

Daffodils and me.

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After 20 + years of showing daffodils, I have found that some old time daffodil people think me a fraud because they think I simply took over Marie Bozievich's show wining daffodils and went on from there.

Let me set the record straight: I won my first Gold Ribbon, and my first Purple Ribbon at WDS, and my first Irish Collection of 5 at the ADS National Show in Baltimore two years before Marie Bozievich gave up daffodils and gave them all to Fran and I. Of course I have been helping Marie those years, including making daffodil beds, planting, digging, and helping her select and stage her daffodils for the show. She taught me a lot. When she gave them to Fran and I she insisted that I dig them all before I used them, which I did with the help of Tom Taylor who later on was President of WDS. So technically, it was the same as when you order daffodils from a provider. They come to you in bulb form and what you do to the bulbs to get them to bloom the following year is up to you.

It was staging daffodils for Marie Bozievich that gave me the "Yellow Fever." Particularly it was at the end of a staging when we had only a few daffodils left that Marie told me she was tired and to pick one that I liked and stage it myself and enter it under her name. It was 'Romany Red' and it won a blue ribbon. I was hooked.

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