



SWODS News

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CALLING ALL OUR NEWER MEMBERS This early spring meeting is just for you!

**Sunday March 13, 2005 1-4 PM
Krohn Conservatory in Eden
Park, Cincinnati**

The new spring exhibit should be on display at the Krohn and is always an eye-ful. No organized tour planned but there will be ample time to tour the Conservatory and see the results of their recent renovation efforts.

The meeting space at Krohn is intimate – that means small – so instead of potluck we'll just offer dessert and coffee. We can count on Bill Lee and Hurst Sloniker providing one of their fabulous cheesecakes! Wonder what it will be this time? Coffee, coconut, lemon? Oh My!

Mary Lou Gripshover, Tom Stettner and Linda Wallpe will provide a program on selecting, conditioning and grooming your daffodil blooms for entering in a show. They don't want to toot their own horns but they're pretty successful at winning ribbons and are willing to share ALL their secrets! As this meeting will be very early in our blooming season, we do ask that anyone with blooming stems bring them for demonstration.

Parking is limited so our members might consider car-pooling. There is some on-street parking and a lot be-

hind the greenhouses. If it's really crowded, there is parking in the Twin Lakes area just north of the conservatory.

To recap: Come, bringing available blooms and a dessert to share.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Almost anything you do with SWODS earns incentive points for free bulbs that are distributed in the fall. Attending meetings, entering the show, public plantings, Bill Lee does the counting so point them out to him!

For instance, bring whatever dessert pleases you to the meeting but remember calories count toward the incentive program!

NOTHING COMES FREE

The Krohn is not charging us for the use of their facility. They prefer an 'in-kind' arrangement with plant societies and they do the advertising. We agreed to set up an unmanned display for the weekend of April 2-3. Hopefully, we will have some early cultivars to stage. The area is now light-controlled and air-conditioned which should help greatly to keep the stems looking good. We can also use our educational boards and society flyers. As your yard starts awakening, think of cutting a few stems and labeling them to add to the display. And of course, extra hands are always welcome when setting up a display!

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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2005

- March 13** SWODS Meeting, Krohn Conservatory Eden Park 1-4 PM
- March 26** Gardener's Day Out, Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave, Dayton, OH 937-277-6545
- April 1-2-3** Display at Krohn, set-up evening April 1
- April 2** Midwest Regional Show, Kentucky Daffodil Society (Louisville)
Middletown Elementary School, 218 N. Madison Ave., Middletown, Ky.
Contact: Hilda Dunaway 3104 McMahan Blvd., Louisville, 40220, 502-458-7121
- April 7-9** ADS National Show & Convention, St. Louis, MO
Sheraton Westport Chalet
Contact: Jason Delaney, Hort. Dept. MOBOT, P.O.299, St. Louis, Mo. 63166
(314) 577-0234 Ext. 7, jason.delaney@mobot.org
Details and registration forms are available online. Go to www.daffodilusa.org and click on
Join us for the 'Gateway to Spring' National Show in St. Louis April 7-9.
- April 16-17** SWODS Show at Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
3400 Vine St., Cinti., O. 45220
Contact: Tom Stettner, 3818 Drakewood Dr., Cinti., O. 45209
(513) 602-1994, tstettnerjr@cinci.rr.com
- April 19** Adena Show, Trinity Methodist Church, 82 E. Main St., Chillicothe, Ohio,
Contact: Mary Ellen Sheridan, 83 E. 4th St., Chillicothe, O. 45601
(740) 775-7595, no e-mail
- April 21-22** IDS Show, Meridian St. United Methodist Ch
5500 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN,
Contact: Kay Cunningham, 7828 W. Ratliff Rd., Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 876-7947, donkay1959@aol.com
- April 23-24** CODS Show, Franklin Park Conservatory
1770 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH
Contact: Phyllis Hess, 3670 E. Powell Rd., Lewis enter, OH 43035
(614) 882-5720, daffyphyll@hotmail.com
- May 1** Niles, Michigan Show Oakwood Daffodils at Bertrand Barn, 2330 W. Bertrand Rd., Niles, MI
Contact: Suzy Wert, 7350 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46260
(317) 259-0060, limequilla@aol.com

DAFFODILS TO SHOW AND GROW

Twenty copies of the latest revision of DTS&G have been ordered from Naomi Liggett in the ADS office. It will have all the new introductions since the 2002 edition.

We don't exactly know the price yet, but it will be cheaper than individual orders.

They will be available at the show and at the meeting if they arrive in time.

Dues Reminder

2005 dues are due at showtime. Please see Liz Ragouzis or fill out the form on the back of the newsletter and send it to Liz.

**2005 SWODS Daffodil Show, "Rainbow of Daffodils"
Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17**

Well, I'm sitting here waiting for the next round of snow & ice to hit us. With the crazy, yet typical, weather we've experienced, a lot of my bulbs have sent up the first leaves. I'm glad the snow has come back to cover them all! It seems that we've had round after round of snow and very cold temps in this area. Seems that every year we say "will our show go on?" This year is no different. But the show WILL go on!

As for the show, there's been a little change of plans this year as the Safari Gallery has been reserved for our dates by another group, so the show will be in the old location at the Peacock Pavilion. Also, we still need someone to take on the invitation and setup of a commercial display. I suppose it's not a seriously important aspect of the show, but I think it gives us a little extra boost for possible new members. If anyone is interested, please let me know as soon as you can.

Chair: Tom Stettner

Judges: Mary Lou Gripshover

Schedule: Rebecca Koesters

Clerks: Leone Low

Recorder: Hurst Sloniker

Photography: George and Kathy McGowan

Hospitality: Liz Ragouzis

Commercial Display: need a volunteer

Classification: Linda Wallpe

Advertising: John Bloomstrom

The name for the show this year is "Rainbow of Daffodils"

Entries at the show can begin as early as you like, starting with setup the day before. We can arrange a very early morning arrival on Saturday for those who start the day before sunrise. I try to get there by 6 a.m. .

I encourage everyone to mark your calendars for the next meeting on March 13th at the Eden Park Conservatory from 1 to 4. The presentation on grooming and making show entries will be good information for the newer members who would like to know what the judges look for when selecting the best quality blooms for the highest awards. Veterans can also benefit from the tips from the panel that always win many of the biggest show awards. Tom Stettner, Show Chair (513-351-6071)

Gardener's Day Out—Wegerzyn Garden Center Saturday March 26th, 2005

This program will consist of an educational displays and a person to address questions. Peg Newill has volunteered to setup her display and stay until 4:00 p.m.. Wegerzyn will copy the ADS handouts for her. This will be a good opportunity to promote ADS as well as SWODS. Wegerzyn is part of the Dayton Metroparks system and is located at 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. If you would like more information call Peg at 937-847-1661.

Resources

Cincinnati (Area Code-513)

Dayton (Area Code-937)

Bill Lee	752-8104	Peg Newill	847-1661
Mary Lou Gripshover	248-9137	Rebecca Koesters	426-7332
Linda Wallpe	221-4140	George McGowan	862-4461
Liz Ragouzis	221-1166		

Dues Notice

If the number above your name on the mailing label is not 2005 or higher, your \$5 annual dues are past due. If that number is preceded by a "P", you are a prospective member and we would love to have you join our society and come to our meetings. We always have a lot of fun, great food, and even learn some things in the process. It's fun to be part of a plant society whose members actually enjoy each others' company, work well together, and can get free bulbs at the fall meeting bulb exchange. **Make checks payable to SWODS and mail to Liz Ragouzis, 425 Rawson Woods Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45220**

Dues Form

Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone _____	E mail _____	
_____ Dues @ \$5/year..... _____		