

Narcissus Notes

Midwest Region

American Daffodil Society

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POOR MAN'S FERTILIZER: A good winter snow
The Midwest in 1995-6 was certainly enriched.



ON THE FENCE ?

Most of you have heard of my best friend Kim Henninger - the one who helped put out my first newsletter. Most Friday afternoons we drive together to the farm. A couple years ago she started telling me how wonderful computers were. Then she began the harangue. "You have to get involved. It's so helpful. You can do it. If you can thread a serger, you can do it." I resisted. Emphatically. Then Paul gave me a laptop. I only used it to keep track of the daffodils in my yard - like a glorified typewriter. But insidiously it crept into my life. The vocabulary - one new word at a time - spewed from my mouth. And about half the time I understood it.

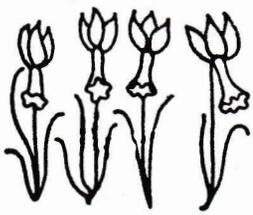
But between Kim and me, it was still a touchy subject - she knew she had pushed hard when I wanted to stand still and smell Fragrant Rose. Well, about a month ago, we were on the way to the farm, and I was explaining (using my new vocabulary) something new I wanted to try on the laptop. Suddenly, she burst out in great gales of laughter and when she finally caught her breath, allowed as how she couldn't believe we were having this conversation after all my protestations.

I laughed too. It was funny how infectious this new process is.

All of this is to encourage those of you "on the fence" to jump in. It's not as terrible as it sounds. Of course there are pitfalls. As I'm writing this, my husband and his partner have each crashed their systems and have each, so far, spent a week trying to recover. And would you want to think that an 80 year old woman was more progressive than you? Peggy MacNeale received one as a Christmas present and hasn't been heard from since.

The column Cyberspace in this issue shows part of what can be enjoyed on the net. But for me, the thrill is the immediacy of this method of communication. It's more like a conversation than a letter. You can forget the "Hi. How are you. I'm fine" stuff. The answer to a question is sometimes given in minutes instead of weeks or months.

And if you don't want to try it yourself, go visit a friend with a system. Take those strange addresses with you and spend some quality time in Cyberspace with them. Computer nuts love to go strange places!



PAINING WITH FLOWERS

For those desperate for blooms this cold winter afternoon, run, don't walk to the nearest bookstore. Pick up a copy of the April 96 issue of NATIONAL GARDENING.

There is a gorgeous, color-filled spread covering a garden in California. This is the life work of an ADS member, Gene Bauer. Be prepared to be impressed - in 1993 she planted 35,000 bulbs - most by herself! Words fail.



ULTRAVIOLET RAYS

Protection from the sun is now a necessary fact of life. The National Weather Service, in conjunction with the EPA, now forecasts an UV Index on a scale of 0-10.

For more information, call 1-800-296-1996. 58 cities are involved in this program and the readings are considered valid for a 30 mile radius around each city.



DAFFODIL NAMES ... Am I alone? I wish growers would more often share their reasons for the chosen names of bulbs.

CONVENTION ALERT

Be the first in your neighborhood to go to a daffodil convention! Baltimore is the site of this year's gathering. It's not too late to make reservations for this fun event. It will be held April 18-20. Look at your last Daffodil Journal for pertinent information. Still unsure? Call someone and ask whether they are going.

CONVENTION 1996

For those in the middle of planning their Convention trip, Don Caton offers these suggestions of garden sidetrips for the Baltimore - Washington - Virginia area.

The week after the convention is the Virginia Statewide Historic Garden Week. 200 private homes and gardens. Info.: 1-804-643-7141 or call the Virginia Tourist Office at 1-800-VISITVA.

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The National Cathedral
Washington, D.C.
spring garden charge possible

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Dumbarton Oaks Park
S St. at 32nd St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. (S. of Naval Obsv.)
gardens and House charge
open to public occasionally
owned by Harvard Univ.

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Sherwood Garden
off of St. Paul St. & Stratford Rd.
between Charles and York
Baltimore, Maryland
run by the Guilford Association
tulips and evergreens
½ hr. from Towson

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National Arboretum
New York Ave., N.E.
Washington D.C.
just off U.S.1 from Baltimore
about 1 hr. from Towson
open daily 9:30 - 5 ph# 202-245-2726
\$5. Senior citizen discount
Highlights: Berrychokes, Asian Coll.,
Friendship Garden, Herbs, Bonsai

THE REGIONAL MEETING

was held October 14, 1995 at Cox Arboretum with 38 in attendance. We had 4 new members: Shirley and Bill Boardman and Phyllis and Fred Rucker.

Mary Lou Gripshover gave a wonderful slide show presentation of her search with Marilyn Howe and Kathy Anderson for species daffodils in Spain.

Tom Stettner presented a short program on his use of Cygon to control narcissus bulb fly. A lively discussion followed with Nancy Gill cautioning all that this is POISON and that masks and protective clothing should be worn. Peggy MacNeale allowed as how she uses and is pleased with wasp spray. At the end, I quipped that, "Or you can do nothing as I do". Which is true. But this remark was taken very seriously by Libby Frey, an ardent and active environmentalist. She stated that she appreciated my remark and we should look to more natural deterrents.

Two lovely daffodil plates were donated to the region by Jeanne and Doug Clarke. Susan Ruoff organized an impromptu raffle and the regional coffers are now a little richer. They were won - one by Evadene Holyoke (who we've not seen enough of lately) and the other by Columbus newcomers Phyllis and Fred Rucker.

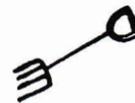
Members were asked to bring any odd slides they might like to share. And what fun that was! Slides from 20 years ago of Naomi Liggett, Tag Bourne and Phyllis Hess - all looking like teenagers. Slides of Helen Link and Helen Trueblood perusing flower beds with the same critical eye. A slide of Brian Duncan - with hair. And slides of now departed members like Wells and Mary Knierim. We may do this again!

Then the bulb exchange. Due to the very early, hot summer, a lot of digging had been postponed to another year - so the pickings might have been slim.

But for the second year in a row, Charles Wheatley saved the day. Unfortunately, Charles couldn't be with us but sent a box of his usual large, wonderful bulbs. (A big thank-you is inserted here.)

The drawing proceeded with Doug Clarke calling numbers. It was a mad scramble but it was lovely to see members giving their numbers to the newcomers to increase their cultivar collections. The newcomers looked shellshocked.

And the last note is to say how wonderful it was to see Rebecca Koesters and baby - both looking healthy and happy after such a rocky beginning.



ARTIOPATHIA TRIANGULATA

Frightening title? It should be, as you will see as you read on. To the relief of U.S. gardeners, it has not arrived on our shores. Apparently due to the efforts of APHIS, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, this is true. Unfortunately, APHIS has little control over gardeners on holiday who often smuggle plants and bulbs home in various pockets. (I'm not shocked. Heck, I once saw an Italian woman try to bring in a whole salami in her dirty laundry!)

What is it? IT is a smooth, purple-brown flatworm that feeds on earthworms by covering them with digestive enzymes. Fully grown, it is about 7 inches long and in 30 minutes can dissolve an entire earthworm.

A native of New Zealand, it has now invaded Ireland and England. Scientists estimate that the flatworm has devoured a third of the earthworms in Ireland. A reminder here that earthworms are essential; they enrich and aerate our soil. Flatworms are not a problem in New Zealand because of their warmer and drier climate. But in cool, damp soil, they are voracious.

Right here, wise gardeners might insert a mental image of a giant, slimy worm in their conscience and bring it out the next time they are tempted to circumvent APHIA regulations!



MEMBERSHIP

MIDWEST REGION MEMBERSHIP - 183
as of 1-1-96

Indiana	38	Michigan	15
Kentucky	15	Ohio	115
New Members in 1995	21		
Deaths, Resignations	5		
Dropouts	27		

NEW MEMBERS

We have 4 new members in the Midwest Region. Consider calling and asking them to a show this spring.

Dean J. Pawlicki
13472 Morgan Drive
Doylestown, Ohio 44230

Penny Wilkinson
8468 Camargo Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45243

Paul Charles Wheatley
Junior Member age 10
P.O. Box 394
Bluffton, Indiana 46714

Ken Schehl
765 Barg Salt Run
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244

JUDGING SCHOOL # 4

Sunday, April 14, 1996

Star Bank
425 Ludlow Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Lectures will begin at 9 a.m. with the afternoon for examinations. Cost of the school will be \$8.

Judges needing refresher credit are encouraged to attend. Their cost is \$3.

Mary Lou Gripshover, Chairperson

1996 DAFFODIL SHOW SCHEDULE

MIDWEST REGION

- April 6 Kentucky Daffodil Society
Oxmoor Mall, Shelbyville Rd.
Louisville, Kentucky
Info: Mrs. Verne Trueblood
3035 Bloomington Trail Road
Scottsburg, Indiana 47170
- April 13-14 Southwestern Ohio Daffodil Society
Wegerzyn Horticultural Center
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Dayton, Ohio
Info: Margaret Baird
1220 Latchwood Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45405
- April 13-15 Indiana Daffodil Growers South
Leota Barn Scottsburg, Indiana
MIDWEST REGIONAL SHOW
Info: Mrs. Verne Trueblood
3035 Bloomington Trail Road
Scottsburg, Indiana 47170
- April 18-20 NATIONAL DAFFODIL SHOW & CONVENTION
Sheraton Baltimore North
Towson, Maryland
Info: Joan M. George
614 W. Timonium
Timonium, Maryland 21093
- April 23-24 Adena Daffodil Society
Veteran's Administration Medical Cent
Chillicothe, Ohio
Info: Mary Rutledge
704 Ashley Drive
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
- April 25-26 Indiana Daffodil Society
Meridian St. United Methodist Church
5500 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, Indiana
Info: Joe Hamm
4815 Fauna Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana 46234
- April 27-28 Central Ohio Daffodil Society
Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio
Info: Mrs. Betty Kealiher
6625 Seeds Road Box 144
Grove City, Ohio 43123
- May 4 Northern Ohio Daffodil Society
Rolling Acres Mall, 2400 Romig
Akron, Ohio
Info: Carol McKeeman
2773 Boltz Rd.
Akron, Ohio 44333

CYBERSPACE

I thought you might like to eavesdrop on what's happening on the DaffNet.

The following letters were culled over the last couple of months from my e-mail. I hope you find some of them interesting.

Juno e-mail printed Tue, 20 Feb 1996 18:34:14 PST, page 1

From: ramsay@waikato.ac.nz (Peter Ramsay)
To: lwallpe@TSO.Cin.IX.net
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 1996 20:12:31 -0600
Subject: Re: Bereavement
Message-ID: <v01510100ad4eead55814@[130.217.98.98]>
X-Status: Read

Not good news I'm afraid. One of the doyens of the daffodil world, and a close personal friend and mentor of both Max and me, Jim O'More died this morning. Jim was one of this country's greatest hybridisers, with many wonderful originations coming from his Newlands, Wellington home. He began pollen daubing after the War, and continued until his regrettably early hospitalisation in 1989. We grow many fine examples, and have named many on his behalf. Friend Jim and Jim's Gold will have fresh meaning for us now.

Jim was generous to an extreme. Years ago I was a member of the Executive of the Teachers Union and had to travel to Wellington often. Jim's advice was to bring an empty suit case which he would fill with top quality bulbs. After his first stroke in the mid eighties, Max and I made the long trip to wellington to help him lift and plant. Jim would supervise, and would tell us to make sure that we had a bulb of his seedlings to make sure they weren't lost. Even his latest ones. Much of our own breeding has centred on what Jim started.

Jim received lots of daffodil honours, life membership here and the Peter Barr cup in the UK. He was a single man, horticulture was his life, his seedlings his babies. He is gone but he will not be forgotten.

Max and I will make the trip to the funeral - at least I will have a few of Jenny (which he loved) for the grave. Peter.

Juno e-mail printed Tue, 20 Feb 1996 18:50:24 PST, page 1

From: stevev@europa.com (Stephen J. Vinisky)

Dear Peter,

I am so very sorry to hear the news about Jim O'More. Our little daffodil world seems smaller because of it. I greatly admire his 'Gold Tan', the vastly under rated 'Kazuko' (Which I have used frequently in breeding for 3W-R's as it is one of the few that does not contain Kilworth x Arbar) 'Red Treasure' and the outstanding 'Sea Dream' among many others. He clearly left a legacy of many fine things.

Steve

Subj: Re: Ulster Bride
Date: 95-11-28 23:27:58 EST
From: GRAEME.C.DAVIS@TSY.NZLGOVTSY.synet.net.nz (GCD)
Sender: daffodil@mc.edu
Reply-to: daffodil@mc.edu
To: tazbnd@aol.com

I was interested in the comments on Twotees:

"Twotees bloomed for me this spring, but it looked more like a division 2 with deep splits in the cup than a true division 11. Perhaps it needs to acclimatize more. It did not look like the picture in the ADS Daffodil Journal."

While I have not grown it myself, I too have seen examples that clearly resemble large cups. It was only just starting to bloom at Harold's when I was there but I did check those that were open and all that I saw there had the appropriate splits for a div 11. You might be right - it might just happen as it settles down to a new climate.

It certainly is an interesting flower which I am going to grow myself this year.

Graeme

Subj: Growing from seed - info request.
Date: 95-12-02 04:45:35 EST
From: jonlind@es.co.nz (Jon Lindqvist)
Sender: daffodil@mc.edu
Reply-to: daffodil@mc.edu
To: tazbnd@aol.com

Greetings,

I'm new to this list - apologies if the topic has been well aired. I'm looking for information or sources about growing dafodils from seed, having today recovered the seed capsules from our home garden crop. Any information w.r.t. time to reach flowering stage, when and how to sow, treatment of seed to promote quick germination etc. very welcome?

- Thanks -

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Subj: Re: Growing from seed - Reply
Date: 95-12-02 09:00:27 EST
From: StephJa184@aol.com
Sender: daffodil@mc.edu
Reply-to: daffodil@mc.edu
To: tazbnd@aol.com

Dear Jon,

Welcome and good question! I'll answer in general but Peter Ramsay of Koanga Daffodils will most likely answer with specifics for New Zealand.

Daffodil seed is best sown direct from the ripened seedpod into either seedbeds or large pots. You can store ripened seed in envelopes or jars until sowing for two to three months with only a slight change in viability. Seed can be sown from one inch to three inches deep (authorities differ on planting depth but I would recommend 2 inches deep) in a free draining medium.

Germination will take place the following spring with round grass like foliage appearing. Keep moist during the spring and generally the foliage will die down in early summer like standard bulb foliage. The second season will produce two leaves (in favorable climates) although of much smaller size.

The third year is much the same but the two leaves will grow longer and increase in width. In the most favorable case you will occasionally get three leaves. At the end of the third growing season the small bulbs can be moved into field conditions (some growers move the small bulbs out in the second or fourth year) Bloom can be expected from the fourth year to the sixth year after sowing. Some species narcissus will regularly bloom in three years from seed.

This may sound like a discouraging long wait but the wait is worth it. Most growers sow every year and once the "pipeline" is full, new things bloom every year. The long length of time from seed to maiden bloom is why 99.999% of advances in daffodils are made by amateurs and not commercial concerns. Opportunities for improvements in color, form, fragrance, inter-divisional hybrids etc., are boundless.

The biggest handicap for new hybridizers is sound evaluation of new hybrids. Most choose to join local daffodil societies and to enter their flowers in competition. Viewing and growing many types of available daffodils can be of immense help in developing a feel for what is really new and different. Daffodil shows and competitions can greatly speed up the evaluation learning curve. Try Joining the New Zealand Daffodil Group or the American Daffodil Society. Their publications will also help and inform all levels of daffodil growers. I certainly have found growing daffodils from seed a fun and greatly rewarding experience.

Best regards,
Steve Vinisky

Subj: Chores during the wait for spring.
Date: 95-12-05 10:34:49 EST
From: StephJa184@aol.com
Sender: daffodil@mc.edu
Reply-to: daffodil@mc.edu
To: tazbnd@aol.com

In the pacific northwest the very heavy rain (over 12" in November) and warm temps have caused early emergence of many daffodils. A surprising number of "tips" are showing in the main field. Snow is expected on Friday along with much colder temperatures so things are sure to slow down. A mulch of about two inches in depth will moderate the soil temperature and also keep mud from splashing on the blooms in the spring.

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Due to so many tips showing, weed and grass control will be most difficult this year. The rain and warmth have caused a tremendous amount of weeds and grasses to sprout. Naturally they are untouched by the coldest weather. I am still very reluctant to use pre-emergants (like Surflan) to control weeds. Having to hoe an acre and a half of named cultivars (with almost the same acreage in seedlings) is impossible for me due to the time constraints of having to earn a living. If any of you are planning a visit here in the spring, you may need a pith helmet and native bearers, as it may be a jungle by then!

Many jonquils and bulbocodiums have thrown up 3-4 inches of foliage. Most years they have not been bothered by temperatures as low as minus 7 degrees F, although they have never been up this high so early. A number of things are also showing in the raised seedling beds; mostly jonquil and tazetta crosses. More to follow as the weather turns colder.

Steve Vinisky

Subj: Re: Chores during the wait for spring.
Date: 95-12-05 14:39:27 EST
From: ramsay@waikato.ac.nz (Peter Ramsay)
Sender: daffodil@mc.edu
Reply-to: daffodil@mc.edu
To: tazbnd@aol.com

Looks like you will have your hands full, Steve. We will be definite visitors so will come armed with machetes (if we can get them through security at the airport - we've been allowed cricket bats for Son in the past so why not?) I was surprised at your acreage of daffs. Ours started to get big a few years back, so I decided to follow John Lea's example and threw out all that were not show worthy, or were proven breeders. Between both of us Max and I would hardly have two acres in bulbs at any one time. John Lea also never made many more than 50 crosses pa. I'm sorry to say that we exceed this (well over 200 between us this year) but again time is the essence which stops us. Here at Matangi we start lifting on Boxing Day and stop on Jan 8 when I return to work. We plant at Easter, and what doesn't get in at that time is discarded. We spray with Roundup; like you Steve I do not trust pre-emergents. Don't like Roundup much either but it is an evil necessity. We are on a 5 year rotation to try and help roattion. In between cattle and our pet donkeys provide manure. There are plenty of weeds, which we allow to grow over our two year downs as a green mulch!

Re seed. Steve's advice is excellent, although the planting depth used by us seldom exceeds an inch. After all in Nature's way the seed would barely be covered. We need to plant a bit deeper than MT as rains will scour the beds out a little. We plant in open ground and lift at two. Some flower at 4 years, almost all at five. We retain until six and then kep about 50 selections for trial. (from several thousand seed!) You ned to be patient.

Incidentally the NZ Annual arrived today. I was appalled to see the list of registrations. Few if any of these have been proved on the show bench and I would wager that they are not advances in the field. Even my own Cameo Knight which is used at early shows is useful rather than brilliant. Perhaps we need to tighten registration procedures, or perhaps institute a charge (\$10?). This may slow "em down a bit. Max and I have registered only about 10 of our own raising, and a few more than that of Jim's. Almost all are still show contendors (indeed Max's first, Red Cameo, got three premiers at different shows grown by different exhibitors last year). I would wager that we will throw out better seedlings than many of those being registered. As I type this I'm getting angrier when I think of the work the Registrars will be put to. Thoughts anyone?

Peter Ramsay.

PS There are some good coloured photos of a range of NZ seedlings in the Annual. Tellme which ones should get names. - there are 7 - I'd name three Which one's folks?!! Peter

CYBERSPACE

Subject: Some More on Barbara-Abel-Smith
Date: 95-12-09 10:53:08 EST
From: Snazelle@mc.edu (Ted Snazelle)
Sender: daffodil@mc.edu
Reply-to: daffodil@mc.edu
To: tazbnd@aol.com

Dear Daffniks:

During the spring semester of 1990, I was Professor-in-Residence with the Louisiana College/Mississippi London Program. (Peter Ramsay will no doubt remember this as he and his wife and I went to dinner one night at my favorite Italian restaurant off Russell Square while Peter was in London.)

On Saturday and Sunday, April 7 - 8, 1990, I was a house guest of Barbara Abel-Smith at her home near Hatfield, about a 25 minute train ride from King's Cross Station in London. Although the day was bright with sunshine when I arrived, it was also windy and cold. One of her employees picked me up at the train station and drove me to her home. We immediately walked about her daffodil planting. As we walked she told me of the plans for the open garden the next day. After I was thoroughly chilled, we returned to the house to enjoy a warm fire and tea. I was content. As the afternoon and evening wore on, stopping only for dinner, we talked about daffodils in general and her hybridizing program in specific. She told me her hybridizing goals: breeding 1 Y-O's, 3 W-P's, 3 Y-Y's, 3 Y-O's, and 3 O-O's. To that end, she seemed to have accomplished the 3 W-P with a small, but lovely seedling D44/31. This seedling was seen earlier that spring at the RHS Early Competition in New Hall at Vincent Square. As to the fate of that seedling, I don't know. It sure did seem to me to be a 3 W-P!

I was impressed with the attention that Barbara paid to her daffodil planting where she was ably assisted by Michael and Sandra Baxter and Mary Anderson. Her regimen was to dig every two years, hot water treat, and replant. The bulbs sold were from the two-year lifting. She paid much attention to the health of her stocks. At the time of my visit Michael Baxter, was doing much of the hybridizing, etc. for her. This point raises a question: Does any one know if Michael Baxter is going to continue her daffodil business?

Perhaps some of you have grown 'Sophie Girl' 2 W-P. This cultivar was named for Barbara's canine companion of 14 years, a springer spaniel named Sophie Girl. When Sophie Girl died, she was buried in the lawn near Barbara's house. The burial site is marked with a tombstone engraved with the name Sophie Girl. I seem to recall that the daffodil cultivar 'Sophie Girl' was planted on the grave as well.

That weekend at Barbara Abel-Smith's will not soon be forgotten as I was very much a pampered guest.

Ted Snazelle

CYBERSPACE

To: /mail/lw/lwallpe Msg #: 199 Size: 2130/39
From: snazelle@mc.edu (Ted Snazelle) On: 01/23/96 09:00
Subject: Miniature Daffodil Cultivar 'Charles Warren' 1Y-
Reply-To: daffodil@mc.edu

Dear Daffniks:

Well, today is Tuesday, January 23, 1996. As I walked among my daffodil beds early this morning, I found 2 of 4 scapes of 'Charles Warren' in bloom. Clearly a diminutive daffodil, I fear it really is too large to be a miniature and probably needs to be dropped from the miniature list. If such happens, I guess that would automatically make it an intermediate daffodil cultivar. Nonetheless, its earliness, health and vigor make it a desirable cultivar for the Deep South.

One of the pleasures of being a college professor is that being perceived to be eccentric by one's friends and neighbors is expected. In fact, they would be disappointed if you were not eccentric! Thus, when they see me walking among my daffodil beds looking at the barren ground, they are not surprised. It seems that they understand that I get a thrill when I see the tip of green emerge from the ground. It really is exciting to me. I wonder what surprises I will have this spring. What new lessons will I have to learn?

My wife has long since accepted my eccentricities: She understands how I have managed to make a year round hobby (passion) out of a bulbous plant which you insert into the ground in the fall and which blooms in the spring. The beauty of growing daffodils is that they offer something to everyone from being the harbingers of spring to the sane to the source of countless hours of pleasure (and frustration) to those afflicted with "yellow fever." How do you know that you have "yellow fever?" There are several symptoms of the disease: 1) You walk among your daffodil beds peeling back the mulch to see if any green can be seen emerging from the ground; 2) You become ecstatic when the first cultivar blooms; 3) You become morose when the last cultivar's bloom in the garden has faded; 4) You grieve when a cultivar you love fails to come up; 5) You become excited when you lift bulbs which have been down several years and see the increase and large size of the lifted bulbs; and 6) You enjoy hard, round, smooth, tan-skinned daffodil bulbs almost as much as you enjoy their blooms!

Ted Snazelle

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To: /mail/lw/lwallpe Msg #: 200 Size: 1136/26
From: stevev@europa.com (Stephen J. Vinisky) On: 01/23/96 10:34
Subject: Re: Eccentric
Reply-To: daffodil@mc.edu

I'll match Ted story for story on eccentricity.

Three years ago during late spring, we had an unusually fierce outbreak of the bulbfly. The first few days I sort of thought I could handle the outbreak without spraying. A futile hope as it turns out, but it was my first thought.
I thought about the problem and then bundled the kids in the car and went to The Nature Company at the local mall and bought 4 large butterfly nets. That's one net for me and one for each of the children.

During lunchtime, it was warm and sunny and there were many flies about. The four of us spent an hour and a half flailing about with the nets and sprinting all over the field. << INSERT MENTAL PICTURE of the Michellin tire man with a butterfly net trundling his bulk through a field of daffodils, laughing like a loon.>>

Our closest neighbor (about 1/3 of a mile above us) called about 2:00pm to thank us for the entertainment.....
You know that I still hear whispers in town every once in a while like, " he's the one with the butterfly net".

I applied the granular Dursban three days later after darkness had set in.
Best Regards,
Steve

Subj: BLOOMING TIME SURPRISE
Date: 95-11-28 23:15:28 EST
From: rspotts@ccnet.com (Robert Spotts)
Sender: daffodil@mc.edu
Reply-to: daffodil@mc.edu
To: tazbnd@aol.com

This past Spring, I visited a couple of my daffodil friends at their Summer cabin in Island Park, Idaho (a few miles south of West Yellowstone). I arrived on June 20, and to my surprise, the slope from the driveway up to their A-frame was covered with daffodils in full bloom! They weren't old blooms - but thick with substance and bright with color! Salome I recognized. A yellow might well have been Carleton. A third variety has slipped from my memory.

The slope had a northwest exposure.

Has anyone experienced later bloom time than this?



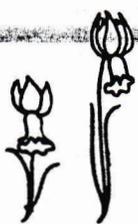
A hard spring snow
 is screaming sideways
 Loose from winter's grasp
 Yesterday was shirt sleeve weather
 we knew wouldn't last

I found fresh sprouts
 of daffodils whose bulbs had needed room
 A foul, hard trait
 inate to golden yellow blooms

Yet brave the cold, hard, fickle world
 with optimistic flair
 Trembling in the icy wind
 with righteous savoir-faire

An environment where survival meant
 what... not who's alive
 It's glory is the tribute
 to those few who don't survive

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