



SWODS News

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SWODS Summer Meeting August 15, 2004 1-5 PM

Lunch at Spring Grove Cemetery

The meeting will be held in the in the air conditioned Historic Building immediately to the right as you enter from Spring Grove Avenue. There is ample parking and the neighbors are very quiet.

Lunch will be the first thing on the agenda this meeting as we only have the space until 5 PM.

Bring your table setting and a dish to share. Liz Ragouzis will furnish drinks.

Spring Grove remains an arboretum with over 1,200 species, 1,000 labeled for study. Twentieth-century management developed an extensive collection of flowering trees, shrubs, and perennials, periodically importing new species, like the Russian cypress.

Spring Grove's arboretum serves as a national laboratory where universities, nurseries, and growers bring new plants and seeds to test while others are developed in-house.

Of all of Spring Grove's ornamentals and "venerable" old trees, twenty-four Ohio Champions, each marked by a granite stone, stand out as the largest collection of such trees on any site. Spring Grove also boasts two national champions, a Yellow Wood and a Two-Wing Silverbell. A 375-year-old white oak is the Cemetery's oldest tree

Crepe Myrtle, Siberian Peashrub, September Golden Rain Tree, and Lespedeza may be blooming when we are there. History buffs will want to know that 41 Civil War Generals and 999 soldiers, both North and South, are buried there.

We're hoping the weather is conducive for touring at the end of the meeting. But Liz says if it's hot and humid she isn't leaving the air conditioning. For further informa-

tion their website is:

http://www.springgrove.org/SpringGrove/sg_home.htm

Nicole Metzger of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has been invited to briefly present their program and their ideas of ways that SWODS could help. There will an auction of Harold McConnell's daffodil collectibles and books. We'll also discuss tentative plans for the fall bulb sales. More details on these items are on page 2.

Directions to Spring Grove Cemetery:

From the North:

Take I-75 South to exit 6 Mitchell Ave. Turn right (west) onto Mitchell
Go ¼ mile and turn left onto Spring Grove Ave.

The cemetery entrance is ½ mile on the right, immediately past the light at Winton Rd.

If traveling south on I-71, take exit 7 (Rt. 562 - Norwood Lateral) to I-75 South and then follow the above directions. Mitchell will be the first exit - approximately a mile and a half.

From the West:

Take I-74 east to exit 19, I-75 North
Take I-75 North to Exit 6 - Mitchell Ave.
Turn left (west) onto Mitchell
Go ¼ mile and turn left onto Spring Grove Ave.

The cemetery entrance is ½ mile on the right, immediately past the light at Winton Rd.

From the South:

Take I-75 North to Exit 6 - Mitchell Ave.
Turn left (west) onto Mitchell
Go ¼ mile and turn left onto Spring Grove Ave.

The cemetery entrance is ½ mile on the right, immediately past the light at Winton Rd.

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Important dates

- August 15, 2004— Summer meeting

Harold McConnell Auction

The auction proceeds will be used to establish a daffodil garden at Cox Arboretum or for some other project Harold would have liked.

A partial list of the items are shown here. If there is something you want but cannot be present, get someone to bid for you.

On auction will be:

Dover pillar candle sconce
 Cup and Saucer—5 sets from Royal Vale,
 Royal Albert, Gladstone & Roy Kirkham
 Hummingbird & Daffodil music box
 Egg with bunny inside
 N. minimum plate
 Norcrest plate
 Chatillon plate with Shakespeare daffodil
 quote
 1994 Chelsea Flower Show plate
 Peggy Karr plate
 3 Royal Vale oval plates
 5 diff. Butterflies of the World plates (no
 daffodils)
 Staffordshire teapot
 Heart shaped deviled egg plate (crazed fin-
 ish)
 Japanese plate with 3 dimensional daffodils
 Mikasa plate with daffodils
 Lenox Boehm plate with robin
 Large daffodil & Columbine plate
 Several pieces of Mikasa (no daffs)
 6 sided teapot (non daff)
 2002 Daffodil database printout in zippered
 binder
 Modern Miniature Daffodils by Wells (2
 copies out of print and very desirable-\$20
 minimum)
 Gardening Indoors Under Lights
 AHS Daffodil handbook; George S. Lee edi-
 tor (1966 hardbound)
 Daffodils for Home, garden, and Show by
 Don Barnes
 2001 Leota County Frolic Favorite Recipes

*"...Hummingbird and
 Daffodil music
 box..."*

*"...a fair amount of
 Carngorm, Sentinel,
 Larch mountain, day-
 dream, and fragrant
 Rose..."*

Harold McConnell Daffodil Collection

Last June, Rebecca Koesters, Margaret Baird, Linda & Paul Wallpe, and George & Kathy McGowan, with permission of the estate, dug up Harold's daffodil bulbs.

The bulbs were bagged and split up between them to be dried.

Harold had a great collection of daffodils. Unfortunately very few of the clumps had labels. There is a computer printout for each bed but it is a few years old.

Several ideas were tossed around about what should be done with these bulbs. We would like everyone's input at the meeting.

Fall Bulb Sales

We have decided not to participate in the fall event at Coney Island this year. Staffing the event for two full weekends is a problem and the \$250 fee, plus the parking fees for everyone who works, are another problem. But even more so, the event has changed in the last couple of years to deemphasize horticulture and our bulb sales have shown it.

There are some other options. The zoo will let us set up just about any weekend we would like to sell bulbs. We also have the opportunity to sell at the Spring Valley Potato Festival, October 2nd & 3rd. Our booth would be in the "Farmer's Market" area. A space costs \$75 for the weekend.

We should also search for opportunities to speak at fall garden club meetings, talk to friends, co-workers, and club members, and let everyone know you have bulbs for sale. You'll be surprised how many you can sell with little effort! Three of us sold well over \$1000 worth last year by this method alone.

This year we have the usual unnamed seedlings from John Reed, some miniature collections, and a fair amount of Carngorm, Sentinel, Larch mountain, Daydream, and Fragrant Rose, plus our usual good-deal bag of mixed bulbs. We have a lot to offer—we just need to get the word out.

THANK YOU NOTE

For the last few years SWODS summer meeting has been hosted by Susan and Ted Ruoff. They needed to beg off this year but we want them to know how much we appreciate their past efforts.

We were always treated to a gracious welcome to both their lovely homes. We appreciated getting to see their gardens and watching the new garden grow, change and mature.

Thank you, Ted and Susan, for your generosity.

Resources

Cincinnati

(Area Code-513)

Bill Lee 752-8104
 Mary Lou Gripshover 248-9137
 Linda Wallpe 221-4140
 Liz Ragouzis 221-1166

Dayton

(Area Code-937)

Peg Newill 847-1661
 Rebecca Koesters 426-7332
 George McGowan 862-4461

Dues Notice

If the number above your name on the mailing label is not 2004 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's 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..... _____