

CODS CORNER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Daffodil Friends,

For years, I was able to easily grow the delicate Akepa, a Mitch5W-P. I love Division 5 and 6; however, apartment life doesn't conform to growing daffodils. When I moved, I brought my favorite bulb Akepa. I planted several bulbs at a cemetery plot of a friend who died of breast cancer, and tried to grow it in a container. Well, the maintenance worker at the cemetery kept weed-wacking the foliage and then mulched so heavily I knew I had to dig the bulbs. Much to my disappointment, upon digging, the bulbs had started to rot! I slipped the only two good bulbs that were left into a shrub bed here by my apartment. Keep your fingers crossed for me that they make it and that the happy maintenance crew here doesn't pull them as weeds! My new years resolution will be that I learn how to container grow a few bulbs – I'm open for suggestions!

Many thanks to those who were quickly called into duty to plant at Whetstone! As I understand it, Whetstone volunteers were available earlier than our plant date. Their help made the job much easier and quicker.

By now you should have received a copy of the 2005-2006 roster. Betty Kealisher beautifully did it with color photos. I keep it out on my coffee table, as it's so pretty! Great Job!

Keep in mind that our next meeting will be April 6, 2006 – which is right before our April 14 show. We'll have a lot to finalize at that meeting, so come prepared to let me know if you'll have taxus to donate, can help clerk or record. Also, I've received no feedback on the luncheon...let me know, or you'll be at my culinary mercy!

In closing, I want to wish all my daffodil friends a happy and healthy holiday season and a perfect daffodil show weather new year!

Cindy

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Dr. John Beck, Jr., 834 State, Chester, IL 62233; Phone 618-826-2735; Email: pipestone2001@hotmail.com

BULB PLANTING AT WHETSTONE

On October 6 when we were scheduled to plant at Whetstone, I received a most welcome surprise. Around noon I got a call asking if we were still going to plant that day. Seems the "powers that be" had arranged for help for us and they were only going to work until 4 PM. Since we were scheduled to start at that time, I told the caller we would load and be there as fast as possible, probably around 1:30 PM. Fortunately, Betty Kealiher had already arranged to come to my house following a dental appointment so was available to help. I quickly called Naomi and Helen asking them to call anyone else and telling them of the welcome change.

Betty and I gathered up the necessary papers, tools, and other necessities for planting. We loaded the bulbs and arrived at the Park at the appointed 1:30 PM.

There 4 young, willing and ready helpers appeared and we started work. Just over 2 hours later we were finished! Boy, to be young again and have a good back.

The five of us, Tag came with Naomi, gathered up the unplanted bulbs, and the other tools, smoothed off the beds and waited until 4:15 to see if anyone else arrived so we could tell them they could go back home as the job was done.

Our thanks to the Whetstone workers who made our job so much easier!

There are now 2 beds left on the North side to be dug next year. We left one bed on the south side fallow as we now have 4 beds to fit into three. Hopefully next year the north side will be gone leaving just 5 beds on the south side. If we have continued help from the city, it sure will make our job easier!

For the committee:
Phyllis

MINIATURE WORLD OF DAFFODILS (A review)

Naomi Liggett dropped off a copy of the magazine "Tasmania 40° South", Issue No. 35 which featured an article on Rod Barwick and Glenbrook Daffodils. The writer and photographer were Warren Boyles. It has some wonderful photos of Rod and his introductions along with his donkey.

The article opens "In a garden on the edge of suburban Claremont an extraordinary "bloke" produces some of the world's finest bulbs." Rod left school at the age of 16 untroubled by concern about higher education. Each day on his way to work he passed a bookseller and he came across a gardening magazine featuring daffodils and this probably determined the course of the rest of his life. According to the article, he has constructed a wonderful life for himself around his passion for gardening, good food and the friends he has made over the years.

His house is the residence of a happy man from which you can view Mount Faulkner and the native bush. Rod owns a large piece of property, most of which will be retained as native bushland. Rod not only grows daffodils, but many other flowers. He shares his life with an assemblage of livestock: farmyard ducks, "special black ducks", geese, peacocks and a donkey along with a nonchalant dog.

Within his home is a battered piano and a beautiful organ purchased when a local church closed for lack of members. This is a house filled with music. Often at some of Rod's social events you will find a quartet of musicians from the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra playing. Naomi has told me of her visit with Rod and the splendid food served.

The author of this article states "sobriety is frowned upon."

Rod is also an accomplished artist. This past week I enjoyed looking over his catalogue for the coming year which has many interesting drawings. The ADS recorded the results of 41 shows this year and ten of the Miniature Gold Ribbons given were miniatures bred at Glenbrook. This past year the ADS members who ventured "down under" enjoyed an evening of good food and conversation at Rod's.

Rod's brothers are a very tough and accomplished group of Australian Rules footballers. He could have easily gone in a different direction. Those of us who are growing Rod's miniatures are thankful he did not.

The American Daffodil Society presented the ADS Gold Medal to Rod Barwick this past year.

Editor's Note: Today from Daffnet Peter Ramsay writes " While you all complete planting, we are lifting! All the best to our fellow Daffnetters for a successful upcoming year. We won't be in Pennsylvania for the convention, but Please calendar September 2007 for a visit to New Zealand. Our hometown of Hamilton will host the Australasian Show and Convention...a warm welcome awaits you.

This might also be an opportunity for a "side trip" to Glenbrook Farms.

I always like to think there's always a daffodil blooming some where.

NEWS BRIEFS:

Word has been received that Bess Haddad had a short stay in the hospital and is in the Care Center at Friendship Village. Talked to her recently and she is not doing too well. Please keep Bess

in your prayers and keep in touch with her.

Christopher Maslon is now changing school after 4 years of teaching. A possible job with Daejeon Health University to be a professor and lecturer on modern English. He will be in the USA from January 20th to February 10th with his bride. He found out on Christmas morning that his wife is pregnant. Congratulations, Christopher!

BULB SALE: I AM PLEASED TO REPORT WE MADE \$1264.85 ON THE BULB SALE, \$1000.00 of which was put into the Savings Account. Naomi Liggett was also added to the checking and savings accounts so that funds could be accessed in case something happens to Phyllis. Congratulations, Phyllis on a job well done.

Franklin Park Conservatory: The Amazing Chocolate Tree (Step Inside the Wonderous World of Chocolate) will be at Franklin Park until February 20, 2006. The exhibition takes you inside the exciting world of chocolate making- from the roots of the tree to the candy factory. A good way to spend a dreary day inside the conservatory.

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Our show is April 15-16, 2006. In checking ribbons it looks like we have plenty through 2007 with the exception of standard blues. If we can get some blues recycled, we can get to 2008 easily.

ADDITION TO THE ADS MINIATURE LIST: The Miniature Committee has added "Little Bell" 5 Y-Y to the 2006 Approved List. It was bred by Murray Evans.