

The American Daffodil Society
Midwest Region
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Quite often we hear the expression of 'yellow fever' attached to daffodils. This means that you have caught the bug and are now looking for and at anything connected with daffodils: pictures, ceramics, fabrics, etc. But it's also SHARING and giving away. The time of year is fast approaching when you will be able to spread that 'yellow fever'. Don't let the flowers fade in the yard. SHARE them. Try taking a bouquet to the doctors/dentists office, library, workplace, school, local pizza parlor. Enjoy the smiles on the faces of people you SHARE them with. Daffodils will brighten someone's day and you will be SHARING something which you have known all along was special. And who knows, maybe you are taking flowers to a future member of your local daffodil society or of ADS. This spring spread 'yellow fever'!

It hasn't been that long since the number one item in the news was about the problems in Florida with counting the votes and electing a president. We had our own 'close count' right here in the Midwest Region. When the dust had settled, Libby Frey reported that the new Regional Vice President will be Donna Dietsch. Please don't think that your vote didn't count, because it did. Donna starts her term at the convention. If you wish to be in contact with her, she can be reached at: 5192 Bagley Road Columbus, Ohio 43232
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Also, Mary Ellen Sheridan was elected to a three year term to the Board of Directors beginning at the convention.

As my terms as RVP end, I would be remiss not to thank members and contributors for their help, but there are too many to count. One person, however, is my cousin, Evelyn Spray, who spent many hours helping me fold, staple, and stamp, and another is the person whom I bounced ideas off and who listened to my frustrations. You know who you are. Many thanks.



Dates to Remember

- April 4-7 ADS National Convention - Louisville, KY
April 11-12 Midwest Regional Show, Scottsburg, IN
April 14-15 SWODS - Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden
April 17-18 Adena - Veteran's Medical Center - Chillicothe
April 18-19 IDS Meridian St. UM Church - Indianapolis, IN
April 21-22 CODS - Franklin Park Conservatory - Columbus
April 28 NODS - Chapel Hill Mall Akron
September 15 - Midwest Region Fall Meeting - Place to be Determined

Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden

The Peggy Macneale Daffodil Garden at the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center will be formally dedicated in a champagne celebration on Monday, April 9, at noon. Everyone is invited to attend. This garden has been planned and planted by the South Western Ohio Daffodil Society as a public display to educate the public on our favorite flower. In this, its first year, it holds over 200 cultivars, including a complete Wister Award collection; the society plans to expand it in future years. The garden is named in honor of Peggy Macneale to recognize her achievements as one of the founders of the South Western Ohio Daffodil Society over thirty years ago. Peggy was also the first director of the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center in 1942. ADS members also know of Peggy's contributions to the ADS as a regional vice-president, long-time chairman of the miniatures committee, and frequent contributor to The Daffodil Journal of her "Notes for the Newcomer" column as well as Peggy's activities as a judge, judge instructor, photographer, and frequent speaker to garden clubs and daffodil societies. The ADS has also recognized Peggy's contributions by awarding her its Silver Medal for service.

Please contact Bill Lee (513-752-8104) or Linda Wallpe (513-221-4140) if you need more information or directions to the dedication ceremony.

- Bill Lee

Helen Trueblood Honored

At the October meeting, the Indianapolis Daffodil Society honored Helen Trueblood by awarding her a Life Membership in the IDS. Long past due, this award commemorates her work for the IDS where she has been everything from a knowledgeable gardening expert to a tireless workhorse - and everything in between! She has graciously given her time, energy and bulbs and mentored many of the younger members, include myself! Thank you, Helen!

- Suzy Wert

Judges School

Judges School #1 will be held at the Franklin Park Conservatory on April 22 at 9:00 AM. Please bring your judges handbook and pencils. This will be an all day meeting so you may wish to bring your lunch or plan to buy it at the conservatory. Instructors will be Mary Lou Gripshover and Dan Bellinger. For further information, contact Donna Dietsch.

Conventions

If you are unable to attend the convention this year in Louisville, perhaps you will be able to attend next year in Cincinnati (actually Northern Kentucky). The SWODS people have been hard at work for some time lining up events. The dates are April 18-20.

Last But Not Least

The Midwest Region is always looking for some good people to hold positions within the ADS. If you know of someone who is willing and able, send that persons name along with the signatures of five nominators to Nancy Kolson (address on letterhead).

Have a wonderful spring and good luck at the shows. If you have never attended a show before, please make your presence known. We would love to meet you.

My thanks to John Reed of Oakwood Daffodils for taking time from his busy schedule to let us know what he is doing in the field of hybridizing. Perhaps we will be seeing P-Ps before too many years.

Michigan raised daffodils grown very well in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. If you are not now on his mailing list, you may obtain a catalog by sending \$3.00 to:

*Oakwood Daffodils
2330 W. Bertrand Rd.
Niles, MI 49120*

The \$3.00 will be refunded on your first order.

Oakwood Ramblings

New bulbs have been planted for a month now. They include the first named miniatures from Kiera Bulbs (Australia): Platinum Legend 6W-Y and Second Fiddle 6W-W plus a number of other seedlings under number. Last years bulbs planted in mid January in containers bloomed on June 4th. Crossed with n.jonquilla, one of them actually set seed. The containers are placed next to the drafty basement door where the temperature stays about 42 to 48 degrees, and they root well. Most larger bulbs are simply planted out as soon as possible in March or April. About 50 more of Colin Crotty's (New Zealand) bulbs are expected this March to join the other 50 varieties planted last year. Colin's Joy should bloom for the first time this spring. A few of Bill Dijk's miniatures bloomed in 2000 and were very attractive.

The bulb containers/totes are moved from the protected seed box area in April where they get daily misting until July and are then the misting is withheld to go dormant for the fall planting.

Sixty-nine (69) new varieties were registered in 2000. After years of putting off the tedious work of measurements, recordings and descriptions on the four page RHS form, I have to stay up at night to do this in the house as the day time is filled with flower selection, crosses, etc.

As daffodils are selected, many are given an unofficial name like Haunting 3Y-Y was, when it first flowered because it was 'Hauntingly' beautiful. Others have been changed by choice like Tomato Pie to Strawberry Pie. Others were changed because of refusal by the RHS, like Gold Chalice was changed to Scotch Quarter, the area my son-in-law's family lived in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland.

About fifteen (15) 2P-P seedlings have been dug and lined out in the last two years. Most are Culmination seedlings and have been used in crosses now. The best is now registered Pink Flush 2P-PPY from Music X Culmination. Originally felt to be from Magician, this parentage seems more likely. Faded labels can cause headaches. Pink Flush has been used with the best that I have as well as P-P material from Brian Duncan, but it will be a few years before results are available.

Second generation 2P-Ps are only a guess here! But I'm already wondering about a pink petal-pink poet. After years of neglect, I've started to breed poets again and am hopeful of better form in the poet.

Orange trumpets are improving here, but 88-28-8 from Helsal X Poet's Dream continues to be my best 1W-O so far, despite several second generation 1W-O's that have flowered. It should be named this year.

The biggest highlight of 2000 was cross 94-15, a 2Y-R seedling X Corbiere. It gave the brightest red 1Y-R I've ever seen and the form/breeding potential was good. It set seed X John Pearson's 1Y-R seedling from the World Daffodil Show. Four days later, a sibling flowered a 1O-O. I never thought I would see such a flower. But the flowers 94-15-1 & 2 were fertile and sun resistant. A neglected 2O-R of trumpet character from Glen Farcus X Creagh Dubh got the 1O-O pollen. Many outstanding daffodils are seen each year but a Hillstar seedling really caught my eye last year. A small flower, it opened an 11Y-Y and reversed to an 11Y-W, not a lot of color contrast but smooth and well formed. I hope it gives 2 blooms/stem in the future. Only one last year.

2W-R daffodils are reaching new standards here thanks to Ruby Red 2W-R crossings with a selection of Evans W-2 that Murray gave me, have given brilliant red cups. Ruby Red on Culmination has given deeper colors, and they are now being inter-crossed. The petals and poise are much better than Ruby Red!

Future bulbs in the pipe line:

- From 1991 Intense bright 2W-R from Evans W-2 (Reed selection 5) X Ruby Red. Smooth petals, unbelievable - Now being used with other 2W-R seedlings. Next generations are in the seed boxes
- From 1989 & 90 Precocious X Dear Love 40 selections were kept including the BEST 11W-P for show I've seen. To be named in 2001. My first and best 1W-O, from Helsal X Poets Dream 88-28-8. Elegant trumpet - fertile. Will name it Aaron Copeland this year. Only 8 bulbs so far
- Many others (1W-O) in pipe line
- 3W-P light pink, lavender pinks, deep pinks and a couple of red pinks. All small stocks but will release Strawberry Shortcake in 2001. Dulcie Joan X Cascade. Others from Ever Pink X Kerstin (Cascade) Chiquita X Kerstin and some from Jewel Song X second generation 3W-P are flowery with smaller cups and deeper color.
- Y-P Many types mostly trumpets. The Decoy X Milestone verges on a 2Y-R but coarse. Will name and release more in 2002. The best seen here is now Excimeter 1Y-P for show.
- More 11Y-Ps to release. All named after "Painted ladies" of the screen. Painted Lady name rejected last year. See registration. Several second generations with variations. Plans to name best one this year. The pink color is now a red pink.
- 11Y-W Two under evaluation now and second generations coming on in the 1994 crosses.
- 1 & 2 Y-Ys Some named to release in a few years being used with really smooth 1Y-Ys from 1993 (Gold Finger seedlings) and Impeccable, etc. Scotch Quarter 1Y-Y is one of these. Millineum Gold is awesome but stock is smaller.
- Miniatures 7 or 8 under trial 1W-W 1W-Y from Bagatelle and Sir Echo. So far, smaller than Little Beauty.
- 2W-Lavender - from 1989 Ken's Favorite X Culmination No pink color, only lavender to my eyes. Will name in 2001. Using in crosses to intensify the cup color. Center is more intense. Pales to edge of cup.
- 2O-O Numerous exist but last year a real break through in a lone Rory's Glen seedling giving the best 2O-O I have seen. Tetraploid tazetta pollens from California set 300+ seeds on my own seedlings last year, mostly red-pinks, giving promise to fertile 8W-Ps in the future.

Spring awaits and pollen capsules are ready to go to work!

Signed/John Reed D.O.