

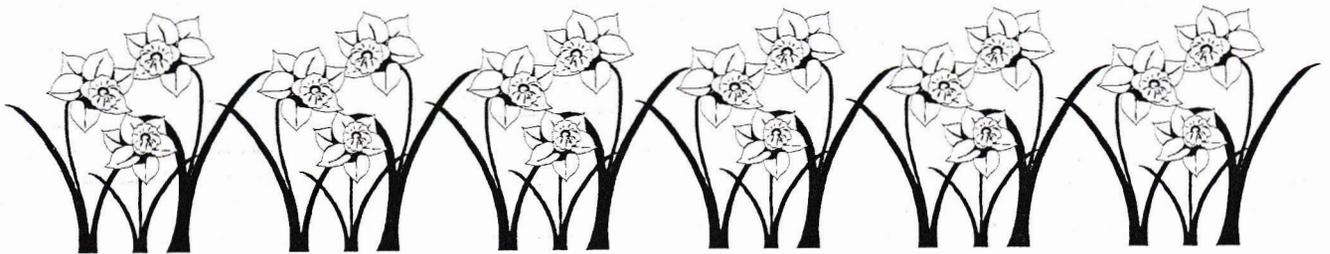


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Dear Daffodil Friends:

When starting to write a newsletter, my mind goes blank. Certainly, none of you has the same problem. Of course, the first thing is to mention the weather. Right now we are in desperate need of rain. A while back we had 5" in four days: however, we don't need that kind a rain again. The winds were so strong that we lost a large hickory tree and the following day, a tornado passed within a mile of us causing lots of destruction but, fortunately, no loss of life or injuries.

Five of us from the Midwest Region attended the ADS Fall Board Meeting in Portland from September 17 thru 19: Bill Lee, Editor of the Journal; Naomi Liggett, Executive Director; Phyllis Hess, Executive Secretary; Mary Lou Gripshover, Information Management; and myself. If you would like to know just what goes on during these meetings, maybe you would consider serving as a Regional Director or Vice President. As you will see, a ballot has been enclosed for your consideration. It should be that we have more than one candidate for each position. Please take this issue under consideration for election in the fall of 1999 and contact Hilda Dunaway with your nominee. Please use the attached ballot to vote for the director's position and the vice president's position. The director is elected for a three year term which expires in 2002. The vice president's position is for a one year term. **Please return your marked, folded, sealed, and stamped ballot to Scott Kunst no later than November 1.**

Phyllis and I flew to Portland a day early to spend time at the ocean. While having breakfast in a restaurant overlooking the Pacific, we were able to enjoy the whales playing a short ways off shore. Our last night in Portland was spent in the hilltop home of Nancy and Gene Cameron whom many of you know. The panoramic view of Portland was wonderful especially after dark. Portland will be the site of the 2000 ADS convention. If you have never attended a convention in Portland, you are in for a real treat. SOMEPLACE SPECIAL next year in Pittsburg also promises to be something special as Diane Mrak and her committee are in high gear to show us a good time. Plan to attend if at all possible.

If I don't see you next week, have a great fall, winter, and I'll be in touch in the spring.



ADS ROUND ROBIN
by
Leone Yarborough Low

The American Daffodil Society has had a long history of Round Robins. These groups of people write letters that are successively sent to each member of the group.

Mother's large family kept up with each other this way. Rather than write a letter to each sibling, she placed her letter in the packet of letters and mailed to the next person on the list. When the packet eventually returned, she eagerly read all the letters, removed her old letter, wrote her new one and mailed the packet on.

In a way, the member of some of the robins are like a large family. In addition to discussion of the Robin topic, people tell the sad and happy things in their lives, if they wish to do so. When two robin members meet for the first time at an ADS convention, it is like having an instant friend.

There are currently six robins: Two Historical Daffodil Robins, Two Hybridizers' Robins, a Species Hybrid Robin, and the Miniature Robin. Suzy Wert, ADS Youth Chairman, is currently trying to organize a robin of parents, grandparents, etc. who want to interest children and teenagers in daffodils. This Robin and one of the Historic Daffodil Robins are the only ones with room for new members just now.

At this time, members of the robins are working on clarifying their goals and purposes. The current versions are:

Goals of the Historical Daffodil Robins

To share our enjoyment of historic daffodils, especially those from 1939 and before, both species and cultivars, named and nameless:

- to discover, collect, and share information on these daffodils and their histories:
- to work to establish and to validate their identities:
- to promote a wider appreciation of them, both in the garden and in ADS shows:
- and
- to help preserve them for the future.

Goals of the Miniature Daffodil Robin

To study the culture, exhibition, and availability of miniature daffodils:
to seek out worthy new miniature cultivars:
to study the history, species parents, and hybridizers of well known miniature cultivars.

Goals of the Species Hybrid Daffodil Robin

To study the culture (including geographic range), history, exhibition and garden quality, also the availability of species hybrid daffodils. Species hybrid daffodils are those defined as cultivars which exhibit characteristics of the species progenitor in their pedigrees. These will normally include all daffodils in Divisions V-X(new).

Goals of the Hybridizers Robins

To facilitate communication among daffodil hybridizers:
to share progress reports and news of important advances in breeding, techniques, and cultural practices:
to formulate and facilitate ADS policies that encourage the work of hybridizers of exhibition daffodils.

If you are interested in becoming a member or joining the waiting list of a robin or want to organize a new robin, please contact me, Leone Low, ADS Round Robin Chair., at 387 N. Enon Rd., Yellow Springs, OH 45387.

The internet has supplanted letters for some persons, but robins are for people who like to get letters, lots of them!

NEWS OF NOTE

Diane Mrak reports that the registration fee for first time attendees at the ADS National Convention in Pittsburg in 1999 will be \$100. This is a very definite savings for those attending their first convention.

It should be noted that several of our members have been under the weather lately: Mary Lou Gripshover, Helen Link, and Curtis Tolley. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Kirby Fong reported that several of the Midwest societies had not yet reported the dates and places of their 1999 shows.

Suzy Wert, Chair of Youth and Community Involvement, would like to have the names of contacts in order to promote the daffodil among the youth of our communities. Perhaps if you are or know someone who is a scout leader, works with the youth in their church, is a teacher, is a room mother, or has a whole lot of grandchildren, please send that name on to Suzy. Also, if your society is working with youth or if you can possibly send her the name of the Director of Parks and Recreation in your area, she would greatly appreciate it. Daffodil Fever must be spread!!! Suzy Wert, 7350 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260. (317) 259-0060 Suzy Wert@aol.com

The death of Polly Anderson was reported at the ADS Fall Board Meeting in Portland. Polly was a long time member from the Southern California area.

Hello and Welcome To:

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Favorite Pinks

It seems that when we start getting interested in daffodils, the first ones we like are the ones with pink cups. There are so many on the market that when we look in the catalogs, we have a hard time determining which ones we would like to have. None of us are able to grow all the different ones, but we would like to know which ones are really the best. Therefore, I asked four members from throughout the region to give me a list with their favorites and why. Maybe you will agree and maybe not. So, send me a list of your favorites and you'll see your name in print along with your choices.

Don Caton - SWODS Don's favorite pink is Kiev (1W-P). He first received it as a seedling from Mitsch. He was new to daffodils at the time and was pleased to receive a ribbon for his entry. It's also a favorite because it is an early bloomer.

Doug Clarke - IDS Doug's three favorite pinks are Fragrant Rose (Duncan 2W-GPP), Park Lane (Pannell 1W-P), and Berceuse (Mitsch 2W-P). Doug says that these all grow well for him. His choice for best American bred would be Berceuse.

Hilda Dunaway - KDS Hilda's varieties are all older ones, but they do well for her in amended Kentucky clay soil. The colors are clear, substance good, with sturdy stems. Her choices include: Pink Satin (Mitsch/Havens 2W-P), Rainbow (Richardson 2W-WWP), Culmination (Mitsch 2W-P), Strawberry Soda (Mitsch/Havens 2W-P). Her choice as best American bred pink is Culmination.

Donna Dietsch - CODS Donna's criteria are that they must grow and multiply well, look good in the garden and produce a large percentage of show quality blooms, along with having something special about each one. Claverly (Postles 2W-P) excellent substance, good stem: Fine Romance (Pearson 2W-WPP), tailored cup, vivid pink: Fragrant Rose (Duncan 2W-GPP) milk-white petals, distinct fragrance of roses when fresh: June Lake (Duncan 2W-GWP) luminous color, good size, sturdy stems, multiplies vigorously: Pol Voulin (Lea 2W-P) perfect pose on tall stems, silken smooth petals: Pink Silk (Havens 1W-P) pure pink color blends from light at base to dark at the rim, silk smooth, sturdy stem, increases well. Having stood the test of time, she would like to see Pink Silk considered for the Pannill Award as the best American daffodil.

NOTE - I'm in agreement with Donna regarding Pink Silk. Hilda is also a fan of Pink Holly (Havens 11aW-P) while my favorite 11 is Shrike (Mitsch 11aW-P).

FALL REGIONAL MEETING

The Fall Regional Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on October 10, 1998 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1555 S. James Road, Columbus, OH. The church is located at the second traffic light north of Interstate 70. James Road is Exit # 105B on the east side of Columbus.

Coffee and donuts will start at 9:30 AM. Tag Bourne has pictures which are several years old, and your help is needed in identifying some of the people in them. After lunch, she will show pictures from the World Tour. For those who have never seen the daffodil fields of our UK friends, you are in for a treat. We will conclude the afternoon with the bulb exchange. Please also remember to bring any pre-1940 bulbs for the KDS. Bring your favorite dish to share and your own table service.

From **THE TRUMPETER**, the newsletter of the Kentucky Daffodil Society

Dig an Historic Daffodil for Whitehall's 2001 Tour Garden

As you may know, Whitehall has been selected as a tour site for the National convention to be held in Louisville in 2001. The first Daffodils will be planted there this fall. This part of the planting will feature historic Daffodils, ones introduced before 1940. We are asking members to donate any of these older bulbs that you may be growing. It is our hope to have a broad range of these oldies. If you would like your bulbs included in this garden, contact Chuck Schad, 3008 Tall Oaks Drive Jeffersonville, IN 47130 (812) 288-6294 or E-mail Gardnmaker@aol.com.

With thanks to Eileen Whitney RVP, from the Northeast Region Newsletter

ON LINE WITH THE DAFFNET

Members who are online and not participating in the "DAFFNET" may want to give it a try.

Some recent topics included: Doubles, El Nino, crosses, fertilizers, 'Von Sion' identity, weather damage, and west coast show results. The JOURNAL is quarterly, the newsletters arrive 2-3 times a year, the Robins perhaps once or twice a year, but the DAFFNET is a daily happening. It is easy to subscribe, and you may be as active as you choose. Directions to get online follow:

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FILLER - When I first joined CODS and started getting catalogs from far away places with strange sounding names, I stumbled over many strange names of daffodils. Well, these 10 years later, I'm still stumbling over strange sounding names and have come to the conclusion that I'll not be ordering any daffodils whose names I can't pronounce. Does anyone out there agree with me?

THE DAFFODIL

(The Confessions of a Vegetable Gardener)

**I wandered lonely 'neath a British cloud,
With umbrella and hood and other rain covers,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden-daffodil lovers.**

**Their tee shirts, ties, and dinner gowns
With daffodils arrayed;
They came to Britain's glens and downs
their jonquil tales to trade.
When asked what bulbs I knew about,
I could not tell a lie;
I'd never heard, with a doubt,
Of 'Pseudonarcissi'.**

**Guy Wilson, Clive Postles, and Ballydorn
Were words I did not know.
Nor the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn,
Nor the Castle of Hillsborough.
They told me I'd see a 'Foundling' or two,
And the 'Empress of Ireland',
A 'Fragrant Rose' and an 'Angel' too,
And the 'Chief Inspector' would be on hand.**

**I didn't recognize them
When I met them face to face.
Though their owners seemed to prize them
And displayed them with much grace.
"Your face is familiar", to each bloom I said,
"But your name escapes me, I find".
Each daffodil smiled and nodded its head
And didn't seem to mind.**

**I continued to wander with the ADS crowd
and soon I would discover
That someday I might say out loud,
"I'm a genuine daffodil lover".**

by Carolyn Nordberg, April 1998,
with apologies to William Wordsworth

Carolyn and her husband, Bob, live in Stromsberg, Nebraska; she and her friends enjoy vegetable gardening together. Those of us who traveled to England and Northern Ireland were pleased to meet Carolyn. She was traveling with her friend, Myrna Smith, Central Region RVP. Thanks Myrna for sending this along

The August issue of the Journal of the Royal Horticulture Society "THE GARDEN" announced that 22 Daffodils have been granted the Award of Garden Merit after a three year trial at Wisley.

Three criteria were used: Impact of the flower (color, pose, size, grace and charm); Durability of the flower (flower life, weather resistance); and Constitution of the bulbs (health and vigor)

Cultivars granted the Award of Garden Merit were:

(Cultivar Name - Color Code - Breeder)

'Barnum' 1Y-Y; Brian S. Duncan
'Grasmere' 1Y-Y; J.S.B. Lea
'Tyrone Gold' 1Y-Y; Brian S. Duncan
'Glenfarclas' 1Y-O; J.S.B. Lea
'Gin and Lime' 1Y-W; Carncairn Daffodils Ltd.
'Bryanston' 2Y-Y; J. W. Blanchard
'Special Envoy' 2Y-Y; J.S.B. Lea
'Bram Warnaar' 1Y-Y; W. Blom and Sons Ltd.
'Willy Dunlop' 2W-Y; W. Blom and Sons Ltd.
'Carib Gipsy' 2Y-WWY; A.J.R. Pearson
'Triple Crown' 3Y-GYR; Brian S. Duncan
'Badbury Rings' 3Y-YYR; J.W. Blanchard
'Crackington' 4Y-O; J.W. Blanchard
'Tamar Fire' 4Y-R; Mrs. J.L. Richardson
'Sir Winston Churchill' 4W-O; H. A. Holmes
'Surfside' 6W-Y; Grant E. Mitsch
'Reggae' 6W-GPP; Brian S. Duncan
'Kaydee' 6W-P ; Brian S. Duncan
'Quail' 7Y-Y; Grant E. Mitsch
'Bunting' 7Y-O; Grant E. Mitsch
'Oryx' 7Y-W; Grant E. Mitsch
'Falconet' 8Y-R; Grant E. Mitsch

Of the 131 cultivars judged, 22 were given the Award of Garden Merit. 21 cultivars had to be removed because they developed symptoms of virus. 'Oryx', 'Quail' and 'Bunting' gave more than 200 flowers from 25 bulbs after three years in trial. 'Quail' was noted as "outstanding".

Congratulations to DaffNet members Brian Duncan, Brian Duncan Daffodils; John Pearson, Hofflands Daffodils; and Dick & Elise Havens, Grant Mitsch Novelty Daffodils for these "Flowers of the Future".

With Best Regards,

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