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Tag Bourne, Editor

Dear CODS Members,

It has been a "different" fall and winter so lets hope spring is more "normal". Maybe the record snowfall in February will be a big help to the daffodils. So far I have 'Little Gem', 'Tete a Tete' and a species purchased for cyclamineus in bloom. It may be pseudonarcissus. Our show is in less than three weeks and I hope most of you will help by showing, setting up and tearing down the show. The more people helping makes the job go faster. Serendipity Garden Club is again handling the Design Division which helps make the show more interesting to the public.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is an article about our old daffodil garden space at Whetstone Garden. We want to add more daffodils to that garden and maybe be able to add it to the list of ADS Display Gardens. That would require 100 cultivars/species in the garden.

Our Editor, Tag Bourne, has been in the hospital recently and hopefully she will be back up to par soon!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11th at Franklin Park Conservatory at 7:00 p.m. Election of Officers will take place.

Hope you all have a successful daffodil season!

Naomi

ADS 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION IRONSTONE VINEYARDS - MURPHYS, CA

At a very early hour on Thursday, March 11th, Jill Griesse, Betty Kealiher, Naomi Liggett and I boarded Southwest Airlines for Sacramento, CA to attend the convention. After picking up our rental car we headed for Murphys a two hour drive from Sacramento. I have to admit when it was announced that the convention would be at a vineyard I was skeptical, but I will gladly admit I was wrong. The setting was magnificent – wonderful daffodils growing in huge barrels, fields of daffodils all along the roads and a friendly resident black and white "greeter" cat.

On Friday morning as judging was taking place, I boarded a shuttle bus for downtown Murphys for a historic walking tour. We had a wonderful docent who brought to life stories of the gold rush days. The first Nobel Prize winner came from this little town. I had lunch at the old hotel with Robin Jackson, Leitha Adams and Kay Radcliff (Down Under friends).

Shuttle busses ran every half hour from the hotel to the vineyards. After lunch I, of course, headed for the national show. I cannot find the words to describe the show. Every year I make a list of things to "Look for" and believe me, I have a long list from this show. The daffodils were absolutely amazing. I have no idea how many miniatures were shown; mainly new hybrids by Marilyn Howe and Harold Koopowitz. Bob Spotts' green daffodils, spider daffodils and his vase of three "Mesa Verde", 12 G-GGY was incredible. The Gold Ribbon winner was "Millennium Perfection 1 Y-Y shown by Bob Spotts. This cultivar was hybridized by John Reed. The Miniature Gold was "Pequenita" 7 Y-Y shown by Steve Vinisky. This miniature is always perfection. I especially admired the Fowlds Award for the best standard cyclamineus, which was "Wind Dancer" 6 W-Y hybridized and shown by Steve Vinisky. It is a "beauty".

The Innovation Medal is not an ADS Award, but is an award sponsored by Brian and Betty Duncan and given at our national show. A special panel of judges searches the show for a potential winner, which must show a significant advance in hybridizing. The winner was a miniature "Itsy Bitsy Splitsy" 11a Y-O hybridized by Harold Koopowitz

On Saturday were the usual educational seminars, which I did not attend all of them. I did attend the ADS bulb auction and watched my friend Naomi, vie for a miniature, which she finally purchased at a enormous price. The dinner speaker was Keith Bridler and he was hilarious.

On Sunday morning I again spent a lot of time in the show room. I understand "Daffodil Jeopardy" was great fun. I went on the bus tour to Columbia State Park, which is an old restored Wild West town, where gold was discovered in 1850. I understand mining near there yielded \$87 million at 1860's prices. It was the shooting location for the movie "High Noon" starring Gary Cooper. The dinner and farewell speaker was Peter Ramsay, who has received many honors for his work with daffodils. He was his usual entertaining self with some odd gems of wisdom creeping in although he promised to avoid them.

I really enjoyed this convention mainly because I saw so many old friends and made new ones. The venue was very different from what we are accustomed to, the show was held away from the hotels, but the shuttle service worked beautifully and a good time was had by all.

Tag Bourne

EARTHKIND™ DEMONSTRATION GARDEN - WHETSTONE PARK OF ROSES

Design Intent

The home gardener. The "Do-it-Yourselfer". These are the individuals that inspired the design of the Whetstone Park of Roses Earthkind™ Demonstration Garden. George Meiling, of the Columbus Rose Foundation, was introduced to Earthkind™ Roses by Dr. Steve George, of Texas A & M and immediately knew that they would be a great addition to the City of Columbus park. The gardens already contained a formal hybrid tea collection as well as a heritage rose display, but we were lacking the future of roses. Many home gardeners have strayed away from roses due to their "fussy" nature. The concepts introduced to us by Dr. George fell right into place with the City's need to reduce man hours of maintenance as well as our "Get Green Columbus" initiative by reducing the need for chemical applications and excess watering. As we started to design the space, the main objective became that we wanted people to walk away with an inspiration to take back to their home gardens. We wanted the visitors to be able to envision the brick and stamped concrete walks, the split rail fence, the benches, and especially the plant material in their own backyards. In addition to the roses, we incorporated evergreen trees and shrubs to allow for winter interest and we gave the daffodils a new home in the garden.

CODS is again requesting donations of daffodils for Whetstone Garden. When the display garden was to be terminated we met with the horticulturist and came up with a plan to add daffodils to the garden: include all thirteen divisions and as many Wister winners as possible. Below is a list of bulbs currently in the park (unless stolen): Beauty Tip 2W-W, Brackenhurst 2Y-O, Cassata 11aW-W, Cheerfulness 4W-Y, Chesterton 9W-GYR, Elixir 4Y-Y, Geometrics 2W-Y, Gold Convention 2Y-Y, Golden Aura 2Y-Y, Golden Dawn 8Y-O, Ice Follies 2W-W, LaPaloma 3W-GYR, Misty Glen 2W-GWW, Neahkahnne 1W-W, Niveth 5W-W, Ohio 2W-YOO, Opal Pearl 2W-P, Poet's Way 9WGYR, Pogo 3W-GYO, Rapture 6Y-Y, Resplendent 2Y-R, River Queen 2W-W, Salome 2W-PPY, Tahiti 4Y-O, Tete a Tete 12Y-Y, Thackeray 9W-GYR, Whetstone 1W-W, Williamsburg 2W-W. At present eight Wister cultivars are in the park: Brackenhurst, Golden Aura, Ice Follies, Rapture, River Queen, Resplendent, Salome and Tahiti. All divisions are represented except 10 and 13. Poeticus recurvus would be a good choice for 13, Division 10 could be a problem.

Some Wister winners I would like to see added are: Stratosphere, Crackington, Tripartite, Falconet, Intrigue, Sweetness, Fragrant Rose, Sun Disc, Hawera, Segovia and Bravoure. How many cultivar of each do we want? Five or six if possible but three would be great.

I had visualized the plant markers to have the name, division, color code and Wister winner if applicable. However, the present labels carry name only. This was supposed to act as an educational display and will try to get this changed in the future.

Please let me know if you will have any of these cultivars to donate. Naomijliggett@cs.com. 451-4747

P.S. If there is room for 100 cultivars it would be possible to become an ADS Display Garden and receive a plaque to place in garden.

Naomi

OUR ANNUAL DAFFODIL SHOW "Secrets of Spring"

will be held at Franklin Park Conservatory on April 17 – 18. The show will open at 2 PM on Saturday (after judging) and at 10 AM on Sunday.

Set up on Friday April 16 at 2 PM, then on Sunday at 4:15 PM we will tear down the show; so exhibits should be removed starting at 4 PM if you want to keep your exhibits.

Cindy Cimprich will once again provide the basis for lunch, each member is asked to bring a covered dish capable of serving at least 12. (If you bring about the same thing as in previous years that would be great as it seemed our menu was diverse enough then.)

Remember we feed our Judges and exhibitors as well. We will also have coffee and donuts while accepting entries on Saturday morning; starting at 7:30 AM.

Naomi Liggett has obtained the judges and others will be asked to clerk the day of the show. Naomi also did the schedule, for which we should all be most grateful! If however you want a specific job please contact me at daffyphyll@hotmail.com or call 614-882-5720.

Now all we need is for our members to bring lots of flowers with Mother Nature's cooperation of course and it looks like an early season.

If Nancy Gill will so kindly bring us taxus again that will be great and anyone going to Cincinnati please ask them to give us their leftovers.

Serendipity Garden Club will once again provide the design classes "Clue" that add so much to the show.

Thanks to all who help with the show.
Phyllis and Cindy Co-chairs

CONCERNS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Irene Moseley had a bad fall and broke her pelvic bone. According to her daughter, she is doing well. She is home and doing a lot of reading. She is afraid of falling and uses a walker when she is out. She does well in the house without it.

Jill Griesse fell while out in her garden and broke her leg, but is maneuvering quite well with a brace.

Joe Hamm entered a Pittsburgh hospital for surgery. Due to complications, doctors decided it was necessary to remove portions of both legs. Please keep Joe in your thoughts and prayers.

Understand that Ron Scamp went in to the hospital for a hip replacement and they found a serious blood disorder.

Tag Bourne returned from the convention and within 24 hours the emergency squad took her to Riverside Hospital with congestive heart failure. After three days in the hospital returned home and is now home bound. Hoping to be released this week so she can get back to the things she loves to do.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT CODS CORNER JUNE 1, 2010

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