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NARCISSUS NOTES

Newsletter of the Midwest Region of the American Daffodil Society

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This is the time of year when I meet the postman at the door each day to see if he's brought me a box of goodies from Oregon or Ireland or points in between. Besides the bulbs I've ordered, I'm always eager to see what "bonus goodie" the growers might have included. Meanwhile the new beds should be prepared, so the bulbs can be planted on arrival.

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REGIONAL MEETING

The Fall Regional Meeting, as previously announced, will be on Saturday, October 5, at the Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center, 3600 Tremont Road, Columbus, Ohio. Coffee and donuts will be available from 10-10:30 a.m. during registration. At 10:30, the newest ADS slides, Daffodils in Britain, will be shown. That will be followed by Mrs. James Liggett's presentation on split-cerona daffodils. Lunch will be at the MCL Cafeteria, where you can choose your own lunch. At the Regional Show last Spring someone asked me, "How in the world does Wells Knierim grow such huge flowers?" so after lunch, Wells will tell us how! We will end the day with a panel on judging, so come prepared to ask lots of questions, because I know they'll have all the answers! I hope everyone who comes will bring a bulb along to share for door prizes--so we'll have lots, like we did last year. Come join other daffodil enthusiasts for a day of daffodil talk and friendship. Registration must be made by October 3, accompanied by your check for \$1.00. Guests are also welcome.

No arrangements with motels have been made, but for those wanting to stay overnight, the Royal Inn, Hilton Inn, and Steuffer's Inn are all close by on Olentangy River Road.

To get here:

From the North--come down I-71 to the E. 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 E. 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 Upper Arlington exit (Hilliard-Cemetery Rd.). Right (east) onto Cemetery Rd. to Dublin Rd. Right onto Dublin Rd. to Fishinger. Left onto Fishinger to Tremont Rd. Left onto Tremont to 3600 Tremont.

Do come join us!

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Have you sent in your symposium report to Mrs. Capen yet? Returns are way down this year, and even though it's past the deadline, do send in your report, as it takes a quantity of reports to make a representative symposium. Do it today! Send it directly to Mrs. John Capen, Rte. 3, Box 215, Boonton, N. J. 07005.

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We are saddened to report that Cynthia Bell, Columbus, Ohio, died on July 3. Cynthia was a charter member of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society, and was perhaps best known in the Region through her articles in our newsletter and also the ADS Journal. Since she loved to exhibit in the class for a collection of 12, friends of hers have established the Cynthia Bell Memorial Trophy to be awarded in regional shows for the best collection of 12. She will be missed.

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Word has been received that the ADS convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, on April 10, 11, 12, 1975. Mark your calendar now.

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Those of you who ordered Lemen Beauty through me last year will be getting a replacement. Mr. Gerritsen apologizes for the error, and is sending new bulbs.

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Roberta Watrous has been hospitalized with surgery, so the September "Daffodil Journal" will be understandably late this time. We all join in wishing Roberta a speedy recovery.

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Sometime ago, I asked if anyone grew Russet--besides me. From Mrs. Capen comes confirmation that Russet, 3a, is indeed very pale, very large and very good. She continues

"It has certainly staged a revival this year. I had had it in two places--what we called "the barn garden" by an ex-barn, now over run with stuff like fersythia - and a "late late" garden on a very shaded west slope, heading toward the deep woods.

I had been gathering the lates and late-lates there, hoping to develop a late May daffodil garden there. (It has not been too successful--too many maples in the wrong places.) All of these were returned some years ago--as wisps to my recovery area--and last year burst into glorious bloom. Hadn't seem them for years. But, they are distinctive. We made another planting - in front of also old and revived Carnlough, once a 'pink' 2c.

Judging the Long Island show this year I noted some lovely big flowers--in the 2b's I think- and told the committee to switch them over to where they belonged. I think it's the first time I've ever even seen Russet in a show--let alone 6 of them, all gorgeous, with Guy Wilson dead for 14 years! I wonder where they get them."

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Attention all show chairmen--do let me know the date and place of your show so it can be listed in our next newsletter. And if your group would like to host the Regional Show, please write me about that, too.

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Welcome to the following new members. We hope you enjoy your association with the ADS and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and shows.

Richard J. Connors, 5644 River Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45233
Edward Szplet, 8128 Dale Point Rd., Independence, Ohio 44131

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The cyclamineus hybrids show a diversity in the firstlings that we would not have found in them ten or fifteen years ago. Their earliness has always made them welcome, but now in addition we have a range in color and shape. Our newer ones have come from Grant Mitsch, most of them of his raising. Since he is casting longing eyes toward retirement, we had best avail ourselves as soon as possible of his lovely things.

Bonus was new to us this year. It is very early, a dignified golden flower of medium size that could pass for a la except for the slight reflex of the perianth. Quite different is Bushtit, just a little later. Its golden flowers are starry, and stars are rare among modern daffedils. Some years ago overlapping perianth segments became an ideal much sought after. Among the old-time daffedils there were many starry ones, but the flowers were frail and fleeting. The freely-produced stars of Bushtit give us great joy. One of the parents of Bushtit, Mite, has proved itself in our garden as a good bloomer and increaser. While Bushtit reaches a foot in height, Mite, a smaller flower with long trumpet and well-reflexed perianth, reaches only eight or nine inches.

Barlow and Perky are two more very early 6a's, Barlow a yellow and Perky a bicolor. Even earlier than Perky is Meengate, a lovely little flower of palest yellow. Titania, a Richardson variety we get from Grant Mitsch, is an early all-pale 6a, and Fowld's Greenlet has a white perianth and lemon crown. We have had for some years Alec Gray's Mitzy, a 6a that opens light yellow and passes into ivory. It is early on a south-facing bank, and increases well. In Satellite, Grant has given us a very early 6a with a red cup, a welcome addition. There are, of course, an assortment of later flowering cyclamineus hybrids, but they are another story.

Excerpt from "Firsts Among the Daffedils"
by Gertrude S. Wister
from the Northeast Regional Newsletter

REGISTRATION - REGIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 5, 1974

Name _____

Registration Fee - \$1.00

Address _____

Make checks payable to Mrs.
Paul Gripshover and mail with
this form to 2917 North Star Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43221
by October 3.

City _____

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