meaning a small cup (*tazza*) from the form of the cup
- poét-icus* - pertaining to poets. Associated with ancient Greek and Roman poets

The specific epithet often conveys a little information about the plant as habit of growth, color, size or habitat. Personal names usually refer to the collector.

### Habitat:

- rupi'cola* - a dweller among rocks
- calci'cola* - growing in limy soil
- alpes-tris* - of the lower mountains

### Origin:

- helle'nicus* - of Greece, Grecian
- sco'ticus* - Scottish
- ita-licus* - of Italy
- asturien'sis* - from the province of Asturia, now Northern Spain

atlán ticus - from shores of Atlantic Ocean or Atlas  
Mountains of North Africa  
cantáb-ricus - from Cantabris (Spain)

**Color:**

citri-nus - citron-colored  
niva-lis - growing near snow  
ochroleu-cus - yellowish white  
cón-color - same color throughout  
auranti-acus - orange-red, orange colored  
pallidiflò-rus - pale-flowered  
albés-cens - whitish, becoming white  
viridiflò-rus - green-flowered  
au-reus - golden  
bic-olor - two-colored

**Habit of growth:**

grác-ilis - graceful, slender  
conspíc-uus - conspicuous  
cér-nuus - drooping, nodding  
maja-lis - May-flowering  
patellá-ris - disk-shaped, circular  
pat-ulus - spreading  
monophyl-lus - one-leaved  
serót-inus - late, late-flowering or ripening  
odó-rus - fragrant  
stellá-ris - starry, star-like, with spreading  
leaves or petals star-wise  
moschá-tus - musky, musk-scented  
obvallar-is - apparently surrounded by a wall  
præ-cox - very early  
recur-vus - curved back, bent sharply back  
abacis-us - ending abruptly, cut off  
confu-us - confused, uncertain, apt to be taken for  
another species  
tortuò-sus - twisted, contorted  
papyra-ceus - papery  
compres-sus - compressed, flattened  
dú-bius - doubtful  
tenu-ior - more slender  
flò-re plè-no - with double flowers  
juncifò-lius - rush-leaved  
canaliculá-tus - channeled, grooved  
filifò-luis - thread-leaved  
bulbocò-dium - fleecy covering to bulb  
orná-tus - ornate, adorned

**Size:**

máx-imus - largest  
min-imus - dwarf, smallest  
péw-milus (pumilus) - small

ma-jor - greater, larger  
mi-nor - very small  
obe-sus - obese, fat

**Individual names:**

henriquesii - in honor of Henriques  
watierii - in honor of Watier  
fernandesii - named for Fernandes

Generic names are always written with a capital letter, specific and varietal epithets with a small letter and cultivar epithets with a capital letter. Examples:

Narcissus triandrus  
Narcissus bulbocodium var. obesus  
Narcissus poeticus 'Smyrna'

There are many more species or subspecies of daffodils. Hopefully, when you encounter the above names you will remember why they are so named. Interestingly, the name given to triandrus by Linnaeus may be due to faulty observation since they have 6 stamens not just three.

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:** Accent Grave ( ` ) long vowel  
Acute Grave ( / ) short or other  
vowel sounds  
An accent is used to indicate the  
stressed syllable (rupi cola)

**SOURCES:** How Plants Get Their Names L. H. Bailey  
A Gardener's Dictionary of Plant Names William  
T. Stearn

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**SELECTING THE BEST BLOOM**

At the recent ADS Board Meeting in Cincinnati the rule for selecting the best bloom in the show was clarified. The following motion was passed: Any judge may select one candidate for the best bloom in the show from any section of the show. (Exception: if section calls for best single stem, no other flower in that section would be eligible) I do not think this will effect the Midwest Region since all of our shows have already been using this method.

Naomi Liggett, Judges & Schools Chr.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Sohner on the birth of their son, John Patrick, on September 19th.

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#### TASVENTION UPDATE

For a number of reasons, the original plans for the 1988 Tasvention have had to be re-arranged. Firm bookings have now been made for the following:

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| Sept. 10-11 | HOBART SHOW - AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP. At least one class for flowers not grown in Tasmania          |
| Sept. 11-14 | Visits to Port Arthur and to leading growers   |
| Sept. 15-16 | Visit to Tasmanian west coast and Gordon River   |
| Sept. 17-19 | Visit N. W. Coast, northern daffodil growers and the ULVERSTONE SHOW on the 17th                     |
| Sept. 20-21 | Davenport area, day trip to Cradle Mountain  |
| Sept. 22-24 | Visit Launceston area, culminating in the LAUNCESTON Daffodil Show on the 24th and a farewell dinner |

The above was taken from the New Zealand Daffodil Society newsletter and is the New Zealand portion of the trip. Should you desire information on the World Daffodil Convention contact Mr. Harold Cross, 254 Geilston Bay Road, Geilston Bay, Tasmania 7015.

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#### CORRECTION

In the last CODS CORNER, I typed in the wrong winners on the Miniature Gold and Miniature White Ribbons. The Miniature Gold Ribbon was taken by Helen Link for "Stafford" 7 Y-0 and Bill Pannill won the Miniature White for "Junior Miss" 6 W-Y.

#### CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

Oz 6 Y-Y has been changed to 7 Y-Y with the permission of Bill Pannill, who is the hybridizer.

#### WISTER AWARD

The second recipient of the Wister Award is Accent 2 W-P. This is an award given by the American Daffodil Society.

#### HERBICIDE TESTING AT WHETSTONE GARDEN

At the ADS Board Meeting in Cincinnati on September 12th, the Board approved the \$300.00 which CODS had requested for this project.

#### SHOW DATES MIDWEST REGION 1988

April 14 - Indiana Daffodil Society at Meridian St. United Methodist Church, 55 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Contact: Mrs. Walter Vonnegut, 8141 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46260

April 16-17 - Central Ohio Daffodil Society at Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad, Columbus, Ohio. Contact: Phyllis Hess, 3670 E. Powell Road, Westerville, OH 43081

April 16-17 - Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society at the Benjamin Wergyzan Garden Center,

Dayton, Ohio. Contact: Mr. Harold McConnell, 4075 Danern Drive, Dayton, OH 45430

April 19 - Adena Daffodil Society at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Chillicothe, Ohio. Contact: Ms. Mary Rutledge, 704 Ashley Drive, Chillicothe, OH 45601

April 23-24 - Kingwood Daffodil Society at the Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio. Contact: Mr. Charles Applegate, Route 2 - Box 163, Perrysville, OH 44864.

To date I have not received show dates from Indiana Growers South, Western Reserve, Northeastern Ohio and Northern Indiana.

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Just after the Columbus schools started back in session, I received a call from Mr. David Givler, the Art Teacher at Linmoor Alternative Middle School. He wanted to start a bulb planting project as a joint venture between the Art and Science Departments at the new alternative school. He had received a promise of bulbs from Oakland Nursery and got my name from Franklin Park Conservatory. He needed someone to teach the kids how to grow bulbs and also how to appreciate their beauty.

After talking to him for a while, we came up with an initial idea to have about 15 8th-grade students involved. I will teach them how to plant their bulbs and they will plant a bed at the school. I will also provide them each with two bulbs of good cultivars for them to grow at home. In the Spring, I will show them how to enter them into a show and, if all goes well and the flowers are in bloom at the right time, we hope to have them enter the Junior competition at our show. It would be nice if this could be a continuing project. Perhaps we might have some future CODS members from it.

This is something that I had been wanting to do for several years. I would welcome some early blooming cultivars to give to the kids since our show is early next year. Any other help or suggestions are welcome as well.

Donna Dietsch

We are nearly ready to plant at Whetstone Park. On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 and 10, starting at 9:30 we will be planting. This will be a good sized job this year, and we will need everyone who is available on those days. We have received gifts of new cultivars from several people and we're grateful for their continued interest in the garden.

The ADS Research, Health & Culture Committee has approved our request for a grant of \$300 for our pre-emergent herbicide test, which will be in Bed #17. Five hundred bulbs were ordered from Daffodil Mart. We are hoping to have Dr. Elton Smith join us on one of the planting days to start his testing.

Our newer members are especially urged to come out to help plant. The best way to learn is by doing it.

Our garden has been able to supply bulbs to two other ADS Test Gardens. We sent some to Hilltop Garden in Indiana and some for a new display garden just starting up in Edwardsville, Kansas. It's nice to be able to help other gardens since we get so much help for ours. In addition to those gardens, we supplied many bulbs to Franklin Park Conservatory which will be forced and put on display for their Spring Bulb Show. Afterward, they will be planted out in the park to be enjoyed by the public. They should look great in 1992 for AmeriFlora.

Donna Dietsch

REMINDER: CODS DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE .... If you find a check mark here \_\_\_\_\_ this will be your last newsletter unless you send a check for \$4.00 made to CODS and mailed to Mrs. Donald Zwilling, 3817 Mountview Road, Columbus, OH 43220 (CODS Treasurer).

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