

AMERICAN DAFFODIL SOCIETY
MIDWEST REGION

NARCISSUS NOTES

SUMMER 2003

MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

Date: **November 1, 2003**
Place: **CIVIC GARDEN CENTER**
2715 Reading Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

9:30 AM **Coffee & Welcome**

10 AM **What is A Rose Ribbon Winner ?**
Panel Discussion in Two Parts:
1. The Hybridizing Process
2. The Judging Process

A wide ranging discussion: what is the Rose Ribbon and why is it important? what is a seedling? how does one hybridize? what is 'unique'? what should judges be looking for?

The panel will be made up of hybridizers and judges – all from our region: Dan Bellinger, Mary Lou Gripshover, Leone Low, John Reed, Tom Stettner, and Charles Wheatley,

This program will qualify as a judges refresher for those who need credit. Cost \$3.

Noon **Potluck Lunch**

Try out your newest recipe! Bring a dish to share and your personal place setting. Equipped kitchen. Drinks will be provided.

1 PM **The Granville Ladies**

The Granville Garden Club does great things around their town. They support the children's garden. They maintain the center islands on the

main street, filling them with daffodils and daylilies.

They have a daffodil show – unlike any other in our region! And they sell bulbs – lots of them. Prepare to be amazed at how much money they raise every year.

Some of their members are also ADS members and you may have met them at a convention. Jill Greisse and a couple other ladies will tell us all about this unique organization.

Come prepared to ask questions as they are very successful at what they do and have a lot of information to share with us.

2 PM **Bulb Swap**

Just plain tired of planting? Bring your extra bulbs to share. And by the way, it is permissible to share things other than bulbs.

Newcomers, take note: Everyone who attends gets a pick - maybe more than one! You do not have to bring bulbs to participate. It's just a bonus of being a member!

SWODS is hosting the regional meeting this year in memory of Grace Baird, a longtime ADS member and mother of SWODS member, Margaret Baird.

Directions to the Civic Garden Center are at the end of the newsletter.

Betty Kealisher is a certifiable reverse bi-color. Come to the Regional Meeting and see for yourself.

A Few New Member Notes , Give Them a Big Welcome!

* Stacy Holtzman lives on five wooded acres outside of Bloomington, IN with her husband and three "lazy cats". They grow massive numbers of named and labeled Hostas and liked the Hosta Journal so well that they joined the ADS just for the Journal. She likes daffodils because they bloom before the hostas even come up out of the ground and before the trees leaf out. "Nothing eats daffodils; they're a pretty sound investment." Right now, their property is either in the path of, or close to, the new proposed "Mexican Highway" being built through Indiana from Canada and so her gardening plans are in flux.

* Debbie Crago has what Mary Ellen Sheridan said is the nicest garden in Chillicothe, filled with unusual varieties of all kinds...hostas and lilies and all kinds of stuff. She is a Master Gardener, Secretary of Adena Daffodil Society, and grows orchids inside with no greenhouse. Debbie is the mother of three college-age children and hooks rugs when she's not gardening. She has already encouraged her aunt, Ruth Black, to join Adena, too.

* Lisa Atwell and her family reside in Zionsville, Indiana, a suburb of Indianapolis. Daffodils flow throughout the woodland landscape during spring and early summer. Her personal garden was featured in "The Garden's of Zionsville" 2003 tour. Lisa jumped right into the ADS, helping both to set up the show and tear it down, despite it being her busy season with Garden Time, Inc.. Lisa's life-long passion for gardening, horticultural study and interest in nursery/landscape business led to the creation of Garden Time, Inc. Her services include design, installation and beautification of new and existing ornamental gardens.

* Wanda Coletta won the 2003 Small Grower's Award at the SWODS show and won an ADS membership as her prize. She got interested in daffodils through her co-worker, Tom Stettner, who brought cut daffodils to the office. Although she is a new gardener, growing low maintenance flowers like lilies, Wanda placed a couple orders with Mitsch and Ringhaddy that day! "I think I just hooked her on Daffs with the variety and division differences", says Tom, who volunteered to cut the blooms for the 2003 show since Wanda

had to work. "That's all it took to get her to the show."

Now, she's creating a new bed, putting amendments in it, with my direction, and put in a \$300. order with Ringhaddy alone!

* Mary Diech is a Cincinnati Zoo volunteer of 20-years who stopped into the Show this year with a daffodil she grew and wanted named. She got the name plus a tour of the double daffodils at the show to show her others of the same style. She just decided then and there that she wanted to know more about them and joined the ADS from the membership booth at the show. Mary has a hillside on her lot that she wants to cover with daffodils.

* Sue Sauer is a retired teacher and active in the Granville (OH) Garden Club. Granville hosts a daffodil exhibition every spring – One room shows flower arrangements germane to the year's theme and one room is the "specimen room" showing different divisions and colors, inspiring visitors to order bulbs which Granville purchases from Mitsch or Brent and Becky. Sue's favorite daffodils are 'Rapture' and 'Supreme Empire', but she also likes the big whites and the miniatures. Right now, Sue is making a Fairy Garden for when her grandchildren visit. She saw the idea in a Country Living Gardener magazine but would like to get more ideas.

* Lynda Bachman from Cincinnati (but whom I tracked down at her summer place in Sun Valley, Idaho!) is a trained landscape designer, now retired. She designed a garden in Martha's Vineyard with 20,000 daffodils and wants to learn more about them. The job was 5 years in the making! Lynda is married with grown children.

* Hugh Brandt is semi-retired and has always liked gardening, but never had the time before now. As soon as he can figure out his deer problem, he will really start gardening, but right now his wife says that if he puts one more pot on the deck it will collapse! Good thing deer don't like daffodils – looks like he can start planting daffs this fall without waiting to solve his deer problem! Hugh lives in Cincinnati.

Each of the new members has been given a personal invitation to the Regional Meeting in November (see article on first page). Please go up and introduce yourself, offer to help them choose bulbs, or make sure they aren't sitting alone at lunch!



A R O U N D T H E R E G I O N

From the ADS Executive Director, Naomi Liggett

The state of Ohio has raised the sales tax by one percent, effective July 1. Anyone buying ADS merchandise, please add this amount to the total price.

ADENA DAFFODIL SOCIETY

Contact: Mary Ellen Sheridan
83 E. 4th St.
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
740-775-7595

The Adena Society will enjoy a new site for their annual show in 2004 :
Trinity Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Main Street in downtown Chillicothe 740-773-6640
dates: Weds. & Thurs. April 21 & 22,
set-up April 20
This will be the 2004 Regional Show.

Their fall bulb sale will take place in late September at the above 4th street address. Bulbs hybridized by Murray Evans and Bill Tribe and obtained from Oregon Trails will be featured. Members will be notified of the actual sale date.

CENTRAL OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY

The fall bulb sale is tentatively scheduled for October 5th. Contact Betty Kealiher for further information
740-745-3424

KENTUCKY DAFFODIL SOCIETY

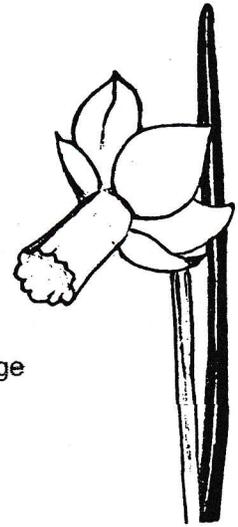
Chuck Schad, President
14211 Victoria Ridge Dr.
Louisville, Ky. 40245
phone # 502-245-9668

Meetings - the 3rd Saturday of January. March, May, July, Sept. and Nov.
Annual bulb sale the 1st Sat. in Aug.

INDIANA DAFFODIL SOCIETY

Contact: Suzy Wert
limequilla@aol.com
317-259-0060
Indianapolis, Indiana

Bulbs Sales:
Sunday, July 27, 2003
And August 24, 2003
Holliday Park Nature Center
6400 Springmill Road
Indianapolis
10:30 until we sell out.



August Meeting and Bulb Exchange
Topic: Miniature Daffodils
Saturday, August 16, 2003
Holliday Park Nature Center
6400 Springmill Road
Indianapolis
1:00 - 3:00

October Meeting and Bulb Exchange
Topic: Planting for Extended Bloom
Saturday, October 11, 2003
Holliday Park Nature Center
6400 Springmill Road
Indianapolis
1:00 - 3:00

NORTHERN OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY

Contact: Joy & Doug Fuhrmeyer
7101 Schoepf Drive
Northfield, Ohio 44067
~~330-487-4788~~

Meeting & Plant Exchange
September 25 7 PM
Fairlawn Park & Civic Center
Market Street & White Pond Drive
Akron, Ohio

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO DAFFODIL SOCIETY

Summer Meeting July 27 2 PM
Program: Minor Bulbs
Ted & Susan Ruoff's
7194 Orchardview
Morrow, Ohio 45152
Info.: Bill Lee 513-752-8104

Fall Bulb Sales Oct 3-5 and Oct. 11-12
at Old Coney Island, I-275 & Kellogg Rd.

WESTERN RESERVE

Dan Bellinger hopes to do a small show, midweek, sometime in late April in the basement of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wadsworth OH.

Extras out of Dan's garden will make up a fall bulb sale as a benefit for the church's Vacation Bible School and/or parish school foreign language program.

Maybe We Need an Incentive for Collections

~by Suzy Wert

It's true that entering collections in the daffodil show requires a little more effort and organization, but once you get the hang of it, it's easy! I've said it over and over, but I don't really see many novice growers making the step up and I can't understand why! What would it take to get the people who regularly enter the single stem classes to "take it up a notch"?

Well, how about a **bulb prize** in addition to the ribbon as incentive? Tom Stettner, Mary Lou Gripshover, Betty Kealiher and I have solicited bulbs for the 5-stems Country of Origin classes at the 2004 Regional Show in Chillicothe next spring.

These bulbs will come from foreign and exotic lands far, far away. Countries like Northern Ireland and England, where the cool weather and misty rain hovering over the green glens yields lavishly colored blooms and big fat bulbs? Or even more exotic lands like New Zealand and Australia where the ocean surrounds the land, daffodils grow beneath the squawking Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos, and everything grows upside down, yielding magnificently colored blooms and big, fat bulbs? Yes, it's true! We've gotten bulb prizes donated by our friends around the world

who want you to get excited about the Country of Origin classes – excited enough to enter a collection in Chillicothe!

And not to be outdone, the Midwest Region's own John Reed from Oakwood Gardens in Michigan will donate a bulb to the winner of the Red, White and Blue Ribbon in Chillicothe. He doesn't have cockatoos or misty glens, but he has a harsh climate, drought conditions and the greatest soil you've ever seen, yielding sumptuously colored blooms and, yes, big fat bulbs!

Here's who's donating:

Irish Award — Nial Watson, Ringhaddy Daffodils (ringdaff@nireland.com)

English Award — John Pearson, Hoffland's Daffodils (Hofflands@care4free.net)

Australian Award — David Jackson, Jackson's Daffodils (bushy@southcom.com.au)

New Zealand Award — Spud Brogden, Brogden Bulbs (Brogdenbulbs@hotmail.com)

Red White and Blue Ribbon – John Reed, Oakwood Daffodils (oakwooddaff@earthlink.net)

Lavender Ribbon (5 Miniatures) — Graham Fleming, Kiera Bulbs (keirabulbs@netspeed.com.au)



2003 Wister Award TAHITI 4 Y-O

Tahiti is a pale yellow double with orange petaloids, registered by J.L. Richardson of Ireland in 1956. It's a consistent double and available in most garden stores and catalogues at a low price.

2003 Pannill Award RIVER QUEEN 2W-W

Bill Pannill has once again won the award named after him.

He registered 'River Queen' in 1977 and it's been winning Gold and Silver Ribbons ever since.

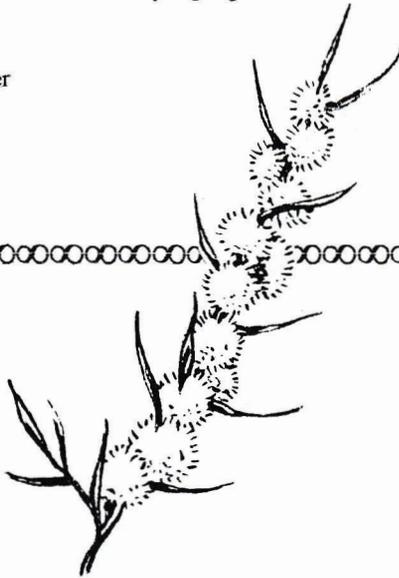


ENTERING SPECIES IN A COLOR CODED SHOW OR IN A THROCKMORTON

Chriss Rainey of Virginia and Suzy Wert of Indiana started a discussion on DaffNet by noting that any species flower is only coded with the number 13 and is not followed by any letters, such as Y or W, designating color. One question posed was, 'Can an exhibitor enter species in a Throckmorton?' Following are two replies.

Div. 13 flowers, according to the register, do not have color codes. It's because the species vary so much. *N. alpestris*, for instance, is usually W-W, but I saw some in Spain that are lemon colored. So if someone had a lemon one, some judges might think it's misnamed and choose not to judge it, which would be wrong. The color codes in the databank are left over from years ago, when Dr. Throckmorton had the databank done in Iowa. The color codes in the databank could be considered as a guide, but not absolute. If I were exhibiting species, I think I'd only put Div. 13 on the tag. And if someone did put color codes on, I'd ignore them when judging.

Does that help?
Mary Lou Gripshover



National Master Gardeners Convention

SWODS members manned an ADS booth at the bi-annual National Master Gardeners Convention held in Northern Kentucky. This was an ADS-sponsored display, funded by a motion passed at last fall's board meeting.

Bill Lee staged and dismantled the display, Linda Wallpe, Hurst Sloniker, Mary Lou Gripshover, Rebecca Koesters, and Sally Heckscher manned the booth through the three-day convention.

Daffodils in Div. 13 are not given a colour code, because any entity in this Division is a botanical taxon and therefore likely to encompass a range of variation. Whilst it makes sense to attempt to colour code cultivars, which are usually clones and therefore relatively invariable, no single coding could adequately cover the potential variation in something like the species *pseudonarcissus*. To do this, one would need a much longer, carefully constructed description rather than a coding. Div. 13 is the exception in what is otherwise a cultivar classification; it is just a way of tidying up the botanical taxa and has little horticultural or morphological meaning.

Hope that helps. Let me know if I am not clear; or if indeed I have misunderstood your question.

With best wishes,
Sally Kington
International Daffodil Registrar
Secretary, RHS Daffodil and Tulip Committee

Thanks solely to David Jackson, who supplied the bulbs, and to Leone Low who gently forced them, there were blooms for this June exhibit. It was a great 'talking point'. As experienced gardeners, they were very curious about how we managed to have daffodils in bloom. It sounds very exotic to be able to say, 'We ordered them from Tasmania.'

Bill placed four stems of 'Erlischeer' at the front of the exhibit and when fresh the fragrance could be smelled as you walked by. A little later during the three days, visitors were encouraged to sniff. Bill suggests that anyone staging such a public display include a highly fragrant daffodil where possible. Or consider that any O-O daffodil also grabs attention, as do miniatures, that sometimes you need a "hook" to get people to pay attention.

HOW AND WHY I DIG HISTORIC DAFFODILS

By Joe Hamm,
a person of advancing age.

I 'dig' historic daffodils because I like them. Years ago when I discovered there were almost 30,000 cultivars, I was overwhelmed. Thinking, "I will never be able to collect all of them. What should I concentrate on?"

I decided to collect the year of my birth (1938) and any prior to 1900. Mary Lou Gripshover was then acting Executive Director. Mary Lou graciously ran a printout for me of those cultivars registered in 1938 and those prior to 1900 with the species.

Fate then dealt me another task. A group of ADS members decided to form a Round Robin dedicated to the study and promotion of Antique or Historic Daffodils. I never thought of me being historic but the year selected was 1939 or prior to 1940. I am now decreed to be an historic person since I have been in existence prior to 1940.

I am enthralled with the history of the individuals who labored to create the lineage of the contemporary cultivars we all enjoy in our gardens and on the show bench. Just think, it took almost 90 years to create a few hundred cultivars. I want to assure that they and their progeny are not forgotten. Then, like the 'big bang' of creation, hybridizers had the genetic material to surge ahead with the near perfect cultivars we all enjoy today. A literal 'cast of thousands' to grace the show benches. Since I do not have aspirations of hybridizing, I wanted to protect the gene bank and propagate those cultivars for future generations to work with and enjoy. I am always thrilled when someone asks me for an historic for hybridizing purposes.

One digs historical daffodils much in the same manner as the youngsters. Stick your spade in the ground, saying a short prayer that you do not slice too many.

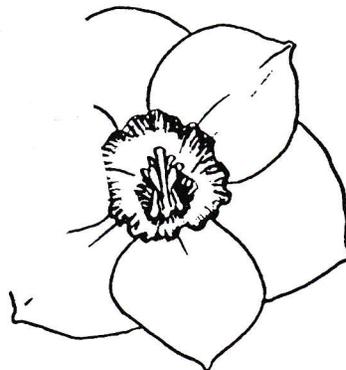
I have found that 'flowers of sulfur' is a good product to have at hand. Sara Kinne brings it to our digs, applying to legs under the socks and pant legs for repelling ticks and other annoying creatures. I remember in one of my readings in an old book that it made an excellent dust for

wounded plant material..... Soooooooooooooo we started to use it on our CUT BULBS.

Some bulbs are planted back immediately and others allowed to dry... depending on satisfying our immediate intent for the bulbs. After a few years, we feel it is quite the first aid item. Purchased from the pharmacist we put it in a used talcum bottle. This is a very convenient way to use the fine powder.

I prefer to take the NEWLY (same day) dug bulbs and lay them on the concrete, hose them down with force, soak those I am concerned about in a formalin or bleach bath for a few hours. Bulbs that have a history of rot, bulbs that have a W-W genetic line, or bulbs being moved to a new bed are the ones I treat.

After their bath they are laid on drying racks in my garage and / or green house with fans and the dehumidifier going. Air circulation is the key to successful drying. Fans were the keys to Helen Link's drying success. She dried her bulbs in the furnace room of her greenhouse. After a week or two lounging on the racks the bulbs are simply hung in their bags awaiting their new destinies.



Division Change

Exhibitors should note that the RHS has moved 'Killearnan' from Division 9 into Division 3.



**Nominations Needed for 2004-05
Midwest Regional Officers**

Do you know someone interested in serving as either Regional Vice President or Regional Director from the Midwest Region?

Please be certain that those you nominate will be willing to serve if elected.

If so, please send their names to me by September 1. Our voting process has to be completed by December 1, or the National Nominating will do the job for us

Send any nomination to:
Tom Stettner
3818 Drakewood Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45209,
Or e-mail me tstettnerjr@cinci.rr.com
Or call me 513-351-6071

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MEMBER NOTES

Doug Fuhrman of NQDS has been under the weather this summer and **Leone Low** of SWODS is in rehab after back surgery. We wish both of them a speedy recovery.

We also send a special hello to **Christine Hanenkrat**, a founding member of SWODS. She now resides in a retirement home and likes to receive notes and letters.

Her address is:
Apartment 35
Greenhills
W. Liberty, Ohio 43357

Don Caton, one of our Regional Directors and his wife **Marge**, are moving to Philadelphia. The Northeast regions are getting two good workers and SWODS will miss them and all the fun they create.

Joe Hamm is selling his home and considering a move to the Pittsburgh area to be nearer his extended family. IDS will miss his pleasant demeanor and hard work at every event.

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POPULARITY POLL

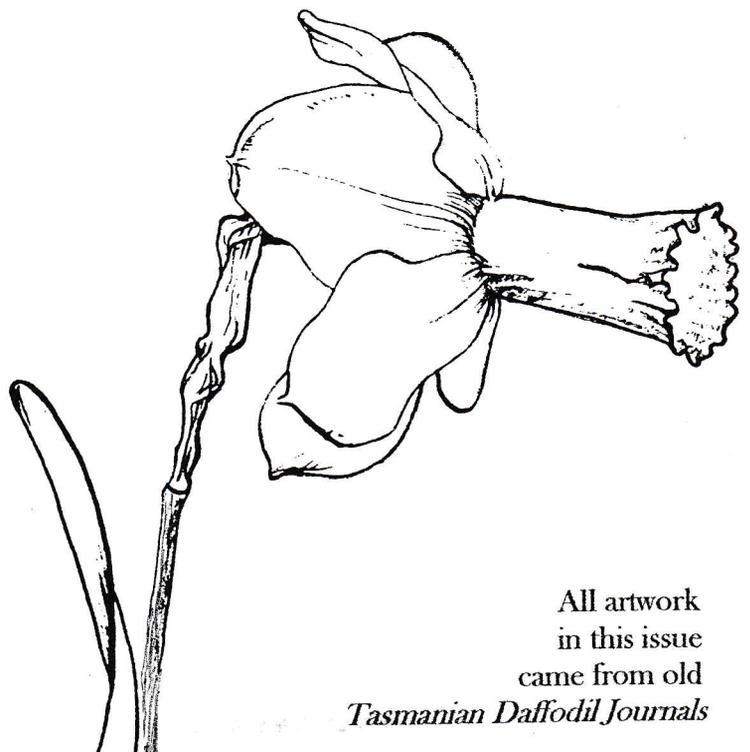
The Midwest Region is bringing back Ye Old Popularity Poll from the 1980s, partially to help new members get a leg up on flowers worth growing but also to prove once and for all that you don't have to spend the big bucks for champion flowers.

What is 'popular'? Just whatever you like! Show flower, garden flower, one that blooms its head off, a good doer - any and all are eligible to be Popular!

Listed on the form are the National Show winners from the last 3 years to help jog your memory, but the Midwest Region has its own set of proven flowers and **therefore we want you to go to the lists of what you grow and tell us the ones you can't live without.**

There is space for you to write the names of 21 standards and 5 miniatures, and remember, you do not have to choose from the flowers listed, they are just there to remind you of what you might have had (or seen) this spring.

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All artwork in this issue came from old *Tasmanian Daffodil Journals*

DIRECTIONS TO CIVIC GARDEN CENTER

From Columbus take I-71 south to the Taft Road You must exit right.
Turn right immediately onto Reading Road (White Castle on corner)
Go one block to Oak Street (1st light) and turn left. Turn left into first driveway (appx. 30 feet)

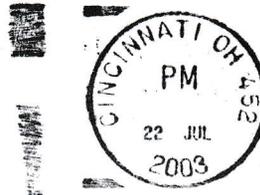
From Dayton, take I-75 south to Exit #7 - the Norwood Lateral Rt. 562
Take Lateral to the end, staying in right lane and exit onto I-71 South and follow above directions.

From Kentucky, take I-75 / 71 north. At the end of the bridge over the Ohio River, stay right, taking I-71 North, and go through the I-71 Tunnel. Get into the left lane in order to exit.
Take the Reading Road / Gilbert Ave. Exit in appx. 1/2 mile.
Go up the Reading Road side and continue past Wm. Hd. Taft (appx. 3/4 mile, White Castle on far corner)
Turn left in one block, at light, onto Oak Street. Turn left into first driveway, their parking lot.

From Indiana

Travel East on I-74 and follow onto I-75 South (toward Cincinnati & Lexington)
Take the first exit Hopple Street. At light turn Left onto Hopple Street
Proceed straight ahead, up the hill and on for approximately 2 1/2 miles total.
The street name will change from Hopple to Dixmyth and then to Martin Luther King.
Some streets you will cross over: Central Parkway, Clifton Avenue, Vine Street, Burnet Avenue
Turn right onto Reading Road. Go to the 2nd light and turn right onto Oak Street
Turn left into the first driveway (appx. 30 feet) This is their parking lot.

*Linda Lee Wallpe
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45206*



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