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CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

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This issue of Cods Corner begins with an apology for bringing the October issue to you in mid-November. I could give you a long list of reasons, but suffice it to say that we hope to do better next time. Until then - happy holidays!!

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Here it is, the middle of November; the weatherman has given us a threat of snow by evening. The Woolly Worm Old Timers have forecast a very cold winter so I hope you all have your gardens put to bed. As I look at my own garden, I have had "bulbocodium" foliage five inches high since late September, "jonquilla" in grassy foliage, tried and true Trevithian inches out of the ground as usual, and yesterday I discovered one of my tazetta varieties three inches high. My cydonia in a northern exposure is in blossom, but I always say the crazy mixed up flowering quince just never knows when to go to sleep. Frankly I have had trouble staying out of the garden stores whilst this mild weather prevails; the bargains in spring flowering bulbs are irresistible. I go in to purchase mulch and come out with mulch PLUS hyacinths and tulips and tulips. How about you?

Let's turn the page to 1975! Please mark on your 1975 calendar our next scheduled CODS meeting date. . .the first Tuesday evening in February. . .February 4th. . .at 7:30p.m. at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center in the Council Committee Meeting Room. If there should be need to hold a meeting before that date, our Telephone Committee will notify you.

Our CODS people have been very busy. On 10 October we planted the daffodil garden at Whetstone Park of Roses and two weeks later we met with the Blue Birds under leadership of Dianne Bell and Phyllis Brandt to plant the gardens at First Community Village. I want to thank all who donated their bulbs for these gardens and all who joined in the fun of planting them. My special thanks to Ruth Pardue who planned the projects and will give us a more complete report on these ventures.

Naomi Liggett chaired our committee for our annual bulb sale. As you know this is primarily an educational project and any profits go towards our next daffodil show. Latest reports show a profit of approximately \$130. I am grateful to all of you who worked so diligently in promoting our project and especially to Naomi for her proficient part.

I wish to pay a special tribute to Cynthia Bell, who together with Mary Elizabeth Blue was an inspiration to many of us in growing exhibition daffodils. It was because of our common interests our paths met and I feel my own life enriched greatly by walking that short way with her. It was on a cold but sunny January day in 1969 that Cynthia invited us to meet at her home. We gathered around a crackling fire in her living room and talked of daffodils and forming a daffodil society to nurture our souls; this we did and in celebration Cynthia cracked open a bottle of champagne and CODS was launched. In her memory, Joan Klitch, a family friend of the Bells, has planted a garden at their church, The Boulevard Presbyterian Church on Northwest Blvd. in Grandview. I know that you all will be pleased that through your efforts we were able to gather together some of Cynthia's favorite daffodil varieties. . . Festivity, Tudor Minstrel, Kilworth, Charity May, Silver Chimes to name a few. These together with lovely cottage tulips which also were special

favorites of Cynthia's will be blooming in this garden next spring. I have received a lovely letter of thanks from Joan and quote in part . . . "I hope that our combined efforts will produce a spot of beauty next spring--and a constant reminder of the resurrection and life eternal."

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!....A Joyful Holiday Season!

your PREZ....Grace

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Another successful bulb sale has added \$130.82 to our treasury as well as provide quality bulbs to gardeners at prices they could not get individually. Advance orders were solicited from local garden clubs. Additional collections were ordered, as past experience has shown that bulbs will sell at planting time. One hundred standard collections and 63 miniature collections were sold. Suppliers were The Daffodil Mart, Virginia; and Gerritsen & Son, Holland.

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On October 10, CODS members met at Whetstone Park to plant bulbs in an educational daffodil garden. Armed with shovels, trowels, yardsticks, chlordane, kneeling pads, and Ben-Gay, we planted 3-6 bulbs each of 125 varieties in checkerboard fashion according to division.

Bulbs were secured from the society members. Contributing bulbs were Naomi Liggett, Grace Baird, Wells Knierim, Mary Lou Gripshover, Mary Elizabeth Blue, Betty Beery, and Ruth Pardue.

Thanks are also due Grace, Naomi, Glenna Bowman, Cecile Spitz, Mary Lou, and Ruth for planting the bulbs.

Several weeks later, our gift bulbs were planted at First Community Village Convalesorium. CODS members Pat Miller, Glenna, Grace, Naomi, Margaret Loudenslager, and Ruth together with the Blue Birds under the leadership of Diane Bell and Phyllis Brant, also CODS members, planted several hundred bulbs to brighten spring days for the residents. Glenna also brought her son along to help, and Jeff McCall, a Boy Scout who has been working at the Village as part of his service project, was very helpful in preparing the bed for planting.

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Welcome to the following new members. We hope you enjoy your association with CODS, and we look forward to seeing you at our various events.

Mrs. Troy Taylor (Terry) Mrs. John Montgomery (Eva)
Mrs. Thomas Brant (Phyllis) Linden Garden Club

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Your editor has been enjoying daffodil blooms this fall. For the first time, one catalog listed 'viridiflorus', the fall-blooming green daffodil. Since my curiosity usually gets the better of my good sense, I ordered 3 bulbs (received 4) and two of them had bloom stems. The birds got one bud, but one bloom opened beautifully, and it really was green--as green as the stem, and it had a strong, rather musty odor. It provided pleasure far greater than the odd little flower warranted. I only hope it will survive our winter in my coldframe. And today I discovered two buds just coming through the ground in my pot of Jessamy. This pot is in the coldframe, too. I wonder how long it will take to bloom.

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Our daffodil note paper will be ready as soon as our resident artist completes the drawings, hopefully in time for Christmas gifts. (Resident artist please take note!!)

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At the last meeting of the society, members voted to provide the Cynthia Bell Memorial Trophy for the best collection of 12 daffodils in the annual CODS show. This was Cynthia's favorite class, and she entered a ribbon-winning collection in our show last spring, so it seemed appropriate that the trophy be offered for this class. I'm sure we each have a favorite recollection of her, as she touched our individual lives, and these memories will be with us always.

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Daffodilia and other things

In our household, when a car needs servicing, I'm the lucky one who gets to go have it taken care of. On one recent trip (one of many lately) to Lazarus garage, I spent the day wandering around Lazarus and although the car didn't get fixed properly, I did find some daffodil items.

In the pewter shop, I saw an earthenware plate with a pewter rim for \$38. The plate had 4 open daffodils, several buds, leaves, and forget-me-nots. It was complete with a hook on back for hanging. (From Italy.)

In the china department I found the "Primavera" pattern includes daffodils. This pattern is available in china, glassware, ice bucket, and other items. Apparently it also comes in linens, because it was displayed on a cloth of the same design, but I didn't see it in the linen department.

There was also a jardiniere with daffodils in relief for \$28.99. It looked like it might hold a 4-5" potted plant.

Another china pattern was Spring Fair. These seemed to be mostly accessory pieces--cream & sugar, etc.

Artificial daffodils abound. There were plastic tazettas in white and yellow with 2 large heads of blooms to each stem for \$1.10, and a bone china 2b for \$2.25. The yellow from the cup spilled over onto the perianth, and the foliage wasn't quite right. In with the silk flowers I found dome daffodils--3 to a stem--in 2 colors: white with a small rimmed cup with rather grassy foliage for \$2.25, a 3b; and a 3d--with orange perianth and a pale yellow cup with a red rim, for \$3.00. Foliage on the orange one was quite realistic. Wish I could breed one that color!!

In the party goods, there were little white plastic baskets filled with daffodils--nice for place favors.

I also found daffodils in a most unlikely place--the toy department. While I was looking at the doll houses and doll furniture, wishing I was a kid again, I spotted it--one daffodil plus a bud and a leaf or two in a tiny pot sitting on a table. The whole thing couldn't have been more than 1 1/2-2" tall. It comes in a package with seven other miniscule flowers for \$2.00. Although there were a couple green spots on the perianth, it was cute as could be. It was made by Lundby of Sweden.

Someone once asked me about daffodil literature. The following may be purchased from the American Daffodil Society, 89 Chichester Rd., New Canaan, Conn. 06840.

DAFFODILS 1972; 1973; 1974. - These paperback books, printed on high quality glossy paper, are published by the Royal Horticulture Society of England. Articles on daffodils and their culture as well as show reports and seasonal notes from all parts of the world. Our show is mentioned in Daffodils 1972 and 1974. \$3.00 each.

RHS DAFFODIL & TULIP YEARBOOK - available for years 1960-1966 @ \$3.00 each; 67-68 @ \$3.50; 69-70 @ \$4.25; and 1971 @ \$5.50. These are hardcover books with much the same content as those mentioned above, but also included articles on tulips and sometimes other bulbs. Rising costs forced the change in format to the less expensive paperback book.

THE DAFFODIL HANDBOOK, 1966--paper cover \$3.40, hard-back \$4.90. Covers all phases of daffodil growing. Published by American Horticulture Society in their handbook series. Excellent. (This book is available at Tremont Library.)

HANDBOOK FOR EXHIBITING & JUDGING DAFFODILS, 1974. Paperback. New publication of ADS. \$2.25. Covers all aspects of growing, showing, exhibiting, staging and winning. Highly recommended that all judges have a copy.

DAFFODILS & NARCISSI by Michael Jefferson-Brown (\$10.00). This hardcover book covers all phases of daffodil growing. Mr. Jefferson-Brown is an English grower.

DAFFODIL JOURNAL OF THE ADS - Quarterly publication of ADS. A set of at least 15 back issues can be purchased for \$3.50. A great buy!! Membership in ADS (\$5.00 per year--going up to \$7.50 yearly effective January 1) will insure you get future issues. Members of ADS may also borrow publications from ADS library.

MINIATURE DAFFODILS by Alec Gray - (scarce--\$5.00 if available). The only book I know devoted to the culture of miniatures.

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And now, dessert. . .

DAFFODIL PIE

4 medium eggs, separated
6 tbsp. sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice (seeded but unstrained)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water
4 tbsp. lemon flavored gelatine
1 tbsp. grated lemon rind
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cream of tartar
6 tbsp. sugar
whipped cream
1 cup well drained mandarin oranges
8" pie shell

Mix egg yolks, sugar, salt and lemon juice in a saucepan. Cook over very low heat or use a double boiler. Stir constantly until mixture thickens and coats a metal spoon. Remove from heat and set aside.
Stir boiling water into gelatine to completely dissolve. Now with a rotary or electric beater, beat the thickened lemon mixture into gelatine. Add rind. Make a meringue of the egg whites, cream of tartar and remaining 6 tbsp. sugar. Carefully fold the egg-gelatine mixture into meringue. Pile filling into cooled pie shell and refrigerate. Serve with whipped cream and garnish with mandarin orange sections. Six generous servings.

The daffodil sage of New Canaan, a master of Narcissus cuisine and gastronomic daffodil delights, George Lee, has offered us this recipe for daffodil pie. (and which we copied from the WDS Newsletter, May, 1973)

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