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Newsletter of the Midwest Region of the American Daffodil Society

Regional Vice President: Mrs. Paul Gripshover, Columbus, Ohio
Regional Directors: Mrs. Leon Killigrew, Hobart, Indiana
Mrs. Eugene Kleiner, Cincinnati, Ohio
Miss Virginia Wolff, Scottsburg, Indiana

Well, we still have those question marks at the top of the page, but at least now we have some suggestions to replace them. The following names were sent in:

Midwest Musings	Narcissus Notes
MidAmerican	Daffy Dilettant
Midamerican Comments	And Spring Shall Come Again
Daffodilia	Regional Roundup
Jonquill Journal	

We'll vote on a name at our Regional Meeting, and the next issue will unveil the winner!! If you can't make it to the Regional Meeting, I'll accept votes by mail.

REGIONAL MEETING

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, a Fall Regional Meeting has been planned for October 13, here in Columbus. It will be held at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road. Registration fee, which includes lunch at the Ohio State University Golf Course Clubhouse across the street, is \$4.75. Reservations, accompanied by your check, must be received by October 6.

Now for the good part! Bill Pannill of Martinsville, Virginia, past-president of the ADS, and one of the foremost amateur hybridizers in our country, will be our afternoon speaker. Anyone who knows Bill, knows that he is a great entertainer while giving out valuable information on a subject. Bill has won both the Gold Quinn Medal and the American Horticulture Society Medal the past two years with seedlings of his own raising!

The morning session will include a talk on Miniatures, a talk on Diseases, and a prevue of the coming convention. Mrs. Goethe Link, chairman of the ADS Judging Schools, will speak on Diseases. Mrs. Link, of Brooklyn, Indiana, maintains an extensive test garden and has also done some work in hybridizing. Mrs. Neil Macneale, convention chairman, will give us a prevue of that event.

I think we are quite privileged to have such distinguished speakers, and hope that we will have a large turnout!

I think it will be possible for most people to come to the meeting and return home the same day, but for those wishing to stay overnight, the Hilton Inn, 3110 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43202, and the Royal Inn, 3232 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43202, are both nearby. No arrangements have been made with the motels, so all contacts should be made directly by you to assure rooms.

The schedule for the day's activities is as follows:

9:30-10:00 Registration
10:00 Call to order - brief business meeting
10:15 Miniature Daffodils
11:00 Diseases - Mrs. Goethe Link
11:45 Convention Preview - Mrs. Neil Macneale
12:30 Luncheon
1:30 "What's New?" - Mr. William Pannill
3:00 Adjournment

Spouses are welcome to attend the meeting, as are non-member guests; however, the registration for non-member guests will be \$5.75. They can, of course, join ADS on the spot and get the member rate.

★- If you've dug bulbs this year and have any extra, please bring some ★ along for door prizes.

To get here:

From the North--come down I-71 to the W. N. Broadway exit. Right onto N. Broadway to dead end at Kenny Rd. Right onto Kenny to first light--Tremont Rd. Left onto Tremont. Building is at corner of Kenny and Tremont.

From the East--I-70 to I-71 North, to the W. N. Broadway exit. Left onto N. Broadway. Proceed as above.

From the South--I-71 past downtown area to Olentangy Rd. exit off I-71. Keep right. Very shortly after Olentangy Rd. leaves I-71, Olentangy Rd. exits left--but keep right on Rt. 315 to end of freeway at Ackerman Rd. Left onto Ackerman to Kenny Rd. Right onto Kenny to Tremont. Left onto Tremont. Building is on corner of Kenny and Tremont.

From the West--I-70 to I-270. North on I-270 to Hilliard-Cemetery Rd. Right onto Cemetery Rd. to Dublin Rd. Right onto Dublin Rd. to Fishinger. Left onto Fishinger to Tremont Rd. Left onto Tremont to 3600 Tremont.

REGISTRATION - REGIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 13, 1973

Name _____

Registration Fee:

Address _____

\$4.75 members & spouses, each

City _____

\$5.75 non-member guests

Christian or nickname

Make checks payable to Mrs. Paul Gripshover and mail with this form to 2917 North Star Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43221
by OCTOBER 6.

WELCOME

Welcome to the following new members. We hope you enjoy your association with the ADS and we hope to see you at the Fall Meeting.

Mrs. Alexander H. Ware, 335 Shannon Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
Mrs. William Shepherd, 311 Enid Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45429
Mrs. T.C. Holyoke, 608 S. High St., Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387
Kyle F. Brooks, 12 Garden Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45208
Richard O. Bancroft, 5199 SOM Center Road, Solon, Ohio 44139
Mrs. Wendell F. Stewart, 704 S. W. 5th St., Richmond, Indiana 47374
Mrs. Herbert P. Kohlmann, 5632 Cranberry Place, Dayton, Ohio 45431
Mrs. Tom Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220
Mrs. Andrew J. Conroy, 8755 Old Indian Hill Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45243

1973 BULB ORDER

I have received word from Gerritsen that the bulbs have been shipped. I hope they arrive in time for distribution at the Fall Meeting.

Would there be any interest in a group bulb order from Australia or Tasmania? If there is interest, I will write some "down-under" growers to try to arrange a collection. What price range would interest you?

NEW JUDGES

According to Mrs. David Spitz, chairman of the ADS Judges School III held last Spring, the following people are now accredited ADS Judges, having successfully completed all three schools: Mrs. William Baird, Mrs. Richard Bell, Mrs. Paul Gripshover, Mrs. Howard Junk, Mrs. James Liggett, and Mrs. William Pardue.

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ATTENTION CODS MEMBERS: Your meeting October 9 has been cancelled.

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Mrs. Charles Anthony writes in her June '73 Newsletter the following:

"One of his (David Bell, Christchurch, New Zealand) new introductions is Red Conquest, a la pink. This flower has a beautifully shaded lemon perianth with a pastel pink trumpet. A similarly colored flower, Pastel Pink, is classified 2b. And Grant Mitsch lists Milestone a 2d with its yellow perianth and pink cup.

"I'm afraid the general public will be rather confused if blooms of the same color are placed in three different sub-divisions, a, b, and d, to say nothing of our own Classification Committees. Apparently, the way to resolve this confusion is for exhibitors to request the originators to change the classification or to protest to the R.H.S. through Mrs. Kenneth B. Anderson, the ADS Registration Chairman, to reclassify the flowers. In my opinion, I believe these flowers all belong in sub-division a."

I'm inclined to agree with Mrs. Anthony.

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It isn't too late to send in your symposium ballot if you haven't already done so. Do you know that it counts two votes if you whose spouses are members sign your ballots Mr. and Mrs.? Send your ballot to Mrs. John Capen.

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Are there any cultivars you would like to see on the Approved List of Miniatures? If so, send the name to Mr. John Larus, Chairman of Miniatures, before October.

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From Willis Wheeler, 3171 N. Quincy St., Arlington, Va., 22207,
comes the following:

"Who wants it? I can spare a couple of bulbs of 2b Rubra to the first 10 people who write for it."

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Several seed companies send out Fall bulb catalogs. Two I've received are from Geo. Park, Greenwood, S.C. 29646, and Burpee Seed Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 19132. Burpee's was limited to a few Dutch grown cultivars, but did include plants of ferns and a few wildflowers, including Jack-in-the-pulpit and trillium, both white and purple. Park's, along with their "weatherproof" Dutch daffodils, lists a few split-coronas (unregistered) from Mr. A.N. Kanouse from Olympia, Washington, and some miniature species. If you like to grow paperwhites indoors, and would like some different colors, Park's has Soleil D'Or, which is golden, and Chinese Sacred Lily, which is white and yellow. Culture is said to be similar to paperwhite. I've also received a list from Mr. Venice Brink, 114 E. Maple St., Nashville, Illinois 62263. Mrs Brink is an ADS member, and the list contains many older and hard to find cultivars, including poets Smyrna, Horace, Red Rim; 7a's Topaz and White Wedgewood; and many more. It just might have something you're looking for.

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From Wells Knierim, we have the following show report of the Western Reserve Daffodil Society.

"Since I'm the only nut in Northern Ohio willing to stash daffodils in a "frig" for a week or two, I had about half the daffodils in our Cleveland show this year. Consequently, I won most of the ribbons. Fortunately, Leonora Wilkie brought up some nice miniatures or we would have been totally blank in that department. Anyhow, here are the results.

Gold Ribbon - Yosemite - Wells Knierim
Miniature Gold Ribbon - Hawera - Leonora Wilkie
White Ribbon - Grace Note - Wells Knierim
Miniature White Ribbon - Bobbysoxer - Leonora Wilkie
Purple Ribbon - Golden Aura, Euphony, Suede, Amberglow, Top Notch -
Wells Knierim
Maroon Ribbon - Daydream, Amberglow, Pipit, H-3 (Evans), Moonspell -
Wells Knierim

Dee Ramsey, our newest enthusiastic member up here, made 6 very attractive Oriental arrangements which made our show very attractive--so it turned out to be a successful show, with 151 entries, many of them in collection classes."

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From Mary Ann Zmijewski, Toledo, Ohio, comes this note.

"Your comment on split coronas was interesting. I have grown two of them for 4 years now. I have found the one, Elizabeth Bas, to be a beautiful flower. It's so delicate. The petals are almost transparent. Another good point is the rate of multiplying. From an initial 5 bulbs, I now must have at least 25 good sized, double-nosed bulbs."

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And from Libby Frey, Bloomington, Indiana . . .

I can't resist sending in a list of the daffodils which are outstanding in my garden--none are raised in borders or beds--all are naturalized in a semi-woods, well drained site. I would prefer to send in two lists--those that rate show quality and still naturalize well and 2) that group such as Fortune, Unsurpassable, St. Egwin, Roman Candle, Criterion, Green Island, Straight Flush, Binkie, Armada, etc. are in--blooming fools, mainly, but everyone should have them!

If I could grow only one, it would have to be Bartley or Peeping Tom with Bushtit a very close second. Charity May is incredibly prolific and beautiful at the same time, and one would hate not to have her! In my garden it is difficult to distinguish Bartley from Peeping Tom. I believe I would give an edge to our clumps of Bartley, however, certainly as prolific and long-lasting a daffodil as there is on earth. Bartley opened the second week of March (9th) this past Spring and was beautiful up until April 9-11 when a blizzard roared through Southern Indiana eliminating most daffodils which were in bloom (and even in bud). However--after the snow melted and the sun came out, Bartley--as a group--lifted itself up and continued in its bright & shining fashion--incredible! A few other varieties showed they could take the work's weather also, but Bartley and Peeping Tom are rather in a class by themselves!"

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I hope that for the next issue, I'll have a note from YOU to include in this spot!

ADENA DAFFODIL SOCIETY NEWS

Last Fall the garden clubs of this area put on a very large flower show at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Chillicothe. The area included Pickaway County Garden Club and several from Jackson County; besides, the local Rose & Dahlia Societies staged beautiful exhibits. This effort was prompted by a letter from President Nixon to the Veterans' Administration saying that more attention should be given the art forms in the hospitals, as forms of therapy. The two day flower show was a monumental success. The hospital personnel leaned over backwards to help in every way. Five hundred of the Hospitalized Veterans were brought in to see it. The nurses, the doctors, the attendants and the Veterans were overjoyed. There was a section for artistic designs done by the Hospitalized Veterans. A group of ladies from Pickaway County Garden Club conducted a workshop in August and came back again the day before the show in September to help the men get their arrangements ready.

So, the Adena Daffodil Society asked if the hospital would like to have the Daffodil Show held out there, too. Yes, indeed they would!! On March 28, a workshop was held for the Hospitalized Veterans by the Pickaway County group. Twenty of the Veterans signed up. Our garden was at one of its peaks, so we sent out four dozen different varieties of daffodils. After the workshop was over, the Veterans' arrangements and our specimens were put on display in the lobby of the Administration Building. Again on April 25, the Pickaway County ladies came back. Betty Beery, one of our members, brought a bucket of 109 Daffs for the Vets to work with. The show was held on April 26, to the delight of patients and personnel alike. So, the Veterans' Administration had two daffodil shows!

--Mary Elizabeth Blue, Chillicothe, Ohio

INDIANA DAFFODIL SOCIETY NEWS

Did you know that Brooklyn is in Indiana? And did you know that one of the most beautiful spots in the state is near Brooklyn? High on a ridge overlooking the town are the gardens and home of Dr. and Mrs. Goethe Link. Mrs. Link, a daffodil grower and hybridizer of national fame, has spent many years developing the lovely gardens.

As a member of the Indiana Daffodil Society, Mrs. Link graciously opens her home and gardens to the Society for its April meeting each year. The meeting is scheduled so that the date coincides with the height of daffodil season. Each member brings a covered dish and the hostess and hospitality committee furnish coffee and tea. Anyone is welcome from about ten o'clock in the morning. Most of us get there as early as possible to wander around and enjoy the daffodils.

From the time you park the car in the lot near the observatory

Link is interested in astronomy, and had his own observatory built (pre) until you take a last, lingering look over your shoulder as you drive away, it is a wonderful experience. A veritable "cloud of daffodils" greets you as you walk over to the gardens. In the center is Mrs. Link's exhibition bed. There, in rows, labelled, and in sequence according to variety, are the newest and finest of daffodils from growers all over the world. What a treat it is to wander up and down the rows, making a "want" list for your own garden. We were all impressed by the immense size of the blooms and the intense color this year. Mrs. Link attributes much of this to the use of Sea Born, a seaweed product. She used about a teaspoon of this product, mixed with vermiculite under the base of each bulb planted. As the varieties multiply, they are lifted and planted in the sod. Literally hundreds of thousands of bulbs are naturalized against big limestone rocks, under the pines, on the slopes and between the house and the exhibition bed. Not only are there daffodils, but flowering shrubs and trees, their lacy beauty emphasized by the towering pines, complete the picture.

The gardens are open to the public from about April 15 until about the first week in May. The turn-off is marked on Highway 67 between Brooklyn and Martinsville. The gardens are about three or four miles from the main highway. If you have the opportunity, please do yourself a favor and visit this lovely spot.

--Ellis Dickens, Bloomington, Indiana

PRE-VUE OF "OUR" CONVENTION

It will be easy to remember the date of the 1974 ADS convention--it's the weekend after Easter, April 18-20. It should be easy to remember the place, too, because it's right here in our region: Cincinnati, Ohio. The Holiday Inn North, on I-75 near I-275, was chosen as headquarters as it is so convenient for most Ohio members, and actually for anyone who drives here.

The SWODS (SouthWest Ohio Daffodil Society) will sponsor the show, and we promise a children's section, so be sure your youngsters plant some bulbs this fall.

We are keeping the registration fee at \$50.00, as it was this year, because of rapidly rising costs for everything, and we hope to be able to offer a Saturday afternoon bus trip as well as the all-day Friday one. The Friday trip will take us to the Nature Center (Lob's Wood, or the former Krippendorf estate), the Stanley Rowe Arboretum, and two of Indian Hill's daffodil growers' gardens. The Saturday trip will go to Hyde Park, around the down town area, and the Garden Center adjacent to the Hauck Botanic Garden (Sooty Acres Park).

Wells Knierim has been working on the program, and we are sure we have a varied one that will appeal to a wide audience--speakers on Friday and Saturday nights, a breakfast auction on Saturday morning, plus judges' panel, and hybridizing talk. In lieu of the Saturday bus trip you may opt to shop at Tri County or play at the Golden Tee Golf Course next door.

I don't want to give away all our plans, but hope this is enough to intrigue you, and make you circle the dates in red ink, with exclamation points! In the December Journal there will be an article, also, with forms to fill out. Watch for it, and let's have some--lots--of prompt replies.

--Peggy Macneale, Cincinnati, Ohio

Hope to see lots of you on October 13!!

Mary Lou Stripshaw