



The second botanical painting is by Edward Augustus Bowles (1865 -1954) affectionately known as 'Gussie'. The daffodils are LENDRA on the left and CARTHILLIAN on the right , painted 23<sup>rd</sup> March , 1935 at PD's home . They are yet two more of PD's 'lost' daffodils – no longer appearing in bulb catalogues , but no doubt growing somewhere , possibly in America!

Gussie Bowles was a gardener, botanical artist, plant hunter and garden writer. Visitors to his home Myddelton House, Enfield, Middlesex, invariably left with bulbs, roots, cuttings and seeds. He received the R.H.S's top Victoria Medal of Honour – as did PD Williams. Gussie was the great great uncle of Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, ex-husband of Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, now married to the Prince of Wales.

Queen Elizabeth, the late Queen Mother, was Patron of 'The Garden Society', an all-male dining club founded by Gussie. Andrew Parker Bowles recalled how the Queen Mother enjoyed 'talking about my uncle, not least because he was a close friend of another great gardener and President of the RHS, her brother David Bowes-Lyons.'

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