SWODS NEWS
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This is a very quickly thrown together mailing sent out in a rush so that everyone who is not a member of the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center can see the bulbs that they are offering. Note in the enclosed brochure that there is a July 1 deadline for ordering. The special offering is an exclusive Grant Mitsch daffodil to be named Queen City. So get your orders in by July 1. Peggy Macneale also says that the division 7 mixture is a good one and is supposed to include Life.

Challenge Bulb

The Challenge Bulb this year will be Skookum, 3Y-Y, for $2.00. See the special tear off section for ordering.

Dues

We hate to mention dues, but again we should all get our memberships paid up for 1992. The number above your name shows our most recent update of the dues. If it's not a 92, please use the tear-out to remit dues. Make checks payable to SWODS and send the payment to Liz Ragouzis. If there is a number with the letter P before it on your mailing, the P stands for Prospective Member. Why not take a minute and turn the P into a dues-paying member?

Make checks payable to SWODS and send to Mrs. Tom Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

Name:
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_____1992 Dues, $5.00
_____1991 Challenge Bulbs, $2.00 (Skookum, 3Y-Y)

The 3rd Annual Cincinnati Flower & Garden Show
by Linda Wallpe

The third annual Cincinnati Flower and Garden Show was held in Ault Park April 24-26, 1992(Friday through Sunday). It was modeled once again on the Chelsea Flower Show in London. On display were roughly 100 cultivars set up on 16 feet of 3-tiered tables.

The ADS National Convention was held the same weekend so some of our more knowledgeable members were available only on a limited basis but certainly outdid themselves in this short span of time. Most of the original vases were filled with blooms from Mary Lou Gripshover and Peggy Macneale's gardens. They also set up the tables Tuesday afternoon with Neil Macneale, Tom Stettner, and I. Thursday morning, Tom picked me up at 6 to collect the blooms from Benken's Greenhouse where they had been carefully stored. With a lot of help from Miggy Jacobs and Marnie Behler, all the flowers were staged by 11. At noon judging began.

Friday morning we were tickled to find a Silver Medal Certificate waiting for us. Friday was a long day, 8-8, so Tom and I were grateful to Connie Rose for a long lunch break when she arrived to man the booth. Saturday and Sunday were shorter, 8-6, so Tom and I covered the booth. Tom did a terrific job replacing spent blooms with different cultivars he had been saving from his yard.

The most frequently asked question? What's the difference between a daffodil, narcissus, and jonquil? (If we had a nickel...) Also, how deep should I plant? and of course, I have a lot of foliage but no blooms....

Come Sunday afternoon, we were so tired of talking and so glad to see John Bloomstrom. He came an hour early to help tear down the exhibit and pitched right in. Then a special treat. Mary Lou brought Brian Duncan back with her from Columbus and together everything was dismantled in record time.

Next year's show will be held April 23-25, so mark your calendars now and everyone pray for normal spring weather.