

Midwest Region Update, April 7, 2017

Hello, everyone. Your RVP is seriously behind on newsletters, which should hopefully be out by next week.

In the meantime, I thought I would channel Fred, as well as Daffnet when it was on email, and send out regular reports on doings during the show season.

The Southeast Region only had one show this year, as the other two were cancelled due to the very early spring (which corrected itself in a big way in our region). I mention the show only because the best in show was a John Reed flower, Juergen 1 Y-Y. At the 2015 dig, Dr. Reed talked my ear off about how good the flower was, and how he was using it exclusively in his yellow trumpet breeding program. We plunked down the money and bought one bulb. Last year, the flower opened in very warm weather and as a bit torn, but the photo still made Daffseek. This year it was even better:



Just to prove it was no fluke, Larry Force won with it this past week in Memphis. Dr. Reed has been after the perfect yellow trumpet for a long time, and I have a feeling if he's not there with this flower, he's close.

KDABS had its third(!) annual show in Winchester, Kentucky this past weekend. We had 23 exhibitors, 360 entries, and 747 stems, which was about the same as last year. Best in show was River Queen which also won the white ribbon. Ed Dailey of Cynthiana has been planting seeds for a while now, and he had a nice seedling which won the rose ribbon. Tom Stettner took the purple and red white and blue ribbons. Check out the full show pictures on Daffnet.

This weekend's show is in Cincinnati at the Krohn Conservatory. It will be held in a tent on the grounds outdoors, so please dress accordingly, especially if you are staging flowers early in the morning. (NO worries about keeping the cold!) The Krohn has been the center of the Cincinnati gardening world for many years, and I am hopeful the show will attract attention from the gardening public.

After this weekend, we take a break for Easter. Indiana's show is Friday, April 21, and Columbus' show is Saturday, April 22.

Don't forget about our new show in Niles, MI on Wednesday, April 26. Dr. Reed will have his fields open for show visitors, which will be a sight to behold. We wrap up the Midwest show season on Saturday, April 29, at Joe Hamm's Barn, just over the regional border in Washington, PA.

I hope your spring is going well and that you have survived this week's wild weather, be it rain, snow, wind, or in our case, hail.

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