

Narcissus Notes

Midwest Region - American Daffodil Society

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MIDWEST REGION MEMBERSHIP - 192

Indiana 36 - Kentucky 15 - Michigan 15 - Ohio 126 - New Members 14 -
Dropouts 20 - 41 Accredited Judges - 7 ARJ

SHOW DATES

APRIL 2 - Leota, IN, South-Leota Barn, H. Trueblood, 3035 Bloomington Trail Rd.,
Scottsburg, IN 47170 - (812)752-2998

APRIL 9-10 - SWODS Cincinnati Zoo, T. Stettner, 3818 Drakewood Dr., Cincinnati,
OH, 45209

APRIL 16-17 - SWODS Wegerzyn Hort. Center Dayton, R. Priester, 3041 Bulah Ave.,
Kettering, OH 45429 (SWODS celebrating 25 years).

APRIL 18-19 - ADENA Regional Show V A Medical Center, Chillicothe, OH
M. L. Rutledge, 704 Ashley Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601

APRIL 21-22 - Indiana St. Marion Co. Agriculture Office Bldg, 9200 N. Meridian
Street, Indianapolis. J. Hamm, 4815 Fauna Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46234.

APRIL 23-24 CODS Columbus Zoo, 9990 Riverside Dr., Columbus, OH, C. Hyde, 8870
State Road 22 East, Stoutsville, OH 43154.

APRIL 26 - NODS Rolling Acres Mall, Romig Road, Akron, OH, Mrs. Otho Boone,
340 Reimer Road, Wadsworth, OH 44821

1995 REGIONAL SHOW WILL BE AT CODS SHOW

WINTER THOUGHTS

Here in the dead of Winter, it is hard to think of anything except SPRING. While waiting for Spring, I decided to study "Daffodil Diseases and Pests", written by Dr. Theodore E. Snazelle, (for the no telling how many times). I try to remember those pictures. All the daffodils look sick and I get sick. In my recovery, I remember Harry Tuggle saying, "Do not discount weather damage".

The weather is so wild and does so much damage here on the hill. Some of it comes when we have warm Fall temperature to bring out the foliage and it gets frozen. Worse than that comes when early Spring heat brings out the bloom all ready for a storm just before the show. That can be snow, sleet, beating rain, wind or a combination of all.

We seem reluctant to have a soil test, so the fertilizer program may not suit the soil. It may be wasteful and the flowers and foliage may look sick.

Bulbs that are planted in the landscape are overgrown by those small plants that become large and take up all the nutrients. Small flowers are what we find.

My worst fault is being behind on digging. The clumps become too full and have small flowers, misshapen ones or none at all. Flowers need room to develop. They get blown around by the wind enough without anything else.

Sometimes the drainage develops a problem and is not noticed. Sick foliage may show up or not at all. Sometimes neighbors can do some work that will change the lay of the drainage without being noticed.

January 11, I broke my leg. This was left in the "infernal machine" until I came home on February 16. The dead of Winter had turned the hill into a carpet of yellow aconite, white snowdrops and lilac specie crocus. Daffodil foliage was peeping thru--getting ready for the Spring storms. The leg is healed and I am happy to be home to enjoy the early flowers. Right now, all the troubles and diseases may not seem so terrible, but we know better. We do survive all the troubles and diseases that Dr. Ted's book tells us about. We are a peculiar people with yellow fever---that's how!!

Whitstone Display Gardens have been changed some with more additions. Lots of hard work.

Columbus area will soon have many daffodils planted along roadsides.

Kentucky highways have benefited by the Brightside Program that planted daffodils.

Judging School #1 is over. School #2 is April 10 at Natorp Educational Building, 1-75 & Fields Ertel Road, at 9 AM. Information from Mary Lou Gripshover, 1686 Grey Fox Trails, Milford, OH (513)248-9137.

Sympathy has been extended to the family of Margaret Whitaker. She was a devoted daffodiler and judge. A great loss for Kentucky Daffodil Society.

THOUGHTS ABOUT JUDGES AND JUDGING

The Middle Atlantic Region newsletter had an interesting report about a panel discussion concerning judging problems encountered. A prestigious panel presided for the open discussion. Since there is not a set rule exactly, each show may have their own rules. The ideal would be for a judge to never have flowers where judging. When do ideal shows ever happen?

The show here is the early one. I encourage all judges to come and bring flowers and help judge. We trade around as much as possible. I do not use judges that have exhibited the collections to do these. I truly feel that judges are fair. In the 13 years I have sponsored this show, there has only been 2 times that I found out too late that a judge had not stayed on the right panel. No harm was done and I guess no advantage either.

Judges need to share the space around the table. Sometimes, often times, the light is not the best, so sharing helps all to see better.

Would some kind of a marker to be used by the flowers that would be considered for top awards help? In large classes, it is hard to find the ones to be considered. It certainly would not hinder.

Judges learn ethics but sometimes forget. Consideration for other panels must be given. Prejudices are set aside when judging. Maybe some of this can be discussed at our Fall meeting. Bring your ideas.

ODDS & ENDS

Kentucky has a meeting scheduled for March 12 at John Conti Coffee House in Louisville. We are having a go at the new Primer.

Indiana has a March 17 meeting at Nora Library on 86th Street. The program will concern show practice and helpful ideas.

Thanks to Indiana for the donation to have a new "Daffodils to Show & Grow" printed. I like the Country of the hybridizer along on the right side. I found I could not have a spiral binding like the green one but no trouble there. I like the book.

Lets try to get our local society members to join A.D.S. Try to make up our 20 loss. Don't forget to invite new local members for we are known to fade away.

Support our shows. There are plenty of ways to do it!

See you in Portland!

Helen Trueblood